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ALL GET TOGETHER.

The Commercial Club's annual meeting Monday evening was a most successful affair and suggests well for the united effort that the people of Medford are to make for growth and prosperity during the coming year.

The choice of Judge William M. Colvig as president was a most happy one. He writes as follows: "The pleasure and the honor. Himself, one of the old settlers, he has all the enthusiasm and progressiveness of the newest arrival. One of the most entertaining orators in Oregon, with a more than local reputation as an after-dinner speaker, he is filled by nature to welcome the stranger, to harmonize conflicting factions and to bring together all forces to work for the common good."

Past officers and members of the club deserve the thanks of the community for their untiring and unselfish devotion to upbuilding the city. A most successful year has just closed under President Perry's administration. Thousands of dollars have been spent in advertising the city and valley and Secretary Narragan has answered thousands of inquiries. The results of this work are not yet apparent, but returns are beginning to come in and unimpeded immigration is about to be experienced.

That the new administration will successfully carry on the work begun by the old there is no doubt, and it should reach much larger proportions. Every business man and property owner, every one who has the interest and welfare of Medford at heart, should join the Commercial Club and assist it in the work of upbuilding city and country. It alone represents organized effort for development, and as nothing can be accomplished without organization, and everything is possible with organization, it is the duty of every one to get in line.

Hurry for the Commercial Club! Make its membership increase daily.

FOR SINGLE TAX.

The Oregon Tax Reform association has filed its proposed amendment for the election next June, having secured thousands of copies signed and it is expected to be successful. The amendment is in line with the movement of the nation and it is hoped that the voters will favor it.

This amendment is based on the principle of a single tax, which is a tax on the value of land. It is a simple and direct method of raising revenue, and it is hoped that it will be successful. The association has been successful in securing thousands of signatures, and it is expected that it will be successful in getting it on the ballot. The amendment is a simple and direct method of raising revenue, and it is hoped that it will be successful. The association has been successful in securing thousands of signatures, and it is expected that it will be successful in getting it on the ballot.

One hundred four copies of the Portland on December 22 for \$100,000, or at the rate of more than \$2,000,000,000 for 400 acres. The latter amount is about ten times the assessed value of the land of Oregon. Such a value, as well as the value of railroad rights of way, is made by right due paid by the producers of the state. This measure will shift the taxes mainly to the value, such as the above, not to the acre.

But where a railroad holds millions on millions of acres, this measure will hit them on the head, but it will be interesting to see the fight they will get up against it. The farmers of this country will certainly see to it under this law that every acre of land under the sun is assessed at least as high as that of the improved farms, which makes the assessment more valuable without the owner's effort. This law goes on the principle that if you want to discourage the holding of a lot of worthless land, as a means of speculation, you should assess it as high as the improved land. It is a simple and direct method of raising revenue, and it is hoped that it will be successful. The association has been successful in securing thousands of signatures, and it is expected that it will be successful in getting it on the ballot.

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ties, because of the fact that the less taxes they pay the more land they can hold out of use, swelling the industry of the estate community to make them wealthy. Non-resident landowners are more obstructive to local improvements, yet contribute nothing to the business interests and development of the community.

If the large tracts of this county paid the same tax as improved farms, they would be divided up and rapidly improved, increasing our population and wealth and making 25 subscribers for this paper where there is now one.

Our merchants, blacksmiths, barbers, carpenters, bankers, hotelkeepers and all other business men would feel the effect of the new blood, capital and energy and under such a system of taxation our community would move forward as never before.

One of the best features of the amendment is the exemption of manufacturing plants, which some thought would be a loss. This is done by our local southern states, and they are becoming independent of the east. Besides giving employment to labor, it will provide a real home market for Oregon farmers, not in Connecticut or Massachusetts, but in Oregon.

APPLES FOR ORIENT N4 N4 N4 N4 QUESTION OF STORAGE

In response to a letter from an Oregon apple grower, Consul General Amos P. Wilder writes from Hongkong that the question of shipping apples to China is almost wholly one of cold storage. He says:

"The trans-Pacific steamers were most excellent apples on the table, showing the skill as they are brought on. A Hongkong firm handled some Canadian apples last year with satisfaction, and apart from the European population, the Chinese themselves might soon become extensive apple-eaters. The manager of this firm tells me that if the apples come right and sell well that they will give an order, as they are looking for an American apple shipper; but, as I say, the trouble is to get the ship's officers to carry the apples in their cold storage room."

