

MEDFORD DAILY TRIBUNE

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1909.

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AUTOMOBILISTS MUST RUN SLOW THROUGH CITY

Council Passes Ordinance Regulat-
ing Speed of Automobiles Upon
the Streets of the City—
No Chance of Danger.

ORDINANCE RESTRICTS ALL MACHINES TO EIGHT MILES

Machines Must Follow the Right side
Streets—Ordinance Provides
Restricted District.

Automobilists can no longer en-
danger human life by reckless dashes
down the paved streets of Medford.
At the meeting of the city council
Tuesday evening an ordinance was
passed making the maximum speed
in the paved area eight miles an hour
and the maximum speed over other
streets ten miles an hour. This or-
dinance will probably be followed by
another enforcing a license on auto-
mobiles in livery service, to shut out
the swarm of volunteers who turn out
on special occasions, and probably
one compelling auto owners to paint,
in figures a foot in height, the num-
ber of their automobiles, so that es-
cape in case of accident is impossi-
ble.

The ordinance adopted reads as
follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 208.

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE
THE USE OF THE STREETS OF
THE CITY OF MEDFORD AND
PASSAGE THEREOVER BY AUTO-
MOBILES AND OTHER MOTOR VE-
HICLES AND TO REGULATE THE
SPEED THEREOF UPON SAID
STREETS.

THE CITY OF MEDFORD DOTH
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All that portion of the
city of Medford lying between the
west line of Holly street on the west,
Bear creek on the east and the north
line of Sixth street on the north, and
the south line of Eighth street on the
south is hereby declared to be and
constitute the business portion of the
city of Medford for the purpose of
this ordinance.

Section 2. Every person is hereby
forbidden to drive or cause to be
driven any automobile or other motor
vehicle within the business por-
tion of the city of Medford at a
greater rate of speed than eight (8)
miles per hour, or to drive or cause
to be driven any such automobiles or
other vehicles over any other street
of said city at a greater rate of
speed than ten (10) miles per hour.

Section 3. No person shall drive
cause to any automobile or other
motor vehicle, within the business
portion of said city, to be driven to
and stop along the side or curb of
any street within said business por-
tion of said city, except the right
side of said automobile or motor ve-
hicles be next to said curb or side
of said street.

Section 4. Every person who shall
violate the terms of section 2 of this
ordinance shall be guilty of misde-
meanor and upon conviction thereof
shall be punished for the first of-
fense by a fine of not less than \$10
or more than \$25 for the second of-
fense by a fine of not less than \$25
or more than \$50; for the third of-
fense by imprisonment at hard labor
for a period of not less than ten or
more than thirty days.

Section 5. Every person who shall
violate provisions of section 3 of this
ordinance shall be guilty of misde-
meanor and shall be punished by a

BIG MONEY IN BERRY FARMS IN THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY



This Strawberry Bed at Phoenix (near Medford), 90x120 feet dimension, harvested and sold during one season \$760 worth of berries.

RECORDER COLLINS RESIGNS OFFICE

Will Enter Business for Himself in
Portland—Departure Re-
gretted by Many.

Benjamin M. Collins, who for three
years has been city recorder, re-
signed at Tuesday night's council
meeting and his resignation, to take
effect 30 days from date, was ac-
cepted.

Mr. Collins will enter business for
himself. Together with Charles O.
King and A. M. Springer, he owns a
factory in Portland, which manufac-
tures a patent ironing board, the pa-
ents to which the firm controls. He
will travel over the country placing
the ironing board with local agents.

Who Mr. Collins' successor will be
has not been determined. Much re-
gret is felt by his large circle of
friends that he will quit the city's
employ, for he has been universally
courteous in his treatment of the pub-
lic and capable in his position.

