

Medford Daily Tribune

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GOOD ROADS NEEDED.

Good roads are needed badly in the Rogue River valley. There is no reason under the sun why they shouldn't be built and maintained.

From two-thirds to three-quarters of the year sunshine prevails. Road materials are cheap and abundant. Labor is reasonable and the soil lends itself readily in most parts to making good roadbeds.

Taxes are high enough—the Lord knows—but the roads are correspondingly poor. We can stand the high taxes if we get value received. Good roads are the best value we can receive.

This is a natural automobile country. There are more motor cars per capita than in any other section of the west.

Nature designed the Rogue River valley as a perfect home for the horse. For the raising and breeding of fine animals. No place on earth, in this regard, surpasses it.

For either automobiles or horses, good roads are necessary. Now that election is approaching, it is time that aspirants for office be placed on record.

It is time that those in favor of good roads form an organization to secure them and select candidates pledged to carry out their desires.

Another winter should find Medford's streets not only paved, but miles of country roads made passable.

On this point, orchardists, farmers and city residents can unite. It is money in all of their pockets to secure good roads.

Now is the time to act.

COMMUNICATIONS.

On a Dry Town. To the Editor: The report that has gone out that Ashland intends to put the county high and dry at the June election is not true.

As a result of the election, we have a good thing and when they have a little advantage on the situation know enough to hold fast. Since election, when Ashland went dry, our real estate dealers have been so busy locating new people who come to make homes and educate the children, that they have not time to go home to dinner.

And while the writer is neither a pro nor a teetotaler, I join with the majority of the people and say that Medford, Gold Hill and Jacksonville are welcome to their whisky row and if the time comes when they want to get rid of them it will surely be without any aid from Ashland.

It is true there was some kicking just after election about the dry vote, but at this date, now two months after election, with one exception all are well pleased with the results.

Bill, the curlstone broker, or better known as the man with the big mouth and the horse laugh, is the only kicker. We call him Bill because the balance of his name is so distinctly foreign that I can neither spell nor pronounce it.

He kicks on the commercial club, the schools, the churches, the people, the dry town, and in fact there is nothing that Bill does not get either his mug or his heels into. We could spare Bill if you need any good kickers in Medford.

We would trade Bill for a good mule that would drive single, and we wouldn't care whether it kicked or not. But, regardless of big-mouthed Bill, Ashland still lives, grows and prospers.

BOURNE'S THIRD TERM. TALE WORRIES TAFT. WASHINGTON, March 3.—Much concern is reported among Secretary Taft's friends over the Bureau Senator Bourne is establishing to honor Roosevelt.

Yesterday they brought the President's attention to Senator Bourne's crusade, but were soothe with the assurance that Secretary Taft's nomination was already as good as accomplished, and that the only concern the Taft men should feel was as to his election.

The president expressed his impatience with Senator Bourne and feelingly inquired of his visitor how the latter accounted for Bourne's pro-Roosevelt quest for a "second elective term."

Some of the Taft adherents declare that the so-called "second elective term" movement is really a reactionary movement in disguise and that its sole purpose is to divide the administration forces and bring about a clash between the president and Secretary Taft, resulting possibly in the resignation of Mr. Taft from the cabinet.

Critics of Senator Bourne's propaganda declare that of the proper time the president would be asked to attack a "run" to the "second elective term" and start a movement for the fall grass.

TWO MONTHS PUBLICITY IDEA

Special Letterheads Designed to Advertise the Colonist Rates—Passenger Agents to Be Entertained in Portland—Contest Ends March 15.

PORTLAND, March 3.—The executive committee of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents is meeting in Chicago this week to decide upon the details of their convention this coming summer, to be held in Seattle. J. H. O'Neill of Portland is a member of this committee, and when he left for the east last Friday carried with him a most cordial invitation from the Portland Commercial club to include at least a two days' sojourn in the "rose city" in the itinerary of the association's northwestern trip.

Their friendliness for Oregon has been manifested by the traveling passenger agents on innumerable occasions. Various organizations in the Oregon Development league are adopting a special letterhead for use during March and April only—something so striking that the colonist rates cannot be overlooked by its recipient. Business men are using the same stationery. Already answers are arriving to advertisements inserted in the greatest agricultural, fruit and dairy journals in the country by the league about the middle of February, and long lists of inquiries are being sent to the different commercial secretaries whose organizations are affiliated with the state body.

