

GROWTH OF CITY SHOWN BY FIGURES

Gradual and Steady Increase in Population Indicated By Statistics.

The steady growth and progress of Medford is reflected in the figures furnished by nearly everyone in business here, as well as by bank deposits, post-office receipts, school census and the number of new buildings.

There has been no boom—just a steady growth, but the town has more than doubled in five years, and is now growing faster than ever before—and as yet growth has hardly started.

In five years the postoffice receipts have grown from \$5244 for the year ending January 31, 1904, to \$11,061 for the year ending January 31, 1908. Here's the way they grew: 1904, \$5244; 1905, \$8550; 1906, \$6407; 1907, \$8250; 1908, \$11,061.

In five years the bank deposits have nearly tripled. In January, 1904, they amounted to \$291,500. In 1908 they are \$1,120,000. The growth was gradual as shown by the statistics: 1904, \$391,500; 1905, \$477,000; 1906, \$608,000; 1907, \$955,000; 1908, \$1,120,000.

In 195 the state census gave Medford about 3000 population. In 1907 the school census gave it 5015. Over 300 buildings have been built in the last three months or are in course of construction.

SUIT FOR WATER RIGHTS ALONG SILVER CREEK

After four years' litigation, the fight between the Chewaucan Land & Cattle company, a subsidiary to the firm of Miller & Lux, California cattle kings, and a half hundred settlers of the rich farming and grazing lands along Silver creek in Lake county for water rights, has been argued at length before the supreme court.

The suit for the water rights was originally begun before Judge H. L. Benson in the circuit court of Lake county. After a year and a half of stubborn fighting for the control of the river, Judge Benson rendered a decision in favor of a majority of the settlers and against the Chewaucan company and the remaining settlers. The case was then appealed to the supreme court, before whom it has since been pending.

It is the contention of the Chewaucan company, which owns a vast area of land around the Pauline marsh, into which Silver creek empties, that the settlers along the river use up the water before it reaches the marsh, thereby leaving their lands in an arid and unproductive condition.

Attorney E. P. Watson of Portland represented the Chewaucan company, which concern is one of the defendants and appellants, while J. C. Rutledge appeared as attorney for the plaintiffs and respondents.

REV. REUTER WILL ANSWER JUDGE COLVIG'S ARGUMENT

To the Editor: Possibly the readers of The Tribune have thought Judge Colvig has silenced the preacher, Nay, verily. The undersigned will answer the judge after the revival meetings at the Methodist church have closed. When I am in revival meetings I have no time for other matters. Everybody is invited to hear Evangelist Van Marter, who is preaching such stirring sermons every night. Let a man come to Christ and get the experience described in the gospel by John, and he will be convinced that there is no compatibility between a high Christian life and the atmosphere of the average theater.

HUGHES AGAIN SEEKING REMOVAL OF KELSEY

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—Governor Hughes has renewed to the senate his recommendation that Otto Kelsey be removed from office as state superintendent of insurance on the ground of incompetency. Last year the senate refused, by a vote of 27 to 24, to remove Kelsey.

Last Call, Medford's Los Angeles Excursion.

One Pullman car has been ordered for the Los Angeles excursionists, and from the way applications are coming in, probably another car will be needed. Leave your name at the depot. Remember, the very low rate of \$31.50 has been granted for the round trip—ticket limited to 30 days, stopover at pleasure.

FAILED BANK OPENS DOORS IN PORTLAND

Oregon Trust and Saving Bank Reopens As German-American - No Excitement

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—The Oregon Trust & Savings bank, whose failure occurred several months ago, reopened this morning under the name of the German American bank, with which the bankrupt institution has been merged, with a paid-up capital of \$400,000. There was no excitement. About 40 depositors were in line when the receiving tellers commenced operations. The withdrawals were light.

The comptroller of the currency was today advised by wire that the Merchants National bank is about ready to resume. The comptroller immediately sent word to Examiner Wilson to permit the bank to start. It is expected that this will be done at once.

The news that the Merchants National bank would reopen its doors has been confidently expected by the officers of the institution, for the terms imposed by the comptroller of the currency have been fully met. The bank's suspension which occurred November 12, 1907, was due to unfounded rumors as to its solvency and followed a protracted run that began almost immediately after the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. During the period of this run the Merchants National paid out about \$2,300,000 to its depositors, nearly one-half of the total deposits.

