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COMICE PEARS \$9.20 A BOX

PEARS FROM HOVER'S WIN ALL RECORDS

Once More are Previous High Prices Smashed by Rogue River Valley Fruit.

Comice pears at \$9.20 a box! Again has the world's record price for Comice pears been broken by Rogue River valley fruit, this time by the product of G. A. Hover's orchard, south of Medford, near Phoenix.

Returns have just been received from fancy fruit shipped October 5 from Medford by J. A. Perry, manager of the Rogue River Fruit Growers' association. The pears were kept in storage and sold at auction last week, grossing \$4.60 a half box, or \$9.20 a full box, the highest price ever received for even this high-priced fruit.

It was thought two months ago when Comice pears from G. A. Morse's orchard brought \$8.40 a box that the top notch had been reached, but even this has now been passed. The record for a carload still remains with the Lewis orchard, which is \$4622.80. One from the J. W. Perkins orchard grossed \$4558.

The record-smashing began with the first shipment of the year, when F. L. Tou Velle beat the record with \$8.10 a box. Then C. H. Lewis got \$8.20. Then G. A. Morse \$8.40.

If there were any more pears to market, the price would climb still higher, in spite of financial stringencies and bankers' panics.

LARGE DIVIDENDS BY BIG SYSTEMS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The Pennsylvania railroad, which operates the Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburgh, today raised the dividend from a 6 to a 7 per cent basis and declared the semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent, the last semi-annual dividend having been 3 per cent.

Directors of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis company today declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on preferred and 2 per cent on common. The Lehigh Railroad company today declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent and an extra dividend of 1 per cent on common stock. The usual semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent on common stock was the same as declared at the last dividend meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stangell were down from Jacksonville Saturday.

HOT TIME IN COUNCIL WHICH DECIDES NOT TO ELECT A NEW MAYOR

Clash Between Factions and Bitter Words Passed--Reddy Explains His Position--Does Not Care for Office But Will Fight For Rights--New Water Rate Ordinance is Passed--New License Law.

There was a display of fireworks at the city council last night, and a division of the rival factions that seek control—a show-down that forced a lineup and put every councilman on record. Messrs. Eifert, Osenbrugge and Trowbridge made a determined effort to have the election call include the election of a mayor next month, so declaring Mayor Reddy's term expired. Messrs. Hafer, Otwell and Barkdall opposed the move and Mayor Reddy cast the deciding vote against it. Acrimonious speeches were made on both sides.

Election Call Issued.
The election call was issued for three councilmen, a city recorder and a city treasurer, but not for a mayor. If the councilmen still wish to vote for a new mayor, all that has to be done is to bring mandamus proceedings and secure a ruling from the court upon the legality of the proceedings.

The fun began when City Attorney Withington read his opinion, prepared at the request of certain councilmen, dealing with the legal phases of the case. He cited various supreme court rulings and held that, under the city charter, Mayor Reddy was elected for a two-years' term.

Attorneys Disagree.
Councilman Osenbrugge stated that he had been appointed a committee of one to secure opinions from all members of the local bar on the length of the present mayor's term. Attorneys Vawter, Purdin and Pentz held that Mayor Reddy was elected for two years' term. Attorneys Crowell and Phipps held that he was elected for one year only. Another attorney, whose name he withheld, advised bringing the matter into the courts by including the election of a mayor in the call.

Councilman Eifert had also consulted an attorney, whom he afterwards admitted was Deputy District Attorney Clarence Reames, who, he stated, held that Reddy's term expired January 1. City Attorney Withington stated that Mr. Reames told him that he had refused an opinion unless paid for it, and had advised as the best way to settle the question, the omission of the mayor from the call and mandamus proceedings by a candidate. This would immediately secure a decision of the involved points.

Mayor Reddy's Position.
"This point was settled before my election," said Mayor Reddy. "A two-years' term was definitely agreed to by the previous council and was so stated in the election call last year.

Otherwise I would have refused to be a candidate.

"Now, I'm a good deal like the poor preacher with ten children. He wouldn't give ten cents for another child, but he wouldn't take a million dollars for any one of his ten.

"I wouldn't give a cent to be mayor, and wouldn't take \$10,000 to again be a candidate. It is a constant sacrifice of time and labor, a perpetual making of enemies, a thankless task. But, having been elected for two years,"—and here the mayor's eyes flashed—"I wouldn't take \$10,000 and get out before my term expires."

"I was elected mayor for two years, and will be mayor for two years, and if alive a year from tonight, will still be mayor, presiding over this council."

Mayor Casts Deciding Vote.
On Eifert's motion, seconded by Trowbridge, the call for the election of mayor or was voted on, resulting in a tie. The mayor cast the deciding vote against it. Eifert first protested, claiming that the mayor could not vote upon a subject in which he was personally interested. City Attorney Withington stated that there was nothing in the charter so stating and that the council had never adopted any parliamentary rules.

