

# Medford Daily Tribune

A LIVE PAPER IN A LIVE TOWN.

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## PROSPERITY THE ISSUE.

Medford's postal receipts for the year 1908 totaled \$4,597.65, as against \$10,844.08 for 1907, an increase of out 35 per cent. The receipts of the quarter ended December 31 were \$4526.28 as against \$3383.54 for the same quarter a year ago. The receipts for December, 1908, were \$733.26 as compared with \$1231.90 in December, 1907, an increase of \$502.36, or 40 per cent.

This increase has been reflected in every avenue of business and Medford is doing nearly 40 per cent more business than a year ago. She has passed Grants Pass and Ashland and is forging ahead by leaps and bounds.

This satisfactory growth has been secured under a high license regime. Medford is growing faster than any town in Oregon. The question to be voted upon in January is: "Shall Medford's prosperity continue?"

One has but to visit Grants Pass or Ashland to see what effect prohibition has upon a community. It does not lessen drunkenness, it has doubled taxation, and practically killed these cities commercially. Just visit a few days in either place and contrast them with Medford.

Both Grants Pass and Ashland have had the advantage of age and population in their favor, yet both have been passed by Medford—and never has Medford's population and business increased as rapidly as during the past few months, with both Ashland and Grants Pass dry.

Shall Medford's prosperity continue, or shall she join her sister cities in comparative stagnation?

We are told by professional agitators, paid from collections secured from congregations who have been worked upon by frenzied appeals, that prohibition prohibits. Not where public sentiment is divided. Look at Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Eugene and Ashland! Anyone who "knows the ropes" can get all the booze they want. Stringent laws, enforced with barbaric severity for 50 years, did not enforce prohibition in Vermont, and it has been repealed after half a century's trial.

If prohibition cannot be enforced under state laws, it becomes an absurdity when local efforts are made to enforce it. If Medford is dry, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and other places will still be open. So, what's the use?

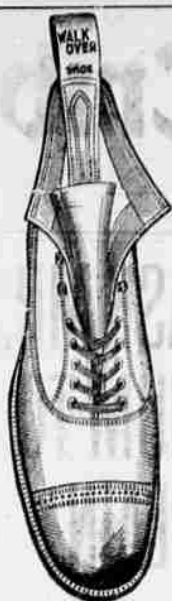
Taxes have been doubled in both Ashland and Grants Pass as the result of prohibition. A year ago the Ashland levy was six mills. This year it is 12 mills. Grants Pass has been increased to the limit permitted under the charter, and assessed valuations increased 50 per cent, so that double the amount of money will be raised. Medford's rate, with many public improvements, would be much lower than either were it not for the seven and one-half mill levy caused by interest on the water bonds.

In its special charter, Medford possesses an advantage envied by every city in the state. To amend it and deliberately throw away this advantage would be absurd and foolish. Even if prohibition is desired, it is not necessary to amend the charter to secure it. There is no valid reason why Medford people should surrender the right to regulate their own affairs to the farmers of Jackson county and the residents of rival towns, who own no property and pay no taxes in Medford.

But the whole question drifts back to the question—Shall Medford remain prosperous and continue to ride the crest of the wave of commercial supremacy, or will her people run the risk of depression by surrendering their advantage and falling back into the class of her rivals? Prosperity is the only issue.

An itinerant non-taxpaying agitator, whose main occupation is stirring up trouble and trying to put other people's towns "on the hog," has been wasting his energies roasting The Tribune and its editor, presumably in the hope of securing some free advertising. His flow of billingsgate is said to be as loud as the bray of the animal that masqueraded in a lion's skin. What a misfortune it would be if he had to quit minding other people's business and work for a living, instead of living off the pennies of others!

Uneasiness has been caused principally by the Mail's announcement that it has "brought out" Mr. Perry for mayor, and Messrs. Corey, Campbell and Hollis for councilmen upon a prohibition platform. Not only does the Mail assume the role of moral guardian and spiritual guide to the community, but it now attempts to be political dictator.



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