BOOTH ESTABLISHES LOAN FUND FOR STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Feb. 12. Hon. R. A. Booth of Eugene has just given to the student loan fund of the University of Oregon a check for \$500 to be used as an irrevocable educational loan fund for students. The fund will be known as the "Booth loan fund," and will be kept separate from the general loan fund, which at present is distributed in loans ranging in amount from \$15 to \$80 among ten students of the university. Since the establishment of the general fund five years ago more than 30 students have been enabled to complete their college course who could not otherwise have done so.

The university hopes to establish during the present year a loan fund of at least \$5000, to be loaned under the direction of President Campbell, or some one designated by him, to boys and girls all over Oregon who wish to complete their education, but who cannot do so without assistance. It is believed that a loan of approximately \$100 a year at a low rate of interest, to be repaid in two years after graduation, is much more preferable than an outright gift in the form of a scholarship. The fund will be guaranteed by ten men against loss. Two signatures will be required on each note and a small amount of life insurance will be taken out to insure against loss by death.

STEAL SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX WITH FIFTY THOUSAND

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—A safety deposit box containing \$50,000 bonds and securities, the personal property of Daniel G. Hopkins, vice-president of the Hopkins Land company, has disappeared from his office in the Metropolitan Life Insurance building. Hopkins left the box on his desk for a moment last Friday while he stepped into a rear room. Since then the papers have not been seen by the owner.

Hiram P. Powell Dead.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 12.—Hiram P. Powell, county commissioner of Lincoln county, an Oregon pioneer and Indian war veteran, died at Brownsville yesterday, aged 73 years.

HOTEL EILEEN LEASED FOR SEASON BY DUHAMEL

A. T. Duhamel, who will be remembered as once clerk of the Hotel Nash, has taken the lease of the Hotel Eileen at Eileen, Cal., and is improving and enlarging preparatory to a big business as soon as spring opens in earnest. He left with Mrs. Duhamel for Eileen Tuesday afternoon. He looks for a boom in the copper belt as soon as normal prices for copper are restored.

MAY USE OPERA HOUSE FOR ARMORY

Adjutant General Finzer Visits Medford To Arrange For Military Company.

That Medford will have a military company in the rear future is the opinion of Adjutant General W. E. Finzer of the Oregon National Guard, who has been here investigating the situation.

"It all depends upon securing an armory," said General Finzer this morning. "Negotiations are under way to secure the Medford opera house and it is probable that a lease will be arranged. The local committee, headed by Volney Dixon, has the matter in charge.

"The state allows \$500 a year for maintenance, furnishes guns and equipment, but looks to the patriotism of the community to help sustain a company. There are volunteers enough in Medford, and they show the right spirit.

"It is a good thing for a city to have a company of national guard, and I hope the boys meet with proper encouragement."

HENEY DENIES ALL OF RUEF'S IMMUNITY CLAIMS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—After Henry Aeh, counsel for Abe Ruef, had spent the entire morning in Judge Sawyer's court arguing for a vacation of Ruef's arraignment on the United Railways trolley franchise indictments, Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney declared that there was not a single allegation of fact in the affidavit of Ruef with reference to his understanding with the prosecution for immunity. It is apparent that the whole matter will be threshed out in court preliminary to the actual trial to enable the court to determine whether the defendant has any relief in law, because of Ruef's allegation that the prosecution, and not he, broke the alleged agreement. The case was continued to Friday.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS SENT TO JAIL FOR RIOTING

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Nearly 50 women suffragists, who raided the house of commons yesterday, were arraigned today and sentenced to pay a fine of one month's imprisonment. Only two women paid the fine.

PRISONER FIGHTS MOB, WHICH SEEKS LYNCHING

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Valdosta, Ga., to the Tribune says that Jack Long, accused of killing James Sapp across the Florida line, was taken from the jail by 50 men, who sought to lynch him. Long put up an awful fight, wounding ten men and forcing the others to kill him in the fight. He was beaten to death before finally hanged. Four members of the mob may die from injuries inflicted by Long.

Applications for Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the Siskiyou, Ashland and that portion of the Klamath national forest north of the Siskiyou mountains during the season of 1908 must be filed in my office at Grants Pass, Or., on or before March 19, 1908. No grazing permits on original Ashland forest.

Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged, and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request.

MILTON J. ANDERSON, Supervisor.

CIRCUIT COURT.

First National Bank vs. B. F. Whetstone, Olive Whetstone and A. Walker—Default entered against defendants.

Eagles, Attention.

All members of Rogue River aerie, No. 1277, Fraternal Order of Eagles, are requested to be present at the regular meeting February 13. There will be initiation work, after which refreshments will be served.

