

**MEDFORD'S RAPID GROWTH**

Year Ending	Postoffice Receipts	Bank Deposits	Population
1904	\$ 5,244.19	291,560	2,192
1905	5,502.82	477,000	2,255
1906	6,407.13	608,000	2,100
1907	8,250.21	955,000	4,200
1908	11,051.25	1,120,000	5,200

# Medford Daily Tribune.

**THE WEATHER.**  
 Cloudy tonight; probably fair Tuesday; westerly winds.  
 Associated Press Dispatches.

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## MEDFORD IN LEAD OF ALL OREGON CITIES

**Oregonian Gives Salem Lead in Subscriptions for Publicity Purposes -- Is Belated Follower.**

To the Editor: The Oregonian of the 23d inst. makes a vivid distinction in favor of Salem against Medford. It says, "Salem has raised \$7000 for publicity purposes. Eleven other good towns should join in the procession," and it places Medford in the list.

Last year Medford expended over \$4000 for such purposes. This year it will lead the procession. Thousands of acres of land were sold last year at over \$400 per acre in Rogue River valley. Last week three sales were effected at over \$400 per acre, and these values were not fictitious. Every well-kept orchard in the valley paid its original purchase price with the net product of last year's crop alone. We have in the vicinity of Medford 25,000 acres devoted to pears and apples. None of these acres can be bought for less than \$400, and much of it for nothing less than \$800 per acre. We have other large areas of valuable fruit land yet awaiting the patient hand of industry.

There were more new buildings erected in Medford in 1907 than in any other town in the state outside of Portland.

We have a few non-progressive citizens in Medford who, in the future, must either "move on" or go out of business. They are in the way of the live people.

The Oregonian will please correct its statement and say "Medford leads them all."

WM. M. COLVIG,  
 President Commercial Club.

## ASSESSMENT ROLLS SHOW INCREASE FOR THE YEAR

SALEM, Or., Feb. 24.—The summary of assessment rolls of the several counties of the state for the year 1907 has been completed and made public by Secretary of State Benson. The total amount carried by the summary for this year is \$581,558,918, as against \$427,379,978 for 1906. The total assessment for Multnomah county is \$233,141,058 last year, as compared to \$169,994,548 the year previous. Every county shows a material increase in the assessments over 1906, but the greatest increase is shown in Umatilla and Willamette counties.

## CAN SOLICIT WITHOUT PROCURING A LICENSE

A suit was decided in the circuit court at Astoria recently that concerns every city in the state. It was the one of the city of Astoria against C. W. Cottam, well known here, an appeal from the police court, and a verdict was rendered by the jury in favor of the defendant under instructions from the court. The defendant, who is a solicitor for a Chicago shirt factory, had been convicted and fined in the police court on a charge of soliciting without having a license, in violation of the city ordinance. Judge McBride in rendering his decision today, said that under the Constitution of the United States, an ordinance imposing a license on a solicitor is imperative in far as its application to persons soliciting orders for a non-resident manufacturer for goods to be shipped direct to the consumer is concerned, as it would impose a tax on interstate commerce, which must be free. The court said he did not see any good reason for this, however, outside of the fact that the United States supreme court has so held and that body is the tribunal of final appeal.

**Founded Upon a Rock.**

A commercial business, to endure, must be rooted in the rock of public confidence. The shores of time are strewn with the wrecks of houses that were raised on the sands of promise without performance. That our progress has been remarkable and our future success assured results from unwavering fidelity to our fixed policy—"What we promise we perform." The Toggery, the place near the corner, with prices on the square. 287

## SUPREME COURT STOPS ESCAPE OF GUILTY

**Hepburn Rate Law Leaves Elkins Act Unscathed--Guilty Rebaters Must Suffer.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The question whether the railroad rate law, known as the Hepburn act, repeals section 1 of the Elkins act prohibiting rebates by railroads, is involved in the case of the Great Northern against the United States, was decided today by the supreme court of the United States against the railroad company and against such a contention.

Those who have been convicted of rebating and others indicted therefor are greatly disappointed.

## USUAL LAMP EXPLOSION CAUSES INJURY TO MANY

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 24.—Three persons were seriously burned and 20 others were driven into the street in their night clothes early this morning by the explosion of an oil lamp at the home of John Gishick, Mrs. Gishick was fatally injured and her husband and a boarder seriously burned. Twenty boarders in the upper stories had a narrow escape.

