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OUR ADVERTISERS

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DELUGED WITH MANY LETTERS

Secretary of Medford Commercial Club Gets 60 In One Day

If there should be any one who doubts that advertising pays they are respectfully referred to A. H. Miller, the secretary of the Medford Commercial club, and from the experience that gentleman is having just now there is no doubt as to what his answer will be in connection with this subject.

It appears that the Chicago Record-Herald of the issue of October 11 contained a write-up of several valleys, among which particular attention was paid to the Rogue River valley. The result has been that on Saturday alone Mr. Miller received no less than 60 letters from people in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and other states asking for more information. Many other letters were received yesterday, all due to the write-up mentioned.

It is needless to say that the secretary is a very busy man and is working overtime replying to letters and mailing booklets to the parties who have written. The following is an extract taken from the article mentioned:

"The Rogue River valley is essentially a fruit district, for there is to be found the happy medium between dryness and excessive moisture. It has a soil that is described as a rich sandy loam, which, in places, is made up of decomposed granite and is rich in fertilizing properties. In other places it is to be found a rich vegetable mold, similar to the black soil that is familiar to the farmers in the eastern states. Apples, peaches, pears, plums and prunes are the lead among the products of the orchards. Grapes are also grown in abundance, and fine wines are produced in some parts of the valley. Of the apples the variety known as the yellow Newtown pippin is probably the best known, and these are shipped as far east as London, England, every year, along with large Bartlett pears. The apples and pears from this district go to all of the large cities in the eastern states and the peaches are sold readily throughout the entire northwest. There is an apple orchard near Central Point, consisting of 160 acres, from which the net returns for a recent season were \$20,000."

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Jackson and Josephine Pedagogues to Meet Here.

The joint teachers' institute of Josephine and Jackson counties will be held in Medford, October 28-30. The meeting will bring about 200 educators to our city. The teachers of our city schools are planning to make arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors so as to make their stay among us pleasant as well as profitable.

A committee consisting of Miss Marion White, chairman; George H. Merritt, Miss May Phipps, Miss Julia Fielder, Miss Lottie Ulrich and Miss Lottie Wiley has been selected by the teachers to represent them in making arrangements for the entertainment of the visiting teachers.

All of our citizens who can provide room and board, or room alone, or board alone, are requested to write this committee at an early date, giving address, accommodations they can furnish, whether they prefer ladies or gentlemen, and the number they can accommodate and the price for which they will provide accommodations. By complying with this request citizens will greatly aid the committee in the work they have undertaken.

There will probably be teachers arriving in the city on Tuesday evening, the 27th, and all who can provide accommodations from that date are requested to so state in their communication to the committee.

In addition to the above there will be held a school board convention at the High school building in Medford on Saturday, October 31, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m.

The law makes the chairman of the board of directors of each school district the delegate to the convention, and provides that in case he cannot attend, he shall appoint some member of the board or the clerk to represent the district. The delegate attending the convention is entitled to receive for his expenses \$2 out of the general fund of the county.

It is earnestly desired that each district be represented not only by the chairman of the board, but by the clerk as well, and inasmuch as the \$2 allowed by law to be paid out of the general fund of the county is not sufficient to meet the expenses, I would suggest that wherever it is necessary, an amount not to exceed \$5 be taken from the 15 per cent of

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Vote Then to Be Had on the Various Water Propositions

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The following are the propositions which are on file in the office of the city recorder: Edgar S. Hafer, to supply water from Big Butte springs; I. L. Hamilton, for supplying water from Little Butte creek, and by the Condor Water & Power company, for supplying water from Rogue river by pumping the same.

All of the members of the city council were present at the meeting with the exception of Councilman Eifert and Mayor Reddy, the place of the latter being taken by Ben. J. Trowbridge. All were favorable to the motion.

REPUBLICAN RALLY.

Congressman Humphrey of Washington Speaks Monday.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of a Republican rally at the Red Men's hall next Monday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. The speaker will be the Hon. W. E. Humphrey, congressman of Washington. He will be accompanied here by C. N. McArthur, the secretary of the Republican state central committee.