By order of the Aerie. JAS. STETWART, Sec.

BUY CELLS FOR MEDFORD'S NEW PRISON

City Council Accepts Bid of St Louis Firm -Wilkinson Granted License.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday night the contract for the cells for the new city prison was awarded to the Paulty Jail Building company of St. Louis at \$320.

The liquor license of H. O. Wilkinson was granted. The bond of L. L. Jacobs as city treasurer for \$25,000, with W. I. Vawter, B. F. Collins and A. A. Davis as sureties, was filed and accepted.

A petition for a footbridge on the south side of Bear creek bridge was referred to the street committee. A petition for a sewer to begin at the terminus of the Fifth street sewer was referred to the city engineer.

The petition of Mrs. Rippe for an electric sign at the White rooming house was referred to the street committee.

The council adjourned to meet Tuesday evening.

NEARLY THOUSAND STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Feb. 12.—The annual report of the president of the University of Oregon for 1907, with the reports of the steward and registrar, have just been issued. The president's report shows that the university has made a gain of 234 in enrollment this year over that of last. The funds have fallen short \$15,000 of meeting the current expenses of the year, and to avoid a deficiency the faculty served three months without pay. The work of the summer school and the correspondence school is discussed, and a recommendation is made for a bureau of research in economics, politics and sociology. An outline of the plans of the school of education for training high school teachers and principals is given, and attention is called to the gift to the university of a building and land by the citizens of North Bend, Or., for the establishment of a marine biological laboratory, for which Coos Bay offers exceptional advantages. The total registration, as shown by the registrar's report, is 977 students, distributed as follows: Liberal arts, 298; engineering, 101; school of law, 87; school of medicine, 80; school of music, 126; correspondence school, 251; summer school, 25. The steward's report gives a complete statement of the university's finances for the year.

PIONEER INDIAN FIGHTER CROSSES GREAT DIVIDE

GOLD BEACH, Or., Feb. 12.—J. W. Wilkinson, who died recently at Port Orford, was born in Henry, Echo county, Va., March 1, 1822, and came to Curry county in the spring of 1854. He settled near the mouth of Rogue River. During the following year occurred the memorable war between the whites and the Rogue River Indians. Mr. Wilkinson took part in this war. When the attack was made on Ellensburg (now Gold Beach) he and the greater part of the other settlers found protection in a fort constructed for that purpose on the north side of the river. Their lives were saved, but all else was lost. Following this attack was one made on Skoonum house, the fort of the Indians, situated about 15 miles up the river. This attack was one of the best planned and most successfully executed of all recorded in struggles between the two races, and the power of the red men was completely destroyed.

Cornell Loses Athletes.

ITHACA, Feb. 12.—Arthur L. Willgoose, Cornell's distance runner, has been dropped for deficiency in studies. Cornell has lost four other athletes in the past four weeks.

Race From Gotham to Paris.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Six automobiles started from the Times square at 11:15 this morning on the race to Paris by the way of Behring straits.

TEN FIREMEN INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE BLOWUP

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Ten firemen were injured, one perhaps fatally, by the explosion of a gasoline tank of an automobile while fighting fire in a garage here yesterday.

Ethel Barrymore Robbed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The apartments of Ethel Barrymore were burglarized Sunday night. The thieves secured \$575, a string of opals and other valuables.

Franco in Genoa.

GENOA, Feb. 12.—Franco, the deposed premier and dictator of Portugal, arrived here last evening.

Uncle Sam at Tokio.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The bill appropriating \$250,000 for participation of the United States in the international exposition at Tokio in 1912 passed the senate.

INJURED IN WRECK ON WEST SIDE

Twenty Five Hurt In Smashup At Forest Grove - Broken Rail The Cause.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Of the 25 persons injured in last night's fatal wreck on the Southern Pacific on the Sheridan local near Forest Grove, all but Mrs. J. Brown are doing well. It is believed that no further deaths will result. Mrs. Brown is suffering considerably, but the physicians believe she will pull through.

The Sheridan local was derailed by a broken rail early last night.

All trains into Medford were late Tuesday and Wednesday. Train No. 22 went off the track at Hornbrook and 16 did not arrive in Medford until midnight.

CUT INTO BUSINESS OF WELLS-FARGO COMPANY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The Bulletin says that negotiations which may result in another national express company entering the western field are now being conducted with the Western Pacific Railroad company. The United States Express company is mentioned as the possible competitor of the Wells-Fargo company, which has enjoyed a monopoly of the business of the west for 35 years.