CRATER LAKE CASE IN SUPREME COURT AUGUST 1

The transcript of evidence in the
Crater Lake road case has been
filed in the supreme court and on
Thursday evening Clarence Reames
will leave for Portland, where he will
put in two days' work with Judge
Fenton in preparing the brief which
will be filed on Monday. It is ex-
pected that the case will be argued
before the supreme court about Aug-
ust 1.

fine of not more than ten dollars
(\$10.00).

The foregoing ordinance was passed
on July 6th, 1909, by the follow-
ing vote: Merriek aye, Welch aye,
Eifert no, Emerick aye, Wortman
aye, Demmer no.

Approved July 6th, 1909.

W. H. CANON, Mayor.

Attest:

BENJ. M. COLLINS,

Recorder.

LAST CHANCE FOR CITY PARK GONE

Council Rejects Proposed Purchase
of Southern Pacific Land on
North B Street.

Jealousy of the west side against
the east side came to the surface at
Tuesday night's council meeting,
when the protests of prominent west
side property owners were heard
against the proposed purchase by the
city of the Southern Pacific block
on North B street as a site for a
park, with perhaps, if circumstances
warranted, its ultimate offer to the
county as a site for a courthouse.
I. H. Moore, proprietor of the Hotel
Moore, and Leroy Getchell, one of
the purchasers of the hotel property,
spoke against the proposed purchase
and questioned its legality. City At-
torney Neff stated that the pur-
chase would be legal. Mayor Canon
stated that the city had no funds on
hand for the purchase, and on these
grounds the council turned down the
proposition. Eifert and Demmer alone
voted for the purchase.

The property in question was sold
Wednesday, and with its sale flees
the last opportunity presented the
city of securing a block of land for
park or other purposes at a reason-
able figure.

Considerable other business was
transacted by the council. A reso-
lution vacating 24 feet of the north
side of Sixth street in Bryant's ad-
dition was passed. A petition from
J. M. Root to extend the city water
main at his own expense to his prop-
erty outside the city limits and sev-
eral petitions for water mains were
referred to the water committee and
city attorney.

W. von der Hellen of Eagle Point
was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

C. P. Hall, the Brownshorn mer-
chant, was in Medford for supplies
on Wednesday.

BERRIES ARE MOST PROFITABLE CROP

Rich Harvest Reaped Annually by
Small Fruit Growers of
the Valley.

Berries of all kinds grow to per-
fection in the Rogue River valley.
Strawberries bear from March to No-
vember. Dewberries, blackberries
and raspberries bear from spring to
early autumn. The fruit is large and
sweet and stands shipment well,
though there is a home market for all
produced or likely to be produced for
years.

The happy trinity of soil, altitude
and climate smiles upon the berry
cultivator. To produce most abundantly
and insure a continuous crop
through the whole summer and fall
season, berries are irrigated. The
luscious strawberry is in the lead
from a commercial standpoint, but
almost as flattering returns are de-
rived from the logan and blackber-
ry. The growers who give berry cul-
ture due time and attention are hand-
somely rewarded. With these smaller
fruits, as with apples, peaches and
pears, the market is wide, and the
prices paid for the Rogue River val-
ley product are high.

Job L. Wilder, who has a strawberry
patch 90x100 feet in his yard, by
judicious care and attention markets
the fruit in Medford the entire sum-
mer and fall, up to the first of No-
vember, receiving average returns of
10 cents per box. The receipts from
this little patch, no larger than a
flower garden, have amounted to
\$700 for a single season.

BARN OF PACKING COMPANY ARE BURNED

TACOMA, July 7.—The barns of
the Carstens Packing company were
completely destroyed, a boarding
house damaged, and the entire plant
threatened by a fire which started at
2 o'clock this morning. The loss will
total \$10,000.

PAVING CONTRACT LET BY COUNCIL

Long Stride in Municipal Growth and
Development of Medford Taken
by Council Tuesday.

