

# Medford Daily Tribune

A LIVE PAPER IN A LIVE TOWN.

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### A PROSPEROUS YEAR IN SIGHT

Nineteen hundred and nine promises to be the busiest and most prosperous year in Medford's history. All indications point to a record breaking influx of people from the east in search of homes; the program of public improvements begun during the last two years will be carried forward with a whirlwind rush; the buildings in contemplation exceed in number and cost those of any previous year. *In short, the outlook is that before the year has drawn to a close there will be 7500 people in Medford.*

The year 1908 has witnessed the construction of a \$65,000 city water distributing system, a complete sewer system, the inauguration of paved streets and the contract let and bonds sold for a \$350,000 water system from the snow-capped peaks of the Cascades; a new high school costing \$40,000, a Catholic school costing the same amount, several churches, a number of business blocks and over 300 residences have been completed.

During the year 1909 there will be miles of bitulithic pavement laid, eight or ten miles of street macadamized, many miles of cement sidewalks and curbing constructed, streets and houses numbered and other public improvements undertaken. Work will be pushed rapidly upon the new water system, and water will be supplied the city before the coming autumn. Contractors are figuring on at least a score of modern brick business buildings and some hundreds of residences.

During the coming year there promises to be the greatest fruit crop ever harvested in the valley, both in quantity and quality. This year's planting alone will probably reach 10,000 acres, making a total of from forty to fifty thousand acres of orchard tributary to Medford. Prices of orchards have gone up from \$150 and \$200 an acre a few years ago to as high as \$1500 an acre. *Medford has*

*grown and is growing as no other town in Oregon. She has distanced rivals and is already recognized as the liveliest and best city of her size in Oregon. With such prospects, it would be folly to change or experiment. Let well enough alone.*

A happy as well as prosperous New Year to all.

### A TEXT FOR TYRANNY.

*"Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's."*

This is the text given as a conclusive reason in a sermon by the local prohibition organ why the people of Medford should surrender their right to regulate their own affairs and give it to the people of Jackson county, who pay no taxes in Medford and who, many of them, are directly interested in retarding its development for the benefit of rival communities.

*"Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's."*

Ever since the phrase was written it has been quoted by every supporter of tyranny as a reason why the oppressed should tamely submit to being imposed upon by their rulers. It was freely used by ancient priests to strengthen the cause of tyrants, who usurped the rights of the multitude. It was the subject of many a discourse against the granting of the magna charter and the wresting from King John of popular rights. It was a favorite text for the royalist clergy when the people of England were driving the Stuart to the block for senseless extortions. Tory clergymen used it constantly in the war of the American revolution as an argument why the colonies should submit to the exactions of the mad tyrant placed upon Britain's throne. During the civil war it was freely quoted by southern preachers in support of slavery. In short, there has never been an usurpation of people's rights or infringement of liberty that could not be justified by this quotation.

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This text of tyranny used as an argument why non-resident farmers should dictate what the people of Medford should or should not do, is absurd and grotesque, but it is probably as strong as any argument can be in favor of a law which deprives a man, a community or a city of the right to govern itself.

#### Attention, Rebekahs.

The installation of officers in Olive Rebekah lodge will be held on next Tuesday evening.

L. Berger of Phoenix was a Medford visitor on New Year's day and made this office a call. He reports his end of the valley booming.

## Compare the Quality



It is, and always has been our aim to supply our customers with goods of the highest quality and to that end we are always adding quality to our line. The addition of "preferred stock" makes our line of high grade Canned Goods most complete. Our service always the best and every accom-

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Mattie Stallsworth of Kane's Creek who has been residing in Medford for some time, has returned home.

There was a goodly attendance at the fireman's hall Thursday evening. The boys will now get their rubber suits, which they have wanted so long.

H. F. Stancliff of Phoenix was a recent Medford visitor.

The Horticultural society will meet Saturday afternoon.

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## Prices Blown to Atoms

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One lot Golf Shirts, \$1.25 values	79c
One lot Golf Shirts, \$1.50 values	\$1.05
One lot Black Sateens, 75c and 85c values	65c
One lot Black Sateens, \$1.00 values	79c
One lot Black Shirts, \$1.25 values	83c

One lot Black Sateens, \$1.50 values	98c
Blue Flannels, \$1.50 values	\$1.15
Blue Flannels, \$2.00 values	\$1.33
Blue Flannels, \$2.25 and \$2.50 values	\$1.85
Blue Flannels, \$3.00 values	\$2.20
Blue Flannels, \$4.00, lumberman's shirt	\$2.85
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