Handfuls of thousands of pieces of literature are going east from every part of Oregon. Every mail carries its message. Especially valuable are the fruit bulletins and report of the Oregon State Dairy association sent from the home office. The Los Angeles information bureau, maintained by Oregon, reports a number of people coming north immediately as a consequence of its few weeks' work.

Great Wealth of State. "The trend of civilization has always been westward," said Henry Watson Carnell in a lecture recently delivered before Portland business men, "since it crossed Asia to sweep through Europe. Immigration is now flowing west through the United States with irresistible force, but the Pacific coast is the limit of this great tidal movement, and here will be found the greatest cities of the world.

The solidity and substantial character of Portland must impress any visitor, while the vast tributary district of both Oregon and Washington represents greater wealth than can ever be taken from the gold mines of the continent." March 15 has been named by the judges of the Commercial club's \$5000 contest as the date when their labors will probably be completed. It is proving an arduous task to judge the hundreds of papers submitted.

RAILROADS TO COMPLY WITH NINE-HOUR LAW

WASHINGTON, March 3.—American railways have made arrangements to comply with the provisions of the "nine hour law." The operation of the law will mean the employment by railroad companies of several thousand additional operators and the closing of a large number of small stations on the principal systems. Discontinuing of rail way service at many points, it is thought, will induce at least temporary inconvenience to traveling and shopping public in order to reduce operating expenses, which now seem necessary. The operating officials of the railways believe that this is the only way they possibly can meet the situation with which they are confronted.

During the hearing of applications for an extension of the nine-hour law by the interstate commerce commission some astonishing statements were made by the operating officials of important railways. A good many times, owing to a reduction in the revenues and to their inability to command the cash necessary to meet their payrolls, have been forced during the past four months almost to the point of asking for receivers.

PART OF TAMPA, FLA., IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

TAMPA, Fla., March 3.—The entire extreme northern section of this city was destroyed by fire, which broke out in a boarding house early Sunday and spread uncontrollably for four hours. The area burned covers 25 acres or 18 1/2 city blocks; 208 buildings were destroyed with a total loss estimated at \$200,000, and one woman is dead from asphyxiation.

The burned section included four large and one smaller cigar factory and numerous restaurants, saloons, boarding houses and over 200 dwellings, occupied by cigar makers. The factories burned were: M. Stachberg & Co., loss \$100,000; M. Perez & Co., loss \$50,000; Chouzales, Fisher & Co., loss \$40,000; Esberg, Guist & Co., branch of Stachberg, loss \$40,000; and Fernander & Co., loss \$20,000.

SWIFT PREPARES TO BUY STOCK IN EASTERN OREGON

PENDLETON, Or., March 3.—J. B. Good, chief superintendent of agencies for Swift & Co., was in Pendleton yesterday and opened accounts with the local banks for his company. From here he went to Baker City and back to La Grande for the same purpose.

This is taken to mean that the buying of cattle for the Portland packing plant will be started very soon. While here Mr. Good stated that his company is now buying independently of all others and that it makes an agreement for a division of territory. It is therefore expected that there will be competition in buying, a condition that has not existed to any great extent in this county for years.

H. H. Goddard of Talent was a business caller in Medford Tuesday.

PRUNE AND SPRAY YOUR OLD TREES

Cut Them Down and Burn Them Rather Than Have Them Stand a Menace to the Neighborhood—Don't Experiment on New Sprays.

(By Richard Deich, fruit inspector, in Portland Journal.) Old muss-covered, scale-infested, pest-ridden fruit trees. What can be done for them?

Prune and spray them. Cut them down and burn them. Leave them stand, a menace to the neighborhood, an advertisement of thriftlessness to our eastern visitors who have been attracted here by the wonderful stories of Oregon fruit. No wonder they think we are "strangling" them—after a year of apple trees that don't average one box of fruit per tree, sixty or 70 boxes of apples per acre, not fit for hog feed; no wonder their shiftless owners think it "don't pay to spray."

But let us see if it does or does not. Let us suppose we are in the Hood River, Rogue River or some up-to-date Willamette valley orchard. Roughly speaking, 70 trees to the acre 12 years old, 10 boxes of apples to the tree, 700 boxes per acre. Suppose apples are only \$1 a box, like they usually are, instead of \$2 or \$3. If good apples were \$1 or \$1.50 per box everybody could and would eat apples, and there would be 100 boxes sold in Portland where one is sold now. Nobody will buy wormy, scabby and scabby apples unless he is driven to it, and most people cannot pay a fancy price for fancy fruit, so we will suppose 700 boxes to the acre at \$1 per box, or maybe that is too much. We will say five boxes per tree, 70 trees to the acre—surely that is conservative and our grower has worked hard and sprayed, pruned and carefully graded and packed his apples, which cost him \$100 per acre. This only leaves him \$250 per acre profit.

