

THE MEDFORD MAIL

Published every Friday.

A. S. BLTON, Publisher.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1909.

SUBSCRIPTION \$4.50 a Year

Entered in the postoffice at Medford, Oregon as second class mail matter.

ALL ARE PROSPEROUS.

Not so many years ago, if the statement had been made that in any one year in the anywhere near future the value of new buildings constructed would be almost half a million, the man who made the statement would have been regarded with suspicion and thought to be a fit candidate for the asylum. Yet that thing has come to pass, and the total of the list published this morning might easily have been stretched to the half-million mark and then not have been far from the truth, but the estimates and figures secured have all been conservative, being below rather than above the actual. New buildings aggregating \$492,175 in value erected during the space of a single twelve-month, is a record of which any city of the size of Medford should be proud, and naturally we are proud. Nothing succeeds like success and the fact that we have grown so much in the past year will attract still more people here in the future, people with money to invest in further adding to the number and value of the business and residence houses of the city. With well-paved streets, a municipal numbering system and the new gravity system of water—all of which will come next year, Medford will have emerged from the swaddling clothes of villagehood, indeed, and be worthy to take her rightful place among the enterprising and progressive inland cities of Oregon. The thing to do is to keep up the progressive movement and not to allow the forward march of our city to cease for a moment, to keep everlastingly at it, climbing all the time and not allow any one to forget that we are doing so.

ONWARD AND UPWARD.

It is a pretty difficult matter for one portion of a community to prosper a great deal without the balance reaping some benefit from it. Especially true is this of corporations and institutions which are dependent for their revenue upon the people having business to transact and money to pay for the transaction of that business. Therefore the showing made by the Medford postoffice, reported in the Morning Mail of yesterday and the manifest increase of business done by the railroad and express companies, indicates a very gratifying degree of growth and prosperity for this city during 1908, and is assurance for further future good times. Medford has more people than it ever had before, its merchants and other business men are transacting more business than ever before, there are more merchants to transact the business, the people have more money distributed among them and they are spending more of it, all of which is good and as it should be. The statement made at the beginning of this article holds good as to the relation of a city to the country surrounding and tributary to it. If the farmers, stock growers and orchardmen were not prosperous, our merchants could not carry the amount and quality of goods they do, the townspeople could not erect the many business blocks and private residences which have been built, are now in course of construction or in contemplation, for there is a community of interest between us all from the highest to the lowest, from the wealthiest to the poorest, and each is more or less dependent upon the other.

In another column is an item which is one of the strongest arguments in favor of a scalp bounty that has been brought to the notice of the editor of this paper. It tells of the killing of a panther in Douglas county which had just previous to the dogs being put on his trail killed fourteen head of sheep. This particular beast was not a novice at the business but had been following his career of killing for some time, and he isn't the only one. Not only do the panthers, wolves, wildcats and other predatory beasts prey upon the flocks and herds of the settlers, but they destroy annually hundreds of head of game, and will eventually exterminate the deer and game birds of the country. Then the domestic animals will catch it worse than ever. In the opinion of the Morning Mail a bounty law should be enacted placing a price upon the heads of the birds and beasts of prey, so that an inducement would be given to hunt and kill them. Further argument in favor of a bounty law is to be found in an article detailing some of the ravages of wild beasts in the Elk creek country.

Eugene, with five miles of pavement, can understand what it means when neighboring cities complain of their muddy streets, says the Register. Eugene was once in the same fix and would not go back to a like condition for many times the cost of the improvement.

Medford lacks some of having five miles of paving, but that will come in time. As it is, we have just

enough to make the unpaved portion of our main thoroughfares seem more muddy by contrast.

The question of authorizing a tax for securing a Carnegie library and the support of the same will be one of the matters to be voted upon next Tuesday. The additional tax will not be noticeable and the object for which it will be levied is a most worthy one. The ladies of the Greater Medford club are interesting themselves in this and it should receive a strong support.

The Linn County Grange declares that the want of Oregon, and especially of Western Oregon, is lateral roads leading from the country into the towns and railway stations; not a great highway for carriages and automobiles parallel with the main railway lines. This opinion is likely to commend itself to general judgment.