An amendment was then offered by Eifert to a motion for an election call so as to include the office of mayor. The amendment was defeated, Mayor Reddy casting the deciding vote. Eifert again protested. The election call with the exception of mayor was then passed by the same vote that defeated the amendment. Hafer, Otwell, Barkdall and Reddy voting aye, Eifert, Osenbrugge and Trowbridge voting no.

Compliments Exchanged.
Mayor Reddy then made a few remarks as follows: "Some of us, elected to look after the city's interests, are losing sight of the public welfare through petty grudges and animosities. We ought all of us to be broad gauge enough to drop our personal quarrels and dislikes and work in harmony for Medford's advance. We are losing valuable time and should drop present tactics."

Councilman Eifert took exception to the mayor's remarks, which he deemed "insulting," and said that he had a perfect right to act as he thought right and to follow the city's charter as it appeared to him.

Councilman Osenbrugge also grilled the mayor, who, he said, was a "great disappointment" to him. He accused him of neglecting the city's interests by frequent absence from the city and challenged comparison between the attendance at council meetings of those who voted with him and those who sustained the mayor. "Those remarks came with a very poor grace from you," concluded the indignant councilman.

The mayor replied that Osenbrugge was as big a disappointment as councilman to him as he was as mayor to Osenbrugge. Then the council got down to business again.

Licenses Are Fixed.
An ordinance fixing licenses in the city was passed. A three-ring circus must hereafter pay \$50 for one performance and \$75 for two. Street hawkers must pay \$10 per day, and fortune tellers \$5 per day. No license was put upon the amusements at the opera house, though.

Water Rents Raised.
The ordinance fixing water rates was passed. A minimum of \$1 is placed for all consumers. Special rates of \$1 for the first barber chair and 50 cents for additional chairs in made barbers, with \$1.25 for each bath. A rate of \$5 is made hotels, \$3 in made restaurants, 15 cents per lamp in addition to family rates made boarding houses, \$2.50 made saloons, 45 made livery stables, \$2.50 made feed yards, \$2 made breweries, \$1.50 dental rooms and \$2.50 photo-

DE ROBOAM LOSES CASE OVER HOTEL

Decision Affects Ownership of United States Hotel at Jacksonville Other Court Cases.

The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of Jean St. Luc De Roboam vs. Augustine Schmidting, appellant, in which the United States hotel was involved. The decision was reversed in favor of Schmidting, overruling that made by Judge Hanna about three years ago.

A rehearing was denied in the case of Seot vs. White, from Jackson county, and Kramer vs. Wilson, Josephine county. The cases of Rolla S. Knapp, appellant, vs. William, Camp et al., and Robert Brown vs. G. W. Irwin, appellant from Josephine, were affirmed.

The case of R. D. Hume vs. Nellie Burns and 27 others, appellants from Curry county, for trespassing on fishery, was affirmed.

The following business was transacted at circuit court Tuesday at Jacksonville:

Circuit Court Cases.
Iowa Lumber company vs. J. D. Hooker; demurrer overruled.

Charles H. Hasley vs. Gertrude Murphy; demurrer overruled.

State of Oregon vs. Charity Halley; plead guilty to charge of keeping disorderly house and fined \$200 and costs.

Edward Warner vs. Frank and Rosa Pool; dismissed.

Alice A. Parker vs. Charles A. Hooper; trial set for Thursday, December 19, at 1 o'clock.

State of Oregon vs. James Page; plead not guilty and trial set for December 18, at 10 o'clock.

Simon R. Lane vs. E. B. Jennings; judgment for plaintiff.

Box of Choice Apples Given Kruttschnitt

Head Harriman Official Given Fancy Fruit by Commercial Club, Together With Pamphlet of Medford and the Rogue River Valley.

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of all the Harriman lines, passed north in his private car, Gundaloupe, last night.

The Medford Commercial club had on hand a box of very choice Spitzberg apples, which were placed aboard with the "compliments of the Medford Commercial club," also a few copies of the Medford pamphlet. As the car pulled by the depot, the occupants could be seen busy poring over the pamphlet, and from Grants Pass the following telegram was sent:

"On line Grants Pass, Dec. 17.—Medford Commercial Club, Medford, Or.: I thank you very much for the box of beautiful Rogue river apples and appreciate highly your thoughtful courtesy in remembering me.

"J. KRUTTSCHNITT."

Mr. Kruttschnitt has probably 25,000 miles of railroad under his supervision.

graph galleries. Rent becomes delinquent on the 10th of every month, and there is a dollar penalty for cutting off and turning on the water.

School House Petition.
The new rates will stop a loss of about \$600 per month in the water department and make it self-sustaining, thereby relieving taxpayers of a heavy burden.

The petition from the school board for a high school site on the city park was referred to the finance committee.