Possible Profits on Orchard. Of course that is only 10 per cent on \$2500 per acre. But our fruitgrower might be one of those more favored ones that we read about sometimes, and if we are not badly misinformed some of them live in most all parts of Oregon, at least you can if all the reports are true (and, I am almost afraid to say so) I have actually seen one or two of them myself along the different lines of transportation (even Harrison lines) who had only 10 or 20 acres of apple orchard, to say nothing about pear orchards, from which they harvest 10,000 or 15,000 boxes of apples and get an average of about \$2 per box—\$20,000 or \$30,000. That is 20 per cent on \$9000 or \$10,000 per acre after the man had paid all the expenses of spraying, picking and packing his fruit in the proper manner.

Of course, you couldn't tell the man who couldn't raise one box per tree and couldn't even sell that box to the vinegar factory at any price, that it would pay to spray and take care of his trees. But then it does pay, and every well-informed man knows it pays. It would pay the man with the one-free-one-box orchard to cut down his orchard and plant potatoes even with potatoes at 7 cents per sack, if he wasn't too lazy to think so, and besides, it would improve the value of his own land as well as his neighbor's.

Worse Than a Nuisance. The woods are full of people with money who want to buy good land, who would rather pay \$200 per acre for nice clean land than to pay \$50 for the same land that made them feel like a funeral every time they looked at it.

However, never mind; for if those trees are not looked after soon they will all soon be dead. They are as good as dead now, and they are worse than a nuisance, and for the good of the state of Oregon should be removed from sight as quickly as possible. There is no occasion for alarm if you really want to clean up those trees and profit thereby; if your trees are sound and healthy, but of inferior variety, it is an easy matter to top graft them over to some better variety. The result would be first-class fruit much sooner than if you planted a new orchard. Whatever you do, always remember that your fruit trees must have a full of lime and sulphur at least once a year, and it must be a thorough bark, every twig from the top to the roots, every particle of the tree must be covered, and the lime and sulphur must be strong and properly made according to the formula prepared by the state board of horticulture—15 pounds of lime, 15 pounds sulphur, 200 gallons of water. The lime and sulphur can be soaked in 25 or 30 gallons of water and then diluted to 200 gallons.

If you use the commercially prepared lime and sulphur solution, you had better make it at least one-third stronger than the directions given you by the manufacturers. A great many people who do not make fruitgrowing a business seem to think that the lime and sulphur spray ought to keep out the codlin moth and every other pest and disease that fruit is heir to. It is too bad that it does not, but it doesn't, so you will find it necessary to spray with something else at other times during the year. But lime and sulphur now are absolutely necessary, and the only time is worth all it costs, even if your trees are perfectly free from San Jose scale, leaf spot, anthracnose, woolly aphis, mosic, etc.

Don't try to experiment. Do not waste time and money trying something new, let somebody else experiment. In fact, Uncle Sam is experimenting, and when he finds something better he will let you know without cost to you if you will have your name put on the mailing list of James W. Wyckoff's director experiment station, Corvallis, Or.

The census of 1900 gives the number of apple trees of bearing age in the United States as 201,794,764, and the crop of apples produced 175,367,626 bushels—not much over half a box per tree. We know that here in Oregon we can raise from 5 to 50 boxes per tree, and that that there is big money in it.

We can raise them with more ease than they can be raised anywhere else; we can raise them cheaper, too, and the people are yearning for good apples everywhere. They will not buy wormy or scabby fruit covered with vermin, except when you startle them to it, and then a very little of it goes a long way. They cannot buy the fancy fruit at \$2 to \$5 per box, and besides, it is not everybody that can produce the fancy fruit, and even if they did, not all their fruit would be fancy.

Let us be up and doing for our own good as well as the other fellow. Clean up the trees or clean them out and raise sprouts.

W. H. Burdick of Oregon, Neb., who has been visiting with his brother-in-law, G. M. Jones, for the past four weeks, has left for Southern California tonight, where he will look over the country. Mr. Burdick will return to Medford and locate permanently in the near future.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Be It Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, the Mayor approving, That there be, and is hereby called a special election in said city for the purpose of submitting to the voters of said city for their approval or rejection, a proposed amendment to section 72 of the City Charter of said city, and such other matters as may lawfully be brought up at said election; that said election be held upon the 17th day of March, 1908, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. of said day.

