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THE MEDFORD MAIL

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It Goes to Every Home in
Jackson County.

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THE MEDFORD MAIL
Reaches the People Who Buy

APPLES BRING GOOD PRICES

Carload of Newtowns Sold
for Nearly \$3 a Box.
Net \$2 a Box.

Mr. J. A. Perry, manager of the Rogue River Valley Fruitgrowers' association, yesterday received a telegram from his commission merchant in New York City stating that part of a carload of Newtown apples shipped by the association had sold in that city yesterday afternoon for \$3 a box. The remainder of the carload brought \$2.87 1/2 per box.

These figures will net the shippers a little better than \$2 a box f. o. b. Medford. While this carload was a fairly good sample of the fruit which Mr. Perry has shipped, it was hardly as good as other carloads he shipped later and which have not yet arrived in New York. Several carloads of this more recently shipped fruit were intended for foreign markets, but Mr. Perry has wired his commission merchants in the city to hold shipments there and sell on the New York market if a price can be realized which will net \$2 per box f. o. b. Medford.

The above will be a very interesting bit of news to the many orchardists of this locality. This is considered an "off year," as apples to fruit prices, and many of the orchard men have figured that if they could get \$1.50 per box f. o. b. Medford they would be satisfied, but now that \$2 per box is practically assured they ought to feel four bits better.

Since the Rogue River valley has been shipping properly packed fruit there has never been a season when it did not bring a price which was very gratifying and profitable. As a matter of fact, it makes but little difference to the Pacific coast orchard man what the prevailing market price is on apples from the middle west and eastern states. When the Pacific coast apples arrive in New York City the price almost invariably goes to a figure way in advance of fruit from other localities, and it nearly always reaches a price which will net the grower at least \$2 a box here. Especially is this true as apples to fruit from the Rogue River valley.

The one thing to be borne in mind is to produce the best fruit, pack it properly, and when this is done, let the consumers set the price. Pay no attention to the market. When fruit from this valley is on the market the buyers will want it—and they will pay well to get it.

ACCOUNTS STRAIGHT.

L. W. Fansher's Relations With
Nursery Company.

Mrs. L. W. Fansher yesterday received a letter from the Salem Nursery company, from which it appears that Mr. Fansher's business with the company has been carried out to their entire satisfaction and in accordance with their instructions.

Everything seems to be straight and his orders correct. From the letter it seems that there is due Fansher from them several hundred dollars, in addition to the advance money that he received from customers.

NEW BUILDING.

To Be Erected by Members of Episcopal Church.

That churches shall keep pace with the growth of a city is quite as essential as that its stores, hotels and other business houses shall grow up and take their places in the front rank of advanced commercial interests. That the business blocks are crowding the churches off Seventh street is evident by the fact that this week arrangements were made whereby a business block is to be built facing Seventh street, where now stands the Episcopal church.

The Rev. Dr. George B. Van Water of Portland, representing Bishop Scadding, has been in Medford nearly all the past week and has been giving such help as was possible tending to the erection of a new place of worship for the members of St. Mark's Episcopal church in this city. The reverend gentleman is well pleased with Medford and believes the resources of the surrounding country are such as to warrant the statement that the city has an excellent future.

While in the city Dr. Van Water was in conference with the church building committee, composed of Messrs. H. C. Kentner, Charles Strang, C. H. King and W. I. Brown, and as the result of this conference it has been determined to erect a two-story brick business block on

their valuable site on West Seventh street. This building will have a frontage of 100 feet on Seventh street and will extend north 70 feet on H street. It will be built of brick and stone and will be for business use. Upon the remainder of the lot there will be erected a magnificent stone church. The church will have a frontage of 70 feet on H street and a depth of 100 feet.

The committee believes that the time is now ripe for the erection of these buildings and they are of the opinion that work can and will be commenced on them within a short time. Rev. Van Water will return to Medford within a few weeks and assist in further perfecting the plans.

CHANGES HANDS.

Crater Lake Lumber Co. Bought by
Local Parties.

The final papers were exchanged yesterday transferring the retail yards, equipment, stock, buildings, etc., of the Crater Lake Lumber Co. to a new concern, the Big Pines Lumber Co.

