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SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW.

Election is drawing near and it is time to look into the qualifications of those seeking public office.

It makes no difference to the taxpayer whether a man is a republican or democrat, a prohibitionist or a high license advocate—it is his efficiency that counts—and his inefficiency that costs.

Party names are merely cloaks for office-seekers who lack personal merit to hide behind. They have nothing whatever to do with the administration of county matters.

We need officials that will administer affairs in the interest of the whole county, not favor a certain section at the expense of the balance.

We need officials of ordinary business capacity, who can keep county records straight and not waste accounts into an inextricable tangle.

We need officials, broad-gauged enough to forget personal grievances and petty animosities, to overlook neighborhood jealousies, to recognize public wants and supply them—to work at all times for the common good.

A number of present officials are seeking reelection. Against them is a general complaint—particularly in the assessing and tax collecting departments, gross carelessness and inefficiency are charged, and if the statements of many taxpayers are to be believed, the charges certainly merit investigation.

People complain of being left off the assessment roll altogether, and then when attention is directed to the omission, of being put back at last year's assessment, plus a 40 per cent flat increase, regardless of the actual increase in value or depreciation of the property.

Complaint is made in numerous instances of property being placed on the delinquent list, although taxes had been paid, and it has been necessary frequently to show unneeded checks to prove tax payments, no record existing at the sheriff's office.

Gross inequality in assessments is reported. One place will pay taxes on twice the valuation of worthy property which would sell for more money. A man who reported so much cash on hand is now assessed for 40 per cent more cash than he has—and so it goes, a long story of alleged inefficiency and carelessness at the courthouse.

This paper is in receipt of letters from subscribers stating that it was owing the assessors office \$100 and was at a 40 per cent increase of valuation, but in some cases has actually doubled on the valuation of assessment left the taxpayers.

All these charges demand investigation. There is but one way to determine the truth and that is by having the county books audited. This will tell the story and either condemn or vindicate the assessors.

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SIXTY THOUSAND FEES COLLECTED BY DUNBAR

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COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor: In your daily of March 3 I see an article that is false. It made me appear a criminal and fugitive from justice, of which I have not the honor of being either one. I rather enjoy the honor of being a law-abiding citizen and in the trial proved myself to be. The facts of the matter are these: After school was out at 9 p. m., I, with two other friends, well known and respectable boys of town, started for home, went by the skating rink and up D street. In passing Doss' place of business, there being an uproar, and as boys are naturally curious beings, we looked in to see what was going on. When the merriment had subsided I happened to see George Hamilton, who had told my father some falsehoods about some trouble that had happened between us some time before, of course made it appear that I was in the blame, when really I was not, which I could have proven then, but I just paid my fine and let it pass.

When I accused him of telling falsely he struck me, and I finished up the matter with my bare hand, contrary to your other statement. Then, as you said, I fled to the country, which is my home, three miles out from Medford, and was there calmly awaiting the police, but was of course very much surprised, as I thought if any one should get out a warrant it would be myself, but I thought I had had satisfaction in the matter.

This is a true statement and I can prove the same. RUD LAURENTZ, Medford, Or., March 5.

To the Editor: It would be interesting to know whose orchard contains the 20 Winter Nellis pear trees that netted \$6000 in 1907?

When I first saw this fabulous yield in print in one of the local papers I was inclined to pass it over as a misprint, but not only did it appear in Sunday's Oregonian, but also in today's Southern Oregonian.

When a man comes upon a statement like that he throws down the paper in disgust, and it makes him very skeptical of what went before. It is a bad thing for the valley to carry exaggeration to such a length, so if it is a misprint, let same be printed repeatedly without correction. Yours truly, E. F. GUTHRIE, Eagle Point, Or., March 5.

The statement above referred to is a typographical error. It should read \$600 instead of \$6000.—Editor.

LOS ANGELES DEFENDANTS FIGHT TRIAL IN OREGON

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—Six residents of Los Angeles, indicted in connection with Oregon land frauds, have begun proceedings in the federal court before Commissioner Vandenberg to prevent their removal to Oregon for trial. Owing to the probable delay in the arrival of witnesses and to the fact that a series of motions to dismiss will be made, the proceedings will probably require a week or more. The defendants are all prominent business men of this city.

The six defendants are David M. Goodwin, William D. Gould, Lee R. Myers, George L. Stewart, Warren Gilliland and W. W. Keenan. Two others indicted at the same time, A. H. Hollister and Richard Brown, did not resist removal. It was reported that the case against Goodwin will be the first taken up. All motions for dismissal were overruled by Commissioner Vandenberg, clearing the way for the actual introduction of evidence.

NOTICE

In the official report of the State of Oregon, it is said that the county of Jackson...

In the matter of the reorganization of the City of Medford, Oregon, the following is published for the information of the citizens of this city: The last numbered issue of the City of Medford, Oregon, No. 100, of the City of Medford, Oregon, is now in the hands of the printer.

TAKE NOTICE

That in the City of Medford, Oregon, an application was filed by the said W. R. KERRICK in the circuit court of Jackson County, Oregon, for the appointment of a receiver of the said City of Medford, Oregon, and that the said receiver was appointed on the 1st day of March, 1908.

