

# MEDFORD DAILY TRIBUNE

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### TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer.

A rare and salubrious climate—soil of remarkable fertility—beautiful scenery—mountains stored with coal, copper and gold—extensive forests—streams stocked with speckled beauties—game in abundance—a contented, progressive people—such is the Rogue River Valley.

Average mean temperature.....55 degrees

Average yearly precipitation.....21 inches

### SALARIES FOR CITY OFFICIALS

Medford has an excellent set of city officials. Both mayor and councilmen devote a large part of their time to the administration of municipal affairs, which are economically and excellently conducted.

Medford has been exceptionally lucky. Few citizens in any community can spare the time from their personal business to administer the affairs of the public. That we have had such officials in the past, shows the high level of public spirit that rules the community.

As the city grows, more and more time is required to manage its affairs. It is unreasonable to expect men of ability to sacrifice personal business interests without some remuneration besides the consciousness of duty well done.

Unless a man is well-to-do, he cannot afford to lose his time, which is his principal capital. We do not want to bar poor men from public office—and under present conditions, the poor man cannot afford the sacrifice.

The mayor and members of the city council should be placed upon a salary—not a large salary, but sufficient to compensate in a measure for the loss of time occasioned, say \$50 a month for the mayor and \$25 a month for the councilman.

Ashland has recently voted salaries to the administrators of its business affairs. It is right that Medford should do the same. We can never be sure of a business administration until officials are paid in a businesslike way.

A special election will be called shortly to vote upon amending the charter to enlarge the city limits and take in contiguous territory. At the same time, the proposition of salaries for mayor and council should be submitted to the people.

The laborer is worthy of his hire and the city official of pay. Neither can be expected to do much without just recompense.

### 1000 ACRES OF ORCHARD

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no evidences of waste visible through out the large tract.

#### Start and Growth

Some six years ago Mr. Westerlund and his brothers first visited the Rogue River valley. A study of the conditions here convinced them of the possibility of organizing a company and operating an orchard on a large scale. To start with they only had a few thousand dollars. This was spent in securing a tract of foothill land, and upon it, some four years ago the first trees were planted. Additional acreage was planted only as the money was paid in that would insure the cost of clearing and planting and bring the trees to successful fruition. It has been the unwavering rule of the organizers to keep out of debt, and it is probably the only large orchard in the country which owes no money and is free from incumbrances of every kind.

#### Pioneer on Foothills

Mr. Westerlund was a pioneer in selecting foothill lands at a high elevation. The entire orchard is out of the frost belt and its lowest level is over 1800 feet in altitude, some 400 feet above the City of Medford. The ground originally was covered with a dense growth of scrub oak and bull-pine, laurel and manzanita. The soil is deep, most of it is what is known

as "black sticky," though there is considerable sandy loam and free soil. Some of the best groves in the valley are yielding record crops on similar land; notably the Bradshaw orchard, which has been pronounced by experts the finest orchard in the valley, and which has never known a crop failure.

There is not a well upon the entire orchard, although there are a number of never failing springs whose water is utilized for garden and domestic purposes. The soil is of a character that holds moisture rendering irrigation unnecessary. Constant cultivation keeps the surface pulverized and renders water unnecessary.

#### Some Cost Details

Some details of the cost of the orchard are interesting: The raw land cost from \$20 to \$100 an acre, clearing it cost an average of \$25 per acre, and the total investment in the orchard to date is approximately \$200,000.

This spring Mr. Westerlund moved his offices from Chicago to Medford, and is now giving the orchard his personal attention—determined to make the Westerlund Orchards not only the largest in the west but the most profitable as well.

That the orchard is no experiment is proved by the healthy and vigorous appearance of the old home orchard on the place when first purchased, used to supply the household wants of those who for many years farmed

a portion of the tract. Both apple and pear trees in the old orchard are heavily laden with fruit. Last year from one pear tree alone 54 boxes of fruit were picked.

#### Advance in Value

Since this property was bought and developed it has been discovered that a large portion of the orchards are underlaid with coal. It is located only one-half mile from the Sunnyside mines now in operation.

With fruit trees on top and coal underground, this company has certainly a very bright future, and the actual value of the orchard land can hardly be estimated at this time.

Great advance in property of all kinds during the past few years in Rogue River valley has greatly enhanced the value of this orchard. It would not be possible now to buy raw land at twice what was originally paid for it. Adjoining land is held from \$100 to \$200 an acre, and is stilled to be cleared before being of any use for orchard purposes. Planted orchards throughout the valley sell from \$500 to \$500 an acre, with trees the same age as those in this orchard.

### TALENT TALES

Frank Oatman has the orchard he has charge of in fine shape.

Fred Rapp has commenced to cut his fine crop of alfalfa.

Charles Walters and wife were Medford visitors Monday.

Welborn Beeson was a Medford visitor the first of the week.

J. G. Gore of South Medford was up in North Talent Monday evening.

Mrs. E. Gibbs was in Medford Monday attending the memorial services.

Mrs. M. E. Hamlin and daughter, Mrs. Charles McGraw came up from Santa Rosa Sunday night to visit relatives and friends.

A jolly picnic crowd from Phoenix public school came up Friday and went up on Wagner creek. The occasion was the closing of the term at Phoenix for the year. The party was accompanied by a local band of two drums and several other instruments.

Last Sunday the good people of Eden precinct gathered at the Christian church at Phoenix where memorial services were held. Rev. T. P. Reid conducted the services and Prof. Davis, with his excellent choir, furnished the music, after which the congregation, headed by the old soldiers, repaired to the grove where tables were spread and everyone invited to partake of a bountiful dinner. Old memories were renewed and a good time generally was indulged in.

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### DAIRY MAIDS GIVE WAY TO COW MILKING MACHINES

NORTH YAKIMA, June 2.—From dairy maids in white trousers to machines is the change which has taken place at the Rudkin Model Dairy here since its establishment a few months ago. The machines for milking the fine Jersey cows have just been installed and are the first ever used in this part of the state. They are driven by a steam engine.

There are now but two machines in operation, but if these prove successful others will be installed.

The Rudkin Dairy is a model institution. When its milk emerges, bottled and labeled, it is guaranteed to be pure as milk never was before in the irrigation belt. Every cow has a bath, the stables are washed and scrubbed, and everything is cleaned and polished each day.

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## C. B. JONES,

OVER BIJOU THEATRE

**IF YOU** are thinking of investing in the Rogue River valley—if you want an orchard or orchard lands—Go to the man who has lived 35 years in the valley, who has grown fruit for 20 years, who has bought fruit from practically every bearing orchard in the valley and who has shipped hundreds of cars of fruit to the markets of the world during the past few years. RFFERENCE—All the large orchardists in the valley since nearly all of them have located through me. JOHN D. OLWELL, Exhibit Bldg, Medford.