The flame of an ordinary match has a much higher temperature than is generally known, and will melt cast iron or steel filings. Try it by striking a match and sprinkle the filings through the flame. Sputtering sparks like gunpowder will be the result of the melting metal.

"Never marry a man until you've seen him drunk," is the advice a matron gives a maid in a novel of Chicago society. There ought to be no difficulty about that if the girl will let the man know her wishes in the matter.

The cable news that more than 750,000,000 novels are sold in Germany every year ought to quiet forever the suspicion that the Germans spend most of their money for beer.

King Edward is said to have a pet dog named "Teddy." Evidently his majesty is unaware that that name should never be attached to anything unable to lick its weight in wildcats.

A fatal duel was fought by two Tennesseans over a dog that each liked and claimed as his own. There is one case where a woman wasn't at the bottom of the trouble.

Suppose Champion Johnson should draw the professional line against "theater actors" and refuse to meet any but prizefighters. Has Corbett thought of this contingency?

Mr. Taft asserts that the people have been ruling all these years through the Republican party. But that's just what makes the Democrats tired.

TOO MUCH BUSINESS.

A Morning Mail reporter found a business man deeply engaged at his desk Saturday morning, and as the reporter stepped up the business man finished addressing a letter and laid it aside, remarking to himself: "There, I guess that will fix it." The reporter was all sympathy and interest in a moment, as he had caught sight of the address on the envelope and wondered why the man was corresponding with the Medford postmaster. Instead of stepping around and seeing him, and in answer to his inquiries the merchant said: "I have been trying for over two weeks now to pay my box rent, but it never occurs to me until I go after my mail, and then there are such a number of people waiting at the window to get their mail that you can't get anywhere near it, and as I am usually too busy myself to wait, I kept putting it off. So, as a last resort, I have inclosed that 45 cents in an envelope and will drop it in the office. I don't see why I didn't think of that plan before. Yes, you can publish it. If it will do any one else good to learn of the scheme they are welcome. Times are changing pretty rapidly in this man's town. It is surprising to see the number of people waiting for their mail at that office at almost any hour of the day you want to go there.

One Less Panther.

The R. A. Booth pack of dogs "treed" a panther Thursday near Peel, twenty-five miles east of here, which has been one of the worst pests in the memory of Douglas county hunters. When the animal was killed, he measured fully ten feet in length. Shortly before the dogs were set upon the trail the cat had killed fourteen sheep, one after the other, making a total of twenty-three in less than a week. A number of local dogs had been started after the animal, but failed. Besides the sheep killing the beast committed various other depredations which has cost the farmers in the neighborhood considerable loss.—Roseburg Review.

And a Dry Town at That.

The following from the Rogue River Courier causes to arise a deep suspicion of the quality of water they drink in Grants Pass. Even Shorty Hamilton's famous "bacillus communis" could hardly produce a more lurid dream:

"Sheriff Russell is wearing a new Elk's charm and one that is unique in the way that it was secured—in fact, there is probably not another one in existence where the teeth were taken from a live elk. Some time ago Mr. Russell caught an elk, threw it down and then with a pair of pliers pulled the two tusks out. The elk was then allowed to go its way. The two teeth make a very beautiful charm.

BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

A. Coleman, 8-rm. res.	1,200
A. Coleman, 6-rm. res.	850
W. M. Colvig, improvem'ts	900
W. J. Drumhill, 3-rm. res.	375
J. Thacher, 4-rm. res.	750
W. Eaton, 5-rm. res.	400
Ice & Storage Company, additions to buildings	4,000
Snowflake Bakery Co., shop and ovens	600
E. G. Trowbridge, Jr., cabinet shop	250
C. W. Palm, garage	850
Catholic School building	40,000
Rogue River Valley R. R., depot	1,400
T. J. Looney, storeroom	500
Catholic Church building	8,500
Christian Church tabernacle	750

Northwest.

