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Coming Attractions.

Tonight—"The Toymaker."
January 3—"Why Girls Leave Home."
January 6—"A Girl of the Streets."
January 8—"Are You Crazy?"

OFFICIALS SHOULD ASK IT.

If you were running a business, handling tens of thousands of dollars a year, would you let your clerks go along collecting and disbursing the cash for years without checking them up? If you did, you wouldn't have any business left after the course of a few years.

Yet this is exactly what you are doing when, as a taxpayer, you let twenty years drag along without more than a casual inspection of the county books. How do you know what condition they are in?

One thing nearly every taxpayer does know, and that is, there is a sad muddle somewhere. Many taxpayers have been asked to pay taxes twice, and many, after paying, have been notified that they were on the delinquent list.

How much money has been received by the county from taxes and how much of the listed amount that should be collected has been collected, and how much uncollected? What has become of the money?

All these things every taxpayer is entitled to know. He is entitled to the protection of having an accounting by experts every year or two. No one can find any objection to such an inspection, least of all the county officials, if they are honest and capable.

It is to be hoped that these public servants, in order to silence gossip, will themselves petition the county court to place a competent expert upon their books, so that all may go before the people and ask re-election on the ground that a faithful servant is worth while, regardless of his political complexion.

A CRITIC ANSWERED.

"At least one Southern Oregon editor has discovered that it doesn't pay to lambast grand juries and the district attorney. This person is Geo. Putnam, the bombastic pencil pusher of the Medford Tribune, who spent one night in jail and whose troubles are probably not yet over, for having severely criticized and impugning the motives of the said public officials. Putnam is finding that experience is indeed a dear teacher, and he will doubtless profit by his encounter with the wheels of justice."

This clarion call that sounds like the hasty crowing of a capon, is from that choice collection of boiler plate, reprint and twaddle dished up to the good people of Grants Pass once in a week under the name of the Rogue River Courier. Occasionally a news item struggles into its columns that hasn't seen the light of day elsewhere, but only occasionally. On matters of public interest and on local news it has the consistency of a bowl of mush and is as firm as a jelly fish.

Who is the use of such a paper? What does it stand for; what does it battle for; what does it amount to, save as a cheap sheet? It slobbers silly over everything and goes ingratiatingly over backyards, subscribers, and favors foolishly over officials and lawmakers—anything to get local pennies. Grafters might steal the city hall and courthouse, "blind tigers" might be dragged from his protection high, and the rights of a taxpayer might be trampled into the sticks on the hillside, and the readers of this journalistic apology would never hear of it, for it would still enjoy its slumber.

If the Rip Van Winkle who penned the above had but sense enough to know and realize it, the fight that the Tribune is making for freedom of the press in this trumped up libel suit, brought to satisfy the grudge of a grand jury stung by a just criticism and the editor's forced imprisonment, to gratify the spleen of a sheriff who hides behind his office to avenge personal grievances, is in reality the editor's fight as well as the fight of every other newspaper in Southern Oregon. If The Tribune loses its battle for the freedom of the press, every paper in Southern Oregon loses, for the power and prestige of every paper will be crippled. And to limit the power of the press is to limit the power of the people.

By the way, it would not be a bad idea to make aspirants stand an examination in grammar before assuming the prerogative of writing the good editor after their names. Even the mail carriers here, in the government employ, and city officials sometimes, whose offenses against the English language are unpardonable, parade before the public.

Mrs. Minnie Wilson returned this morning from Woodville, Or., where she has been visiting relatives for the past week.

TROLLEY LINE STARTS PORTLAND TO SALEM

Beginning with January 1, the Southern Pacific will have competition in the Willamette Valley between Salem and Portland, for on that day the Oregon Electric Railway will begin the operation of its interurban electric railway between these two points.

This announcement was made today by officials of the Oregon Electric company. Only one car a day in each direction will be operated for a few days, then the service will be increased to two cars each way and by the end of the month it is said four cars each way between Salem and Portland will be in operation. On February 1 the service will be increased to eight trains a day in each direction, the first of which will leave Portland at 6:20 in the morning and the last at 8:15 in the evening.

PROHIBITION DOES NOT STOP SALE OF BOOZE

Though prohibition went into effect in Tillamook county three years ago, and carried again last year, a writer in the Herald says that people drink as much there now as ever. On the last trip of the Elmore, he says, there were 27 barrels of beer consigned to local parties besides kegs of liquid refreshment, and there may have been as many more boxes containing smaller shipments of the brew of hops. The 27 barels contained about 500 gallons of beer. The whisky and wine shipments this week alone would give everybody in Tillamook one glorious week's jag. The Herald representative counted no less than 35 boxes of booze consigned to local people. There was enough in those boxes alone, we have since figured out, to give every person in Tillamook county the jim-jams if divided up and taken in one dose.