At the offices of the Western Pacific it was stated today that nothing definite had been decided as to which company would come here through that company, but it was admitted that the names of several companies which now do business in the east had been mentioned.

MINISTER OPENS OFFICE AS MATRIMONIAL AGENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Lawyers have offices where you can arrange for a divorce. Doctors put up their signs and wait for patients. It has remained for the Rev. J. Harwood Pierce of Oakland and San Francisco to blaze the trail for the office minister.

The Rev. Pierce has opened in the Hibernia building, close to the marriage license department of the county clerk's office. At the office the regular fee for getting married is \$5.

He will give advice to those who wish it and will marry those who so desire. The advice is free. When a minister is wanted to officiate at a funeral the Rev. Pierce will be ready to perform that duty.

DOZEN MEN BURNED IN FURNACE EXPLOSION

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12.—A dozen men were burned, two fatally, in a terrific explosion of molten steel at the Monongahela blast furnace at the National Tube company's works at McKeesport. Fifty tons of liquid metal were released by the explosion, which broke all the windows in the plant and for a radius of two blocks.

CONFESSES TO TRYING TO WRECK TRAINS

RUTHE, Feb. 12.—Pat Gordon, aged 24, of Ruthe, today confessed to making several attempts to wreck the Oregon Short Line trains. He declared that he was drunk at the time. He declared that he held no grudge against the road, but admits a quarrel with a former section boss. Gordon said that he alone was to blame. Another man was arrested with Gordon as a suspect.

BASKETBALL GAME WITH EUGENE IS OFF

The high school students have received word that the faculty of the Eugene high school refuses to permit the basketball team to leave for the trip to Medford, where they were scheduled to play Thursday evening. The game is therefore called off. It is hoped to arrange another date later.

TAFT WINS CONTROL OF CUYAHOGA PRIMARIES

COLUMBUS, Feb. 12.—The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the matter of the Cuyahoga county primaries, leaving the Taft county committee in charge.

COUNT BONI CONVICTED AND FINED FOR ASSAULT

PARIS, Feb. 12.—Count Bône de Castellane, the divorced husband of Anna Gould of New York, was found guilty of criminal assault and battery on Prince Heli de Sagan, his cousin, and fined \$20 today. The prince was awarded 20 cents damages.

GRANTS PASS FALLS IN LINE TO ADVERTISE

Commercial Club Orders Pamphlets and Takes a Page Ad in The Sunset.

Grants Pass has followed in the wake of Medford and will assist in advertising the resources of the Rogue River valley and southern Oregon. At a meeting of the Grants Pass Commercial club Tuesday evening the proposition of Mr. Wells of the Sunset magazine was accepted and a pamphlet of 60 pages, 6x9 in size, 20,000 copies, was ordered, together with a page advertisement in Sunset for a year. The cost is \$2250.

Medford's pamphlet is 7x10 in size, and the issue will be 30,000. The cost is \$2750. The good results from Medford's efforts last year brought Grants Pass into line this year. It is now expected that Ashland will also join the procession, for what advertisers one town advertises all in the Rogue River valley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The department of agriculture has discovered that "loco weeds" really cause the disease of stock known on the plains as "loco," and furthermore, it has found how to combat the ailment, which in Oregon has caused immense loss to stockmen.

Investigations were carried on under the general direction of B. T. Galloway, chief of the bureau of plant industry. C. Dwight Marsh, expert in poisonous plant investigations, had charge of the field work, and Albert C. Crawford, pharmacologist, was in charge of the laboratory work. In a bulletin just issued, No. 121, part III, the result of these investigations is summarized.

A large number of plants have been generally designated as loco, but two are considered especially obnoxious. One is aragallus lamberti, the other aragallus mollisimus. It has been demonstrated that the former will poison horses, sheep and cattle, and that the latter will poison horses, but that cattle do not suffer because they seldom eat it. Generally speaking, locoweed cattle have ulcers of the fourth stomach. The poisonous elements are mineral or inorganic, especially barium. Locoweed cattle can in most cases be treated successfully by treatment with strychnine, while locoweed horses can in most cases be cured by a course of treatment with Fowler's solution. Magnesium sulphate is also used with good results. Loco poisoning comes on in a slow and cumulative manner, so that there is no possibility of animals becoming immune.

With regard to exterminating the loco weed, success was found possible in inclosed pastures where the weed occurs in comparatively small patches, but it is not thought practicable to attempt extermination of it on the ranges.