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THE WATER PROBLEM.

The new city council has made an excellent start. At its first meeting it ordered the sale of bonds to provide for the new distributing system and got down to business on the water question. Before the summer is here there is every prospect that the new water mains will have been laid. Seventh street paved, and a definite move made for bringing into the city the waters of Butte creek or some other pure water supply.

The new council shows a tendency to eliminate the endless debates over trivialities that hampered and delayed the old body. Harmony seems to prevail, and it should, for those gentlemen are elected to work for the welfare of the city and not to avenge personal grievances.

The one great question before the people of Medford today is an adequate water supply. No matter what the cost, the city never can make a better investment. Medford has reached a point where, if it is to continue its rapid growth, a plentiful supply of pure water must be had. Otherwise, more people will turn away from Medford than can be induced to locate.

Lack of water is the one thing that has hurt Medford most in the past and is hurting it more now, than all other things put together. Fire insurance rates are double what they would otherwise be, and in a hundred different ways the water shortage injures and retards the upbuilding of the city.

Wells were all right when Medford was a village, but if we continue to use well water there will be an awful epidemic of sickness some day, with all the filth of a city draining into the subterranean basin that we draw our supply from. For Medford to depend upon wells will be more backward than to depend upon tallow dips for illumination in this age of electricity, and far more criminal.

Dear creek never was anything more than a makeshift for the city, something to furnish fire protection and to keep vegetation alive, and even for these purposes it has been inadequate.

The people of Medford realize fully the situation. They know that any day a fire might start that would leave the town a heap of charred embers and smoking ash piles. They realize now that a great future lies before the city and that they must build for it, laying the foundations broad and solid; they know that the first question on the lips of every one contemplating migration to another city is about the water supply, and they are willing to vote a big gissue of bonds and to back the council up in every way to secure this water supply.

Before the water question all other municipal problems for Medford pale into insignificance. Settle this problem and the others will settle themselves. And if the present city council does this, it will earn the eternal gratitude of every one in Medford.

We suggest that the Commercial club take up this problem and appoint a committee to work with the council committee and assist it in every way possible in accomplishing the ends sought. It is just as important to keep people after we get them here, as it is to bring them here. The Commercial club has done and is doing great work in bringing people to this city. Now let it assist in keeping them in Medford, which can best be done by the securing of an ample water supply.

A PEOPLE'S FORUM.

This paper is becoming quite a people's forum. All sorts of subjects are discussed by subscribers in its columns and all sorts of opinions given. We are glad to print communications on any topic, but these should not be too long, and the names of the writers should always be given as an indication of good faith, though not necessarily published. We do not want space for any of the opinions expressed.

For some weeks now Socialist discussion has been staged and routine comes the admission that the Socialists are far from the best of the regiment. Why do not some of those who so loudly denounce Socialism give their own name to the public?

Whether dancing is wicked and whether the theater is a device of the devil are other subjects on which controversy is now raging. If you have any opinions on these subjects, or any other, let the world know them. It is far more interesting to know what the people think than what any one man, like an editor, thinks.

CHIEF JUSTICE BEAN ASKS RENOMINATION

Chief Justice H. S. Bean of the superior court has filed his petition declaring himself a candidate for renomination and reelection to the supreme bench.

Recs. Blalock, (Formerly of Tronson & O'Brien's school, 674) has been in Medford several times lately.

THREE MEETINGS AT GRANTS PASS

Poultrymen, Angora Goat Growers and Horticulturists Hold Conventions—Prizes for All Kinds of Fowls—Pear Blight to Be Discussed.

The first annual Rogue River Valley poultry show is being held under the auspices of the Grants Pass Poultry-Fowls' association at Grants Pass. The show is under the general supervision of John Summers, assisted by an executive committee composed of Geo. E. Gramer, Charles Kingwell and J. P. Fryer. Professor James Dryden of the Oregon Agricultural college is superintendent of the exhibits. The judge is Elmer Dixon of Oregon City. Mr. Dixon is licensed by the American Poultry association and the judging will be by the score-card system. In the premises are a number of valuable ones contributed by business men of Grants Pass as well as a number from Portland firms. There are a large number of exhibits from all sections of Rogue River Valley, with many birds that will score well to the top.

Angora Goat Growers. Friday afternoon there is a meeting at Grants Pass of the Angora goat breeders to organize the Rogue River Valley Angora Breeders' association. The object of this association will be to ship mohair in car lots direct to the factories in the east and to cooperate in the buying and selling of breeding animals. There are now fully 4000 Angora goats in Rogue River Valley, some of the lands numbering 300 to 500. Many of these goats are registered and from the best herds of the United States and South Africa.