On their arrival here the visitors will be met by a committee consisting of the following, who will escort them to the hall where the meeting is to be held: Hon. Theodore Cameron and Hon. C. C. Beekman of Jacksonville; Hon. H. von der Heilen of Wellen; Hon. J. W. Merritt of Central Point; Hon. E. V. Carter, Hon. J. P. Dodge and Hon. E. D. Briggs of Ashland; Hon. Joseph Hammerley of Gold Hill; Hon. W. I. Vawter, Hon. W. M. Colvig, Hon. W. H. Gore, Hon. Herbert Anderson, Hon. J. E. Envrart, Hon. J. E. Watt, Dr. J. M. Keene and President F. M. Colvig of the local Taft and Sherman club.

Although a young man, Congressman Humphrey is looked upon as one of the best public speakers on the coast, and his address will be well worth hearing by all who can attend the meeting. The ladies are especially invited and the band will be in attendance.

OHIO SURE.

Former Governor Says It Is Safely Republican.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Myron T. Herrick, former governor of Ohio, said today that the best evidence that Ohio will go Republican is the poll of the railroad shops in Cleveland, which resulted in Taft getting 174, Bryan 510, doubtful 491. He says the Republicans have decided to put aside factional differences and vote for Taft.

He also says the labor people especially feel that in voting for Taft they are voting to continue McKinley's ideas, which brought them out of the depths. Herrick states that Foraker, while not actively engaged in campaigning, is too patriotic to want to see Bryan win. Herrick says the tide for Taft set in from the day he began speaking in Ohio. The appearance of Governor Hughes, also, Herrick thinks, helped the Republicans.

NEW YORK SAFE.

Chairman Hitchcock Also Claims Colorado and Montana.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—On the eve of his last campaign visit to Chicago Chairman Hitchcock expressed himself more confidently than at any time since he assumed the management of the Republican campaign. He declared today that New York is absolutely safe. He also is satisfied with the conditions in Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas, and he thought Montana was safely Republican, though he did not look for an overwhelming plurality in that state. He said there was a fighting chance in Missouri and Kentucky and he believes Maryland is safely Republican.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 21.—Aside from joining the Citizens' Taft club of Cincinnati, to which he made a noontime address, and reviewing the parade and convention of the Masons, Judge Taft spent a comparatively quiet day. Dr. Richardson, throat specialist, who is traveling with Taft, says the Judge is exhibiting wonderful recuperative powers, and he believes the candidate will be able to negotiate many of the speaking appointments made for him between now and the end of the campaign.

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WATCHED DEATH APPROACH

Horrifying Position of a Helpless Paralytic.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Unable to move or cry for help, Miss Catherine Phelan, a paralytic, sat helpless in her home today and felt death approaching slowly, irresistibly, until she finally lost consciousness. The young woman, who was left alone in the house temporarily, saw a gas tube slip from a little stove, smelled the escaping gas, but could do nothing. Her sister returned after she fainted, but in time to save her life.

Miss Phelan, who lives with her sister Margaret at 310 West 118th street, has been suffering from paralysis for several years and is seldom left alone. She spent much of her time in the kitchen, where she could see her sister working about and talk to her.

When Margaret went to the store today she left a gas stove burning in the kitchen, where she had been cooking, and where Catherine was seated near the stove reading a book. Shortly after her sister had left the tube on the gas stove fell to the floor. The gas was turned on full, but though the tube was but a few yards from her chair, Miss Phelan was unable to reach it. Repeatedly she tried to scream for help, but her voice is not strong and no one heard her. The odor of gas became stronger, her breathing became difficult, there was a heavy pounding in her ears, but she could do nothing but sit and wait for death.

Several times her head fell forward in momentary unconsciousness, but reviving for a few seconds she would try to shake off the grip of the fumes only to lose her senses again. Again and again she screamed for help. At least she thought she was screaming, but her voice was so faint that it did not reach beyond the room where she sat. Then came a last fit of dizziness, and she fell over the arm of the chair.

