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FAIR WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

The District Fair Closed Saturday Night With All Pleased

It would be a safe proposition for the fair and the race managements to make an offer to return the money of any one who visited either, if they claimed to be dissatisfied. For not only did every one get their money's worth, but they got it several times over—and then some.

In order, as it were, for the elements to square themselves for the somewhat poor weather of the two previous days, Saturday was just perfect, and from morning until night the city was crowded with the visitors and the citizens, as the Morning Mail of yesterday predicted that the people would do their duty in turning out to the fair. They certainly did so, and the attendance was more than on the two former days combined.

It is doubtful if there is a business house in the city which has not done a larger business during the past week than has been done any other week. This fact demonstrates that the fair is a splendid institution in that way, to say nothing of the advertising the city receives and the enjoyment afforded to the people.

On account of the fact that the Medford Commercial club undertook to see the fair through, Secretary A. H. Miller of that organization acted as secretary and clerk of the fair, and great credit is due him for the hard and faithful work he has performed. Not only that, but he has managed to please every one who has had dealings with him. The Morning Mail is also under obligations for the assistance he has given in furnishing information to the reporter.

Last night the grounds were thrown open to the public without any charge for admission, and crowds flocked there and indulged in a regular carnival time. Taking it all in all, the officials of the fair and the managers of the races, as well as the Commercial club, have reason to feel proud of the result of their efforts.

DESERTER IS CAPTURED.

Yesterday morning a man giving his name as Fleming Hicks was arrested on a charge of vagrancy by Special Police Officer R. Ellis. Chief of Police Shearer ordered Hicks to leave town but he failed to do so and was later lodged in the city jail. Officer Ellis, who formerly lived in Vancouver, Wash., thought he recognized in Hicks a soldier stationed at that place and accused him of being a deserter. After close questioning by the officers, Hicks finally admitted that he had deserted from Company A, Fourth Battery, U. S. Field Artillery, stationed at Vancouver, Wash., and said: "There is a reward of \$50 offered by the government for my capture and you boys had just as well have it as anyone."

Chief of Police Shearer as communicated with the proper authorities at Vancouver and will hold Hicks awaiting a reply.

The police authorities of this city received word from Vancouver, Wash., yesterday that the man Fleming Hicks, who was arrested Monday evening by Policeman Ellis as a deserter from the United States army, is the man wanted. He is being held here pending negotiations for his being sent to the government station at Vancouver.

The reward for the capture of a deserter is the sum of \$50, and besides that the expenses are paid of the officer returning him to the post. The reward in this case will go to Chief of Police Shearer.

PORTLAND FOR TAFT.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 5.—If a straw vote taken by the Oregonians at the various theaters, the Commercial Club during Saturday's luncheon, a brewery, a sawmill, a ship-building plant, a labor union and several other places, is indicative of the way Multnomah County and Portland especially, will vote at the Presidential election on November 3, Taft will, without question, have a good majority. In some of the theaters the vote collected was very light, but this was due to the fact that not all of the men in the audiences had pencils, and because no announcements were made from the stage as to what was to be done with the ballots.

Longshoremen's Union No. 6, went for Bryan practically unanimously. Out of 44 votes cast, 42 were for Bryan, one for Taft and one for Debs. As a contrast, and among the laboring people also, was the vote

taken at the Willamette Iron Works and at the Eastern & Western Lumber Company. The Longshoremen's Union belongs to the American Federation of Labor, while the men employed at the iron works and the lumber mill do not. Whether the longshoremen's vote is indicative of the way the labor union vote will go remains to be seen. At Weinhart's Brewery, where only 14 men were willing to express their choice for President, Taft was in front by three votes.

REPORT OF CITY SCHOOLS.

To the Board of School Directors. Gentlemen: I herewith submit to you the following report of the Medford city schools for the report month ending October 2, 1908:

| | Boys. | Girls. | Tot. |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| High school | 57 | 76 | 133 |
| West Elementary schools— | | | |
| Eighth grade | 9 | 27 | 36 |
| Seventh grade | 14 | 22 | 36 |
| Sixth grade | 17 | 18 | 35 |
| Fifth grade | 25 | 23 | 48 |
| Fourth grade | 26 | 24 | 50 |
| Third grade | 30 | 24 | 54 |
| Second grade | 25 | 20 | 45 |
| First grade | 37 | 45 | 82 |
| North Elementary schools— | | | |
| Eighth grade | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| Seventh grade | 21 | 19 | 40 |
| Sixth grade | 22 | 16 | 38 |
| Fifth grade | 23 | 18 | 41 |
| Fourth grade | 14 | 17 | 31 |
| Third grade | 20 | 27 | 47 |
| Second grade | 19 | 23 | 42 |
| First grade | 26 | 28 | 54 |