The deal has been in progress for the past ten days or more, but only yesterday morning was the matter finally definitely closed.

The new company is composed of H. A. Theiloff, Bert Anderson and W. C. Green, and the object of the firm is to conduct a general retail lumber business strictly.

All three are very well and favorably known in business circles in Southern Oregon. Mr. Theiloff has been assistant manager of the Crater Lake Lumber company for the past year or more and is thoroughly conversant with the ins and outs of the lumber business. Mr. Green has a reputation second to none as a judge of timber and a cruiser, and also has an intimate knowledge of the business in its other branches. Mr. Anderson, while not an expert lumberman, is a business man of great executive ability, and the three men make a combination pretty hard to beat.

The company will carry full stocks of lumber of all descriptions and will be prepared to fill both large and small orders promptly and satisfactorily. They will handle exclusively northern lumber.

SPECIAL SESSION.

Council Gives Attention to Water
Bonds.

The city council held a special session Monday which had for its particular purpose the consideration of the refusal of the banking firm of John Nuveen & Co., of Chicago, to pay the accrued interest on the waterworks bonds. It appears that the First National bank of Chicago would pay over the sum of \$48,617.85 on demand.

In reply to the notice of the bonding company the following telegram was dispatched by Recorder Collins last night:

Medford, Ore., Dec 7, 1908.
First National Bank,
Chicago, Ill.:

Deliver the Medford bonds to John Nuveen & Co., upon payment of amount tendered, however, advise them that this is without waiver of any rights of interest under our claim for balance of original draft.

A. E. Reames, Atty for city.
Benj. M. Collins, city Recorder.

The matter of the real estate licenses was brought up and the general opinion of the members of the council was that the licenses should be indorsed in all cases where a dealer or agent refused to pay the amount of the license. Yesterday Recorder Collins announced J. H. Carkins paid for a real estate dealers license.

The report was made at the meeting that James Taylor would deed an acre of ground to the city for the use of the city in the shape of the erection and maintenance of a septic tank for the sewage. The price for the same was to be \$1,100 and the land was to revert back to the owners in case the city at any time ceased to use the land for that purpose.

Councilmen Merrick, Wortman and Trowbridge voted to accept the offer while Councilman Elbert voted no. The motion was declared carried.

THE MACHINE WAS SOBER.

But the Engineer of the Street Roller
Was Very Much Otherwise.

People watching the work of street paving yesterday afternoon were at a loss to understand the peculiar actions of the street roller. First it would head toward one side of the street and then make a dash in the opposite direction. Finally it failed to make the turn quick enough and ran into the curb.

The manager of the work soon discovered that what was wrong was with the engineer of the machine, and assisted him out in quick shape before any more damage was done. A sober engineer was brought from the rock-crushing plant until another one could be got here from Portland.

WILL ORGANIZE A SOCIAL CLUB

Medford Business Men Plan
Recreation and Amusement
Resort.

The newest new feature of Medford's metropolitan notions is a Business Men's Social Club. For several days past T. C. Kellogg has been circulating a petition among the business men of the city and asking that each of them subscribe the amount of \$30, for which they are to receive one share in the above-named association. He started out with the avowed intention of securing 100 signers—or no club. Yesterday he announced he had reached the goal—the one hundredth name had been secured.

The purpose and object of the club is to secure a desirable building site, erect a fine building thereon, and to install therein all the amusements and pleasant features, which are usually found in places of this sort in large cities. There will be a gymnasium room, billiard and pool room, a lounge room and a reading room—but there will be no drinking or gambling permitted. It will be a gentleman's social club room—a place to which any member may invite a friend, smoke a cigar, play a game of billiards or pool, sit down and discuss business and its opportunities or recite reminiscences.

The members, or signers, will meet next week for the purpose of effecting an organization. Notice of this meeting will be given in The Morning Mail.

A notice has been issued for all those who have signed as charter members of the Business Men's Social club to meet at the Medford opera house tomorrow night for the purpose of incorporation and forming a permanent organization.

The matter of the formation of this club has been well received by the business and professional men of this city, and so far 105 of them have signed the petition asking that the club be organized and promising that in addition to the membership fee of \$30 that they will do all in their power to make the institution a success.