J. W. Opp, manager of the Opp (No. 1) school house, has been in Medford several times lately.

ASHLAND GOES DRY BY 81 MAJORITY; EGGLESTON RE-ELECTED RECORDER

Five Saloons Must Close Depriving City of Four Thousand Dollars Annual Revenue: Higher Taxes Follow--Bitter Fight Waged Upon Eggleston Who is Triumphant by Big Vote--Loomis Chosen Mayor

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 18.—Ashland went dry yesterday by 81 majority, the vote being 373 for license and 454 against license, the largest majority yet scored on this issue. This closes five saloons at an annual license of \$4000. The present high license regime succeeded prohibition two years ago. Many of the prominent high license advocates during the day declared they would vote for a "dry" county in June if Ashland went "dry" this time.

The fight on recorder was warmly contested, the issue being waged on Captain M. F. Eggleston's personality and record for the past two years, the opposition charging that through his superior attainments he had been exercising an undue influence over the deliberations of the city council where by sewer extensions, opening of new streets, street paving and public works generally were being rushed faster than was warranted, and water rents were collected more arbitrarily than a private corporation would do.

Fight on Eggleston.
Recorder Eggleston made the fight on his record and the result was highly gratifying to his supporters. Ex-Mayor

D. B. Grant, at present under-sheriff under D. H. Jackson, was put forward by the opposition and supported vigorously by them. Eggleston's majority of 299 over Grant is practically an endorsement of the progressive policy of the city councils for the past two years and the new administration will push along public works more rapidly than ever before the coming year, applying the Baneroff act and provisions in the city charter to secure the revenue.

Loomis Chosen Mayor.
For mayor, W. F. Loomis was elected by 7 majority over Charles H. Gillette, and the new councilmen elected are R. M. Snell in the Third ward, Charles Stennett and G. W. Benedict in the First ward and C. Winnifham in the Second ward. The holdovers are Ira Shoudy and Dr. Bowersox. G. G. Eabanks was re-elected city treasurer without opposition.

The total vote cast in the city was 864, which is reported to be the largest vote ever polled. It will require an extra one and one-half mill tax levy to replace the \$4000 license revenue, and the council has practically decided on putting it on.

JAPS FEAR FLEET MAY REVIVE RIOTS

TOKIO, Dec. 18.—The Jiji in an editorial leader tomorrow will say that it does not think that the dispatch of the American fleet to the Pacific is intended as a threat to Japan. The paper states that the American fleet will receive a cordial reception should it visit Japan. It expresses, as its only fear, that the dispatch of the fleet may tend to encourage the anti-Japanese feeling on the Pacific coast and lead to a repetition of the regrettable incidents that occurred in San Francisco. The Jiji's opinion is almost universally shared here.

DARROW'S ILLNESS MAY EFFECT TRIAL.

BOISE, Dec. 18.—The continued illness of Clarence Darrow may cause a delay in the Pettibone trial. This announcement was made by Edgar Wilson of counsel for the defense, when the trial was resumed this morning.

NOTICE

The Medford Automobile company, a copartnership, composed of George H. Merritt, A. W. Walker and J. Elmhirst, all of Medford, has disbanded copartnership. George H. Merritt takes all of the accounts and has exclusive right to collect outstanding accounts, and agrees to pay and assume all the outstanding debts of the copartnership.

J. A. ELMHIRST,
A. W. WALKER,
G. H. MERRITT.

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CITY NOTICE

The city council at its meeting held on December 13, 1907, instructed the recorder to purchase house numbers and to furnish the same to all property owners at as near cost as it was possible. The numbers can be had from the city recorder about December 29. The recorder will also furnish the correct number for each lot.

BENJ. M. COLLINS,
Recorder.

SALE OF MUNICIPAL BONDS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at the office of the city recorder of said city, until Friday, January 10, 1908, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the purchase of \$25,000 in ten-year, 5 per cent coupon bonds of said city, in denominations of \$500 each, interest payable semi-annually. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount of such bid, payable to the city of Medford, and said city council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, December 11, 1907.

BENJ. M. COLLINS,
City Recorder.

CATALOG HOUSES ARE NOT MERCHANT TAILORS

They drain the towns of money and neither give the fit, style nor distinction to your clothes that your own city tailor can.

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY

The clothes I make are the kind that "carry distinction," that bespeak the man, that keeps your money at home and are superior in every detail to the "sweatshop" goods of catalogue houses.

KEEP YOUR MONEY AT HOME
EIFERT FRENCH DRY CLEANING AND REPAIRING NEATLY DONE
The City Tailor Medford

HASKINS' DRUG STORE.

Leon B. Haskins.

AT HASKINS'

Have you done your Christmas shopping? If not, come and let us assist you in getting just the present you want. It will be sure to please.

How would a nice Parker fountain pen do, or a beautiful box of stationery, and let me say that the quality of the paper is just as good or better correspondingly as the box is beautiful.

If you really want to please somebody, give them a pyrograph outfit; can give you a very neat set for \$2.50.

Toilet and manicure sets, perfumes, mirrors, cigars, Gillett safety razors, tobacco jars, etc., are always appropriate.

I would a great deal rather show them to you than tell you about them. Come before they are all picked over. Remember.

HASKIN'S FOR HEALTH