

MEDFORD DAILY TRIBUNE

Official Paper of the City of Medford.

Published every evening except Sunday.
MEDFORD PUBLISHING COMPANY
GEORGE PUTNAM, Editor and Manager.

Admitted as Second-Class Matter in the Postoffice at
Medford, Oregon.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

One month by mail or carrier...\$0.50 One year by mail...\$5.00

TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Cloudy tonight. Friday probable showers.
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

THE TELEPHONE A PUBLIC NECESSITY

The courts and legislatures are beginning to give official recognition to the public necessity of telephones, even in out-of-the-way places and far from the centres of population. It has long been recognized that the 'phone is handy, convenient, even dispensable. Now, however, it is illegal for certain corporations not to provide telephone facilities for the public. Nothing but public demand could have brought this about. Representatives of the people in courts and assemblies merely are reflecting popular opinion when they give official recognition to the call for universal telephone communication.

Iowa's General Assembly furnished perhaps the most striking example of this, when the following was enacted last month:

"It shall be the duty of all railway companies on all lines of railways operated by them to install a telephone in each passenger or freight depot in any city or town where a telephone exchange is maintained for public service."

Something similar, though an isolated case, is found in Oklahoma. The Corporation Commission of the State recently held that it is the duty of a railway corporation to supply a telephone for the convenience of its patrons, and the ruling was upheld by the Supreme Court of the State.

Railroad-commissions in both Virginia and Nebraska have ruled that all stations in these states must be equipped with telephones. So it can be seen that the new law in Iowa is not at all an innovation, sweeping though it may be. The demand for the public telephone, which has thus been furthered by state officials, has gone hand in hand with the spread of the private 'phone. It is the telephone in the home, on the farm, or in the office, whose popularity has brought about this action in the legislature. The telephone at the railroad station gives farmers, planters and ranchmen in rural sections the opportunity for communication with the outside world and with each other which no other improvement could effect. For the far-sighted man who has 'phone connections it means keeping in touch with movements of trains and with all the affairs of his community; the man who has not yet installed a telephone in his home has access to the station telephone at all times—for him it is a real boon.

The American farmer has received a boon whose effects are bound to be felt on his condition before long. The rural telephone annihilates distances.

The telephone is useful every day; is helpful very often; is indispensable to all times and is always on duty.

There is a country in the South that is beginning a movement to have the rural telephone extended to every homestead within its borders. The Georgians are boasting that when their plans begin to bear fruit, they will be "the best county in the state." It will be the best kind of 'phones too.

Nothing could show more clearly the growth of the phone from a private luxury to a public necessity than the direct command expressed in the dictum of the Iowa Assembly. Not "telephones are recommended," for railroad stations, but "it shall be the duty of all railroad companies to install a telephone in each depot."

"The Devil's Sifter."
Last night Evangelist Kelms preached a splendid discourse on the subject "The Doctrine of the Devil." It was a revelation to a great many in the vast audience. "God has a doctrine, Jesus has a doctrine. There is a doctrine of the Holy Spirit, and the devil has a doctrine. The devil's doctrine can be comprehended under three heads, viz: ridicule, bluff and compromise. The devil is a monster in the use of any or all of these." It was an able discourse and delivered in a very impressive manner. Mr. Kelms is a speaker of great power.

UNDERWEAR

Just the kind for these hot days.

Ladies' Fine Jersey Ribbed white Vests, pure white each.....10c

Ladies' Extra Fine Jersey Ribbed Vests, pure white, each.....25c

Ladies' Extra Fine Pure White Union Suits, knee length lace trimmed or tight knee, each.....40 and 65c

Ladies' Light Weight Jersey Ribbed Pure White Vests, long sleeves each.....25c

HOSIERY

In Men's Ladies' or Children's Goods we carry the best line of 25c hosiery ever shown in Medford, in black, tan, white, pink, blue, etc. Also a line of out size hose for ladies, at per pair.....25c

Our line of Boys' and Misses' Hose at 15c pair cannot be equaled in any store in the city, guaranteed fast black, all sizes 5 to 19 at per pair.....15c

Men's Black or Tan Hose, the best wearing 25c hose in Medford, all sizes from 9½ to 11½, per pr. 15c Two pairs for 25c.

500 Paper Back Novels, good authors three for.....25c

10,000 Postal Cards, local views, Floral, Birthday and Motto Cards, each.....1c

1000 Cake Toilet Soap, three for 10c

100 Fay Jardinieres, while they last each.....25c

100 Bristol Fine Clay Mink Crocks, or Mixing Bowls, full pint size, sale price each.....10c

HUSSEY'S Cash Store

THIS STORE FOR BARGAINS

Prof. Shaffer is a chorus leader of rare ability. Don't fail to hear his impressive solos each evening. The chorus is large and sings the old gospel hymns with spirit and enthusiasm. The subject tonight is "The Devil's Sifter." This is one of the best in the whole series of the devil subjects. Come tonight and every night.

Announcement

I am handling rentals exclusively. Have you anything to rent? Do you wish to rent? If so see me at once, as I have good houses, furnished or unfurnished rooms and business properties on my list at all times. Leases bought and sold. Anything in rentals.

C. B. JONES,

OVER BIJOU THEATRE

ESPEE CLEARED OF ALL BLAME

After taking evidence during the greater portion of the afternoon, the coroner's jury on Wednesday exonerated the Southern Pacific company of all blame in connection with the death of Lorenzo N. Colby, who was killed Monday night while attempting to cross the railroad track in front of train 16 at the Vorhies' crossing. A large number of witnesses were examined and the crossing visited after which the following verdict was returned:

"Lorenzo M. Colby came to his death by no fault of the engineer or fireman on the second section of train No. 16 of the Southern Pacific railroad, and after viewing crossing where the accident occurred and upon the evidence rendered us as jurors, we therefore relieve the Southern Pacific railroad company from all blame of obstruction from view of the crossing."

MINARD WINS TROPHY SHOOT

A. L. Minard won the second shoot of the season at the grounds of late Medford Rod and Gun Club, Wednesday afternoon for the Dupont trophy. He broke 43 birds out of a possible 50. J. E. Eysart won the first shoot two weeks ago.

The score Wednesday out of a possible 50 was:

Bingham 14, Duffield 25, Smith 40, Collins 27, Gregory 32, Minard 43, Burbridge 13, Johnson 18, Hafer 27, Bidden 32, Bordenau 24, Howell 24, Boyd 6, Eysart 37, Whistler 34, Van Dyke 23, Corum 21, Mrs. Eysart 18, Sooty 25.

AMUSEMENTS

The Boston Ideal Opera Tonight.

The Boston Ideal Opera company will continue its engagement at the Medford Theatre tonight after losing four nights on account of the death of W. E. Quisenberry's father.

The bill for tonight is "Olivette," a timely comic opera by Andran, the composer of "The Mascotte."

Mrs. Hunebrigg, Miss Palmer, Mr. Ballinger, Miss Claremont and Gubler will appear in the cast and Mr. Quisenberry's part will be taken by Emul Payette, who seems particularly fitted for the part and will give a splendid performance.

A special feature of the opera will be a Sailor's Hornpipe, danced by Miss Kitty Gubler, who has a great reputation in this line in the east.

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. **REFERENCE—All the large orchardists in the valley since nearly all of them have located through me.** **JOHN D. OLWELL. Exhibit Bldg, Medford.**