

MEDFORD'S RAPID GROWTH. Year Ending Postoffice Receipts. Bank Deposits. Population. 1904. \$244,313. 293,500. 2,100. 1905. 302,522. 377,000. 2,235. 1906. 347,113. 435,000. 2,360. 1907. 393,331. 505,000. 2,500. 1908. 447,000. 565,000. 2,650.

Medford Daily Tribune.

THE WEATHER. Fair tonight, light frost, Tuesday fair; easterly winds. Associated Press Dispatches.

MEDFORD VICTOR BY SIX TO ONE

Home Team Defeats Jacksonville in First Game of the Season Sunday Before a Fair Crowd of Fans--Only One Two Bagger Made

Medford an easy winner in the first game of the season. After nine innings of fairly good baseball, the Medford boys showed their class by defeating Jacksonville to the tune of 6 to 1. Medford was really entitled to a shutout, and would have had same if Effert, after fumbling an easy chance, had held the ball, instead of trying to catch the runner out at first when it was hopeless to try, making a bad throw, which allowed Jacksonville their lone tally. All this happened in the ninth inning after two men were down.

Sexton, who pitched for Jacksonville, was surely the limit (for being slow). In fact, it was due to his lack of snappiness that the game dragged so at times. What the umpire should have done was to call balls on him every time he delayed the game by looking all over the grounds before throwing the ball. The very best kind of a ball game can be easily spoiled by just such work.

There was only one double play in the whole game--Wilkinson to Miles to Carter. Boussum pitched a good game and with a little more practice should develop into a star twirler. Wilkinson at short and Miles at second accepted everything that came their way without an error. Carter at first played a star game. Although he made one error he more than made up for it by some really clever plays.

Boussum had the honors of the game, striking out 11 men. Sexton and McIntyre each fanned two. Shorry Miles made the only two-bagger of the game. The score was as follows:

JACKSONVILLE. AB. R. IB. PO. E. Nunan, lf. 2 0 0 4 0 Donegan, p. 2b. 4 0 0 2 0 Sexton, p. 3. 3 0 0 7 0 Donegan, lb. 1 0 1 7 0 Wilson, c. 3 0 0 4 0 Dunford, 3b. 4 1 2 2 2 Ulrich, rf. 4 0 0 1 1 Garkins, cf. 4 0 0 1 0 Stout, ss. 2 0 0 3 1 McIntyre, p. 2 0 0 0 0 Totals 32 1 3 42 4. MEDFORD. AB. R. IB. PO. E. Rothermal, lf. 4 1 0 1 0 Miles, 2b. 4 0 1 3 0 Carter, lb. 5 0 0 12 1 Isaacs, cf. 3 0 0 1 0 Effert, 3b. 4 0 0 0 3 Purdy, c. 4 0 4 8 0 Wilkinson, ss. 3 2 1 1 0 Rippey, rf. 4 1 1 1 1 Boussum, p. 3 2 1 0 0 Totals 34 6 4 27 5.

CELEBRATION TO MARK NEW VANCOUVER ROAD

The completion of the North Bank road will be formally celebrated by a special excursion over the new line from Vancouver next Wednesday. The train will carry about 400 excursionists and invitations will be issued today. A number of Portland people, particularly those prominent in railroad circles, are expected to participate in the demonstration. Governor Mead of Washington will be one of the speakers. The affair is under the immediate direction of the business men of Vancouver and has the full cooperation of the officials of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway. The new line will be opened. The special train will carry sight coaches and will be the first passenger train to run over the western end of the new road.

HENEY IS CALLED A LIAR

Prosecutor Calls Bluffs Made by Ruef's Attorney and Case Is Set for Wednesday -- Court Orders Apology From Murphy.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.--The hostility and bitter feelings between the prosecution and the defense in the case of Abraham Ruef, who has kept up a running fire of affidavits during the past month, to which no reply has been made so far by the prosecution, broke out in court this morning when the lie passed between Frank J. Murphy, associate counsel for Ruef, and Francis J. Heney.