There are no Chinese apples beyond a small scale. The Chinese are eager fruit-eaters, and of course their markets carry some of the finest fruits in the world, including the mango, peach and mandarin. In addition, there are many well-to-do Europeans (foreigners) who would pay well for a good eating apple. Apples are generally shipped in cases of 100 each, but no doubt the barrel with which Americans are familiar will do as well. Much stress is laid among the Chinese on the "ship." If they ever become wedded to apple-bearing, a certain number of a certain district it will be difficult to substitute others. An importing firm with branches in a number of ports and the Hongkong firm alluded to would distribute to the Chinese retailers at the American apple prices at the factory.

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ROOBER LOSE CONTROL OVER KLAMATH LANDS

The trouble of claimants in the re-entitled lands in Klamath and Lake counties which were supposed to enter October 28 last was by the local officials as yet, and many of them will be fought out using the same line. The "claimants" from the lands previous to September 28 have been ordered down by the local officials, officials of Klamath, but they have decided that they have no right to the land. This was expected by the officials, and it is a goodly number of claimants, but it will be necessary to take time according to the law to the claimants and officials of the land. It is to be noted that they will have a meeting in court. Then, if they were to be settled because of the fact that they argued settlement prior to the time fixed by the statute, they would be settled.

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WATER IS NEED OF MEDFORD

System Badly Needed and Lack of It Is Holding Back the City—Bear Creek Only Useful as Sewer Terminal—Building of Reservoir Favored.

To the Editor:

We are now a town of 3,000 inhabitants. We are putting up fine buildings; people are coming to us from all parts of the country with a desire to make their homes among us. And while there are many questions of import, more that the mayor and council will have to deal with in the near future, they are all comparatively of easy solution except the question of water. This is of the first importance, and we think it the duty of every citizen to give this matter his careful attention and, if possible, to help the council to crystallize and begin on some definite plan.

In furnishing water for Medford there are two important items to take into consideration. First, a healthful water for drinking and cooking; second, sufficient water for irrigation, fire protection and cleaning the city. With a limited supply for home use and no irrigation the problem is only half solved. Midsummer will find our lawns dry and brown, our streets dusty and our gardens shriveled up.

To bring water from the mountains in pipes in sufficient quantities to supply the need of future Medford would mean an enormous expense, perhaps more than the city could now be loaded for.

To extend the Fish Lake ditch to the hills east of the town is comparatively an easy matter, and to construct a reservoir with filtering attachment is easily within the reach and possibility of our present revenue. Some may say the water will be warm and no fit for use after running so great a distance in an open ditch, but remember running water tends to purify itself, and with the ditch thoroughly fenced and properly piped under road crossings, we see no reason why the water should collect any deadly microbes on its journey from Fish Lake to Medford, and when it arrives at the reservoir filter it thoroughly, and should it be a little warm for drinking, a little ice would solve the problem. The temperature will make no difference for cooking, bathing, flushing closets, sprinkling and irrigating. If this plan meets the approval of some of our citizens let them tell The Tribune so. Let us begin to work toward somewhere. Let us agitate the question. Forget Bear Creek as a water supply. It will make a fine terminal for all our sewers and that is all.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY PIONEER SENT TO SALEM ASYLUM

Adam Weaver, the aged and feeble pioneer of Canyonville, who recently attempted to stab himself to death, was taken to the Asylum at Salem recently. He is 85 years old. His mental derangement is caused by financial worry. His property is valued at \$20,000. He had developed a homicidal mania regarding persons who, as he thought, were trying to get his property away from him. Weaver is one of the pioneers of Douglas county and has resided at Canyonville, on the South Umpqua, for over 20 years. He has at times been recognized as one of the most upright and prosperous farmers in this section.

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Colonists' Rates

March 1st to April 30, 1908

The Southern Pacific Railway announces that rates in effect March 1, 1908, will be \$38 from Chicago, \$35.50 from St. Louis, Mo.; from Missouri River common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City, Mo., including also St. Paul, Minneapolis, \$30; from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, \$30.

J. E. ENYART, President. JOHN S. ORTH, Cashier.
J. A. PERRY, Vice-President. W. B. JACKSON, Asst. Cashier.

The Medford National Bank

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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. Dens, 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 gazing at 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 there 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 boss believes 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 in 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 make your good and plenty if your appetite is a little backward.

MILLER & EWBANK

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the regular meeting of the city council 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, 111, in Block 20, in said city.

W. M. KENNEDY. Dated January 28, 1908.