North of Seventh and west of R. R.	
Ben Garnett, 8-rm. res.	1,600
F. E. Gamen, 7-rm. res.	1,200
Mr. Sullivan, 5-rm. res.	1,200
C. T. Hollaway, 8-rm. res.	1,750
Mr. Sullivan, 5-rm. res.	1,250
T. C. Norris, 12-rm. res.	1,200
J. F. Pryor, 7-rm. res.	1,000
Dr. G. H. Carter, 8-rm. res.	1,200
F. W. Hollis, 8-rm. bung'lw	3,000
C. F. Murdock, 2-rm. res.	250
L. J. Quigley, 6-rm. bung.	1,500
I. J. Stacey, 4-rm. res.	600
Ed. Whiteside, 5-rm. res.	800
Edgar Hafer, 5-rm. res.	750
Edgar Hafer, 5-rm. res.	800
W. Cassidy, 6-rm. res.	950
W. Cassidy, 6-rm. res.	950
Mr. Wheeler, repairs and addition to 7-rm. res.	500
R. W. Gray, 8-rm. res.	1,250
J. L. Dennmer, 7-rm. res.	1,750
W. L. Orr, 4-rm. res.	500
Mr. Bennett, 2-rm. res.	200
E. F. Jones, 3-rm. res.	300
C. Wolgast, 4-rm. res.	900
S. Rawlings, 2-rm. res.	200
H. Winterhalter, 3-rm. res. and stable	400
Pastor of German church, 5-rm. res.	600
E. Pond, 7-rm. res.	1,250
W. J. Vawter, 11-rm. res.	13,000
E. B. Needham, 4-rm. res.	750
W. H. Hays, 4-rm. res.	600
H. L. Hays, 4-rm. res.	550
C. W. Snyder, 7-rm. res.	1,600
A. H. Davis, 5-rm. res.	700
Dr. C. R. Ray, 11-rm. res.	4,300
N. W. Silsby, 5-rm. res.	1,200
C. J. Mizer, 8-rm. res.	1,500
C. O. Harvey, 5-rm. res.	1,300
Mr. Burbage, 3-rm. res.	300
M. J. Love, 9-rm. bung.	3,000
W. F. Isaacs, 6-rm. bung.	2,500
J. A. McIntosh, 8-rm. bung.	3,750
Mrs. J. Weeks, 8-rm. res.	2,300
B. Anderson, 8-rm. res.	7,500
J. D. Otwell, 5-rm. res.	2,000
H. E. Marsh, 5-rm. res.	1,800
C. Gay, 7-rm. res.	2,300
F. R. Billinger, 2-rm. res.	200
F. R. Billinger, 7-rm. res.	1,250
Dr. E. B. Pickel, improvements	3,500
W. Woods, 6-rm. res.	800
L. D. Canfield, 5-rm. res.	600
W. Stringer, 6-rm. res.	1,500
J. Brandenburg, 5-rm. res.	1,100
C. D. Wolverson, 6-rm. res.	750
Mr. Kinyon, 4-rm. res.	800
E. G. Faucett, 2-rm. res.	350
Mrs. Lewis, 3-rm. res.	225
Clarence Eads, 5-rm. res.	1,000
Clarence Eads, 5-rm. res.	1,000
Geo. Eads, 5-rm. res.	950
E. R. Peck, 6-rm. res.	1,300
J. E. Oleson, 3-rm. res.	325
W. T. Wilson, 5-rm. res.	1,000
J. E. Oleson, 3-rm. res.	350
J. F. Hutchison, 3-rm. res.	375
P. Demmer, improvem'ts	100
J. H. Wrisley, 4-rm. res.	500
Mrs. Childers, 2-rm. res.	300
E. S. Stinson, 5-rm. res.	650
C. Roberts, 4-rm. res.	600
J. M. Larkin, 8-rm. res.	800
Mr. Estes, 2-rm. res.	150
M. J. Love, 8-rm. res.	1,500

Northeast.

