

Medford Daily Tribune

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GOOD NEWS FOR MEDFORD.

The purchase of the Pacific & Eastern railroad by Hunt Lewis of Portland and Edgar Hafer of Medford is the best piece of news heard here for many a day.

Both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hafer already have heavy investments in Medford. Both are enterprising, alert and progressive young business men.

The Pacific & Eastern was started as the Medford & Crater Lake railroad by Medford citizens, who pushed the construction to a point where outside capital was interested.

Mr. Lewis comes of one of the first families of Oregon, first in social position, first in wealth, first in enterprise and progress.

The Lord helps those that help themselves. Medford is to have a railroad because Medford men are to build it, and in this Medford will set an example that the rest of the state might well follow.

WHAT THE PRESS THINKS.

At the largest-attended meeting in the history of the organization, the editor of this paper was greeted with cheers and elected vice-president of the Oregon Editorial Association by acclamation at Portland Saturday.

We have reprinted many comments from other newspapers on the now celebrated decision of Judge Hanna and the prosecution by District Attorney Roumes in the Putnam libel case.

It is up to the supreme court to determine whether the court erred in refusing the defendant a chance to prove the truth of his alleged libelous statements, and Mr. Putnam, confident of the result, appeals to the higher tribunal for fair play and a square deal.

PORTLAND RETIRES ALL CLEARING-HOUSE MONEY

In emerging from the recent period of financial depression Portland has added another splendid record over all other cities in the country, in that it is the first one that has completely retired its issue of clearing-house certificates for the payment of exchange between banks.

Portland made its first significant record by being the first to begin payment of balances in gold, the first to begin the retirement of its asset currency, and another record which will stand as a precedent, will be made February 1, when the last of the asset currency will be withdrawn from circulation by the local banks.

TO CUT OREGON INTO TWO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

WASHINGTON, W. D., Jan. 22.—Senator Patton has secured a favorable report on his bill dividing Oregon into two judicial districts, the west of the Cascades, the other east of the mountains. Later by unanimous vote it will be called on and passed pending its bill through the senate.

The bill provides that the judge and officials of the courts of the state shall be appointed by the governor and that the judges shall be elected by the people.

SOCIALISM BY AN ADVOCATE

Priest's Arguments Against Doctrine Answered—The Golden Rule the Chief Principle of New Political Tenet—Why Religion Opposes Reform.

To the Editor.—From the stand you have taken in several matters lately I should judge you to be the right kind and therefore in sympathy with the following:

For the cause that needs assistance, For the wrongs that lack resistance, For the future in the distance And the good that I can do.

It does seem strange that religion in general should be opposed to a movement whose principles are based on the golden rule; and that a Catholic priest should not be able to recognize the fact that the Socialist movement and the church are simply different forms working in the same cause—the betterment of mankind.

Of course, we can easily understand why the reverend father should so emphasize the fact (if it is a fact) that the "property-owners" eschew Socialism. But it's a very poor argument for a priest to make. He, of all men, should be the last to consider the value of this world's goods, and hold them to be greater than the principle of justice and right.

The propertyowners of the south were opposed to the abolition of slavery and so were the Catholic priests in that section of country at that time. But it would be foolish to hold the Catholic priests of today responsible. It is equally foolish to try to hold the Socialists of today responsible for those of the past.

As for the reverend father's reference to the remarks of the early founders of the movement advocating the usefulness of "violence" to establish social reform I believe the church to which the reverend father belongs not only advocated but carried into practice that very same idea in the course of religion many a time.

As for the reverend father's assertion that "Socialism denies the existence of a personal god," it is rather difficult for the ordinary mind to understand what is meant by a "personal god." I guess there are very few of us who haven't at some time or other felt that there is a ruling power in whose hands we are as "clay in the hands of the potter." But what does it matter what we call it as long as we recognize it as infinite goodness in whose cause we are working, either through a Catholic church or a Socialist movement for justice and right?

In the country, in the city, All are chastened by the rod, And that man the most needs pity Who does not believe in God. Catholic priest and Socialist member

Only should together fight, And they will, if both remember Each one battles for the right.

The reverend father seems to think that the question of Socialism embraces "love," and it does—the "love" implied in the golden rule. Any other "love," I am afraid, is above and beyond the dictation of either the Catholic church or a political party, and such being the case, can be set aside as not belonging to the question at issue.