ASHLAND STREETS WORST ROADS IN THE COUNTRY

The recent heavy storms have made the country roads unusually "bad," but travelers by team report that the very worst stretch of road for hauling and driving into Ashland from the north is found within the city limits on North Main street, the city's main thoroughfare, says the Ashland Tidings. The heavy hauling from the rock crusher plant has contributed its share to a condition of affairs which is not only disgraceful but is a menace to the country trade that comes in from the north. Let us hope for the good name of the city and the protection of its business interests that North Main street will get a little long needed attention in city street improvement work during the coming year.

OLD MAN DROPS DEAD WHILE WALTZING IN HOTEL

C. C. Heinrichsen, a German, 75 years old, who has been engaged in gardening in Klamath Falls for six years, fell dead Friday evening in the parlor of a hotel in that city while waltzing at the marriage feast of a friend, Henry Janssen. Deceased was a bachelor, held in high esteem in the community for diligence and frugality. By a will made about ten days ago he bequeathed all of his property, real and personal, to Alex Martin, Jr., cashier of the Klamath County bank.

WOOD IS PLENTIFUL IN EASTERN OREGON

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 31.—All fear of a wood famine in Eastern Oregon has been dispelled and wood prices have lowered from $1 to $1.50 per cord within the past few days. There are now over 7000 cords stored on the dumps in the Blue mountains, and with the entire half gone there is every prospect of being a surplus for the year. Two woodchoppers are at work in the mountains now, although the prices paid for cutting run from $1.50 to $2 per cord.

QUENBRUGGE BAYS FINE FOR LOSING TEMPER

For losing his temper and striking the editor of The Tribune, P. Quenbrugge, president of the city council, yesterday afternoon was fined $10 by City Recorder Collins for assault, which he promptly paid. Putnam refused to file a complaint or appear as a witness against the councilman, who was arrested by Chief of Police Tarpin.

New Hunters' License Needed.

On January 1 hunters' licenses for the state of Oregon expire, and now licenses costing $1 will be demanded. The greatest call for game licenses comes to the county clerk's office in September and October.

Notice.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club will meet Monday afternoon, December 30, at the Commercial club room.

By order of
MRS. H. A. LUMSDEN,
President.

Coal for Sale.

We are now prepared to furnish hand picked coal at the mine, five miles east of town, to any amount desired $7.50 per ton.

tf PACIFIC COAL CO.

Mrs. T. E. Reynolds returned this morning from Santa Ana, Cal., where she has been visiting with her parents for the past two months.

DOUBLE WEDDING IS CELEBRATED AT ASHLAND

There was a double wedding in Ashland last Thursday afternoon, at the Pratt residence on Gresham street. The happy couples were C. Roy Hamilton, a prominent stockgrower of Loveland, Colo., and Miss Nora D. Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pratt of this city, and Charles L. Spindler, an employe of the Ashland Ice & Storage Company, and Miss Katie M. Goble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goble, of this city. Messrs. Glen Conwell and Manly Brower acted as groomsmen, and Misses Lottie Crews and Ruby Russell as bridesmaids. The bridal party entered the room while the wedding march from Lohengrin was being played by Mrs. Van Fossen. The double knot was tied with simple but impressive ceremony by the Rev. H. G. Van Fossen, of the M. E. church, in the presence of a company of 20 relatives and friends who extended their heartiest congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton left on the evening northbound train for Portland and Eastern Oregon and thence to their future Colorado home. Mr. and Mrs. Spindler went to housekeeping at once in their comfortable cottage on Liberty street.—Asland Tidings.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

FIRST-CLASS Japanese cook wishes situation. Address Cook, Tribune. 50

FOR SALE—Town lots, good location, $50 each; terms. Page & Lawton. 267

FOR SALE—One glass show case, 8 feet long, nearly new; cheap. Lindley & Lindley. tf

WANTED—All kinds of second hand goods at the Woods building near Hubbard's Lindley & Lindley. tf

FOR SALE—Fine lots, good soil, excellent building ground, 12th and I sts. See owner, Prof. M. B. Signs. tf

FOR RENT—Gentleman wanted for nicely furnished room, near in. Apply at Hotel Moore. tf

