

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES

Medford Daily Tribune.

THE WEATHER.

Showers tonight or Thursday; westerly winds.

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OR., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1908.

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BRIDGES DANGEROUS TO TRAVEL THROUGH NEGLECT OF OFFICIALS

STRUCTURE O'ER ROGUE UNSAFE

Florence Rock and Prospect Structures Likely to go Down at Any Time.

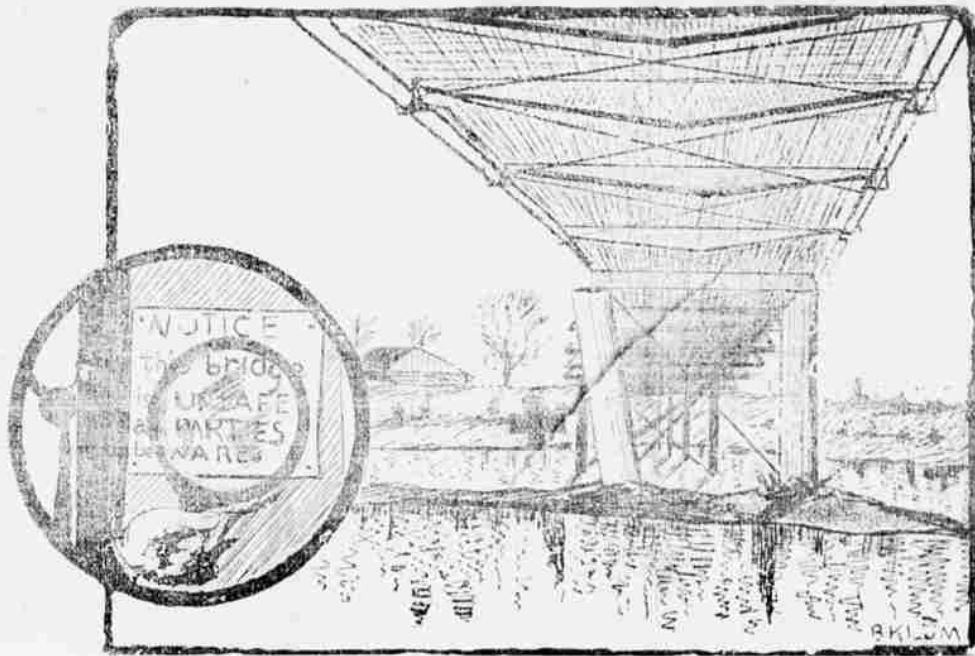
Each day brings to light fresh instances of neglect on the part of the county court in caring for the roads and bridges.

The bridge over the Rogue river at the falls near Prospect is a glaring illustration of what incompetence, neglect and oversight on the part of those who were elected to care for the county highways have done.

Simply Case of Inaction. And all this because a few days' work on this structure has never been done. The bridge is of the suspension kind and when the wood gradually shrunk the stay bolts became so loose that the truss braces were allowed to slip out of place, giving no support to the bridge, and swinging freely in mid-air.

George Stacey, who lives in Sam's Valley, is the road supervisor for this district, and it is his duty to report this, but so far as is known he never did do anything about it, and last October C. S. Allen of Prospect wrote personally to Judge Dunn and told him of the condition of the structure and what needed to be done to make it safe.

In consequence of the dangerous condition...



SKETCH OF CENTRAL POINT BEAR CREEK BRIDGE.

Showing pier loosened by flood of year ago. A comparatively small sum would render bridge safe, but first flood will take structure out. To left is shown sketch of public warning that is too small to be noticed.

HENEY CAN'T SPEAK HERE

Famous Prosecutor Called Back to Frisco by Langdon's Departure for the East.

Francis J. Heney passed through Medford Wednesday morning on his way back to San Francisco. He said at the depot: "Tell the people of Medford that I am extremely sorry not to be able to speak to them, as I wanted to choose where Heney bag it, but I have been called back to San Francisco by a telegram from District Attorney Langdon, who has been called east."