Totals 395 432 827
Number of days taught in report month 20
Total number days attendance 4,851
Total number days absence 458 1/2
Total cases of tardiness 108
Average daily attendance 724.4
Total number of pupils neither absent nor tardy 507
Per cent of attendance 96 1/2
Number of visits by parents to schools 20

In the high school there are ten classes having from 25 to 36 pupils each. The largeness of those classes hinders the achievement of satisfactory work because of (a) overcrowding in the classrooms, (b) insufficient time per pupil in each recitation period. The former difficulty will be overcome as soon as we can occupy the new High School building, but the latter cannot be overcome thus. The overcrowded classes are in algebra, English, Latin and history—subjects which, in order to accomplish satisfactory results, demand ample opportunity for individual recitation work, which we have not.

A glance at the enrollment in the several grades will reveal congested conditions in certain grades. This will be overcome, in a great measure, as soon as the desks which have been ordered for some time, arrive and are installed in the available room we have.

Perhaps the greatest need at present in our schools is a competent director of music and drawing. We have made plans for carrying on the work in these subjects the best we can, but satisfactory results cannot be hoped for without an especially trained and competent director. The educational value of music and drawing is such that any course of public school instruction is seriously defective without them. We would respectfully recommend the employment of a director of music and drawing as soon as a person possessing training and ability to direct the teaching of those subjects can be secured.

Monthly report cards will be given out in the schools Monday. Parents should examine the reports carefully as they will reveal the attendance, punctuality and progress the children have made during the last month of school.

Respectfully submitted,
U. G. Smith,
Superintendent of Schools,
Medford, Or., Oct. 2, 1908.

DR. RAY'S NEW HOUSE.

Dr. C. R. Ray has the framework of his new residence up and the carpenters will soon have it inclosed. The dwelling will be 42x61 feet in size and two stories high. There will be ten rooms, not including bath and closets. There will be a double-deck porch across the front and part way on two sides. These porches will each be 9x7 feet in size, and the second story will be screened in and used for summer sleeping apartments. There will also be a 12x20-foot screened-in porch at the rear of the house.

The interior will be finished in Oregon fir and this stained. The interior will be very conveniently arranged and the rooms will all be large, with large, massive stairs leading to the second story from both the living and dining rooms. The cost of the building will be about \$4500 and the site chosen for it is on what is known as the Crowell tract, on West Seventh street. C. D. Lyons is the architect.

MAIL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

A RECORD FOR PEARS

Rogue River Valley Pears Bring Highest Price In New York

The Rogue River valley has scored another victory in the matter of top-notch pear prices in New York City. Last season it will be remembered the famous Comice pears of this valley made a record never before reached in the New York market. This season the price did not go quite so high, but it was a record price for the season, being \$2.73 for half boxes.

The fruit was shipped by J. N. Perry, secretary of the Fruitgrowers' union of this city, and the pears which made the record were the Comice and were grown by A. Hopson & Son on the place which they now own, but which previously belonged to F. L. Touvelle.

The car in which this record-breaking fruit was shipped was filled with mixed varieties of pears, and the entire carload brought \$2600.

D. W. HAZEL INJURED.

D. W. Hazel, a well-known Medford carpenter, had a narrow escape from being killed by a Southern Pacific train near the depot about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. As it is he is suffering from a broken leg and is thankful that his life has been spared.

It appears that Mr. Hazel was waiting for the southbound train, 221, to pull out so he could cross the track. The noise made by this train drowned the noise of an extra in charge of Conductor Cameron, arriving from the south on the siding. Mr. Hazel was walking north across the track when the locomotive of the extra struck him from behind. He fell back on the pilot and was thrown to one side of the track.

As quickly as possible the train was stopped and the injured man was taken to his home on South F street in one of Hodson's automobiles. He was attended by Dr. Seely, who on making an examination found the leg broken at the ankle. Besides that he was badly bruised and it will be some time before he will be able to be around again.

PAVING SOON TO COMMENCE.

There are some pretty good indications now that Seventh street will be paved this Fall. Manager Chipman has things moving his way at this time, and, incidentally, the material necessary in laying the pavement is moving Medford way. Several carloads of bitulithic has within the last couple of days been unloaded here and hauled to the rock bunkers in West Medford. Saturday the rock crushers at the quarry began turning wheels and the carloads of crushed rock will commence coming in. The plant for preparing the pavement is now being loaded on cars at Vancouver, Wash., for shipment to Medford and ought to reach here by Saturday.