Another assertion of the reverend father is that "Socialism arrests the individual initiative and sets a premium on idleness." That is under Socialism, for instance, Shakespeare would never have produced his immortal plays or Raphael painted his pictures, or Burns written his poems, or Watt produced his steam engine, or Newton discovered the law of gravitation, or Edison invented his phonograph, etc., but would have laid down under a tree and gone to sleep.

The reverend father asks: "Would the good Socialists now talking so much give up their goods to the needy?" No, under Socialism there would be no "needy" that any one need "give up their goods" to.

The reverend father combines an uncertain invitation with a positive assertion toward the end as follows: "If any Socialist is sincere and wants to know more about this impracticable system he will find me at my residence." To begin with, I think it is quite safe to say that "any Socialist" is as "sincere" in the belief of the good of the cause as any Catholic is in the belief of the doctrine of the church.

We quote the last sentence of the reverend father: "With ill will to none and love toward all," and as this is simply another form of the golden rule it proclaims that the reverend father has in him the making of an ideal Socialist.

"The Romance and Mystery of the Great Arabian Desert" Friday night, January 24.

TIME TABLES

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY. Northbound. No. 16 Oregon Express... 5:59 p.m. No. 14 Portland Express... 9:49 a.m. No. 225 For Ashland... 10:15 a.m. Southbound. No. 15 California Express... 10:35 a.m. No. 13 San Francisco Exp... 1:50 p.m. No. 225 From Grants Pass... 9:15 p.m.

PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILWAY. No. 1 Leaves Medford... 8:00 a.m. No. 3 Leaves Medford... 2:45 p.m. No. 2 Arrives Medford... 10:10 a.m. No. 4 Arrives Medford... 5:00 p.m.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY. No. 2 Leaves Medford... 10:40 a.m. No. 4 Leaves Medford... 5:55 p.m. Motor Leaves Medford... 2:00 p.m. Motor Leaves Medford... 9:00 p.m. No. 1 Leaves Jacksonville... 9:30 a.m. No. 3 Leaves Jacksonville... 3:30 p.m. Motor Leaves Jacksonville... 1:00 p.m. Motor Leaves Jacksonville... 7:30 p.m.

Special motor car trips during day, \$2.00 and upwards, according to number people. Phone Jacksonville office.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROOMS TO LET by day, week or month at the Emerick. tf

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

WANTED—To rent a small unfurnished house, electric lights, close in. Call at my office. Dr. R. B. Hamilton. tf

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

WANTED—Girl for general housework; no washing; must room at home. Inquire at Tribune office. tf

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

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

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

FOR SALE—One five-horsepower motor, good as new; take it away for \$75. Peils Elite Laundry, Medford, Or. tf

FOR SALE—50x200-foot lot, 3d lot from cor. 11th and L sts.; a bargain; S. W. Medford. Call any time. W. Vogli, residence.

FOR RENT—Desirable furnished rooms for housekeeping; convenient; for family of three; no children. 307 N. C street. 267

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

SITUATION WANTED—Girl, 15 years old, desires position to do housework or care for children. Address Mrs. W. F. Rogers, Jacksonville. tf

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

WORK WANTED—Japanese contractor can do all kinds of general farming; general helper in all work; town or country. Address A. E. Tatsumi, Gen'l Del., Medford, Or. tf

FOR SALE—One 45-horsepower automatic Russell engine, in first-class shape; look this up, the price will surprise you. Peils Elite Laundry, Medford, Or. tf

FOR RENT—Newly furnished light housekeeping rooms, close to business part of town; bath, hot and cold water, electric light. For terms see Mrs. Joe Thomas, South H st. tf

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. 266

BATHS—Men only; hot air, steam and medicated sea salt, 50c; with massage, \$1.00; good for rheumatism, colds, stiff joints, paralysis, etc.; will purify and tone up generally. Prof. Valeske, A street, corner of 7th st. tf

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

FOR SALE—Having purchased over 500,000 feet of first-class milling logs, we are prepared to furnish first-class lumber of all kinds in any amounts on short notice. If you contemplate building place your order with us; prices very reasonable; dimension and fine finish lumber a specialty. Write or call. Butte Falls Lumber Company, office over Jackson county bank, 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, St. Medford, Or. tf

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Here, the Estate of William Russell, deceased—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of said estate has filed his final account in said matter, and by an order of the county court the final hearing and settlement thereof will be heard on Monday, March 2, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day. All persons interested therein are hereby notified to present their objections to said account on or before said date. Date of first publication January 18, 1908. L. C. NARRISAN, Administrator. 52

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Following 'The Mascot' Friday, the 24th HOMER DAVENPORT

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