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COUNCIL TIES ON LICENSE VOTE

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening, those present being Councilmen Trowbridge, Effert, Wortman and Merrick. Of well, Hafer and Mayor Reddy absent.

The usual grist of bills was presented and ground through. It looked as if something would be done when Effert moved that all bills be approved except that for Chief Turpin's salary. There was no second however, and a motion to approve all the bills prevailed.

The report of the City Treasurer was approved as was also that of the Recorder, and Superintendent of Light and Water. The report of the chief of the Fire department on the condition of the Nash Livery Stable, recommending certain repairs, was accepted.

The petition of citizens of West Medford for the extension of water mains in their district was referred to the City Engineer, as was also a petition for the grading of H. street. In the matter of opening Jackson street across the southern Pacific track, such street was ordered opened.

Ordinances establishing grade and bench marks, and prescribing manner of construction and material to be used in sidewalks were passed.

When the petition of Bass & Hale for liquor license came up was when the deadlock occurred.—Trowbridge and Effert voted, aye, and Wortman and Merrick voted, no. The matter went over to the next meeting.

A petition of residents of East Medford for water main was referred to the water committee.

The matter of providing for a street between N street and Park street from 7th to 4th, was referred to the street committee.

Superintendent is Chosen

The school board has decided upon Professor U. G. Smith of Medford, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of the public schools of this city. Prof. Smith comes very highly recommended and the board believes that they have secured a very valuable man for the position.

He will enter upon his duties at the commencement of the next school year.

Prof. Smith was educated at Denison University, Ohio, and took a postgraduate course at the Chicago University in pedagogy. For five years he taught school in Union City, Pa., and for the past eight years has been in Medford. If Prof. Smith's recommendations are to be taken as a criterion Medford is indeed fortunate in enlisting his services.

The board is at present engaged in making up the list of teachers for the next year. This work will probably be completed within the next week.

The details of the plans for the new High School building are expected to arrive soon from Albany and as soon as possible after their arrival bills will be called for the construction of the new building.

Sues Nursery for Damages

A suit has been filed in the Circuit Court by E. E. Phipps against J. H. Settlemier and F. W. Settlemier, proprietors and owners of the Woodburn Nurseries for damages in an amount of \$500 for the alleged misrepresentation of the variety of cherry trees sold to the plaintiff on April 1, 1904.

The complaint goes on to say that in April 1904 the plaintiff purchased from the Woodburn Nurseries 35 cherry trees which were classed as follows: 25 Royal Ann, 15 Bing and 15 Lambert trees. The trees were planted upon the plaintiff's property and all the trees thrived with the exception of one, which died. Last year the trees bore fruit and the plaintiff states that the trees were fraudulently labeled and represented to him, as 30 of the trees out of the growing 54 were of cheap, inferior, unpalatable variety, classed as follows: the 15 Bing and the 15 Lamberts were Governor Wood cherries and six of the Royal Ann were of a variety unknown to the plaintiff. The plaintiff therefore prays for a judgment of \$500 damages.

It is reported that there are a number of other fruit growers in this section who intend to take the matter up with different nurseries in the manner that Mr. Phipps has with the Woodburn Nurseries, the growers claiming that an inferior variety of trees has been sold to them in the past by different nurseries.

Officers Elected

The Medford Ministerial association met at the M. E. church Monday evening and elected the following officers. President, Rev. G. L. Hall, vice president, Rev. Jas. Kelso, secretary and treasurer, Rev. W. F. Shields.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GROWING

Medford's postal receipts show a steady increase for each quarter for the year ending March 31, 1908, over those of the year ending March 31, 1907, showing the steady and continuous growth of the city. The year 1907-08, exceeds that of 1906-07, \$2279.77, an increase of 34.5 per cent. Every quarter of the year shows an increase over the previous quarter excepting the last quarter, which lacks \$170.91 of coming up with the third quarter and that difference is probably due to the fact that remittances at that time could not be made through banks, which, together with the Christmas trade swelled the postal receipts materially.