Now notice is hereby given that the said receiver has filed a report of his administration of the affairs of the said City of Medford, Oregon, and that the same has been approved by the court.

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Medford Rink

WINDELL & LOOSLEY, Props. Two Sessions Daily. Rink Closed on Sundays.

Afternoon Session... 2:00 to 5:00 Evening Session... 7:30 to 10:30

The management will endeavor to conduct this rink to secure the patronage of the best people; where they may go for recreation and healthful exercise. People patronizing it must at all times conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Music will be provided and special features added from time to time. All skaters pay 25 cents for use of surface. Admission free, except on special nights, which will be announced through the press.

SPECIAL MUSIC. Society Night Wednesday. Admission... 10 CENTS. Skates... 25 CENTS.

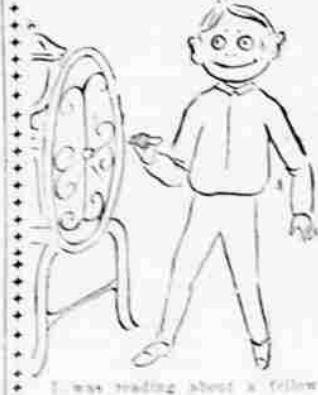
MEDFORD OPERA HOUSE

CHAS. HAZELRIGG, MANAGER. Stupendous Revival of the World's Famous Spectacle, THE NEW

Black Crook

A special production for the last triumphal tour, with a wealth of marvelous stage settings, costly and original costumes, together with Danes, Marches, Groupings, Ensembles, surrounded by a large chorus of Beautiful Girls. Feature Act from the Old World—Five—DONAZETTAS—Five. Amazing European Acrobats. PRICES... 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50

Good Coffee Values



I was reading about a fellow who was asked what he had had for lunch, and he said: "A piece of banana, some almost ripe, a cup of gear coffee and some not quite so." Well, you won't find any "gear 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 attentive and attentive to you. It all depends upon how much a grocer is willing to pay for his coffee. You can buy the real old Galt Java or you can buy Java which comes from Hawaii, but whatever we sell you, whether it be Java, Mocha and Java, or Java, Java, 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 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.

MILLER & EWBANK

Say 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 tickets 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 point in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to use them. Shorter connections and lower amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Be it Remembered, that the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, do hereby appointing that there be and there shall be a general election to be held on the 15th day of March, 1908, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Council.

Advertisement for Model Made and Tested Model Clothing Co. featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and a dog. Text includes: 'Clothes for All', 'SOME CLOTHES SEEM TO BE ONLY FAIR - WEATHER CLOTHES, AND COCKEL AND DROOP IN MIST AND RAIN. WOOLEN CLOTHES DON'T, AND OURS ARE WOOLEN.', 'Model Made and Tested', 'THEY FIT YOU BEFORE YOUR EYES, AND THEY KEEP ON FITTING TILL YOU ARE THROUGH WITH THEM.', 'Model Clothing Co. MEDFORD'S CORRECT CLOTHIERS', 'WATCH OUR WINDOWS FOR THE CORRECT STYLES.'

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 15th 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 Hawkins' drug store. Judge, Geo. A. Jackson; judge and clerk, F. M. Jordan; judge and clerk, J. U. Willeke.

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

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

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council February 26, 1908. Testimony, absent: Effert voting aye, Gorman aye, Marcell aye, Hafer aye, Wood absent.

Approved February 26, 1908. J. F. REDDY, Mayor.

Attest: BENJ. M. COLLINS, Recorder.

Advertisement for Miller & Ewbank Electric Water Heaters. Text includes: 'No Fire in the Kitchen Range No Hot Water in the House', 'ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS', 'Attach a plug to the nearest lamp socket and turn the switch', 'PINT, QUART, TWO QUART AND LARGER SIZES', 'Clean Safe Simple Durable', 'MILLER & EWBANK OFFICE 274 1st St. Medford, Or.', 'CONDOR WATER AND POWER CO. Office on Seventh Street. Deposit the Big Electric Sign.'

Advertisement for Dressler & Wood. Text includes: 'Do You Want a Good 5-ACRE TRACT', 'Close to Medford, fine location, good fruit and poultry land. Prices, \$90 to \$125 per acre. Easy terms', 'DRESSLER & WOOD', 'West Seventh St. Medford, Or.'

Advertisement for The Nash Cafe. Text includes: 'RESPECTFUL ATTENTION 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 edibles may be as near perfection as possible, we do not overlook the service. Hence, here you are assured satisfaction in the best sense of the word.', 'The Nash Cafe'

Advertisement for Medford Tea and Coffee House. Text includes: 'JUST RECEIVED A fine lot of Dinner Sets, French China, and a large assortment of High Tea and Coffee. Don't forget, we have the only 5c and 10c service in the city.', 'MEDFORD TEA and COFFEE HOUSE', '216 WEST SEVENTH STREET.', 'McGLASHAN & JUNKEN Proprietors'

Advertisement for Medford Steam Bakery. Text includes: 'THE SECRET of why our bread is so much demanded for its fine quality, lightness and moist business flavor is that it is made from choice winter wheat and by the best methods known in baking to give us texture and enjoyment of eating at the same time. If you are not using Van Hook's Best bread, try it.', 'Medford Steam Bakery'