Murphy objected to postponement of the United Railroad trolley cases until March 16. Heney replied, "All right, then we will go on trial immediately." "We are ready, call the jury," replied Murphy. The court immediately set the case for next Wednesday, whereupon Murphy, realizing that Heney was in earnest, began to hedge. He said that he was not ready to proceed, that he had been misunderstood, etc. Heney arose and said: "It is apparent that the counsel was juggling with the court, endeavoring to deceive your honor, when he said, 'We are ready, call the jury.'" Murphy said testily, "We are not as adept at deceiving the public and the court as Heney when he stood before the jury and lied about immunity."

Heney flushed hotly and demanded counsel be punished for contempt and made to retract. Judge Lawlor ordered a retraction. "I retract so far as the court is concerned," answered Murphy, "but I demand Heney also be made to retract that I juggled with the court." Judge Lawlor paid no attention and refused to change the order for trial Wednesday.

OREGON FRUIT SHOWS GOOD

IN LONDON MARKET. The weekly apple report of W. Dennis & Sons of London says: After holding up fairly throughout the week, this market yesterday broke on best quality red fruit to the extent of fully 2s to 2s 6d per barrel, but Greenings and best Newtowns fully maintained their prices. We therefore quote at the moment as follows: Ontario No. 1 Baldwins, best quality, 20s per barrel; State Baldwins, 15s@19s; Nova Scotian Baldwins, 11s@13s; Maine Baldwins, 12s@15s; Ontario Greenings, 18s@22s; Ontario Golden Russets, 16s@17s; Nova Scotian Russets, 15s@17s 6d; Ontario No. 1 Spies, 20s@22s; Nova Scotian Spies, 14s@18s. Californian Newtowns, 4 tier first quality, 9s 3d to 10s 6d per box; Californian Newtowns, 4 tier second quality, 6s 6d to 8s 6d; California Newtowns, 4 1/2 tier second quality, 5s 6d@7s 6d. Oregon Newtowns, 12s count first quality, 14 to 15s; Oregon large fruit, such as 8s to 11s 2d count, 8s 6d to 10s 8d. Albemarle Pippins, first quality, 22 to 25s per barrel.

NEUHAUSEN ON STAND IN LOS ANGELES LAND CASE

LOS ANGELES, March 7.--The case of the local business men who are resisting removal to Oregon to be tried for the alleged complicity in the Oregon land frauds was on in the court today. Officials of the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Company and Richard Hines, one of the local defendants, who did not resist deportation, testified today. They testified as to books and records and the relations of certain men with the company, who are said to be implicated in the land frauds. Thomas R. Neuhausen, special agent for the Department of the Interior, was placed on the stand by the defense, but his testimony was objected to by the prosecution, as it would reveal their case.

PROSPECT FOR COAL EXCELLENT

Portland Capitalists Visit Fuel Pit and Express Surprise at Work Done--Means Much to Medford By Increasing Payrolls.

Fred S. Morris, bond broker of Portland, John C. Lewis, capitalist and one of the owners of the Pacific & Eastern, W. I. Vawter, H. C. Barnett and J. P. Reddy of Medford, accompanied Manager R. C. Doan in an inspection of the Medford coal mine Saturday. They found much accomplished towards opening up the mine and the quality of coal improving with the depth.

"The showing is a remarkable one and means much for this country," said Mr. Morris, upon his return. "There is no doubt that the quality of coal is improving with the work and there is evidently an immense quantity. There is no reason why this coal should not be one of the country's greatest resources. The construction of a railroad to the mine will enable the handling of a large output at small cost, and so means not only a large payroll at the mine, but payrolls in the town, for manufacturing always follows cheap fuel."

"To get the most out of your natural resources, such as coal and timber, it will be necessary for the railroads to figure on a small profit so as to provide a large tonnage. The consumers must be given a chance to make a profit also. The coal mine confirms my opinion that Medford has more natural resources than any region I ever saw, and I believe the city has a great future." Mr. Lewis said: "The showing at the coal mine is a remarkable one. It indicates that there is every prospect of an immense coal mine at Medford's door. The quality of the coal has improved with the depth of the mine. Cheap fuel plays a great part in the development of any city and it is destined to in this case."

TELEPHONE COMPANY LOSES ATTACK UPON REFERENDUM

PORTLAND, March 9.--Upholding the validity of the initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution, presiding Judge Cleland of the state circuit court today sustained the demurrer filed by the state attorney general in the attack made on the law by the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company. The state attempted to collect \$10,450 from the telephone company's two per cent gross earnings by the act of 1906 of the same which was carried to the state supreme court.