When Margaret returned she found the room filled with gas and her sister senseless. Her screams brought Patrolman Haight, who summoned Dr. Rubel.

Miss Margaret, entering the flat, opened the windows and dragged her sister's chair near a window. It was only this, the physician said, that had saved the young woman's life.

ROASTS "THE DEVIL."

Chicago Paper Gives Play a Severe Scolding.

A play with the title of "The Devil" is being produced throughout the country and many of the newspapers in the different cities where it appears are outspoken in condemning it. It is understood that this production has been booked for the new opera house here at an early date. As a sample of how the newspapers regard this play can be judged by the following from the Chicago Enterprise:

"If to take our accepted standards of morality; to pervert the good instincts that are in us and to revert to the primal passions; to give full scope to dishonorable fancy; if, in a word, we would throw restraint to the winds and take a strange hold on the throat of virtue, then indeed is 'The Devil' a good play. 'The play as seen last night at the Majestic was clever, inasmuch as it was audacious. Here the good that

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FIFTEEN YEARS STATE PRISON

That Is Sentence Imposed Upon Hugh Martin for Murder

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 21.—A sentence of 15 years in the state penitentiary and a fine of \$1000 were imposed upon Edward Hugh Martin yesterday morning by Judge Cleland in the Circuit court. A few minutes later Martin was taken back to his gloomy cell in the county jail, where he says he will await the decision of the Supreme court upon his motion for a new trial, should the lower court refuse to grant it.

Promptly at 9:30 Martin was on hand in the courtroom, in charge of Deputy Sheriffs Frank Beatty and Harry Bulger. The courtroom was crowded long before the time for passing sentence, but the prisoner bore the ordeal with the apparent unconcern which has characterized his demeanor throughout the trial. This in spite of his subjection to the gaze of the many spectators.

As soon as he had taken his seat at the bench, Judge Cleland asked Martin if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him.

He arose as though he were saluting an army superior and replied: "No, sir, I have nothing to say; my attorneys will speak for me."

He then resumed his seat, and Attorney Senecca Potts arose to state that he had no objections to the passing of sentence. Martin then arose again without being told to do so, and Judge Cleland said to him: "The judgment of the court is that you serve a term of 15 years in the state penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1000."

After the attorneys, Jeffrey and Potts, had been granted 30 days in which to file a notice of appeal to the Supreme court, over the objection of the district attorney to a stay of execution, the prisoner was escorted back to jail.

Martin said yesterday that he will communicate with his father, through the latter's New York agent, and ask that he be assisted in taking the case to the higher court and securing a retrial with a possible acquittal. Martin declares, in the face of the jury's verdict, that he is innocent, and that he will eventually be cleared of the ugly crime laid at his door.

At least one man was visibly worried yesterday over Martin's plight. He entered the sheriff's office during the morning and, calling Deputy Jones to the counter, said: "I want to see 'Bob' Stevens. He was informed that Mr. Stevens was busy. 'Well, here's 20 cents,' he said, as he threw it on the counter, and I want to see Martin. I want to give him this money so he can't get some tobacco. It's too bad he hasn't any money."

OLD RESIDENT GONE.

W. H. Bradshaw Was at One Time Mayor of Medford.

W. H. Bradshaw of this city, who has been ill for several weeks from cancer of the stomach, died at his home, in East Medford, last night. Mr. Bradshaw had been a resident of Jackson county for a number of years. He at one time held the office of county commissioner of this county and was also at one time mayor of the city of Medford. His was a most exemplary life and no better proof as to his good, honest and honorable life can be cited than the great number of friends he made among those who knew him best.

HER THIRTEENTH BIRTHDAY.

Miss Mildred Bliton Celebrated It Saturday With Party to Friends.

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Sold His Interest.

Charles Huff has sold his interest in the Central street meat market to C. W. Ashpole of Eagle Point. Mr. Ashpole will have charge of the outside.

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