The tabulated statement follows:

	1907.	1908.
June 1906.	2086.12	
Sept.	1743.14	
Dec.	2221.14	
Mar. 1907	2438.27	
Total	8488.67	
June 1907		2322.27
Sept.		2630.00
Dec.		3383.54
Mar. 1908		3212.63
Total		11,618.44

Per cent increase 34.5

In this connection a few figures showing the comparative growth in the postoffice receipts of Ashland and Medford during the past three years will not be out of place. In 1905 the receipts of the Ashland postoffice were \$6251.75, and those of Medford \$5007.47—Ashland leading us \$2504.28. In 1907 we had reduced the lead to 1728.29—the Ashland receipts being 10,307.65, and those of Medford \$8,579.36. But this year is where we make the big jump. The receipts for the year ending March 31, 1907, in Ashland office were 11,624.44, and those of the Medford office were 11,618.44—just \$6 difference, a gain of \$1720.90 in one year.

Is Medford growing? Some, we think. And, more than that, it is growing faster in proportion than any other city in Oregon. Postal statistics are incontrovertible. They are an index of the progress and prosperity of the people. When a city of the size of Medford increases its postal receipts nearly \$2500 in a year and gains like it has on another thriving city like Ashland there is no denying the fact that that city has a substantial growth in every way.

When our streets are paved, which they will be this year, and we have secured pure mountain water—which we will have within the next twelve months, Medford's population will advance by leaps and bounds. We will have a true city delivery, good water, fine streets and everything that goes to make up an ideal city.

To Try and Grow Peanuts

Is the climate and soil of the Rogue River Valley conducive to the raising of peanuts? J. C. McFarland, of Santa Ana, California, says that it is and he is preparing to back his assertions by purchasing land in the valley and planting a considerable acreage to peanuts. Mr. McFarland has been raising peanuts for a number of years near Santa Ana, which is famed in Southern California as a splendid peanut country, and is therefore in a position to know the conditions in which the plants will thrive. And thus another pursuit is added to the diversified industries of the Rogue River Valley.

"Now I may be 'natty' on the subject of peanuts," said Mr. McFarland to a representative of The Mail, "but believe that I can raise an abundance of peanuts in this valley. On the other side of Talent I have found a strip of ground which resembles the soil about Santa Ana upon which some of our finest nuts are raised. I intend to experiment this year and if things turn out as I feel they will I shall plant a considerable acreage."

Mr. McFarland was asked if he did not think larger returns could not be obtained from fruit. He replied: "Why, I intend to plant fruit. But do not propose to wait several years to get returns from my investment in the land. Between the rows of fruit trees several rows of peanuts can be planted and they will pay big money to the grower."

"Yes, I said money, I have raised peanuts for a number of years in a peanut county and know there is money in growing them. I am satisfied I can grow fine nuts in this valley and I am going to do so. In a year or so you will see lots of orchards with peanuts planted between the trees."

Socialist Convention

The Socialists of Jackson county will meet in convention in Wilson's opera house at Medford, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m. April 15, 1908, for the purpose of nominating a state and county ticket. All are invited to attend. There will be a program in the afternoon and refreshments.

MANY HEAR DR. FOULKES

A crowded Opera House greeted Dr. William E. Foulkes, of Portland, last Tuesday evening to hear him speak upon the issues of the present campaign with special stress laid upon the liquor question. Dr. Foulkes has a most pleasing appearance and held the attention of his audience from first to last.

The speaker took a small red booklet published by the supporters of the liquor traffic and proceeded to tear its arguments to pieces, one by one. First the political question was so considered, then the financial and finally the moral.

In dealing with the financial view of the question the speaker said: "One of the arguments most frequently used by the supporters of the saloons is to the effect that without liquor a city cannot thrive. That once a ban is on the liquor traffic that business prosperity ceases, that failures come, that thriving communities are reduced to penury, that prosperity becomes a laughing jest that has no meaning. Now I ask you to turn with me to a recent issue of a Kansas paper and hear what the leading citizens of Kansas City say."

The speaker then went on to read statistics from the paper and interviews with the most prominent residents and business men of that city. The matter read in substance was that Kansas City was never so thriving a condition as today, after eighteen months of prohibition. "The saloon people will tell you that prohibition will not prohibit. Neither will the law against horse stealing force itself upon the horse thief. Whoever heard of the law fastening its paper fingers upon the lawbreaker? These laws have to be enforced and I claim where the sentiment of a city is against the liquor traffic that the law will be enforced, and the guardians of the law will do their duty."

Dr. Foulkes concluded with a strong plea for the homes in Medford. He paid a tribute to the climate, the resources and natural scenic beauty surrounding Medford and then plead with his audience to assist in wiping out the only blot on the name of the city—the saloon.

Jacksonville 10, Medford 9.