A long stride in the municipal
growth and metropolitan develop-
ment of Medford was taken Tuesday
evening by the city council when the
contract for paving West Main street
with bitulithic pavement from the
schoolhouse to the city limits was
let to the Warren Construction com-
pany at a price not to exceed \$6.30
per lineal foot and the contract for
the construction of eight miles of
additional water mains for the city
distributing system was let to Vin-
cent and Baker at an approximate
cost of \$65,000.

The work in both paving and wa-
ter works will be done at a much low-
er figure than any heretofore done
in Medford. The water works cost
will leverage about 20 per cent less
than those placed last year, though
the price of pipe is approximately
the same. The reduction is due to
competition. Vincent and Baker, who
are the contractors for the Fish Lake
company in building the water main
from Little Butte, entering the field
against the Jacobsen-Bade company,
who had the field to themselves last
year. The prices bid by Vincent and
Baker were, for 8-inch pipe, \$1.65,
for 6-inch pipe, \$1.18, for 4-inch
pipe \$1 cents. Jacobsen-Bade bid for
8-inch, \$1.95, for 6-inch \$1.70 and
for 4-inch \$1.25, about 22 per cent
higher than their competitors.

West Main street will be paved 35
feet in width, as against 30 feet on
Oakdale avenue. The contract for
curbing was let to R. Boswell at 39
cents per lineal foot, for both
straight and curved. A larger quan-
tity of earth must be moved than on
any of the streets previously paved.
The total cost to property owners
for grading, curbing and paving will
not exceed \$6.30 per frontage foot.

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HANNA REFUSES SPECIAL TERM ASKED BY CITY

States That He Does Not Want to
Be Bothered With Court Case
During His Vacation
This Month.

DECISION MEANS GREAT LOSS TO MEDFORD TAXPAYERS

City Attorney Neff Has Not as Yet
Determined What Action to Take
But Will Do Something.

Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, who
has twice before ruled against the
city of Medford in the cases brought
to secure condemnation proceedings
for right of way for the new gravity
water main over the Hanley property
on Little Butte creek. Wednesday
morning refused the city's applica-
tion for a special term of court to
be called July 21 or as soon there-
after as convenient in order to try
the case. The court stated that he
did not want to be bothered during
his vacation with a court case. City
Attorney Porter J. Neff offered to
postpone the mandamus proceedings
in the school board case, which comes
up before the court during the va-
cation period, if Judge Hanna would
call the special term, but the court
was obdurate. Attorney Neff has
not decided upon future steps, but
action of some kind will be taken at
once.

Judge Hanna's decision means a
loss of \$50 a day to the taxpayers of
Medford because of inability to se-
cure revenue from an investment that
has taxed the resources of the city
to the utmost. It means that the
completion of the new water works
is delayed indefinitely, that the
health of the community is endan-
gered, that the material progress of
the city is blocked temporarily and
the contractors must disband the 200
men at work trenching and reas-
semble them after Judge Hanna has
had his vacation.

The first application made by the
city was denied June 17 by Judge
Hanna. The city had offered to pay
a certain sum of money into court
and allow the city to go ahead with
the construction of the gravity sys-
tem across the Hanley ranch.

On June 29 Judge Hanna again
turned the city down, holding the city
had no right to file a bond in the cir-
cuit court and proceed with the work
before the damages had been as-
sessed. Though he had held in a
previous case that the law permit-
ted irrigation companies to do this,
he held municipalities could not.

That petition to the court upon
upon which the action was based
sets forth in a striking manner the
need of the city in getting a pure
water supply. It stated that the lives
and health of a great many people
are daily being menaced and imperil-
ed by the lack of a pure water supply
and that a typhoid epidemic was
liable at any time to break out in the
city. The petition also reviewed the
work which has been accomplished
by the city in the construction of the
line to date, stating that the city had
taxed its resources and credit to the
utmost to secure means to construct
the present system and that time is
now the essential matter. After re-
viewing these matters, the petition
states:

"That in case said construction is
delayed until after this action can
be tried at the next term of court
appointed by law, there is great dan-
ger that it will not be possible to
complete said water system during

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