

**"Polly of the Circus"** By Margaret Mayo, illustrated by Ryder, novelized from the play that is the rage in New York and Chicago, is the new serial that will begin in the Tribune this week. One of the most fascinating and attractive stories ever written. Watch for it—the hit of the year, both as play and novel.

# MEDFORD DAILY TRIBUNE

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## VAWTER LOSES AUTOMOBILE; NO TRACE FOUND

Disappeared on Saturday Evening  
From Circus Grounds—Nothing  
Has Been Learned of  
It as Yet.

**OWNER WILL OFFER REWARD  
FOR THE CAR'S RETURN**

**Network Spread in All Directions,  
but It Is Not Known Whether  
Car Has Passed or Not.**

Late this afternoon the authorities are on the trail of a well known Chicago crook who came into Medford Saturday and was recognized by a local man. It was found that the man under suspicion had purchased gasoline Saturday. He was seen again Monday morning, but eluded capture. Pursuit is now under way and he may be apprehended before morning. It is believed that he took the car away, hid it and returned to throw suspicion from him.

W. I. Vawter has found no trace of his automobile, which disappeared from the circus grounds on Saturday afternoon, although a network has been spread in all directions to stop its getting away. Whether it succeeded in slipping through or not is not known. No trace of any kind has been found of it.

The car disappeared while Mr. Vawter and his family were attending the evening performance of the circus. The car was standing near the main entrance to the big show, but it was nowhere in sight when the show was over.

The car was a large "Olds 40." It was in splendid condition and is nearly new, having received splendid care since it was purchased last year by Mr. Vawter. It was registered in this state, its number being "472."

The police were at once notified and a network spread to apprehend the car and to arrest the driver. So far no clue of any kind has developed. Mr. Vawter is now making arrangements to offer a reward for its return.

## DISTRIBUTING PIPE WATER SYSTEM HERE

**Work Will Soon Start on Laying of  
Additional Pipeline in  
the City.**

The cast iron pipe for the water distributing system of Medford is being distributed to arrive from Alabama and work will soon be undertaken in laying the mains. The contract was let some weeks ago and the delay has been caused by non-arrival of the pipe.

With a home within walking distance and on the interurban car line, 5-cent fare, you will make no mistake. We will build it. Benson Investment Co. 139.

## TRAP SHOOTERS PLAN A GREAT TWE MEDFORD

Special Meeting of Gun Club Called  
for This Evening to Arrange  
Details for Next  
Week.

**ENYART BACK FROM  
SHOOT IN SEATTLE**

**Marksmen Said to Be Whetting Their  
Appetite for Good Things to  
Come in Medford.**

The greatest trap shooting tournament ever pulled off outside the largest cities in the United States will be held in Medford September 7, 8 and 9. Two special Pullmans loaded with the crack trap shooters of the country will arrive in Medford Saturday on train 15 from the annual national shoots at Seattle and Portland. In all over 60 shooters will arrive on this train. With the attendance of the amateur shooters of the nearby towns from both this state and California the event will be one of the greatest advertisements Medford has ever received.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Enyart returned Saturday from the annual shoot in Seattle, and the shooters at that city were whetting their appetites for Medford and planning to remain here a week at least, and if possible for ten days. The entertainment afforded these visitors at the shoots of former years has spread far and wide. Trips to Rogue river have become the bright particular spot in every shooter's heart that has ever visited Medford, and this alone will be largely responsible for the attendance this year, which will be at least three times that of any former year.

Accommodations have been reserved in two of the local hotels, with the result that both these hostleries will be over-crowded and a number of enthusiastic Medford members are making arrangements to accommodate part of the shooters at their own homes.

Committees have been appointed on reception, decorations, accommodations and various other necessary departments of the event, and a great street parade in Indian costume will be one of the events of the week's festivities.

A new Leggett trap of the latest design has been installed at the shooting grounds at the junction of the Pacific & Eastern and the grounds are being generally fixed up and put in first-class condition.

President Daniels of the local club has called a special meeting of the Medford Gun club to be held at the Medford Hardware company's store Monday evening to hear reports of the various committees and arrange for other necessary arrangements for the reception, and every member of the club is urgently requested to be present. This organization is one that is deserving of the support of every citizen, as the benefit that will be derived for Medford as a live town and the best sporting point between San Francisco and Portland has already been established in past years' shooting tournaments, and seven or eight of the best known professional shots in the west have invested in orchard lands in the valley.