A few timely smashes by the county seat lads, some wooden-headed baseball on the part of Medford and some wild heaves by both sides ran the score up to the above notch Sunday.

Medford's team was weak, but put up a good game nevertheless. The Irish-Dutch contingent was too strong, however and had the luck with them beside. There was a chance in the ninth to have tied the score, but the coaches couldn't stop Stevenson at third and he was thrown out at home. Two scores came in before the put out was being made, and if Stevenson had been held there was a chance for the tying run, or perhaps the winning one, to be put across. Gaskins, who had pitched gilt-edge ball all the way through, retired in the seventh and young McIntyre went on the mound for Jacksonville. The youngster has some good balls and with more experience will develop into a ball player.

The features of the game were the way Metz "sat down" on the ball at second, and Eddie Donegan's batting. Two doubles, a triple and a single fell to him. Bessum pitched a good, steady game, but his support went to pieces at the critical time. It was an interesting game just the same. There was plenty of hitting, some fancy fielding, and some that wasn't fancy, and it was anybody's game as to the finish.

Married—Rader-Rose.

A quiet wedding occurred Tuesday evening in Medford in which Joseph M. Rader and Miss Bertha M. Rose were the contracting parties. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. W. F. Shields.

The newly wedded pair will make their home on the groom's farm in Eagle Point precinct, where they will be "at home" after May 1st. The groom is one of the prosperous stockmen of Jackson county, and served two terms as sheriff of this county, being elected each time over a strong Republican plurality. His bride is a native daughter of Rogue River Valley, the daughter of A. L. Rose, of Phoenix, one of the pioneers of Southern Oregon, and has all the womanly qualities that go to make a worthy helpmeet.

The Mail joins the many friends of the couple in wishing them a long and happy life together.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deep appreciation of the kindness and sympathy of our friends in our late bereavement.
 Mrs. W. E. Jones and family.

WILL INVESTIGATE PEAR BLIGHT

The Rogue River Horticultural Society at a meeting held on last Saturday afternoon took steps to have a demonstration made regarding the cause of pear and apple blight in July by Prof. J. F. Myser, horticultural inspector for Garfield county, Colorado. The society will endeavor to have present at that time Prof. B. M. Waite, Government Pathologist, who will work with Prof. Myser during the demonstrations which are to cover a period of five days.

Prof. Myser claims to be the discoverer of the cause of pear and apple blight, claiming that the disease is not the result of germs, but that a healthy pear tree, under proper conditions will develop the blight without inoculation. This is in direct contradiction to the theory upheld at present, and for this reason an endeavor will be made to have the government pathologist present in order that Prof. Myser will have to demonstrate before a specialist. Mr. Myser has asked that Prof. Waite be present and Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture will be asked to allow Prof. Waite to be in Medford at that time.

The proposition made to the Horticultural Society by Prof. Myser provides that he be given his expenses and \$250 in case he is successful, and nothing provided he fails. He proposes further to give one half of the \$250 to any charitable association which the association might name. He desires above all things to have Prof. Waite present at the time he makes the demonstration so that the Government will have to acknowledge itself wrong in the theory which it upholds at present. A committee consisting of Messrs. Olwell, Merrick and Harris was appointed to attend to the details. The necessary funds were nearly all raised before the committee left the hall.

Prof. Lewis, of Corvallis addressed the society upon the soils of the valley. He was in charge of a survey made during the past summer of the soils of the Rogue River Valley, and based his address upon the data gathered at that time. He discussed in detail the different soils to be found and the fruits each was best adapted to. His address is to be printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the fruit growers of the valley.

Bonds Carry by Big Majority.

No better authentication of the public spirit which prevails in Medford is to be found than the vote cast on last Friday for the bond issue of \$300,000 in order to obtain an adequate supply of pure water for this city. The bond carried by a vote of 369 to 22. While the vote polled is not more than half of the voting strength of the city, the way they were cast show the sentiment which prevailed in the city. With the bringing of water to Medford there will be marked the commencement of development and progress that is going to astonish the entire Pacific coast, and that within the next few years. No excitement prevailed during the election and little if any electioneering was done, but the citizens interested in a greater Medford quietly went to the polls, cast their ballots, and came quietly away.

