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Coming Attractions.

January 6—"A Girl of the Streets."
January 8—"Are You Crazy?"

A SLOPPY SYSTEM.

Under the present system of running affairs in Jackson county, the taxpayers can know but little of what is going on. County books are never examined and only the most superficial examinations made. Taxpayers are frequently notified to pay taxes twice, money sent for taxes is sometimes applied on the wrong property and land on which taxes have been paid and receipts given placed on the delinquent tax list.

To still further complicate the situation, the legislature at its last session passed a bill abolishing the publication of delinquent tax lists, so that a property owner henceforth has no method of knowing whether he is on the delinquent list, except by personal inquiry. When the bookkeeping is faulty, as it is frequently, any one can sneak up to the office of the sheriff, quietly pay the listed tax arrears on any given parcel and thus secure a secret claim on the property, with the chance of securing a deed at the end of two years, while the owner receives no official notice that his land is in peril.

If county accounts are regularly checked up by an expert in a business-like manner there will at least be partial protection for taxpayers. The amount of money received, the amount expended and other details should be made known.

Careless and slipshod methods of bookkeeping are responsible for most of the shortages reported in county officials' offices. Once in a while there is a crooked official who makes a clean-up, but most of the delinquencies are due to incompetence rather than to intentional wrongdoing.

Officials are usually elected on account of popularity rather than for their competence. The half-fellow well met is the vote-getter. The quiet, orderly, methodical man of business is hopelessly out of the running. Hence it follows that a majority of office holders are good-natured, easy-going individuals without special training, whose carelessness is responsible for shortages that creep in.

But the effect on the taxpayer is the same, whether his money be stolen or lost by incompetence. It is therefore a matter of public interest that regular inspection be made by experts.

A case in point is that of H. L. Wilcox, who for twelve years was sheriff of Gilliam county, and one of the most popular men in the county. No inspection was made of his books through these years. Finally an expert checked up accounts and the office was found \$12,000 shy, due entirely to sloppy methods, not to crookedness.

What would be the condition revealed in Jackson county, where for over twenty years there has not been an expert placed on the books? Do you not think it high time for such a move?

OREGON'S OLDEST WOMAN CROSSES GREAT DIVIDE

"Grandma" Mary Ramsey Wood, who was 129 years old May 20, 1907, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Reynolds, in Hillsboro, January 1. The cause of her death was general debility. Mary Ramsey Wood was the daughter of a brickmason, Richard Ramsey, and was born at Knoxville, Tenn., May 20, 1787. At the age of 12 years she joined the Methodist Episcopal church. She married Jacob Lemons in 1804, and bore the following children: Mary Jane Lemons, born in 1800, died 1904; Isaac Lemons, born in 1800 and died 1880; Mrs. Nancy Lemons, born in 1805 and died 1875; and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, born in 1810 and at whose home the aged woman has resided for many years.

LADD WILL PAY ALL FAILED BANK DEPOSITORS

W. M. Ladd has agreed to guarantee payment of deposits of the Title Guarantee & Trust bank in two and three years with 4 per cent interest. He is expected to reach an agreement with the American Surety company today. This will complete the guarantee and satisfy all parties.

He will take over all the assets of the failed bank and pay deposits of \$700 or less in two years and larger deposits in three years.

Such was Mr. Ladd's offer to the depositors' committee, and it was accepted. The committee had asked the payment of \$100 deposits or less in 60 days.

This agreement will require payment of \$400,000 within two years, and in addition, \$100,000 to the First National bank and \$50,000 to Ladd & Tilton, these latter sums having been advanced to the tottering bank just before its fall.

Society Notes

The firemen's ball at Jacksonville New Year's eve proved to be a delightful affair in every respect. Though not as large a crowd was present as usual, on account of the "Toymaker" being played in Medford the same night, all present seemed to enjoy selves to the utmost and pronounced themselves well pleased. Mrs. Elmer served a delicious supper in the I. O. O. F. hall.

The Eastern Star held an interesting session last Thursday evening, when Mrs. Ray L. Sherwin of Ashland installed the officers for the ensuing year. A number of out-of-town "Stars" were present and a delightful supper was served at the close of the evening. Among the out-of-town people were Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Norcross and Mr. and Mrs. Leover of Central Point, Mrs. C. T. Taylor, Mrs. A. S. Rosenbaum and Miss Bernice Cameron of Medford and Mrs. Robert Cameron of Uniontown.

Miss Margaret Linn of Portland and Mrs. George Linn and daughter, of Eugene, who have been spending their holidays at the home of D. Linn of this place, returned to their respective homes Friday.

Miss Maude Prim spent a few hours in Medford Friday.

Miss Leola Farland, who has been teaching in the public school at Medford for a number of months, left for Everett, Wash., Thursday evening, where she has accepted a more lucrative position.

Mrs. Ella Cook is visiting Mrs. Blaine Klum of Medford this week.

Wentonka Social club gave another of its popular dancing parties during the past week. A large number attended and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Many of Medford's fraternal societies are electing and installing officers and social sessions are held on the nights of installation, which are generally well attended and pleasant affairs, and include banquets. Our city has many fraternal orders, nearly all of which are in a flourishing condition.

The Tidings says that Thomas J. Fuson, manager of the Ashland Opera House, was in Medford one day this week and completed arrangements with Hazelrigg & Williams for the production of "The Mascot," a comic opera, in Ashland soon. This play, is considered one of the most pleasing musical attractions. Mr. Hazelrigg has taken pains to assemble the best possible talent in Southern Oregon. The most expensive and elaborate costumes have been secured especially for this production.