Another 10-acre tract sold. Why don't you take the next one? A good business investment. Benson Investment Co. 139.

## LOCKED FOR HOURS IN COLD STORAGE

**Contractor Schemerhorn and friend  
have cool time in vault of Medford  
Ice and Cold Storage Company  
Sunday afternoon**

While the majority of the residents of Medford on Sunday afternoon were making remarks about the weather man and trying to gain a brief respite from the heat by resorting to various cooling concoctions, G. L. Schemerhorn and a friend were talking, not of the heat, but of the coolness of their situation. For several hours they were locked in one of the cold storage vaults of the plant of the Medford Ice & Cold Storage company in South Medford and were released only after they had battered the latch loose on the large door to the vault. Had they failed in this they would have remained in the vault until Monday. Mr. Schemerhorn is a local contractor and has had charge of most of the building of the plant. Sunday afternoon he was showing a friend through the plant and entered the cold storage vault. The door swung shut, the latch caught from without, and in they were. The two men devoted several hours to battering the door, finally forcing the latch and making their getaway. Next time more care will be exercised in shutting the door.

## NEFF ASKS THAT HANLEY BARRIER BE TAKEN AWAY

**Courthouse Rings With Oratory This  
Afternoon—Neff and Reames  
Argue Motion to Dissolve  
Injunction.**

**PROBABLE THAT HANNA WILL  
TAKE IT UNDER ADVISEMENT**

**If Motion Is Granted, Work Can Be  
Started at Once by City—If De-  
nied Then Case Will Go Over.**

The walls of the courthouse in Jacksonville are this afternoon ringing with flights of oratory on the part of Attorney Neff for the city and Attorney Reames for M. F. Hanley in the case of the city of Medford vs. M. F. Hanley for a right of way across the Hanley premises on Little Lake creek for the gravity water system. The argument is on over a motion offered by City Attorney Neff to dissolve the temporary injunction issued recently by Judge Hanna.

In all probability the judge will take the matter under advisement for a day or two. If he decides in favor of the city, the city can commence at once the construction of the remainder of its gravity water system. If the motion is overruled the case will go over until the September term.

## OREGON RECEIVES \$31,000 FOR BENEFIT OF MILITIA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Four million dollars, appropriated by congress for the militia, has been allotted among the several states and territories by Lieutenant General Weaver of the general staff corps of the army. The allotments for the states and territories in round numbers include the following:

Idaho \$19,000, Montana \$18,000, Washington \$33,000, Oregon \$31,000.

## STANCH FRIEND TO CRATER BILL VISITING CITY

**Senator Beach of Portland, Recently  
Appointed Census Supervisor,  
in Medford on a Busi-  
ness Trip.**

**WILL BEGIN WORK OF  
COUNTING PEOPLE SOON**

**Senator Beach Has Long Been Friend  
to Southern Oregon—Former  
Resident of Lakeview.**

Senator Seneca C. Beach of Portland, one of the leading republican politicians of Oregon, for many years a member of the upper house of the state legislature, who has recently been appointed census supervisor of Oregon by President Taft, spent Monday in Medford. Senator Beach was one of the foremost advocates of the Crater Lake road bill at the recent session and in many ways proved a friend of southern Oregon, where he formerly resided. For many years he published the Examiner at Lakeview. "The census is on a business basis this year," stated Mr. Beach. "The tabulation work has been left to experts in the census bureau, so that enumeration of people is all the work left for the supervisors. We begin our work in the near future, but the enumerators will not begin work until next spring. The republicans will hold a state assembly next year and name a ticket. Who the nominees will be I have no idea, but there will be no lack of candidates."

F. J. Aikin of Prospect was a recent visitor in Medford.

Listen: Two years from now don't say "I wish I had," but say "I am glad I did." That is what will happen if you buy a lot in Oak Grove addition. Benson Investment Co. 139.