North of Seventh street and east of Southern Pacific track.	
High School building	\$3,800
Adventist's church	1,500
Three store rooms, Young & Hall	18,000
Office and sheds, lumber yards	225
Standard Oil Co., tanks and spur	2,500
D. L. Day, mill	1,800
Medford Sash & Door Co.	1,500
City Hall	10,000
I. L. Hamilton, 9-rm. residence	1,850
W. Carnes, 2-rm. res.	200
G. M. Jones, 4-rm. res.	500
J. Ficks, 5-rm. res.	900
J. B. Jones, 2-rm. res.	300
W. Thompson, 5-rm. res.	1,000
Mr. Snyder, 6-rm. res.	1,000
E. J. Eastman, 5-rm. bung.	1,250
E. J. Eastman, 5-rm. cot.	1,000
E. J. Eastman, 5-rm. cot.	800
F. M. Stewart, 5-rm. res.	650
W. T. Vincent, 2-rm. res.	400
W. D. Illingworth, 4-rm. res.	500
W. D. Illingworth, 2-rm. res.	250
M. Elwood, 5-rm. res.	1,000
B. Phillips, 5-rm. res.	1,200
A. W. Dresser, 7-rm. res.	1,250
Deck Hale, 7-rm. res.	875
G. Eads, 6-rm. res.	850
Geo. Eads, 2-rm. res.	300
Nm. Stacey, 5-rm. res.	500
J. Daily, 3-rm. res.	800
Art Poe, 8-rm. res.	1,200
Mrs. Gene Orr, 7-rm. res.	1,650
Fay Anderson, 5-rm. res.	800
A. L. Wollam, 7-rm. res.	1,200
C. M. Boardman, 6-rm. res.	850

A. Bish, 4-rm. res.	600
Mrs. E. J. Lewis, 7-rm. res. and barn	2,300
D. E. McGinnis, 6-rm. res.	950
J. L. Demmer, 5-rm. res.	850
H. Metz, 5-rm. res.	800
Mrs. Ella Cole, 6-rm. res.	1,150
E. De Roboam, 5-rm. res.	950
J. W. Smille, 6-rm. res.	1,650
D. H. Miller, 6-rm. res.	1,000
E. Dahack, improvements, 8-room res.	750
J. E. Watt, 10-rm. res.	4,800
J. E. Watt, improvements	500
N. B. Bradbury, 5-rm. res. and barn	1,000
Mr. Allen, 2-rm. res.	300
H. E. Boyden, shop and auto house	350
W. S. Baraum, 4-rm. res.	500

Southeast.

South of Seventh street and east of railroad.	
N. C. Sorenson, 4-rm. res.	700
F. Ossenbrugg, 9-rm. res.	2,000
F. Ossenbrugg, repairs	200
G. F. Merriman, repairs	100
S. L. Bennett, 9-rm. res.	1,600
Frank True, 7-rm. res.	1,000
C. Sharp, 6-rm. res.	900
Mrs. E. Stewart, 4-rm. res.	650
Mrs. R. F. Anderson, 9-rm. res.	2,350
E. D. Elwood, 5-rm. res. and barn	2,500
Improvements to Opera House	2,000
Deuel & Kentner, business block	40,000
R. O. Duncan, livery stable	3,000
Caskey & Co., blacksmith shop	800

Grand total \$492,175

Summary.	
Residences between \$750 and \$1000	48
Residences between \$1000 and \$2000	131
Residences between \$2000 and \$3000	37
Residences over \$3000	13
About 15 small structures ranging from \$80 to \$100 not included.	
No. residences over \$750	229
Residences and improvements thereto	265
Business blocks, churches, schools, etc.	\$175,975
Residences and improvements to same	218,600

RAISES SALOON LICENSE.

City Council Increases It to \$800 Per Annum.

The Medford city council met in regular session at council chambers last night for the purpose of transacting routine and special work. There were present Mayor Reddy, Councilmen Merrick, Trowbridge, Wortman, Elfert and Hafer; Otwell, absent.

Proceedings of previous meeting were read and upon motion were accepted as read.

City treasurer's report was read and adopted, as was also the report of the chief of police and engineer. Attorney Vawter was present and stated that, as attorney for the John Nuveen & Co., he was empowered by the company to accept the terms specified by the city and that the \$331 interest had been paid. This having been satisfactorily settled, the mayor and city recorder were directed to sign and deliver the bonds.

Bills allowed and warrants ordered drawn.

An ordinance was read and passed which makes the liquor license \$800 per annum, instead of \$500 as now.

In this matter Councilman Wortman objected to the ordinance being passed to its second and to its third and final reading, and upon motion Councilmen Trowbridge, Elfert and Hafer voted to pass the ordinance and Merrick and Wortman against it.