## WHITE PINE TREES ATTACKED BY BLIGHT

White pine in New England was quite generally attacked last summer with a peculiar blight, which the government has been investigating without so far solving the mystery. S. T. Dunn, one of the officers concerned in the investigation by the department of agriculture, in a report states that the disease is very widely spread throughout New England, and it occurs practically everywhere south of the White mountains. In most places only a few scattered trees are attacked by the blight, although in a few localities as many as 10 to 20 per cent of the trees are affected by the disease. Brunswick, Me., appears to have suffered severely. Another badly affected locality is Elliot, Me. The report states that the disease has suddenly made its appearance in very widely separated localities all at once. The present situation, says the report, is not one that calls for alarm, but simply for further investigation.

## BOMBTHROWERS ARE BUSY IN NEW YORK

**Members of Black Hand Wreck Store of Italian Who Will Not be Black-mailed.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Peter Lucato's music store on Morgan avenue in Brooklyn was wrecked by a bomb early today. Lucato and his family along with the store were blown up last spring. In December another bomb destroyed the windows and doors, and a few months ago the body of an Italian was found in the street near the store with a bomb in his pocket, probably killed by associates for failure to carry out instructions to blow up the place. Lucato has been the recipient of many black hand letters, which he ignored.

## OREGON APPLES ARE BRINGING BETTER PRICES

W. Dennis & Sons of Covent Garden market report the London market on a late date as follows:

"There is little change to report in the market position here. Best quality apples are in very short supply and the market upon them remains firm at prices ranging from \$20 to \$24 per barrel. We have today sold Ontario No. 1 stock, Baldwin, Greenings and Spies at \$23 to \$24 per barrel. There is, however, a wide margin in price between this best stock of which we are speaking, and the second best. The latter is selling around about \$15 to \$17. We do not include in second best stock Nova Scotia fruit, nor indeed much of the fruit that is coming from New York.

"There is a lot of stuff in poor condition coming from the latter sort, while the Nova Scotia fruit is all on the small size and is selling anywhere from \$11 to \$13 per barrel. Lighter supplies are, we understand, coming forward from Halifax, and it will be refreshing to find the market with no heavy weight of inferior quality fruit on it. We shall then see an all round improvement.

"Boxes of California Newtown are in better demand at from \$8 to \$9 for quarter and from \$7 to \$9 for four and a half. Oregon Newtown are also doing better at from \$12 to \$15 per box. We are quite of opinion that these latter varieties may now be expected to hold their price."

## CONGRESSMAN PROMISES BIG SCANDAL

**Mr. Lilley of Connecticut Threatens a Sensational Explosion -- Insinuates Graft.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Representative Lilley of Connecticut today submitted to the rules committee of the house formal charges alleging that Holm Electric Light company had used wrong methods to secure legislation to get big orders for submarine lighters. He declared his ability to prove his charges. The matter will probably come up for consideration tomorrow, sensational disclosures are promised.

## YOUNG TEAMSTER MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

The Dunford, who lives at Jacksonville, fell from his wagon this afternoon while on his way home with 4000 pounds of flour from Medford. One or more of the wheels passed over him, and it is feared that he has received very serious injuries. He was taken to a home near by and a doctor summoned.

The young man, who is not out of his teens, is a son of Charles Dunford, Jacksonville's transfer man.

## LOCATORS HOLDING UP PEOPLE WANTING LAND

As a result of an investigation that has been made by Commissioner Ballinger of the general land office at the request of Senators of Oregon and Washington, it is announced that the individuals who have been collecting a fee of \$75 for locating sections on the Southern Pacific and Oregon & California railway land grant are simply tapping on innocent and unsuspecting persons and that it will be impossible for such persons to filing on the lands to secure them.

Investigations have been made and according to the statements made by the commissioner, that Congressman Tamm, after a conference with the commissioner of the general land office, informed his son that persons so filing could not lawfully secure the lands. The statements contained in those advertisements are declared to be false.

Portland has some of this kind of gentry, among whom is Harry W. Muller, who is not unknown in southern Oregon.

## INJURED IN FIGHTING FIRE AT TACOMA

**One Fireman Falls From Ladder at Third Story--Six Others Burned and Injured.**

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 24.—One fireman was killed and six injured while fighting fire in a six-story building in the Davis-Smith Furniture company at Nineteenth and Pacific avenue at 8 o'clock this morning. George Hill slipped from the ladder and fell from the third story to the basement. He died in a few minutes. Thomas Lawrence, Ernest Ita, Otto Larson, John Deter, Robert Smythe and Red Roberts, firemen, were burned more or less on the arms and face. Crossed electric wires is supposed to have been the cause of the blaze. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

## MAIL CLERKS INJURED IN WRECK IN GEORGIA

FLORENCE, Ga., Feb. 24.—The Jacksonville-Chicago limited on the Southern railway was wrecked six miles south of here today. Four mail clerks were seriously injured. The cause is unknown.