It is expected that some of the rock will be delivered at once along the street for use as a filler, and at the same time rock will be left at the bunkers for use in preparing top dressing.

The excavations will be made on one block at a time and the pavement on that particular block, or section will be put in before and the work then completed before work on another block is taken up.

The bitulithic is put on hot and just as soon as it has cooled it is ready for use.

Mr. Chipman states that after the work proper has been commenced not more than fifteen or twenty days will be required to complete the entire contract.

IS ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Yesterday a stranger entered the saloon of Murphy & Downing and after satisfying his desire for a drink presented in payment a Medford National bank check for \$12, made payable to bearer and signed H. C. Clark. The check was accepted and the stranger indorsed on the back thereof the name of Sam A. Hess, and received the amount of change due him.

With the money derived from cashing the check Hess, as he signed himself, proceeded to imbibe quite freely and was soon pretty well intoxicated.

Later in the day the check was taken to the bank by one of the firm, where it was soon learned that Clark had no money on deposit at that institution.

Chief of Police Shearer was immediately notified and he soon located Hess in one of the saloons, having a good time. He was placed under ar-

rest and lodged in jail to sober up, when the matter will be investigated. At the police station in of \$7.76 was found on Her

Mr. Clark, whose name was signed to the check, is a carpenter and at present is working at Phoenix. He was in Medford yesterday and when questioned about the matter most emphatically denied ever having issued or signing the check.

There is a very noticeable similarity in the writing of the signature of the check and the indorsement on the back. The letter "H" in the initials of Mr. Clark and in the name of Hess, the indorsers, are almost identically the same. Then again, a letter found on Hess, which he had written but not mailed, the writing was similar to that on the check.

Circumstances are certainly very much against Hess, and if he cannot satisfactorily explain matters when he becomes sober he stands an excellent chance of being a guest in the penitentiary at Salem for a number of years.

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

Attorney W. M. Colvig left last night for Salem, where today he will argue before the Supreme court the appeal case which he took up from Jackson county, wherein Court J. Hall is plaintiff and respondent and the Anti-Saloon league of this county is defendant and appellant. This is the case resulting from the vote on the liquor question at the last June election, by which the county went "dry," but a provision in the Medford charter was in conflict with the state anti-saloon law, and right here hinged the subject matter upon which Hall began proceedings to enjoin the county judge and county commissioners from issuing a proclamation declaring the county "dry."

Judge Hanna sustained the motion to enjoin, whereupon the Anti-Saloon league took an appeal to the Supreme court and it is this appeal which will be argued today.

It will probably be several weeks before a decision on the appeal will be given.

JACKSON AND JOSEPHINE.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of the Jackson and Josephine county annual teachers' institute in this city on October 28, 29 and 30. The day sessions will be held in the parlors of the First Baptist church and in the evening at the Medford high school.

Among those who will be present and take part in the proceedings will be Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of the White Temple, Portland; L. A. Aldernack of the University of Oregon; L. R. Traver, principal of the Monmouth Model school; State Superintendent J. R. Ackerman and Library Commissioner Miss Cornelia Marvin.

Most all the teachers in the two counties will be in attendance at the institute here for the three days, and those who have the matter in charge claim that the sessions will be by far the most important of any yet held in this part of the state.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING.

The most important business transacted at the regular meeting of the Commercial club last night was the passing of the accounts in connection with the district fair. With the exception of a few these were ordered paid.

A vote of thanks was given to the ladies of the Greater Medford club, the newspapers, the Southern Pacific railway company, the Telephone company and the citizens of Jackson and Josephine counties, for services given and assistance rendered in connection with the fair.

It was decided at the meeting to have the secretary wire the Hon. John Barrett at San Francisco, asking him if he could stop over night at Medford on his way to Portland and give a talk to the citizens here under the auspices of the club. Mr. Barrett has a national reputation, and if he does stop here the club will bear all expenses and the admission will be free.

A committee consisting of President William Colvig, Secretary A. H. Miller and E. A. Welsh was appointed to confer with the commercial bodies and the merchants in the other towns in Jackson county with a view of getting out the next book of illustrations and descriptive matter as a county proposition. That is taking in every place in the county instead of Medford alone.

An effort will be made by the club to have one of the prominent men who will be here to attend the teachers' institute, October 28, 29 and 30, to give a public speech under the auspices of the club, and which will be free to the citizens.

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GOT A FINE RECEPTION

Senator Albert J. Beveridge Spoke Here Wednesday at 3:20

As the special train was pulling out for the south yesterday afternoon with Senator Albert J. Beveridge on the rear platform, a man in the crowd said:
"You are smarter than I am."
"No, I am not," replied the senator, "but I am better informed than you are."