Dr. Ray presented a resolution which had for its object the settlement of the power difficulty between the city and the Condor Water & Power company by arbitration by the courts. An arbitrary agreement had previously been made whereby the council and disinterested parties were to settle the differences, and the original agreement is right where the matter stands now.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us at the time of the death of our beloved son and brother.

MR. AND MRS. JAS. ALLEN.
CLARA ALLEN.
WALTER ALLEN.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT

THE MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK

WE 31 PER PAY 32 CENT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

WE SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE

THE ONLY ONE

We are the only grocery in town selling for strictly cash. That means we are the only store that can quote you bed rock prices. Cash can always sell for less and still make as good a margin of profit as credit.

Extra choice Hawaiian Pineapples, sold for credit at 35c; now for cash.....25c
Hammer Soda; sold for credit at 10c; now, for cash.....6c
"Kingsford's" Corn Starch; 15c or 2 for 25c; now for cash.....11c
Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce; 35c size; for cash.....20c
65c size; now, for cash.....50c
\$1.00 size; now, for cash.....85c
Carnation Milk; sold for credit at 15c or two cans for 25c; now, for cash.....10c
Credit sold Japan Tea for 60c per pound; cash has cut it to the pound.....45c
Canned sold for credit at 15c per can, now for cash, per can.....10c

REMEMBER—We move to the Mission block about February 1, and in connection with the Medford Meat Company, install a complete family market, to the known as the "Rex Grocery Co."

P. S.—Will still sell for cash.

Miller & Ewbank

BRINGING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS

RESULTS OF EARTHQUAKE

- Killed, 100,000 to 200,000.
- Injured, 300,000 to 500,000.
- Homeless, estimated at 1,000,000.
- Cities over 10,000 population destroyed, 15.
- Smaller towns destroyed, estimated, 50.
- Warships sunk (torpedo boats), 12.
- Ships sunk by tidal wave, 600.
- Many American tourists among the dead.
- Formation of Straits of Messina changed.
- Historic Scylla and Charybdis destroyed.
- Etna and Stromboli, volcanoes, in eruption.
- Second and third shocks felt in Sicily.
- Cable to Aeolian Isles cut; disaster feared.

Dead and Missing Americans
Arthur S. Cheney, consul at Messina, and his wife.
Chicago: Mr. and Mrs. O. Elger, Dr. Charles A. Logan, Paul Farber, T. A. Griffin, Jacob Bauer, Miss Magdalena Hernly.

Philadelphia: Miss Mary Moss, Miss Louise Wood, Miss Frances Bockius, Miss Bessie G. Bockius, Miss Estelle Fagan, Miss Blanche Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris.

Brookline, Mass.: Mrs. Martha C. Kittredge, Misses Ethel and Clarissa Kittredge.

Right Rev. David Sessums, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Louisiana.

REGGIO, Jan. 5.—Earthquakes have occurred here at intervals of every 20 minutes and at noon a quake stronger than the others caused a number of standing walls to collapse and created a condition of panic among the survivors. It is not thought it caused any casualties.

ROME, Jan. 5.—Plans for the rebuilding of Reggio and Messina are already being discussed in detail. It is estimated that \$15,000,000 would be required to rebuild Messina for its 50,000 inhabitants and that \$8,000,000 would rebuild Reggio for 25,000 people. In any event, many years will elapse before the terrorized people can be induced to return and live in the stricken territory.

Another project is to transfer Messina provisionally to Milasseeo, a small town near Messina.

ROME, Jan. 5.—The report from Messina is that fever has broken out there and filled the authorities with alarm. It is realized that unless proper sanitary precautions are taken disease may spread far outside the ruined district. King Emmanuel today received Ambassador Griscom, who presented him with the steamer Bayern in the name of the American relief committee, representing the American people. Bayern is loaded with provisions and medicine supplies ready to proceed to stricken Messina. The king was greatly pleased and said the Americans were always first. Thirteen thousand draftees have arrived at Naples, of whom 6000 are injured. The United States gunboat Scorpion left Naples today carrying supplies, principally sterilized milk, for distribution at Messina, under the direction of the American consulate.