## PETTIBONE OPERATED UPON TO REMOVE A KIDNEY

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 24.—George A. Pettibone, recently acquitted of the charge of complicity in the murder of Governor Steunenberg, will submit to a serious operation at San Diego, Cal., according to information received today by his former attorney here. It has been decided that in order to save his life it will be necessary to remove one of his kidneys.

## REAL ESTATE AGENT SELLER FOUR PARCELS MONDAY

A. S. Brown, whose office is in the Palm Neldermyer block, reports the following sales:

A lot in the southwestern part of Medford to Steve Denhoff.

Three lots adjoining Medford on the south to S. H. Jackson of Eagle.

Twenty acres near Eagle Point to W. H. Lane.

Fifty acres on the county road north of Medford to J. K. Boling.

## PRIEST SLAYER GLORIES HIS AWFUL DEED

**Foreign Anarchist Kills Catholic Priest--Says His Arrest Prevents Others a Like Fate.**

DENVER, Feb. 24.—In the 20 centuries of the history of the Catholic church, members of its priesthood in this city declare, no recent tragedy will parallel the killing of Father Leo Guarnacchi, while administering sacrament to Giuseppe Guarnacchi at the altar steps of the church yesterday. The body of the murdered priest will be sent to Palermo, to be cared for by Franciscan brothers there.

Guarnacchi is a native of Sicily, aged 56, a shoemaker by trade. He is an anarchist and for 29 years has lived in Paterson, N. J., and Wakefield, Mass., and other mill towns. He expresses no regret for the deed.

## WAKEFIELD, MASS., FEB. 24--GUARNACCHI, THE NAME GIVEN BY THE MAN WHO SHOT FATHER LEO IN DENVER, WAS PROBABLY ASSUMED. NO TRACE OF SUCH A MAN IS TO BE FOUND HERE, THOUGH ANOTHER MAN OF THE SAME NAME LIVES HERE AND HOLDS AN IMPORTANT POSITION IN L. B. EVANS COMPANY'S SHOE FACTORY. HE DISCLAIMS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE DENVER MURDERER, WHO FIRST GAVE HIS NAME AS ALDO GUARNACCHI AND THEN CHANGED IT TO GIUSEPPE GUARNACCHI.

Through an interpreter the murderer declared:

"I am glad I did it, because it is in accordance with my principles. I am an anarchist, a zealous one, and have striven hard all of the last 25 years of my life to carry out its precepts. The fact that I was arrested when I murdered the priest only prevented the murder of three more of his class in Denver. I had never seen Father Leo before. He looked to me the same as any other priest whose hypocritical influence took bread out of the mouths of the poor while they themselves live in luxury."

The murderer continued in a hoarse and gloried in his "fine job, a perfect shot," and said his roommate, Mike Brunetti, was innocent of any connection with the affair, concluding: "What do I care what happens? My work is finished. Let the law take its course."

DENVER, Feb. 24.—From letters found in his room, the police believe the slayer of Father Leo is Angelo Gabriel, a Sicilian anarchist.

## ANOTHER MURDER COMMITTED BY ITALIANS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Giordano Cella, a wealthy importer, who was found dying in his office on West Broadway yesterday, with skull fractured by a hammer and his lips burned by acid. At first it was believed to be a case of suicide, but a brother, Dominio Cella, and Casar Bianchi are held on suspicion. The report left a fortune estimated at \$500,000.

## BIG SUM OF MONEY ABOARD WRECKED TRAIN

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 24.—A large dispatch carried a sum of \$10,000 to the room of the conductor of a train at Salisbury, Md., on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. It was explained by the fact that a train, which was on the way to Salisbury, was wrecked. The money was not damaged.

## GIVEN SENTENCE FOR KILLING DEER OUT OF SEASON

ROSCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 24.—H. H. Jones was brought here today when duty to serve a 15-day sentence for killing deer out of season. After his conviction in the justice court at Otsego, Jones was given the alternative of paying a fine of \$25 or going to jail for 15 days. Jones is the clerk of the school district in which he resides.

## FIFTY PERSONS ILL FROM EATING POISONED FRUIT

SALINA, Kan., Feb. 24.—Fifty persons at Salina, near here, were poisoned Saturday by eating canned fruit. Several are in a dangerous condition.

## LARGE PROFITS IN VALLEY BERRY FARMING



THIS STRAWBERRY BED OF 6x100 YIELDED JOB I. WILDER IN ONE SEASON \$700 WORTH OF BERRIES.