

MEDFORD'S RAPID GROWTH table with columns for Year, Population, and other statistics.

Medford Daily Tribune

THE WEATHER: Occasional rain tonight and Friday; southerly winds. Associated Press Dispatches.

THIRD YEAR. MEDFORD, OR., THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1908. No. 6.

SYSTEM OF WATER GRAFT IS EXPOSED

Amazing Steals Extending Over Years Involving City Employees and Business Firms Uncovered in Chicago--Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Lost.

CHICAGO, March 25.—An amazing system of grafting and grafts, involving city employees and business firms, extending for several years, has been uncovered in the water department. Two employees, including a division head, have been removed and their authorization altered for discharge.

BEEF TRUST RAISES PRICE OF ALL MEATS

All Grades Advanced Two Cents a Pound and Further Increase Probable--Farmers do not Profit by Advance as are Short of Supplies.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Retail prices of meats in an epidemic season advanced 2 cents a pound within the past 24 hours. It is likely that a further advance of 2 cents in 48 hours will result in a shortage of meat.

ROYCROFTERS TO ESTABLISH FIRM HERE

Elbert Hubbard of the Phillips-Tine Visits Medford and May Open Branch Furniture Manufacture to Make City Famous as Home of Restored Art.

Medford, Oregon, and Elbert Hubbard, the famous lecturer and author of the Phillips-Tine, is in Medford today on his way to the Phillips-Tine factory in the Rogue River valley, and on his way to the Phillips-Tine factory in the Rogue River valley.

SLAYS HUGE BLACK BEAR IN ITS DEN

Frank Edwards Kills Monarch of Siskiyou in Close Encounter in the Darkness With a Small Rifle--Entered Dark Hole All Alone to Capture Bruin.

Like David and Goliath, the hunter defeated the bear's den to slay the monarch of the Siskiyou. Frank Edwards, of the Siskiyou, has just returned from a successful hunt in the Siskiyou mountains.

STATEMENT NUMBER ONE IS POPULAR

H. M. Calko Finds Public Sentiment Throughout State Favors Those Candidates Who Will Obey the Expressed Wish of the People at the Polls.

Hon. H. M. Calko, candidate for the United States senate and chief republican member of Statement No. 1, in Medford, is making a tour of the state, meeting people and receiving suggestions.

HIGH SCHOOL BONDS BRING GOOD PRICE

Jackson County Bank Secures Issue--Big Sale of Timber Land--Prall Ranch is Sold at Good Figures to Local Men Who Reinvest Timber Profits.

The Jackson county bank was the highest bidder for the \$40,000 five percent bonds recently voted by the Medford school district for the construction of a new high school building.

ARBORE DAY COMES ON APRIL 13 IN OREGON

Arbores day comes in Oregon this year on April 13, and it will probably be observed this year more generally than any other, notwithstanding the pupils and teachers of many schools have anticipated the occasion in a large degree by planting roses in the winter.

MRS. HARRIMAN TO SPEND SUMMER AT PELICAN BAY

CHICAGO, March 25.—Mrs. Harriman will spend the summer at Pelican Bay, near Seattle, Washington. She is accompanied by her family.

LITTLE HOPE OF RESTORING COTTON MILLERS' SCALE

BOSTON, March 25.—Cotton mill and scale makers hold out little encouragement that the very scale prevailing before the fire can be restored with the recovery of business.

DIPLomat SHOT BY KOREAN DIES FROM HIS WOUNDS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 25.—Fire at Springfield practically destroyed the Hotel Leland, one of the best known hotels in the country.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

Judge J. C. Neil of Jacksonville spent Thursday in Medford. H. D. Kuhl of Appleton and J. J. Harpigny of Gold Hill, candidates for the republican nomination for representative, were here during the week.

CUPID COLLINS TIES FIRST WEDDING KNOT

It's "Cupid" Collins now. The popular city recorder has added a new accomplishment--that of uniting couples in matrimony.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON IS TO RUN FOR PRESIDENCY

ST. PAUL, March 25.—Governor John A. Johnson is a candidate for the presidential nomination of the democratic party.

MASQUERADING COUNTERS PROVES HOTEL THIEF

PARIS, March 25.—A series of mysterious hotel robberies in the Riviera, extending over many years, has been explained by the arrest of the alarm-bell masquerading counter of Monte Carlo.

CONGRESSMAN LITTLEFIELD RESIGNS TO PRACTICE LAW

ROCKLAND, Me., March 25.—Governor Cobb today received a letter from Congressman Charles E. Littlefield resigning his position as representative from the Second district of Maine.

COMPLETE RAILROAD TO KLAMATH FALLS THIS YEAR

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 25.—That the California Northwestern is to be completed to Klamath Falls this year is evidenced by the rapid progress being made in construction and track laying.

YOUTHFUL ROBBER KILLED WHILE ENGAGED IN CRIME

CHICAGO, March 25.—James Kane was found dead in a cab at Eighteenth and Calumet avenue early today with a bullet in his head.

FOREST RANGERS WANTED FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

A forestry service bulletin from the United States forest service commission has just announced that examinations will be held for the position of ranger at the various forest headquarters.

ANARCHIST PAPER BARRED FROM UNITED STATES MAILS

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order annulling the second-class mailing privilege granted in 1905 to the Italian Socialist, an Italian publication issued by the anarchist group at Madison, N. J.

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HAILEY LEFT ESTATE VALUED AT \$40,000

PENDLETON, Or., March 25.—The late Judge Hailey is said to have left an estate approximating \$40,000, all of which will go to his widow.

EUGENE COUNCIL TO BUY OLD CITY WATER WORKS

EUGENE, Or., March 25.—The most important step which the Eugene council has yet taken toward securing its own water system was an agreement to buy over the Whittier Valley water company's plant for \$150,000.

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RUNAWAY TEAM DASHES MADLY THROUGH CITY

An exciting runaway took place Thursday morning. A team from the Nash livery barn, which was in charge of Mr. Hale at the piano house, took flight and ran east down Seventh street.

FOR WOMEN

On the next page, at the bottom of the second column, you will find a good something better than the actual finding of the fabled "fountain of youth," so earnestly sought by Ponce de Leon in the sixteenth century.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Grave doubts are expressed regarding the recovery of Scarba Deane.

W. H. Cannon has announced by filing his petition that he will be a candidate for the office of justice of the peace for the Medford justice district.

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KOREANS RAISE FUND

Following the meeting of the Korean club here last evening, it was decided that a fund will be raised for the defense of the men held at San Francisco for the attempted assassination of the king.