Spend Winter in California.
Mrs. D. T. Lawton and her son, Leon, will leave Medford Tuesday, for Azusa, Cal., where they will spend the remainder of the winter. Mrs. Lawton will be joined at the above named place by her daughter, Mrs. Forbes, who has been at Ann Arbor, Mich., for several months,

and whose health has not been at all good since she went there. Mrs. Forbes will leave Ann Arbor on January 9. Her husband, Dr. Forbes, will remain in Ann Arbor and finish his postgraduate course at the University. Azusa, where these people will remain for several months, is only about twelve miles from Los Angeles, but it is high up in the mountains.

Talent to Have Band.

Talent is bound to have all the good things she can. The latest project is the organizing of a band. Since the arrival of the family of N. O. Powers, nearly every one of whom is an accomplished musician, the music lovers have gotten together and discovered that Talent has good material to form a band that will be second to none in the state. Nearly every prospective member has at some time or other been an excellent performer on band instruments of some kind, and in instances have proven their proficiency.

About twenty of the young men have signified their willingness to go into the organization and as soon as the details of the plan are perfected the organization will be made.—Talent Roster.

Carpenters Install New Officers.

Local union 1840, U. B. of C. & J. of A., held their semi-annual installation of officers Saturday night, January 2. The following officers were installed: President, F. Poole, vice-president, O. W. Murphy; recording secretary, C. E. Latherman; financial secretary, J. L. Wanderly; treasurer, J. L. Demmer; cond., G. W. Shirley; warden, Fred Burk; trustees, W. L. Miller, Harry White; auditors, A. D. Kane, G. W. Shirley, George Williams.

After installation there was a banquet in which all members enjoyed themselves and had a good time generally.

Mrs. Alma Bullock

Mrs. Alma Bullock, wife of Mr. W. R. Bullock, died at her home on Roosevelt avenue Friday morning, January 1, aged 39 years, 11 months and 3 days. Funeral services will be held at the late residence at 1:30 p. m. today, Rev. G. L. Hall officiating.

Eagle Point Apples Good.

A carload of Eagle Point apples recently sold on the New York market for \$3.25 per box. They were of the Spitzenburg variety.—Oregon Agriculturist.

SHINGLE MILL BURNED.

Largest in World, Situated at Bellingham, Wash.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 4.—The plant of the Puget Sound Mills & Timber company, the biggest shingle mill in the world, burned tonight. The loss is estimated at \$415,000, with insurance of \$150,000. W. L. Cleveland, a saw filer, was burned to death and several other persons had narrow escapes. The fire started from a hot box and spread with fearful rapidity before a fierce wind. The automatic sprinkler checked the fire for a time, but the fire department was hampered in its fight by the lack of water pressure, and when a good supply was secured it was too late to check the flames. The firemen worked frantically and saved much valuable adjoining property. The mill property was owned by Michael Earles of Seattle and Thomas Earles of this city. The latter declined to state tonight whether the mill would be rebuilt or not.

FINCH SENTENCED.

Murderer of Ralph Fisher to Be Hanged February 5.
PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 4.—James A. Finch, the lawyer, convicted of murdering Ralph Fisher, prosecutor of the Oregon Bar association, was today sentenced by Judge Bronaugh to be hanged in the state penitentiary at Salem on February 5. As the words passed Judge Bronaugh's lips, Finch sank into his chair on the verge of a nervous collapse.

THE MAIL FOR NEWS.

New Phone Company at Grants Pass.

The Citizens' Telephone company was recently organized in this city and articles of incorporation filed on December 23. E. A. Marsh, a gentleman of wide experience in organizing independent lines throughout the west, is at the head of the new company. The officers are E. A. Marsh, president; Arthur Conklin, vice-president and secretary, and Marcus Robbins, treasurer. The same persons constitute the board of directors or trustees. The capital stock of the company is \$30,000, and the object is to put in an independent system in this city and to gradually extend both north and south to connect with other independent lines. Franchises will be asked of both the city and county. Plans have been made for a building, but no site has been secured as yet.—Rogue River Courier.

Lost Their Opportunities.

There were 829 hunters' licenses issued by the county clerk during the year 1908, the fees amounting to \$1057, and 69 marriage licenses, the fees amounting to \$207.

The marriage licenses issued during 1907 also numbered 69, which shows