The papers have not given facts as I presented them at Portland and Salem. I have not indulged in personalities. I have confined myself to the public record of Senator Fulton and said nothing about his personality. I would have liked to have spoken here very much, and let the people who heard Mr. Fulton hear me."

IS OWNED BY MEDFORDITES

Judge Crowell Replies to Article by Square Deal-Bank Not Controlled by Ashland Men.

To the Editor: A misleading article in Monday's Tribune, signed, "A Square Deal," seeks to convey the impression that the First National bank of Medford is not a Medford institution. Referring to the First National, the article in question says that "Mr. Carter (of Ashland) and County Judge Dunn run an auxiliary bank in Medford." Again, "Mr. Owens (republican candidate for commissioner) is a stockholder in the Carter bank at Medford."

While I personally honor E. V. Carter and Judge Dunn, as most good citizens of Jackson county do, I want the public to know that both of these gentlemen together own but a small interest in the First National bank of Medford. This bank has but five directors; of these, three are residents of Medford, one of Jacksonville and one of Ashland. Seventy per cent of the shares of the First National bank are owned and held in Medford, the remaining 30 per cent of the shares are owned in about equal portions in the three cities of Central Point, Jacksonville and Ashland. No part of the stock of the First National bank is owned in San Francisco or Portland.

The First National bank is a Medford institution, organized by Medford citizens, owned by Medford capital and managed by Medford men. We haven't a stockholder of whom we've asked, we have no a deposit place, we have never planned or whose country we have ever visited. We don't work in politics. We don't deal in national stock. We don't lie to our neighbors. We don't lie to our neighbors. And most all decent and honest businessmen, as well as Democrats, are our personal friends, and many of the sure our patrons, and that is why the First National bank has grown so rapidly in deposits and public confidence.

James Owens, with better judgment than some of his neighbors, bought a few shares of its stock. Therein he showed good judgment, for now people who own any of the stock won't sell it. Since when has it become a crime for a bright business man to own stock in the First National bank? Does it make Owens unfit to hold the republican nomination for commissioner? Or is he unfit because by hard work, long hours and integrity he has succeeded in...

COMMISSIONER IS BUSY TODAY

Publisher Bliton Weds Miss Ida M. Redden-Couple Leave for South on Honey-Moon.

The wedding of Hon. Albert S. Bliton, United States land commissioner and publisher of the Medford Mail, and Miss Ida M. Redden took place at the home of the bride's parents in South Medford in the presence of a large company of invited guests. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. C. Heuser at 10 o'clock, the ring ceremony being used. Clarence Meeker acted as best man, Miss Sadie Amann as maid of honor and Mrs. Myrtle Forbes matron of honor. Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Oba Krauss rendered a solo, followed by Mendelsohn's "Wedding March," played by Miss Nellie Reuter. A violin solo was rendered by June Flynn during the ceremony.

After the ceremony the company sat down to an elaborate wedding breakfast. The house was tastefully decorated. The bride was dressed in a brown traveling suit, the groom in conventional black. Among those present were the relatives and intimate friends of both contracting parties, Miss Sadie Amann and Mrs. Grace Burlington of Oakland, Cal., and Mrs. Sola Jackson of Portland, sister of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliton took the south-bound afternoon train for Southern California ports, where they will spend three months, visiting at Catalina. They will be at home to their friends after June 1. I don't believe they will. Neither will the intelligent public, most of whom do their banking or are getting ready to do it, with the First National bank of Medford believe us to be anything but a Medford institution, capitalized with Medford cash and exclusively managed by Medford men. Of whom I have the honor to be one. Yours is truth. W. J. CROWELL.

CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LOCK HORNS

Combine Refuses to Grant Liquor License Until Mayor Names Chief of Police to Suit Them--Water Contract Signed.

The city council Tuesday night again tabled the reissuance of a liquor license to Boss A. Hale and Consulman Elbert announced that a majority of the council had agreed not to grant this or any other liquor license until Mayor Reddy had appointed a new chief of police to succeed C. W. Turpin, against whom charges had been preferred and who had resigned some weeks ago. Mr. Elbert explained that he had voted for the license at the last meeting, and that there was nothing against the firm, but that nothing could now move him to vote for it again until the mayor did as the council demanded.