As was mentioned in The Morning Mail last week, the intention is to have club rooms fitted up in which there will not be allowed any liquors or gambling. It will simply be a place where the members can entertain friends from other places in a social way. In order to do this, there will be billiard and pool tables, reading room, smoking rooms and parlors. The following are the men who have signed the list, most of whom are expected to be at the meeting for organization tomorrow night:

Those signing the roll are: W. I. Vawter, J. E. Enyart, W. S. Crowell, F. K. Deuel, J. S. Orth, F. W. Hollis, J. A. Perry, H. T. Findlay, L. B. Haskins, E. Daniels, S. T. Richardson, W. T. Kentner, H. C. Kentner, F. C. Page, Dr. J. O. Beckstoce, J. J. Buchter, W. F. Isaacs, T. J. Newman, C. L. Reames, G. T. O'Brien, A. T. Brown, J. G. Bigham, H. A. Thieroff, J. A. Kiser, G. H. Merritt, F. C. Bellong, F. L. Tou Velle, C. H. Snyder, W. N. Campbell, W. H. Watt, F. E. Merrick, G. W. Priddy, O. D. Nagle, Robert King, Charles Nagle, A. S. Rosenbaum, A. H. Miller, E. A. Welsh, W. E. Phipps, R. J. Conroy, H. C. Garnett, E. H. Van Dyke, A. E. Whitman, W. P. Irving, W. G. Aldenhausen, H. P. Hargrave, H. L. Getchell, J. H. Carlin, F. W. Miles, E. B. Pickett, C. S. Newhall, J. D. Owell, J. E. Barkdull, William Holmes, O. Randall, P. J. Neff, L. D. Harris, H. W. Rothermel, M. E. Worrell, H. E. Morrison, F. J. Carlow, J. A. McIntosh, W. E. Green, I. L. Hamilton, W. G. Gandy, G. F. Lindley, Edgar Hafer, George Putnam, O. C. Briggs, M. J. Reddy, G. F. Merriman, A. C. Hubbard, C. W. McDonald, J. B. Wood, W. C. Reagan, J. M. Keene, F. H. Hull, C. Campbell, R. C. Ray, L. M. Lyon, J. W. Dunlap, C. D. Hazelrigg, Charles Meserve, B. H. Harris, J. A. Bothwell, Bert Anderson, L. A. Gregory, J. T. Pilegar, E. E. Kelly, C. F. Hutehanson, C. E. Whisler, H. Withington, S. A. Nye, W. J. Martin, L. B. Warner, Sr., A. S. Bliton, E. C. Gaddis, C. M. Kidd, D. H. Jackson, J. D. Heard, J. P. Mundy, W. T. Beveridge, J. F. Reddy, H. S. Dudley, M. Purdin.

COMING TO THE FRONT.

Many New Buildings Going Up at
Bennett's Sunrise Park Addition.

If any one wishes to see a busy place, let them visit Bennett's Sunrise Park Addition and see the building that is going on there.

Forrest Edmeads will soon move into his nice new house, which he is

having erected on the corner of Howard street and Bennett avenue.

Mr. Wiley, the contractor, is building for Mrs. Wolverton a very nice six-room bungalow on her lot adjoining Mr. Edmeads. These will both be modern, up-to-date homes. Mr. Edmeads is one of the firm of Edmeads Bros., who will soon open a new shoe store in the Hotel Moors building on West Seventh street.

Mrs. Wolverton is a very estimable lady of considerable means, who recently came from the east and is buying lots and improving them.

Mr. Medley is improving the grounds around his new bungalow erected this fall and will soon have a very beautiful suburban home.

The population is increasing, too. Note the arrival of a nine-pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cverholser.

Mr. Moyer is erecting for E. P. Bennett a good, substantial tank-house and a 3,000-gallon tank.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Edmeads have put down a new sidewalk from their properties along Howard street to Washington street in Fruitdale addition. From there Messrs. Porter & Horning, the bustling real estate firm, of East Medford, have taken up the line and are putting in a splendid walk from there out to East Seventh street.

GOOD PROSPECTS.

Medford Development Co. Making
Good Progress.