FOR EXCHANGE—Medford property for other property. Adrdess Lock Box 418, Medford, Or. tf

A WELL ESTABLISHED retail business for sale in Medford. Address P. O. Box 716, or inquire Tribune office. tf

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished rooms; electric lights. Inquire of Mrs. Addie Rigsby, West Seventh st., in the White bldg. 252

FOR SALE—Two young fresh milch cows. Apply to W. M. Denton, old Central Point road, N. C. st., ½ mile from postoffice. 235

FOR SALE—One acre, west of Medford city limits; price $200, payable $10 down and $10 a month, without interest. Address P. O. Box 571, Medford, Oregon. *78

FOR SALE—Before buying nursery or ornamental stock call and see G. F. Linxwiler, North C street, or address him Box 114, Medford, Or., and get lowest prices. 249

LOST—Out on the streets of Medford, pocketbook containing $10 or $15 in cash and two or three checks; also two small gold nuggets. D. T. Lawton. tf

FOR SALE—New residence, just completed, second block west of high school, West Seventh street; fine colonial interiar; cheap if sold soon. Inquire Tribune office. tf

WANTED—Housework or window cleaning by day or hour; bamboo furniture made to order; art work repairing. A. Tatsumi, Seventh st., near bridge. tf

FOR SALE—At a bargain, ninety acres of the choicest fruit land in Rogue river valley, rich soil, all level, well watered, good six room house, good barn, three good wells, abundance of water. All under cultivation ready for orchard. Intending purchasers should see this place before purchasing. Geo. Mims, Nash Hotel, Medford, Or. 174tf

FOR RENT—Newly furnished rooms by day, week or month. The Odell, over postoffice, Medford, Or. tf

NURSERY STOCK—All kinds of fruit trees, both large and small fruits, standard varieties of apples and pears and peaches, including Newtown and Spitzenberg apples; a full line of up-to-date nursery stock, in large or small lots; also all kinds of ornamental trees and shrubbery, at my residence in South Medford, having just received a large shipment, am prepared to fill orders immediately. Inquire at Warner's Store. L. B. Warner, Sr., Medford, Or. tf

RANCHES FOR RENT

Grain, Alfalfa and Stock Ranches.

DR. C. H. RAY,
Medford, Or.

Begin the New Year IN THE RIGHT WAY By Building

A good start means much to you. Get off on the right foot and keep going. Don't continue to throw money away by paying rent, when you can own your own home. How much did you pay out for rent during 1907? Stop and figure it out. What have you got to show for it? Nothing but a bunch of receipts. Suppose you had put this money into building a home and buying a lot? You'd have something to show for your coin, wouldn't you? The same thing holds true in the coming year. Are you going to waste your mazuma all year, and have 1908 net you nothing but a living? Ask your wife about it, and see what she says.

Building is going to be cheaper this year than ever. You can buy practically at your own terms. We sell all kinds of lumber—everything needed in any kind of a house from a small cabin to a palatial mansion. We also sell Booth-Kelly lumber.

Iowa Box and Lumber Co.

GET UNDER COVER

It's a good idea for everybody to get under cover in Medford, including the city council, and we are here to furnish you the

BEST PROPERTY IN MEDFORD

for the least money. If you are a stranger in Medford, you can't afford to lose money by boarding with your family at a hotel. The business man's way of doing is to buy a nice cheap tract and build a nice house while the present financial situation continues. It's a fact that you can build cheaper now than you could a month ago; or, better yet,

BUY A CHEAP HOME CLOSE IN TO A BUSINESS CENTER

and watch it grow into more money before spring. We are prepared to equip all homeseekers with desirable homes at a low figure. Now is the time to buy, save rent and make money by the advance in price.

Rogue River Land Co.

EXHIBIT BUILDING. MEDFORD, OREGON.

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 HOME **EIFERT** FRENCH DRY CLEANING AND REPAIRING NEATLY DONE

The City Tailor Medford

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tonight's the night you try to blow the end out of a horn in order to celebrate the New Year and tomorrow is the day you go on the water wagon. If you're going to turn over a new leaf and do all your trading at this store next year, come in this evening and get better acquainted and have a glass of that good mountain cider the old man has opened up for all our customers. He isn't much of a hand to get out in front and give the glad hand to folks, but he wants every one to know that we appreciate their trade, and we'll do our level best to earn the continued approbation of those who love good things to eat. So, Happy New Year! And don't forget the good cider on tap all day tomorrow.

Miller & Ewbank

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.

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