The vote by wards was as follows:
 First ward Yes 117 No 6
 Second ward Yes 145 No 9
 Third ward Yes 106 No 7
 Total Yes 368 No 22

In the report of the water committee of the council, which appeared in these columns last week, the committee decided upon getting the water from the Wasson Canyon claiming that the water from that canyon was superior to any other source that could be obtained, that the water rights were the good and that the city would be protected by an indemnity bond against litigation, and that the supply of water was adequate for a city of 20,000 inhabitants. After the election the council met, canvassed the vote, and instructed the City Recorder to advertise for bids for the construction of the water works.

Takes New Agency.

L. E. Hoover, for many years agent for the Woodburn nursery, has severed his connection with that institution and has secured the agency of the Washington nursery, located at Topanant, Washington, one of the largest nurseries in the west, and will be prepared in a short time to offer his old customers and his new ones a fine line of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs, etc. Mr. Hoover wishes to notify the public that all notes and open accounts for trees sold by him for F. W. Settlemier & Co. are his personal property and are payable to him.

—Oxford Shoes for less at Smith & Molony's.

AUTOMOBILE WRECKED

A huge Auburn touring car owned and driven by W. C. Green of Central Point, left the road at a point near the Merriman place Wednesday evening landing squarely upside down in the ditch at the side of the road. Two drummers who were in the machine with Mr. Green, who was at the wheel, miraculously escaped injury, while Mr. Green fortunately escaped with only a broken collar bone. The car was badly damaged and will be laid up for some time being repaired.

Mr. Green left Medford late Wednesday afternoon in the new car which he purchased less than a week ago and taking two drummers with him started for his home which is in Central Point. As he neared the culvert near the Merriman place he noticed a stone at one side of the road and in his attempt to miss the stone he ran off of the edge of the culvert, the machine landing squarely upside down in the bottom of the ditch, eight feet below. The drummers managed to get out on the upper side of the car as it was turning, but Mr. Green did not move from his seat until after the car had settled, when he climbed out from under with no further injuries than a broken collar bone.

A machine from the Walker Garage went out after the machine and succeeded in getting it town on a kid under the back wheel. The top, hood, lantern, one wheel and the axles and guards will have to be replaced before the car goes out again. The cushions and engine of the machine are practically uninjured.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Green nearly lost his machine by fire. The machine took fire from the engine and a blaze started which was extinguished with considerable difficulty.

Edward Baxter Perry.

Mr. Perry is a pianist of fine musical feeling, with a full and elastic tone, admirable and brilliant technique and interpretations full of intelligence.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

His lecture showed philosophic weight of thought, literary elegance of style, and impressive beauty of vocal delivery. As pianist he has force and speed, soulful melody, brilliancy and delicacy, and all the details of poetic meaning were allowed to shine out.—Cincinnati Post.

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There are few pianists who are his equals, and scarcely any who possess the same poetic perception and inspiration.—Boston Journal.

The Chicago Evening Journal says of Mr. Perry's playing: "His playing is of the broad, heroic mastery style, and poetical to a large degree. It has that element which entertains and holds the attention of an audience from the first to the last number."

"Mr. Perry, in a country where nearly everyone plays the piano, is teaching something not so well known, how to listen to the grandest of musical instruments and understand its meaning."

Now is your chance to hear the best and at something less than \$3 a seat which you might have to pay if you went to Portland to hear the same or something inferior.—Opera House, April 13th.

Recital of Friday Evening.

The recital given by the pupils of Mrs. E. E. Gore of Medford, Miss Carolyn Palmer, of Grants Pass, and Mrs. Susie Turner Nell, of Ashland, at the Presbyterian church last Friday night, drew a large audience of music lovers of Medford and vicinity.

The writer does not pretend to be a musical critic, nor, indeed, should a pupils' recital be criticized, in a hypercritical way. Therefore we will simply say that the recital was enjoyable to all. The program was a diversified and well arranged one calculated to show the pupils at their best and each number was roundly applauded. On account of the diminutive size and youth of the performer together with her grave and composed demeanor, the number of Miss Lucile Garber, of Grants Pass, was perhaps enjoyed by the majority of the audience as much as any of the numbers on the program.

Congo Missionary

On Thursday evening April 10th at the First Baptist church Rev. Thomas Moody will speak of his experiences as a missionary in Africa. He has been stationed in the Congo Free State for a number of years and is abundantly able to give in detail the account of the atrocities which have been carried on under the reign of King Leopold. The field is next to China in being a live missionary topic. No offering will be taken. We cordially invite all the congregations of the city to hear Mr. Moody.

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