HALF MILLION DEBTS OF OREGON TRUST PAID

PORTLAND, March 7.--About one-fourth of the \$2,000,000 due the creditors of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank already has been wiped out by the German American Bank, which took over the assets of the defunct institution and agreed to meet its liabilities. This is considered a remarkably good showing, considering the fact that the bank, under the merger, had been open only a month and was allowed two years by the court in which to meet the claims against the old bank. With about \$500,000 in indebtedness already wiped out by means of establishing offices and by turning certificates of deposits into the old bank in for stock in the new German American Bank, the decreasing of the bank's liabilities is steadily progressing through the delivery of bonds to depositors in the defunct Oregon Trust who subscribed for bonds to the amounts of their deposits. Bond deliveries are made daily between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon. Trustee certificates have been issued and are delivered to those who signed for broken denominations of bonds. Those who take the original denominations of the securities are given the original bonds, although many prefer the trustee certificates, as in that case the bank retains the bonds, and the owner does not stand to lose the securities through accident or fire.

COURT CERTAIN OF GUILT

Justice of the Peace Stewart Says Is Convinced of Fait's Guilt Though No Evidence Was Submitted in the Case.

Fate laid a rather heavy and unkind hand on Professor Fait last Saturday when that occult gentleman of mystery and psychology was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Stewart, charged with having exposed to the public gaze a person partially unconscious, which subconsciousness was produced by hypnotic suggestion.

The dingy office of the justice, with its dusty chairs and untidy appearance, looking as though it had been plucked from the pages of Pickwick Papers, furnished a fit stage setting for the tragically attendant on the professor's arrest and hearing. While the court awaited the arrival of the district attorney the professor told a tale of tragedy, of little babies that relied upon the professor for daily bread and the mother, with a voice trembling with emotion, wondered what would become of the little ones if the professor were bound over to await the action of the circuit court.

Assumed Gift of Prophecy.

Justice Stewart reminds one of the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians in that he assumes the gift of prophecy and that he has a large and abundant faith in himself, but there are no mottoes framed upon the wall to the effect that "Charity suffereth long, and is kind," or that all else is as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal, but of the professor's trial if such it may be called. The defendant's attorney waived the preliminary hearing and urged that the professor was ignorant of the remarkable piece of legislation under which he was arrested and that his bail ought to be fixed at the minimum amount, the district attorney also suggested that the law was rather severe and extreme and also asked the minimum bail, but the court was of a different mind and arbitrarily fixed the bail at \$125 and further suggested that he thought the defendant would ship out and forfeit the bail and that there was no doubt that he was guilty; that he, Stewart, knew how Judge Hanna regarded such things and that Judge Hanna would find him guilty, etc.

The judges of the circuit courts, men learned in the law, invariably accept the suggestion of district attorneys in the matter of bail and kindred matters, but not so with Justice Stewart, whose marvelous presence of mind, in knowing just what Judge Hanna and a jury would think of the alleged crime and who knew that Fait would flee justice and his bail and who by occult reasoning knew the professor was guilty without hearing the evidence. As a gentleman who attended the trial said while flocking the grime and dust of the court room from his clothes, "even the little boys laughed."

SHEEPMEN CAN RANGE IN FOREST RESERVATION

PENDLETON, March 7.--Two important concessions have just been made to the sheepmen of Oregon by Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot. Secretary Dan P. Smythe of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association has just been notified by Pinchot that hereafter sheepmen will be given five-year leases on range in the forest reserves, instead of being compelled to make application for range annually as heretofore, and he also received notice from the chief forester that hereafter no sheepman would be fined for breaking reserve rules without due trial. Heretofore forest superintendents have fined sheepmen without trial for alleged infractions of reserve rules, but this practice is now stopped. These two concessions are results of recent visits to Washington of representatives of the sheepmen.

VALUATION INCREASED TWO THIRDS

Sixty Six and Two Thirds Percent Raise in Valuations of Jackson County Property and Not Forty Percent as Supposed.