The New Year's ball given by the Jacksonville fire department was one of the social events of the season. The attendance was large and nothing had been left undone for the entertainment of the dancers. Superior music was furnished by Noyling's orchestra, while the supper served by Mrs. Elmer could not have been excelled.

The dancing party given at Ruch's hall at Applegate Thursday night was a success in every way. The music and supper is highly spoken of by the many who were in attendance.

Wentonka Tribe will hold a social session this (Saturday) evening, which will also be the occasion of the raising up of the newly elected chiefs. Corn and venison will be dispensed at the conclusion of the business programme. Hon. J. W. Perkins and Mrs. Perkins were in from their Hillcrest orchard Saturday.

Jeff D. Heard left today for a three weeks' trip to New York City and other eastern points. Mrs. Heard and Miss Heard came in from Sterling to see him off.

Edgar Hafer, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever in the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland, is reported much better today. Mrs. Hafer is with him.

Great interest is aroused over the opening of a studio by Mrs. Irene Hampton Isaacs, and the people of Medford are congratulating themselves on having in their midst an artiste of so distinguished ability.

Mrs. Isaacs' talent has received recognition by some of the world's greatest artists. In the east she was given audience by Mme. Bloomfield Zeisler, the most famous living woman pianist; the great Rosenthal accorded her an interview of an hour's length, at which he extended her great encouragement. Her last teacher, Herr Hermann Gens, the president of the California conservatory of music, is lavish in praise of her wonderful achievements, her marvellous technique and musicianly interpretations. For so young an artist and so earnest a worker, the future offers almost unlimited possibilities. That she has decided to give Medford the benefit of her talent and wide musical knowledge is great cause for rejoicing among those interested in this greatest of all arts.

PAYNE IS CHOSEN TO SUCCEED MULKEY

In both faculty and student circles at Ashland normal the news that Clyde A. Payne, of the department of sciences of the Southern Oregon State Normal school, had been designated by the state normal regents to act as president of the school for the remainder of the school year to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of President B. F. Mulkey, was received with peculiar satisfaction. It was felt that no other member of the faculty is quite so well fitted to take up the work and carry it on successfully as Mr. Payne. He is young and vigorous, has excellent executive ability, is in close touch with the students individually and collectively and is exceedingly popular among all. Mr. Payne is a native son of Oregon and while a student at the State university was very prominent in athletics, holding some of the records in field events. He is always prominent in the athletic affairs of the State Normal, with which institution he has been connected, with two exceptions only, longer than any other present member of the faculty. Mr. Payne will undertake the direction of affairs at once.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Commercial club rooms. Subject for January 5, "God." All are welcome.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Antoinette De Pratt to Barrett & Campbell, property on Main street, Ashland \$ 10
E. J. Gilmore to T. P. Doran, 5 E. in township 30, range 1 E. 10
Anna Lane to Elizabeth Wilcox, 20 acres in D. L. C. 79, township 37, range 2 W. 1
L. O. O. F. Lodge of Medford to Anna Lane, lot 1, block 103 Cemetery, Medford
Rebecca M. McLonough to Frank N. Ray, 319.69 acres in D. L. C. 69, township 336, range 2 W. 20,000
C. N. Farmer to B. J. Dreisomer 20 acres in Grouse creek mining district
P. W. Netherland to E. S. Rice, land in D. L. C. 70, township 38, range 1 W. 500
H. J. Van Fossen to A. D. Helman, 20 1/2 acres in section 5, township 39, range 1 E. 700
Grant Rawlings to P. P. Weir, 120 acres in section 20, township 37, range 1 E. lease
Frederika Wolf to Iowa Lumber & Box company, land in section 13, township 34, range 3 E. 30
T. J. Downing to Oscar Hoots, property in Downing's subdivision of Ashland 10
Oscar Hoots to Allen Davis, same as above 200

The Nash Hotel and Grill

Only first-class house in the city. Absolutely the finest grill between Portland and San Francisco. A specialty is made of oysters, shell and other fish. All meats used are cold storage, government inspected. Catering in all its branches.

Watch Meeker & Co.'s Great Dry Goods Store

January has in store great Bargains for many customers.

Watch! Watch!
W. H. MEEKER & CO.

Hotel Nash Grill

Sunday Table d'Hote Dinner, \$1.00

MENU

Blue Point Oysters on Deep-Shell
Essence of Fresh Tomatoes en Tasse
California Olives
Filet of Sea Bass, Parsley Sauce
Potatoes a la Russe Sliced Cucumbers
Braised Calf's Sweetbreads with Green Peas
Broiled Squab/Chicken on Toast
Browned Sweet Potatoes
Asparagus Tips
Hot House Lettuce
Green Apple Pie
Tutti Frutti Ice Cream Fancy Cakes
Coffee

Siskiyou Sparkling Water

F. G. ODELL, Steward.
January 5, 1907

When Will It Appear Again?

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

RANCHES FOR RENT

Grain Alfalfa and Stock Ranches.

DR. C. R. RAY,
Medford, Or.

For City Recorder

Benj. M. Collins
INCUMBENT

Candidate for Re-Election.

Competent, faithful, honest. His record speaks for itself.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of Medford, Or., at its next meeting to be held January 7, 1908, for a license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than a gallon, for a period of six months, at my place of business at lot 14, block 20, Medford, Or.
G. M. GIPSON.

Dated December 28, 1907. 246