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Medford Daily Tribune.

The Weather
The weather man says:
Indications promise fair weather for tonight and tomorrow, with northerly winds. Warmer.

THIRD YEAR. MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1909. No. 300.

500 MEN WILL BE AT WORK IN LOCAL COAL FIELDS BY JULY FIRST; OIL RIG ARRIVES AND WORK STARTS ON GORE PLACE ON DESERT

QUESTION REGARDING OIL WILL BE SETTLED WITHIN NEXT 30 DAYS

Work Sinking Oil Well Started This Morning on Gore Property Eight Miles Northeast City—Desert Oil Company will Sink Several Wells Before They Abandon Field

Within 30 days the question of whether there is oil in the fields adjacent to Medford will have been settled. Actual work was started Monday morning on the Gore property along the line of the Pacific & Eastern, about eight miles northeast of this city.

The Desert Oil company, the officers of which include Colonel J. F. Mundy, Howard S. Dudley and A. E. Reames, arrived in this city Sunday and was early on Monday morning shipped out over the Pacific & Eastern to the property, where it is being unloaded.

The rig which has been purchased by the company is modern in all respects, being constructed by the Star Drilling Machine company of Akron, O. It has all the latest improvements.

Control 1000 Acres. The company controls about 1000 acres of land and has options on all other desirable property in the field.

The location of the well is within a half mile of the Pacific & Eastern railroad and will therefore be easy to reach. About six men will be employed upon the rig and the wells sunk as rapidly as possible.

The Ideal Church. Last night at the tabernacle large audience listened very attentively to the fourth and last sermon in the series of sermons on "Ideals for Young People."

Stereoscopic Entertainment. Tuesday night at the tabernacle there will be given a picture entertainment under the auspices of the Bible school.

FRUIT MEN AID CRATER ROAD

Pass Resolutions Asking the County Court to Appropriate \$50,000 for the Construction

The Rogue River Horticultural society held their annual meeting on Saturday in the Commercial club rooms and elected officers for the ensuing year.

The new officers of the society are: President, J. E. Watt; vice-president, H. T. Findlay; secretary, H. Tuttle; treasurer, J. A. Perry.

Professor O'Garra delivered a most instructive lecture on the cross-pollination of fruit, telling in what manner this could be accomplished.

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Ontario is determined that the great Malheur project shall be realized. The people of Vale are co-operating with them—in fact, all the citizenship of Malheur county is a unit.

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IDAHO SOLONS IN SESSION 36 HOURS

WET OR DRY IN ASHLAND?

ASHLAND, Ore., March 8.—The saloon and anti-saloon question is brought into the limelight in the fiery town of Ashland again by the filing with the city council of two applications for retail liquor licenses in East Ashland.

Robert G. Smith, of Grants Pass, is attorney for the applicants, R. S. Radloff and E. A. King, and contends that, inasmuch as East Ashland went wet at the last legal local option election in 1906, it is still wet.

Ashland held an advisory vote on the saloon question under the city charter at the last city election in December, and the city as a whole threw a large vote against the saloons at that time.

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TO MEET WITH FARMERS MAR. 22

Southern Pacific Demonstration Train Due in This City Two Weeks From Today

The special farming demonstration train over the line of the Southern Pacific lines in the Rogue River and Medford valleys is due in this city on Monday afternoon, March 22, and will remain in this city over night.

The train will consist of several cars, especially and thoroughly equipped for practical demonstrations, and will carry a number of lecturers from the staff of the Oregon agricultural college.

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MEDFORD COAL FIELDS BE MINED IMMEDIATELY ON COMMERCIAL BASIS

By July Company Will Have at Least 500 Men at Work on Property--Plan to Mine Not Less Than 7500 Tons of Coal a Day--To Build Railroad to Mine

Controlling over 30,000 acres of land embracing all of the desirable property of the local coal field, the Cascade Coal company, the Sunnyside Coal company and the Western Coal company are to begin at once the work of mining their property upon a commercial basis.

By July 1 the three companies controlled by the same men, but incorporated separately for business reasons, will have no less than 500 men at work. The preliminary work on the railroad, such as surveys and the like, has been nearly completed and the actual work of construction is soon to be started.

According to the opinion of eastern mining engineers, who have made a specialty of coal mining, the local fields contain the highest grade of coal and the largest amount of any field so far discovered in the west.

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THE MEN WHO CONTROL

ON HIS MOTHER'S ADVICE HE CONFESSES MURDER

OTTAWA, Pa., March 8.—John Junken, the criminal who has been in jail since his conviction of having murdered Miss Clara Rosen, Feb. 1 last, says for his mother's sake last night.

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NAVAL MOCK MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED AS REAL

WHO SHALL SAY HE HAS NOT DONE DUTY

FORT MONROE, Va., March 8.—Naval circles learned today of a mock marriage in the parlor of the Chamberlain Hotel late last night in which Midshipman Robert Young Jr., of the armored cruiser North Carolina, and Miss Margaret Connel, daughter of A. J. Connel, of Scranon Pa., were the principals.

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CLARK WHISLER—One of the quiet quiet wedding of the year took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Whisler, at the Bear Creek orchards Sunday, when their daughter, Stella M. Whisler, was united in matrimony to Clark, of Colorado, son of W. R. Clark, a wealthy citizen of the West.

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