

# Medford Daily Tribune

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### HOW THE ROGUE WAS NAMED.

In its last issue, the Grants Pass Observer contained an article repeating the oft-told tale that the Rogue received its name from a common perversion of the French word "rouge," meaning red, which it is alleged was the name given the river by the French trappers. As a matter of fact, there is no historical authority for such a statement, and as far as can be learned the stream was never christened Rouge, or Red, by the French. Nowhere is it red in color or could the name Red be correctly ascribed as in the case of the Red river of the north and other streams.

As far back as 1828 the first French traders and trappers christened the stream "Riviere aux Coquin's," or "River of Rogues," on account of the treacherous character of the aborigines. The Indians of this region were universally feared and dreaded by the earliest traders, who called them rogues and named the valley and river after them.

The first history of Jackson county, published in the early seventies, gives this version of the naming of the Rogue and according to Judge W. M. Colvig, himself a pioneer of the early fifties, this was the version of the christening of the stream accepted by the pioneers generally.

In 1852 or thereabouts, the territorial legislature changed the name of the Rogue to "Gold" river, but the name never stuck. The same legislature changed the name of Marysville to "Corvallis," or "Heart of the Valley," and of Albany to "Takenah," but only the former appellation held.

The Observer is as badly mixed upon the Rogue as it was upon the derivation of the name of Josephine county, which it asserted was named after the wrong girl. It was named after Josephine Rollins, as stated by J. H. Twogood in The Tribune of December 18. Miss Rollins' picture is said to be hanging in the residence of Jake Thompson at Ashland.

### AMUSEMENTS.

"In Wyoming." At the Medford Theater Monday, December 28, H. E. Pierce & Co. will offer their great, virile western play, "In Wyoming." It is from the pen of Willard Mack, and is one of the most ambitious and pretentious this talented actor-author has thus far attempted.

For his characters Mr. Mack has gone to a big cattle ranch near Casper, Wyo., and will give us a glimpse of life among the cowpunchers in the early

80s. There is always an indefinable charm about the stories of the frontier, and Mr. Mack has striven to retain this western charm in the characters in his successful play. Among the characters in the play may be mentioned Bob Rickotts, a typical young westerner, who makes love to the pretty young easterner, Jennie Summers; Dave Dalby, the ranch owner; Hank Jones, the neighboring rancher, who is a regular "comic"; Steve Gordon, the leader of a band of cattle thieves and a vengeful but repentant wooer of the charming Jennie Summers; Bossy Hank Jones'

daughter, who has an "affinity" in the person of Willie Settle, the breezy young drummer, who talks like a human phonograph, so fast, in fact, that one might be led to suppose that his father was an auctioneer; Mrs. Dalby, everybody's friend and mother. So it will be seen that phases of life on the open range form the basis of the story, but the hand of the author easily avoids the hackneyed subjects that have so long served in western plays.

It is a strong play with numerous dramatic scenes and situations, fine character studies and bright dialogue. Wholesome comedy is freely injected to relieve the pathos. H. E. Pierce & Co. have supplied an excellent cast and the production is a heavy one.

### Big Attraction at the Bijou.

The Xmas week specials at the Bijou are all that they are advertised to be. When a Medford audience demands a response to a third encore you may rest assured that the attraction is an extraordinary good one. And such it is. The management is indeed fortunate to secure an attraction of the kind put on by Mr. and Mrs. Blessing. Their "Mysterious Dinner Party" is most unique, comical and full of interesting features. Their comedy duets simply brought down the house. Mr. and Mrs. Blessing change their bill on Wednesday night with a big comedy special. The celebrated Traviolas, jugglers and hoop rollers, appear the last three nights of this week. The latest feature film, entitled "Richard III" is included in tonight's performance. The performance throughout is the best ever put on in the city.

Ed Wilkinson is spending the holidays in Portland. After New Year's he will go to California for the winter.

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## CHANCE MAY PLAY WITH THE COAST LEAGUE

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 22.—That Frank Chance of the Chicago Cubs, the world's champions for two successive years, will abandon organized baseball to become a member of the outlaws is the sensational statement made today by one of the directors of the Fresno club. He may join the San Francisco club to help boost baseball on the coast.

The playing of Chance with the Seals will prove the greatest drawing card which baseball on the coast has ever seen. Many baseball fans are eager to see this world-famed player in action and a year on the coast would do both the league and Chance good.

### CAPTAIN AND SIX MEN GO DOWN WITH SHIP

CUXHAVEN, Germany, Dec. 22.—A British cotton steamer was wrecked today on Point Mizenhead. The captain and six men were drowned.

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