THE ABOVE REMARKS WERE MADE

through Senator Beveridge asking if there was a Democratic fruitgrower in the crowd. A man present said that he was, and then the senator wanted to know from him how the election of W. J. Bryan would help the fruit industry. The man replied that the time was too limited for him to go into the matter, and then Mr. Beveridge proceeded to show how that as well as other industries could be injured by a tariff for revenue only.

The special train was exactly on time and there was a crowd of about 2000 people there to meet it. After a few moments State Secretary McArthur appeared on the rear platform of the train and introduced Senator Beveridge, who said in part:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I think Oregon is beautiful, and if I ever leave Indiana I assure you that I will come out here and buy one of your fruit ranches. (Laughter.) Yes, I mean that."

"I am proud of Oregon, too, because it is part of this glorious country of ours."

"We own the parties—the parties don't own us. The history this country has made under the leadership of President Roosevelt is the greatest in the world today."

"Tammany is supporting Mr. Bryan and your fruit country here reminds me of what the Bible says of 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'"

"The tariff for revenue only would not get you a single market, but would give the others the opportunity of flooding yours. The same principal was advocated by Thomas Jefferson, but he has been dead for 100 years."

"Free trade is practiced by such progressive countries as China and Turkey. England is striving to break away from it and all her colonies have protection. Protection has made Germany and the other countries in the old world will have to follow her lead."

On the train after it left Medford, Senator Beveridge said that he was very much pleased with the reception he got here.

SUES FOR LIBEL.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Dr. Charles McCormick, an independent candidate for congress in the first district (Chicago) was indicted yesterday for criminal libel on complaint of Fred A. Busse, mayor of this city.

Dr. McCormick is accused of having published a pamphlet attacking the mayor. What is alleged to be an excerpt from the pamphlet is quoted in the indictment as follows:

"President Roosevelt should know that Mayor Fred A. Busse, high priest and chief worker of the Republican party, is a moral leper."

By this and other statements printed in the pamphlet it is alleged in the indictment that Dr. McCormick "willfully and feloniously did intend to impeach the integrity, honesty, and if he does stop here the club will bear all expenses and the admission will be free."

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of respect and good will. With him I have recently been subjected to a considerable strain. But the experience of today has been almost more than I could bear. One nonpartisan speech is pretty much of a bore (Mr. Bryan led in the merriment) when you are in other kinds of practice, and have to make three inside of nine hours, I submit to my distinguished fellow-guest and opponent is a cruelty to any man." (Laughter.)

Mr. Taft's main address was devoted to a discussion of the inequality in the administration of justice. With the conclusion of Taft's speech, the banquet ended. The candidates shook hands cordially and parted, although delayed from leaving the hall by the rush of guests who wished to obtain their signatures.

HARRY TABOR FOUND GUILTY.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 7.—Sheriff Harry Brown and District Attorney E. R. Bryson arrived home last evening from the scene of the killing of Harry Stuckey by Harry Tabor at Deadwood, Or. The jury empaneled by the justice of the peace there, acting in the capacity of coroner, returned a verdict to the effect that Stuckey met death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Harry Tabor, but did not fix the degree of murder.

Tabor was afterward arraigned before the justice of the peace and waived examination. He was bound over to the circuit court, with bail fixed at \$2000, which he furnished, and he will be at liberty till the court meets in November. Tabor had no trouble in furnishing bail, as most of the neighborhood seems to be in sympathy with him.

Tabor's story is that Stuckey and his wife were coming through Tabor's field on their way to the post-office. At the same time Tabor was in the field driving his cows home. Tabor says Stuckey approached him and drew a pistol, whereupon Stuckey approached him and drew a pistol, whereupon he shot Stuckey. The bullet entered the body on the left side, and, striking the collar-bone, ranged down and went through the heart.

Mrs. Stuckey, who was the principal witness at the coroner's inquest, told a different story. She said Tabor ordered them off his field, and that they replied they would go. They followed Tabor, she said, toward the gate, walking only a few feet behind him. She says that Tabor, without a word of warning, turned and fired at Stuckey, who fell, whereupon, the woman said, Tabor took Stuckey's pistol out of his pocket and told her to go for a doctor.

Two other witnesses testified that Tabor came to them and told them that he had shot Stuckey. He told them Stuckey had tried to chase him out of the field and drew a pistol on him. He stated that he shot in self-defense and asked them to go with him to the scene.

CHINAMAN WILL HANG.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 6.—Lem Woon, the Chinese highbinder, convicted of shooting Lee Dai Do, was sentenced in the Circuit court here to be executed November 20. Just before pronouncing sentence, Judge Bronough asked the prisoner if there was any reason why sentence should not be pronounced. Through an interpreter, Lem said no.