Saturday a fruitgrowers' meeting is to be held in the open house under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College and the Grants Pass Fruitgrowers' association. The speakers from the Agricultural college will be Professor A. H. Corbridge, entomologist; Professor Claude L. Lewis, horticulturist, and Professor James Dryden of the poultry department. C. A. Mallott of Portland, district freight agent for the Southern Pacific, will speak on the transportation problem.

Medford Men to Speak. The pear blight will be one of the leading topics discussed for this dread pest that is bringing ruin to the pear orchards of California and all through the east has not yet appeared in Rogue River valley. To put the fruitgrowers on their guard, Professor W. S. Ballou of the department of agriculture, and first assistant to Professor M. B. Waite, in charge of the fight in California against the pear blight, will be present and give an address on the measures to be taken to prevent the introduction of the blight to Rogue River valley, and how to recognize the pest and how to eradicate it, should it get in. Of the local speakers, there will be J. A. Perry, manager of the Medford Fruitgrowers' association; G. A. Hoyer, a Jackson county peargrower, who got the record price of \$9.20 a box this fall for his Comice pears, and W. G. Taylor, fruit inspector for Jackson county and the best expert in Rogue River valley on codlin moth.

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It was larger case than that involving the Chicago & Alton railroad, which was tried before Judge Landis, and in which a fine of more than \$20,000 was imposed. The Eastern Illinois case involves \$234,000 and is set for trial on a minimum fine of \$42,480,000 if possible.

STILL BIGGER FINES IN SIGHT FOR OIL TRUST

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BUSINESS CARDS.

E. L. BALCON. New West Side Confectionery—Fruit store—candies, lard, eggs, tobacco.

Fresh fruit in season. Lima bakery in connection. Near Hotel Moore, Medford, Or.

R. R. HAMILTON, M. D., Physician and Surgeon. Successor to Dr. R. K. DeArmond. Office in Bates-Dunlap Block. Phone 683.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Estella Fox of Central Point was a Medford visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonough of Talent precinct were in Medford a few days ago, trading with our merchants.

C. Reinking, who lives near Central Point, was in Medford Saturday. He informs us that his wife is still sorely afflicted with rheumatism.

C. E. Champlin was up from the Fouts Creek dredge Wednesday. His brother, Ferd, is visiting in Chicago at present.

Harry Pellet, the auto expert and erstwhile orchardist, is now a resident of Medford.

Rev. Mr. Howard, late of Texas, has been holding a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church. He is a successful pulpiteer and had large congregations.

James Tolton is in from Fort Klamath, where he has been looking after his stock interests.

A. Johnson, the miner, has returned from Vancouver, B. C., where he spent several weeks. He speaks highly of that Canadian city and its future.

Mr. Jones of Ashland is visiting in Medford, the guest of Emerick brothers, who are his uncle.

Fred Lunahl, resident manager of the Western Oregon Investment company, has returned from a business trip to Portland.

Professor J. Percy Wells, principal of the Jacksonville public school, will be a candidate for the office of county superintendent of schools at the coming election.

George H. Allen, who is located in Douglas county, has been making this section a short visit.

E. P. Raymond and J. J. Skinner of Griffin creek did business in Medford a few days ago.

Asbury Beall, who lives near Central Point, spent a few hours in Medford Tuesday.

John N. Darning, who has been a resident of Griffin Creek district for a number of years, died January 28, after a lingering illness. He was a native of Maryland and in his 78th year.

The interment took place in Medford Odd Fellows' cemetery, January 30. Rev. S. H. Chastain officiating at the services at the late residence.

A. E. Staub of Wimer has been appointed a notary public by Governor Chamberlain.

A. C. Hough of Grants Pass, the well known attorney, was in Medford and Jacksonville Tuesday. He was accompanied by C. R. Fowler of San Francisco, who, with his wife, is paying him and his family a visit.

J. W. Hicks of Willow Springs transacted business in Medford Thursday.

Dr. E. E. Emerson of Central Point was among those in Medford during the past week.

A. Cavin of Siskiyou county, California, the veteran miner, was in Medford recently and displayed several fine nuggets.

William T. Givens of Prospect, the well-known operator in government lands, is visiting in the valley. He was in Medford Wednesday.

Attorney E. D. Briggs of Ashland passed through Medford on his way home from Jacksonville Thursday.

Misses Minerva and Alma Taylor of Medford left Thursday for San Francisco, where they will spend a week, then proceed to New Orleans, La., where they will make an extended visit.

T. Walker, father of A. W. Walker, who has been visiting his son for the past week, left for his home at Eugene.

Miss Bertha McKenzie of Eugene, Or., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Walker in West Medford.

The funeral of John Darning took place from the family home on Griffin creek Thursday morning, interment being in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bluhler, who recently left Medford to spend the winter at their old home in Eugene, will soon take up their residence in Alberta, Canada.