Sixty-six and two-thirds per cent increase in assessed valuation of property in Jackson county, and not 40 per cent increase, as stated, is the result of the action of the board of equalization last winter. The board consisted of County Judge Dunn, County Assessor Applegate and County Clerk Coleman.

Tax-payers who have received statements of taxes due, have been busy trying to figure out how a 40 per cent flat increase would make their total holdings valued so highly. A little figuring showed them that the increase in all cases was 66 2/3 per cent, not 40 per cent.

If a man held a piece of property worth \$100, his assessed valuation last year was \$60. Now it is assessed at its full value, \$100. The increase has been from \$60 to \$100 or \$40, and \$40 is 66 2/3 per cent of \$60, so the increase is at this ratio.

A number of men reported the actual amount of cash they had on deposit. They find they are assessed for more money than they have. A long list can be made along these lines of property owners and merchants taxed for more than they possess.

THE DALLES ADOPTS NAME OF CHERRY CITY

THE DALLES, Or., March 9.--More cherries for The Dalles, the cherry city, is the slogan of orchardists. A tract of 600 acres owned by A. Bettington of this city is to be platted and placed on the market. The tract is a mile and a half east of town. A creek runs through the property and plenty of water will be available. As a cherry-producing section, The Dalles is becoming a center. This fact will be fully demonstrated at the midsummer meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society to be held here. The affair will partake of the nature of a cherry festival and valley towns will be invited to compete against the home product.

Dr. G. E. Sanders, an old-time resident dentist, has recently sold a lucrative practice to turn his attention entirely to orcharding. He has large orchards and raises peaches and cherries and other fruits.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

Thomas Lyon of West Medford, who has several tracts of fine timber in the Butte Creek country, has recently returned from a trip to his timber and Butte Falls, where he says that there are many buildings constructed.

Ashtland's city council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of barns and stables anywhere within the city limits without the formal permission of the council upon petition of the party applying. This is done to prevent the erection of barns and stables where they may be objectionable, and is calculated as a sanitary measure, too.

Among the many who have received new pensions or had their old ones raised are John Fletcher of Derby, Geo. W. Mace of Barns, W. P. Wood and W. P. Morse of Medford, Lorenzo Snyder of Trail, Chas. Hurd of Wonder, W. J. Steel of Phoebe, Zachariah Cardwell of Myrtle Creek, Henry Vogelges of The Dalles. They will each get from \$12 to \$20 per month.

While strolling down the street the other day I noticed a fine display of postal cards and on investigation I found the largest assortment of postals that I have ever seen. For the benefit of those who have not already found it, I will say that it will pay you to call and see them. You will find them at Hill's Postal Shop, Hubbard building, upstairs.

WILL STOP BUILDING OF NEW MILL

Unless Fulton Bill be Amended Much Harm Will Result From Government Suit to Recover Railroad Land to Innocent Purchasers.

Property owners of the Rogue River valley are much excited over the prospective passage of the Fulton joint resolution providing for legal action against the Oregon-California land grant, unless it should be amended to provide that innocent purchasers of railroad grant lands are protected.

Many local residents have come into the possession of property once belonging to the Oregon and California railroad but long since sold by them. Should action be taken by the government to cancel the grants, local interests will suffer unless safeguarded by an amendment to this effect.

The following telegrams have been sent to Congressman W. C. Howley urging immediate action:

"Unless Fulton joint resolution is amended excepting expressly innocent purchasers our interests are jeopardized. Hop you will not have us open to attack. Bought railroad land for immediate operation. Have purchased and now installing two large sawmills on railroad lands. Our business depends entirely on operation of these mills. Would you advise us to cease preparations. Have 12,000 acres, half of which is railroad lands. Two hundred and twenty-five men will be affected if operations cease. Cannot operate tract successfully except as a whole. Confer with Bonaparte and advise his opinion at once. Edward Hafer, manager Iowa Lumber and Box Co."

"Our people are greatly agitated over Fulton joint resolution providing for legal action against Oregon-California land grant unless it clearly defines that innocent purchasers in good faith from railroads are protected. Urge you to insist that this necessary safeguard to our interests be provided in resolution." J. W. PERKINS.

"Prosperity of Medford and Southern Oregon depends upon absolute validity of titles, many of which come from railroad. Consider absolutely essential that Fulton joint resolution be amended, providing that purchasers in good faith be exempted from its provisions. Unless this be done, it may entail endless litigation and possible ruin to many. Oregon depending upon you to safeguard homes and commercial interests."