Judge Henry McGinn, Lem's counsel, then made a motion in arrest of judgment, which was promptly denied by the court, exceptions being allowed.

Judge Bronough then said: "It is the sentence of this court that you be confined in the Multnomah county jail in the custody of the sheriff for 40 days. At the end of that time you shall be removed by the sheriff to the state penitentiary at Salem and confined in that institution until Friday, the 20th day of November, 1908. Upon that day you will be removed by the proper official to an inclosure within the penitentiary and then and there be hanged by your neck until you are dead."

Without further ceremony the prisoner was taken in hand by a deputy sheriff and hustled off to jail. Then the court's words were interpreted to him. Only a few Chinese were in the courtroom.

Throughout the trial Lem bore up with stoicism characteristic of his race. There was no change yesterday. Before the time for pronouncing sentence, Judge McGinn took a volume of the Oregon laws and explained to the prisoner through an interpreter the penalty for murder.

Fire at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—A fire in the bunkers of the Pacific Coast company at Beale and Bryant streets on the water front threatened to destroy the wharves and many warehouses. After a fight of five hours the fire was confined to the coal bunkers, where it will probably burn for a week. The loss will amount to about \$100,000. All ships were removed.

OIL DISCOVERED NEAR MEDFORD

The Discovery Was Made Friday On the C. H. Pierce Tract

There was considerable excitement around the streets and public places this evening, when it became known that oil had been struck two and one-half miles east of Medford, and many made haste to purchase property in that district, but found that parties on the inside had got options on and bought up everything around there.

C. H. Pierce of the C. H. Pierce & Son real estate agency is the owner of the property where the discovery has been made. He has 300 acres there, and about six weeks ago started to bore, for what he then stated was water, but which he now states was in the hopes of getting oil.

He secured the services of H. A. Trexel, an experienced driller, and started to put down an eight-inch well. At about 50 feet of air supply of water was struck, but as the contract called for 500 feet, the drilling was continued. Last Friday night at a depth of nearly 300 feet it was noticed that there was oil on the drill and the following night at a depth of 305 feet Mr. Pierce let down a can attached to a wire and when he pulled it to the surface he found that he had a can full of oil.

He repeated this several times since that and found the can full of oil every time. The oil reaches to within 53 feet of the top of the well, but it is expected that when a greater depth is reached in the boring that it will come to the surface, and with that idea in view the drilling is being continued.

As soon as Mr. Pierce made certain of his find he very quietly got a few parties to join with him and everything in that vicinity in the real estate line was secured. When seen this evening Mr. Pierce stated to the reporter that there was no particular reason for keeping the secret any longer and willingly gave all the particulars and vouched for the correctness of all the statements made.

Several experts have already made an examination of the well and the oil and all are of the opinion that the well will turn out to be a regular gusher. They also pronounce the oil to be of a very superior quality—much better than any they have seen before.

For some time past it has been suspected that there was oil in this vicinity. It could be seen coming out of the ground in very small quantities at a spring north and east of where this well is located. Then, about a year ago, G. Miller sunk a well to a depth of 115 feet on the east edge of the city, but could not use the water on account of the oily taste.

It is expected that there will soon be quite a boom on in Medford and vicinity and already real estate men are figuring on what the advance in values will be in the near future.

The announcement in The Morning Mail of yesterday that oil had been discovered on the C. H. Pierce tract, just east of this city, created considerable excitement around town and more or less interest throughout the country, as a dispatch was sent out by the United Press. This made the news known all over the United States.

Yesterday several telegrams were received, so it is reported, by certain parties here as to the correctness of the report, and for certain reasons answers were given to the effect that there was nothing to it. It may merely be a coincidence that the same parties tried to make a deal with Mr. Pierce before he was aware that there was any oil on his property. At the same time it is claimed that the drilling stopped and the excuse given was that the drill had got stuck.

However, the fact remains that oil has been discovered and all the statements made in regard to it have been vouched for not only by Mr. Pierce himself, but by other parties. For instance, the following is a statement made by Councilman P. E. Merriek:

"I was there with Mr. Pierce when oil was dipped up, and although I do not claim to be an expert, I would say that the oil was of a high grade. The driller stated that before the drill got stuck he noticed grease on the tool. That was on Tuesday. I see no reason to believe that any of the statements made are incorrect."

"I have been out there with Mr. Pierce almost every day since oil was struck, and from what I saw and the talks I had with the driller I see no reason whatever to discredit any of the statements which have been made regarding the discovery of oil on the Pierce property."