T. M. Jones and L. Williams of Central Point were Medford visitors Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. P. W. Laxmister and children arrived in Medford Thursday evening to join her husband, who purchased the Mackay photograph gallery. Mr. Laxmister will build a residence in Medford.

P. K. Nalley of Butte Falls was a Medford business caller Thursday.

Jacob Shatwell, who recently came to Medford from Wenatchee, Wash., has left for Northern California, where he will spend a few days, after which he will return to Medford and make this his permanent home.

Miss Prue Angle, who, in company with her sister, Bernice, left Medford a week ago for San Francisco, is very sick at Sacramento, with pneumonia, not being able to continue her trip.

Wm. Turpin was brought up from Tolo by Sheriff Jackson this morning to appear before the county judge on a charge of insanity.

George Young left this morning for Ashland, from where he will go into the hills on a prospecting tour in the Siskiyou mountains.

MEDFORD TEA and COFFEE HOUSE. Our offers are the talk of the town, and our Dishes, the ladies say, are too sweet for anything. Don't forget the grand prize given away each month. 216 WEST SEVENTH STREET. McGLASHAN & JUNKEN - Proprietors.

ENJOYING A TETE-A-TETE. Supper or dinner, at Nash's is a pleasing experience, for at no place in this town can you taste victuals that are cooked in such a tempting and artistic manner as they are prepared at Nash's. Dainty morsels, like oysters on the half shell, broiled or roasted quail, woodcock or chickens in all styles, juick steaks and chops, and exquisite coffees, teas, wines, at reasonable rates. THE NASH.

PEKIN RESTAURANT. OPENS SATURDAY, JANUARY 18. BREAKFAST, 25 CENTS, FROM 6 TO 11 O'CLOCK. CHOP-SUEY AND NOODLES UP TO MIDNIGHT. DINNER FROM 11 O'CLOCK A. M. TO 8 O'CLOCK P. M. 22 C Street. Medford.

R. W. GRAY, Builder. COLONIAL PORCH WORK, GRILL AND LATH WORK, PATTERNS, ETC. TELEPHONE 474. MEDFORD, OR.

Medford Opera House Monday, February 3. Gloria Dare and Her Florodora Girls Concert and Recital. BENEFIT OF Weatonka Tribe Improved Order Red Men. Prices, 50 and 75 Cents. THE MUSICAL TREAT OF THE SEASON.

The Medford National Bank. MEDFORD, OR. CAPITAL \$50,000 SURPLUS 10,000. Safety Boxes to Rent. A General Banking Business Transacted. We Solicit Your Patronage.

THE SIGN OF SAFETY. 1ST NATIONAL BANK OF MEDFORD. CAPITAL, \$50,000. ALWAYS CONSERVATIVE, ALWAYS SAFE. Wm. S. Crowell, President. Geo. W. Dunn, 2d. Vice President. F. K. Deuel, Vice President. M. L. Alvord, Cashier. Orlo Crawford, Assistant Cashier.

This Bank was Not Built in a Day. JACKSON COUNTY BANK. ESTABLISHED 1888. CAPITAL \$50,000 SURPLUS AND PROFITS 62,500 AVERAGE DEPOSITS 500,000. Now twenty years old; in fact, the oldest bank in the city and growing in strength and conservatism with each year. Every dollar of its capital and surplus over and above the original \$25,000 paid in has been added from the net earnings. No other bank makes so strong a showing.

THE SECRET. Of why our bread is in such demand for its fine quality, lightness and most delicious flavor is that it is made from choice winter wheat and by the best methods known in baking to give nutrition and enjoyment of eating at the same time. If you are not using Van Houtenberg Bros.' bread, try it. Medford Steam Bakery.

Deviled Ham and Relishes. I was at a party the other night and a lot of young girls were giving an old bachelor and asking him why he'd never married, etc. He sprang those old gags about "marrying in haste and repenting in South Dakota," and those being "just as good fish in the sea as have ever been caught," when one of the girls remarked, "Did it ever occur to you that the bait might get stale while you were angling for them?" In angling for customers we never allow the bait to get stale around this shop. We get in new goods by most every express these days. The boys believe in keeping the stock right up to the minute, so that if you read in any of the magazines or home journals of a new food product or relish of any kind you can come right to this store and see the article for yourself. We just got in a big lot of Underwood's famous Deviled Ham and Sardines. We are headquarters for Relishes. They certainly do help eat out and plenty if your appetite is a little backward. MILLER & EWBANK. NOTICE. Regular meeting of the city of Medford, Oregon, to be held on February 4, 1908, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than one gallon for a period of six months, at their place of business at Lot 7, in Block 20, in said city. W. M. KENNEDY. Dated January 29, 1908.