The Medford Development company, which has recently been organized in this city, bids fair to be an enterprise of no small importance in the valley. The company is incorporated for \$60,000 and its principal assets are 490 acres of land situated near Medford, which include the unsold portions of the M. Dillon ranch and another ranch lying adjoining. This land is in the same locality as is the Perkins orchard, which recently sold for \$76,000.

The plan of the company is to sell stock and improve the property. The shares of stock are sold for \$10 each and the number of shares held by any one person represents just that much of an interest in the entire holdings of the company.

The incorporators of the company are C. H. Pierce and his son, C. C. Pierce, of this city; E. R. Garner, recently from Ida Grove, Idaho; B. H. Kerby of Greensburg, Ind., and G. P. O. Kimball of Grand Junction, Colo. All of these people are now residents of Medford. Mr. Pierce, who is the fountainhead of the company organization, states that in perfecting the organization he endeavored to get associated with him men of the very highest integrity, and he believes he has accomplished his aims.

Aside from the holdings of this company being of value for fruit culture, there is thought to attach to them even greater value as coal and oil land. The tract is situated in very close proximity to lands now under bond by oil companies and upon which considerable development work may soon be expected to commence. In fact, much of the land in the company's tract is surrounded by bonded oil land.

PROGRESS OF PAVING.

Work Completed Down Street to
Railroad Tracks.

Well, what do you think of this? Seventh street is paved from the West Side school to the railroad track—and the weather continues good, and because of this fact the work will continue.

Yesterday was a bumper day with the street paving gang. Every man on the job, from Mr. Chipman down to "Jimmie" with coal oil sack, buckled down to business and a good sized chunk of muddy street was transformed into a seemingly good, solid pavement. West Seventh street was cement-tied to Barnum's railroad track, and that was what the company has been hoping to be able to do—and the weather has acted splendidly.

This morning the gang will commence doing business on the East side of the track and will continue right on east to the Bear Creek bridge if the weather keeps good. Then if the weather continues good, the gang will back up and put in the pavement across the railroad track. There is a lot of pattering work around the four tracks and the company did not want to consume all this fine weather on such slow work.

There are some bad spots in the pavement put down during the last couple of days, caused by the earth underneath being soft, but these the company says, will be taken out later and replaced with a more substantial article.

Another Bank Robbery.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 8.—The State Bank of Maze was entered to-night and the safe dynamited. The robbers secured \$6000 and escaped, though the noise of the explosion aroused the entire town.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY FRUITS

Judge Colvig Speaks of Them
at Meeting of Fruit
Growers.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2.—Rival apple-growers of the Willamette valley, the Rogue River valley and Hood River last night joined hands and proclaimed the apple Oregon's greatest medium for advertising purposes. The keynote of the addresses was "Oregon and Oregon apples," sentiment unanimously favoring the elimination of sectional differences and discussions. There prevailed a general feeling of the get-together-and-pull-together spirit. The occasion was a special meeting of the Portland Ad club, when the visitors to the horticultural conventions being held in this city were the guests of the ad men. C. C. Chapman, president of the Ad club, presided as chairman of the meeting.

Speech by Judge Colvig.

Judge W. M. Colvig introduced the discussion and elaborated at considerable length on "The Apple as an Advertisement for Oregon." He became decidedly humorous in treating with the subject and explained that any surprise which might have followed the selection by the Ad club of the apple as an advertising feature was easily dispelled when it was remembered that it was an apple that drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.

"Naturally, the apple is an irresistible temptation," said Judge Colvig. "I dare say a man could not be found today who would refuse to partake of a delicious Spitzenberg if proffered by one of our beautiful Eves in the Rogue River valley."

The speaker reviewed the history of the apple which originated in Central Asia and showed that it had followed civilization ever westward until the original Garden of Eden virtually had been transplanted and established in Western Oregon. Although statistics were supposed to be excluded from the discussions of the evening, Judge Colvig could not refrain from citing figures relative to Jackson county as a practical demonstration of what the apple meant for that section of the state.

Jackson County Possibilities.