## OVER 13,000 PEOPLE SAW BIG CIRCUS

**Record Crowd Turned Out to Greet  
Ringling Brothers on Their  
Appearance Last  
Saturday.**

**JUDGE KELLY STOPPED  
HIGH-PRICED MOTORISTS**

**Refused Admission to Those Drivers  
Who Charged 50 Cents a Trip  
to the Grounds.**

A total of 13,000 people saw Ringling Brothers' circus Saturday, 8000 in the afternoon and 5000 in the evening. The attendance was a record smasher for Medford, though 11,800 attended the one performance that Buffalo Bill's Wild West show gave a year ago, which stands as the record crowd at one performance.

On account of the oppressive heat in the afternoon, much discomfort attended the performance, though the heat was not as intense as it was Friday at Roseburg, where the evening performance was abandoned because of the exhaustion of performers. Five thousand is the record crowd for evening performances in Medford.

Because part of the automobilists charged 50 cents a head for taking people to the circus instead of 25 cents, which has heretofore been the charge, Judge E. E. Kelly, owner of Queen Anne addition, on which the circus tents were pitched, refused entrance upon his property to the 50-cent motorists and thereby occasioned quite a little excitement on the grounds.

Sheriff Wilbur A. Jones and Deputy Sheriff William Ulrich spent the day guarding the county bridge over Bear creek, forbidding fast driving or motoring over the bridge. Several who attempted to disregard warnings were threatened with arrest.

## SUMMERVILLE BUYS NOE BARBER SHOP

**Will Refit Establishment Throughout  
—Takes Charge on Next  
Wednesday.**

J. T. Summerville has purchased the C. E. Noe barber shop in the Palm building, Main street, and will take possession on Wednesday morning, September 1. Mr. Summerville is a barber of much experience and no doubt the establishment will thrive under his management. Mr. Summerville plans to refit the place throughout, adding many new fixtures. Jack has a host of friends who wish him well in his new venture.

## RECORDER DISPOSES OF MANY MINOR CASES

The record of the recorder's court following circus day shows as follows: John Buckley, fighting, \$10; Walter Jacobsen, fighting, \$10; Henry Flurry, resisting an officer, \$10; J. J. Flurry, resisting an officer, \$10; J. R. Wright, jumping off moving train, dismissed; Q. Shea, drunk, \$5; P. H. Rader, fighting, \$5.

## MEXICAN FLOOD SITUATION IMPROVES FAST

**Estimate of Dead Reaches 1200 —  
River Again Within Its  
Banks—Rain Has  
Stopped.**

**PESTILENCE IS FEARED  
DESPITE ALL PRECAUTIONS**

**Streets Are Being Rapidly Cleaned  
and the Dead Buried—Poor  
People the Sufferers.**

MONTEREY, Mexico, Aug. 30.—The Santa Catarina river is today within its banks, and rescuers are recovering bodies of flood victims.

It is reported that the number of deaths will total at the least 1200.

The rain has stopped and the authorities are caring for the homeless.

Despite all precautions, pestilence is feared. The streets are being cleaned and the dead buried.

In the smaller towns the people suffering the most are poor. Those residing in unsubstantial houses suffered the most.

## TRAINS DELAYED BY FOREST FIRES

**For the First Time in History Trains  
Were Dispatched From Med-  
ford on Sunday.**

Forest fires in the Cow Creek canyon have raised havoc with the train service north, as well as breaking telegraphic communication. Wires were down, trees across the tracks and fires raging so close to the line as to delay trains and cause a general topsy-turvy in railroad circles. For the first time in the history of the Southern Pacific trains were dispatched Sunday from the local office, the assistant superintendent of the Southern Pacific being in charge.

## SHOT FRIEND WHEN MISTAKEN FOR DEER

John Mathews, of Coburg, was shot and seriously wounded by Virgil Clover while hunting in the mountains northeast of Eugene Friday afternoon. Clover mistaking him for a deer. The rifle bullet entered Mathews' groin and lodge somewhere in his body. Mathews was taken to Coburg last night and brought to the Eugene hospital Saturday. While the surgeons express hope for his recovery, they say the wound is very serious.

Mathews and Clover, accompanied by Enoch Stewart and W. Beeson, all of Coburg, were hunting near Donna, in the Mohawk valley. They were separated in the woods, when Clover saw Mathews at a distance through the thick brush, and, thinking he was a deer, fired. Mathews is aged about 35, and has a wife and five children.