The following are hereby designated and appointed as the polling places and the judges and clerks of said election:

For the First ward—Polling place, Old City Hall, over Haskins' drug store. Judge, Geo. A. Jackson; judge and clerk, F. M. Jordan; judge and clerk, J. U. Wilcox.

For the Second ward—Polling place, sample room of Hotel Dish. Judge, V. J. Emerick; judge and clerk, D. G. Kames; judge and clerk, H. B. Harvey.

For the Third ward—Polling place, City Hall. Judge, A. T. Drisko; judge and clerk, P. M. Stewart; judge and clerk, C. E. Collins.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council February 26, 1908. Trowbridge, absent; Eifert voting aye. Workman aye, Merrick aye, Hafer aye, Olwell absent.

Approved February 26, 1908. J. F. REDDY, Mayor. BENJ. M. COLLINS, Recorder.

Buy Tickets by Wire. "Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time."

Coal for Sale. We are now prepared to furnish hand picked coal at the mine, five mile east of town, in any amount desired \$7.50 per ton.

PACIFIC COAL CO.

Good Coffee Values

I was reading about a fellow who was asked what he had had for lunch, and he said: "A piece of oatmeal, some dried eggs, a cup of near coffee and some nut-quite pie." Well, you won't find any "near coffee" around this shop; that is, if we sell it to you for coffee. It's easy for a grocer to give you a good run for your coffee money if he isn't too stingy. Coffee is lower than ever before and qualities better. It all depends upon how much a grocer is willing to pay for his coffee. You can buy the real old Govt. Java or you can buy Java which comes from Brazil, but whatever we sell you, whether it be Java, Mocha and Java or Costa Rica, you may know it is the best grade that can be sold for the money. We have a big coffee trade, and that helps us to give you fresh roasted coffee any old day you want it, and not the tasteless kind which has lost most of its strength. I expect a lot of ladies in the store today to buy our 25c coffee.

Attach a plug to the nearest lamp socket and turn the switch.

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The Safe Conduct of Business

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Special Sale of ORCHARD

We are able to offer for a few days the most desirable young orchard within a few miles of Medford, which we have been able to offer our customers for a year, and within reach of the man with reasonable capital. The tract consists of 272 acres of orchard land, with 60 acres in cultivation and 45 acres in orchard of the right varieties of fruit, just coming into bearing. Thirty acres of the orchard is in Spitzenberg and Newtown apples and Conice pears. Fifteen acres in prunes, with good dryhouse on premises. Fully 60 acres more of good fruit land on the tract, covered with brush, but with enough firewood on same to pay for clearing and setting to fruit. Now is the time to act in this matter, for values are advancing so rapidly that only the rich can afford an orchard in this valley in a few years. Why shouldn't values advance, when the right kind of an orchard is yielding such fabulous returns?

Rogue River Land Co. EXHIBIT BUILDING, MEDFORD, OREGON.

FOR SALE

ONE OF THE CHOICEST PIECES OF BUSINESS REAL ESTATE IN MEDFORD, SITUATED ON THE COMING MAIN STREET OF THE CITY. PROPERTY IS NOW YIELDING 8 PER CENT ON THE AMOUNT ASKED, AND CAN BE MADE TO PAY 20 PER CENT ON THE INVESTMENT.

J. C. Brown THE REAL ESTATE MAN PALM BLOCK == MEDFORD

CATALOG HOUSES ARE NOT MERCHANT TAILORS

They drain the towns of money and neither give the fit, style nor distinction to your clothes that your own city tailor can.

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY. The clothes I make are the kind that "carry distinction," that bespeak the man, that keeps your money at home and are superior in every detail to the "sweatshop" goods of catalogue houses.

KEEP YOUR MONEY HOME. EIFERT. FRENCH DRY CLEANING AND REPAIRING NEATLY DONE. The City Tailor Medford

RESPECTFUL ATTENTION. It is always given to the patrons of the Nash Cafe. While the steward's and the culinary departments are carefully looked over so that the tables may be as near perfection as possible, we do not overlook the service. Hence, here you are assured satisfaction of the best kind of the word. The Nash Cafe

JUST RECEIVED. Several latest styles in Dinner Sets. Open Stock. Come and see our goods and make up the sets to suit yourself. MEDFORD TEA and COFFEE HOUSE. 216 WEST SEVENTH STREET. McGLASHAN & JUNKEN - Proprietors

THE SECRET. of why our bread is so much demanded 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 an tritron and enjoyment of eating at the same time. If you are not using Van Housenberg Bros' bread, try it. Medford Steam Bakery