"Newspaper reports indicate Fulton resolution permits government to attack those of us who have bought land from the railroad company. When here you agree with me that innocent purchasers ought to be protected. I had a talk with Fulton on the same subject and he expressed the same opinion. With my associates we have paid large sums of money to the railroad company for lands. We bought on the faith of the government patent. In justice to myself and others who have invested it seems to me the resolution ought rather to provide protection rather than means of attack."

Hair to Fourteen Millions. Worcester, Mass., March 9.--John T. Dower, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here, has just been notified that he is heir to a fortune of ten million dollars from his uncle, Thomas Wallace, who died in Melbourne, Australia. Dower says he will retain the secretaryship of the local branch association.

MEAT MARKET MEN KEEP OPEN SUNDAY

The Medford butchers are in a tangle. For a month meat market men have been agitating the closing of their markets on Sunday, and all agreed to sign articles to that effect. When Sunday came there was two shops open in violation of the agreement, which was only verbal, not having yet been reduced to writing.

CHOOSE OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Horticultural Society Elect J. E. Watt President, F. L. Tou Velle Vice President, M. B. Signs Secretary, W. H. Brown Treasurer.

The annual meeting of the Rogue River Horticultural society for the election of officers was called to order at Medford by President J. E. Watt. The secretary being absent, Prof. Signs was called upon to act. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved by Mr. Tou Velle and seconded by Mr. Harris that Mr. Watt be reelected president for the ensuing year. The motion put by Mr. Tou Velle and Mr. Watt was unanimously elected.

Nominations for vice-president were then received, F. L. Tou Velle, S. L. Bennett and W. H. Brown being the nominees. Mr. Tou Velle received 7 votes, Mr. Bennett 5 and Mr. Brown 5. Mr. Tou Velle having the highest number was declared elected.

Mr. F. S. Merrick and M. B. Signs were then placed in nomination for secretary. The first ballot was a tie--8 to 8. The second ballot showed 7 for Merrick and 9 for Signs. Mr. Signs was accordingly declared elected.

The nominees for treasurer were G. A. Haver and W. H. Brown. Mr. Haver received seven votes and Mr. Brown 10. Mr. Brown was declared elected. F. H. Hopkins, L. D. Harris, Ed Andrews, H. T. Findlay and C. H. Lewis were placed in nomination as the executive committee. The vote being unanimous this committee was declared elected.

Discussions were held upon the fungus diseases of peaches, blight and the care of roses with respect to the need of spraying. The policy of trying to have some special authority on various horticultural subjects from the agricultural college and elsewhere to address the meetings was discussed, favorably and steps were taken to see if Prof. Lewis of Corvallis could be secured for the next meeting. The following new members were received: A. L. Marshall, W. T. York, S. A. Nye and W. N. Campbell.

JAP USES THREATS OVER SEIZED SHIP BY CHINA

TOKIO, March 7.--The Associated Press was informed this morning that negotiations with China, in the matter of the seizure of the Japanese steamer Tatsu, had not reached the ultimatum stage yet and it was stated that Minister Hayashi at Peking had not been instructed to that effect. It is also believed that Minister Hayashi has not made any threat to use force. It is admitted, however, that in the event of China's failing to yield only one course is possible. The cabinet meeting which was to have been held today has been postponed to Saturday, owing to the absence of Foreign Minister Hayashi, who is duck shooting in the country.

New Swimming Record.

NEW YORK, March 7.--Swimming in his best form in the 100-yard race, lowest stroke, at the sportsman show in Madison Square Garden tonight, Henry J. Hardy of the Illinois Athletic club, Chicago, established a new world's record at this distance and style, making the 100 yards in 1:17.35.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

The undersigned respectfully announces himself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county judge of Jackson county, Oregon.

J. R. NEILL, Jacksonville, March 9, 1908.

Italian in Death Chair.

OSHING, N. Y., March 9.--Antonio Strolls, the Italian who killed Antonio Loretta in Van Cortlandt, N. Y., last August, went to death in the electric chair today. He said a cherry good-bye to the attendants and went to his death with a smiling face.