"Jackson county has nearly 2,000,000 acres," he said. "The county has an assessed valuation on orchards alone of about \$10,000,000. We have 20,000 acres in apple trees, all of which are not in bearing, however, but when this acreage is in full bearing 20,000 freight cars will be required to transport the crop to the markets of the world every year. At \$1.50 a box, and that is a very moderate price for this fruit, such a crop would net Jackson county \$23,500,000 annually, and this estimate does not include pears and peaches, of which we produce the finest that are grown in the state. In addition to our fruit interests, we have 90,000 acres that are devoted to the growing of wheat, alfalfa and other products. Within the next 15 years the income of Jackson county for fruit products alone will reach \$50,000,000 annually. Some of the fruit lands in our county cannot be bought for \$2000 an acre.

"This is the sort of advertising that pays. It serves to advertise the product we have to sell, the business we are engaged in and at the same time serves as an inducement to attract new settlers to the state. Any exhibit of Oregon apples, whether made in Oregon or in the east, pays. In a year there are shipped from Oregon probably 1000 carloads of apples. Each car consists of 600 boxes, making the total number of boxes 600,000. One splendid plan of advertising is to have each one of those boxes labeled as Oregon fruit. This should be insisted on by growers before their fruit is shipped.

Rapid Strides of Industry.

"The fruit industry of this state is growing more rapidly than the residue of this state imagine or can believe. It now ranks as the fourth or fifth industry in the state. The wheat lands are gradually wearing out and the yield of this crop is decreasing annually. The salmon catch is falling off annually and eventually the timber of the state will be cut down. Finally there will be but two important industries in this state—fruit growing and dairying. That being so, let us make the best possible use of the apple as an advertisement, that more people may be brought to this state to assist in the development of those two industries which promise so much to the material prosperity of this great state."

Professor J. B. Leathermann of Albany related his experiences in the management of a small apple orchard and fully indorsed the estimates of the preceding speakers as to the worth of the apple further to exploit

the great possibilities of this state horticulturally.

During the evening the guests were served with delicious apple cider of decidedly recent vintage. The treat was relished, proving quite appropriate as a by-product of the subject for the night's discussion.

THREATENING LETTER.

Black Hand Missive Received by
Local Business Man.

"Bring \$100 under creek
bridge at 10 o'clock tonight
(Saturday) or death. You
will find a person THERE
with a long red coat and give
the shiners to him. Your
blood will be on your hands
if you don't. X. Y. Z.—A.
B. C.
"THE BLACK BAND."

The above blood-curdling message was received last Saturday morning by M. Eller, the pawnbroker, who recently opened a place of business on Central avenue, just off Seventh street. Mr. Eller lost no time in turning the letter over to Chief of Police Shearer. He and two other officers spent Saturday evening watching the store and the bridge, but nothing of any consequence transpired.

In addition to the signing of the terrible words, "The Black Band," the writer of the letter drew at the bottom of it a crude picture of a skull and crossbones and a black hand. Although Mr. Eller was very much frightened at the receipt of the letter, the police were of the opinion that it was a hoax. However, Chief Shearer decided to take no chances and took every possible precaution to protect the man, and, if possible, to capture the person or persons who sent the letter.

Mr. Eller became so wrought up over the matter that he sent word to a married sister of his, Mrs. Sabel, the wife of a jeweler at Redding, Cal., and she lost no time in coming to Medford. To a Morning Mail reporter they both said that Mr. Eller was not going to be frightened or driven from the town on account of the threats, but would continue to do business in Medford.

It now transpires that if the letter was sent as a joke it might turn out to be a very dear one for the person who wrote it, as it was sent through the mails. It was mailed at the Medford postoffice Friday night or Saturday morning, and was received by Mr. Eller about noon on Saturday, when he called at the postoffice for his mail.

After failing to get any clew Saturday night, Chief of Police Shearer and Mr. Eller laid the matter before the local postoffice officials and they have taken the matter up with the department at Washington. The result will be that one or more secret service men will likely be in Medford within a few days, and will likely follow some clues which will be furnished them, with the result that some person is likely to find out that it is anything but a joke to fool with the United States mail.

When it is stated that it might be a joke it can also be stated that there might be something more than a joke in the case. Both Mr. Eller and the police are inclined to believe that there is a "method in the madness" of the person who sent the letter and that something may transpire in the near future which will likely surprise the people of this city when all the facts and details are made public.