Hale is Rejected. Mayor Reddy stated that he had delayed the appointment of a new chief in the hope of securing someone acceptable to all members of the council and that it was at his request that Mr. Turpin had continued to act. He objected to the attempt to coerce him, and did not think it fair to punish an innocent party or that it was a square deal to the people of Medford. He then appointed J. F. Hale as chief of police. The appointment was rejected, Trawbridge, Elbert, Merriek and Wortman, who comprise the newly organized combine against the mayor, voting against it.

Reddy Talks on Rejection. "You tell me you will not act until I have appointed a new chief. I have appointed one, and you reject him. In other words, you want to force me to appoint a chief of your own choosing—not one of my choosing. I gave you nearly two months to choose one, practically turning over to you the appointment. I appointed one most of you agreed to accept a short while ago and you won't have him now. The reason I did not name Mr. Hale before was because certain of you objected to him." "The appointment of a chief isn't an easy matter. I wanted to get one satisfactory to all. You want me now to appoint a Mr. Talent. I won't do it, for he isn't satisfactory to some of you, and many citizens who deserve consideration have protested his appointment."

Water Contract Signed. The deadlock continues and meanwhile Boss & Hale are forced to suspend business, through no fault of theirs, the victims of an attempt by the council to coerce the mayor into making the appointment they wish. The main business of the evening was the signing of a contract purchasing the water of William Seelye Company from M. E. Hindey for \$25,000, to be paid for out of the \$200,000 bond system recently voted by the city. An ordinance to this effect was read and approved.

The application of A. M. Woodford to build an addition to his residence in the fire limits was referred to the building committee.

The city attorney was instructed to draw an ordinance regulating street vendors. The salary of Jeff Williams, who is superintendent of the park, was fixed at \$45. per month until December 1.

Minor Business Transacted. A cement sidewalk was ordered on the west side of L street, Seventh to Eighth streets. The grading of Jackson street to the corporate limits was ordered. The street committee was instructed to meet the ladies of the Greater Medford club to complete the naming of streets.

Specifications were adopted for asphalt macadam paving. A 40-foot street was accepted from Fourth to Seventh between the Warner and Wortman properties and the Orr property. The bid of the Gould company was accepted for galvanized pipe and main connections on Seventh street, and Engineer Kelley ordered to purchase the same.

DAM BURSTS WASHES AWAY SMALL TOWN

Houser Lake Dam Bursts and Terrible Flood Follows--Railroad Tracks Under Water and Telegraph Lines Down.

HELENA, April 15.—Later developments of the bursting of the Houser dam, near here, yesterday would indicate that the first reports were not exaggerated. It is estimated the financial loss will exceed \$200,000. The immense lake, covering 20 square miles, in the valley below Helena, was completely drained at an early hour today. Below Craig as far as Elba the Great Northern railroad tracks are under water. Because of the fast of telegraphic and telephone wires washed out, no further details are obtainable at this time, but ample warning has been given all residents along the track of the flood by riders and by wires before the flood swept the wires away, and it is not thought there is any great loss of life. The entire village of Houser Lake has been swept away with the belongings of 20 employes.

A large number of houses in the path of the flood were undermined and washed away. A special dispatch to the Record says the town of Craig was washed away after the residents were warned. Carl Ide was drowned at Great Falls while working to strengthen the dam to resist the flood. The dam will be rebuilt at once.

A private message from Great Falls (Continued on Page 6.)

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Building Dunn's Elevated.



SNAPSHOT SHOWS COUNTY COURT'S METHOD OF ROAD-BUILDING. BROKEN ROCK DUMPED IN CENTER TO HEIGHT OF SEVERAL FEET.

Glimpse of Dunn's Elevated.



WAGON TURNS TURTLE IN ATTEMPTING TO TURN OUT FOR ANOTHER WAGON, SNAPPED ON JACKSON COUNTY'S MAIN TURNPIKE.