MEDFORD SCHOOL CENSUS.

School Enumerator Taylor Finds An
Increase Over Last Year of 165.

School Enumerator C. C. Taylor yesterday completed taking the school census for school district No. 49—the Medford district.

In 1907 the number of children of school age in the district was 1067. The census recently completed shows that there are now 1232—an increase of 165.

Mr. Taylor is not making a positive statement to the effect that he has gotten every one of the school children in the district, but if any have escaped him it is because their parents have moved faster than his pace has been. So many people are moving about from one house to another that it is almost an impossibility to catch up with them long enough to make an enumeration before they have shifted to some other part of the city. If Mr. Taylor should have overlooked any in this manner their names should at once be given to the school clerk or to Mr. Taylor at once.

H. Bink Reprived.
SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 8.—Herman Bink, who was sentenced to hang in Chicago on Friday next, has been reprieved until January 29, 1909. Pressure was brought to bear upon the board of pardons and the governor and the above action resulted.

MATTER NOW UP TO PEOPLE

Two Propositions to Be Submitted on the Liquor
Question.

Yesterday the following initiative amendment petition was circulated. This is endorsed by the "dry" element.

To license, tax, regulate, or prohibit barrooms, drinking shops, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, dance houses, and all places where spirituous, malt, or vinous liquors are sold or kept for sale, subject to any and all general laws of the State of Oregon heretofore enacted or which hereafter shall be enacted by the legislature or by the people of the State of Oregon, provided that no license for the sale of spirituous, malt, or vinous liquors shall be granted for any less amount than eight hundred (\$800) dollars per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

Below is the section of the city charter to which the above is an amendment.

19. To license, tax, regulate, or prohibit barrooms, drinking shops, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, dance houses, and all places where spirituous, malt, or vinous liquors are sold or kept for sale, irrespective of any general law of the State on this subject enacted by the legislature or by the people at large; provided, that no license for the sale of spirituous, malt, or vinous liquors shall be granted for any less amount than is or may be provided by the general laws of the State in force at the time of the granting thereof.

A few days ago the following initiative petition was circulated for signatures. This petition is endorsed by what is known as the "wet" element:

"The sale of spirituous, malt, vinous and intoxicating liquors in the city of Medford shall not be prohibited by the common council or except by the majority vote of the electors of such city upon an election upon such question, but such question shall be submitted only at the general city election of the city of Medford and not oftener than annually; and until such prohibition shall be voted for at such an election.

The common council shall license the sale of such liquors for an annual license tax of seven hundred dollars per annum, payable semi-annually in advance, and provided that if this amendment shall receive a majority of the votes in its favor over those cast against it, the question of prohibiting the sale of liquors shall not be submitted or voted upon until the next general election of the city of Medford, to be held on the second Tuesday of January in the year 1910.

And provided further, that the number of licenses issued shall not exceed ten until the population of the city shall exceed seven thousand; and provided further, that the council shall have the right to refuse a license hereunder in the event that any applicant for a license hereunder shall fail or neglect to so arrange the front wall of his place of business as to enable the police officers of the city of Medford to obtain an unobstructed view of the entire space between the front bar and back bar of his place of business at all times during the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday."

GRANTS PASS SHOOTING.

Hotel Employee Badly Injured by
Stranger.

Word was received in this city last night of a serious shooting affair at Grants Pass. A man named Miles Carter was shot in the Layton hotel about 10 o'clock last night by a stranger. The doctors who were called to attend the wounded man say that he will recover.

It appears that the man who did the shooting was a stranger in the town. He walked into the hotel, and, pulling a gun out of his pocket, fired point blank at Carter, one of the employes of the hotel. He then walked out of the place without having said a word to anybody.

Later on the same man was caught while in the act of robbing a house. He was arrested and is now in jail.

Qualifications of Voters.

Several persons have asked to know the qualifications of a voter as to residence. City Recorder Collins informed a Morning Mail representative yesterday afternoon that a person entitled to a vote at the coming city election must have been a resident of the state six months, in the county 30 days and in the ward 20 days.