

# MEDFORD DAILY TRIBUNE

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### TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Clear today and tomorrow. 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

### RAILROAD PROBABILITIES.

Announcement that the Hill interests have purchased the Central Oregon railroad, owning charter privileges, right of way and surveys from Shaniko to Prineville, Bend and Redwood, shows the vigor with which the empire builder is invading Oregon. For years these rights were offered Harriman only to be rejected.

The transfer proves also that the people of central Oregon look to Hill for a railroad and have little faith in the tardy efforts of his rival to construct lines. It also adds another link to the chain of evidence indicating that the Hill interests are behind the purchase of the Pacific & Eastern, despite denials by ostensible owners.

In all probability Hill is headed for California through the Pitt river route, constructing a connecting link between the North Bank line and San Francisco. Probably the Burlington will be extended to connect with the North Bank and the new central Oregon line, thus giving Hill an independent line to Portland and San Francisco, should he lose control of the Northern Pacific or Great Northern, as threatened. He will also have invaded Harriman's choicest possessions.

In any event, the Central Oregon road, should construction extend only through Oregon, will be the important feeder of the North Bank line. It in turn must be fed by numerous branches, as the territory it traverses is sparsely settled. No section of the state offers the tonnage that the Rogue River valley does, with its immense orchard area, its large timber belt and its great mineral resources. What is more probable than that Hill has secured possession of the Pacific & Eastern and will extend it to a connection with his Central Oregon line, invading Harriman territory and securing a profitable feeder, with a route to the coast and the redwood belt, should developments warrant extension?

### A NEW DEPOT NEEDED.

Medford's railroad traffic is growing by leaps and bounds. In 1908, more carloads of commodities were handled here than at any point in Oregon outside of Portland, on the Harriman lines. So far 1909 is ahead of last year's record and the total for the year will show a great growth.

In addition to imports, the exports must be figured. Five hundred cars of fruit will be shipped from Medford this season and this quantity will be quadrupled within a few years.

The passenger traffic is heavier in and out of Medford than at any other point between Sacramento and Portland. Medford people travel more than those of any other Oregon city, and there is a greater number of homeseekers and tourists than at other places. The passenger traffic is increasing and will increase through the advertising campaign made by the Commercial club.

This increase in traffic of all kinds has brought the railroad and the city face to face with a new problem that demands speedy settlement. The depot facilities are inadequate for the business. There is but one railroad crossing, that on Main street, and the railroad business necessitates frequent blockading of traffic. Either more railroad crossings must be provided or the depot be removed so that the city's main street will not be in such demand for switching and yardage purposes.

The Southern Pacific officials who have in the past showed a willingness to do the right thing, have planned a handsome new passenger depot for Medford, but a location has not been decided upon. Should the depot be lo-

ated on the site of the present structure, the freight depot should be removed several blocks, either north or south. Medford's growth is fast rendering more railroad crossings a necessity. Before long they will be demanded, though if the present crossing is kept clear the city can get along without them for some time yet. But the increase of traffic is fast rendering it an impossibility to keep Main street clear, and the necessity for action is daily becoming more apparent.

## PORTLAND SHUT OFF FROM THE WORLD

Forest Fires in State Shut Metropolis Off From Communication.

HOOD RIVER, Aug. 31.—Forest fires which for several days have been burning through the Hood River county and east of here today gained renewed fury. Owing to the inaccessibility of the country, details are meager. Telegraphic communication is disrupted by fire. Early today the lines connecting Portland and other Oregon cities with the east were reported down. This, with the fact that fires have burned poles and leveled wires in southern and central Oregon, has resulted practically in tying up Portland and vicinity from communication by wire.

### DEATH OF PIONEER WOMAN

The death of Mrs. Saloma Davidson, on Williams creek, Josephine county, August 22, marks the passing of one of the oldest pioneers of Oregon.

Mrs. Davidson was born in Monroe county, Ky., in 1822 and came across the plains to Oregon in 1850 settling first in Oregon City and in 1866 came to Southern Oregon, where she has made her home ever since.

Mrs. Davidson was the mother of thirteen children, of whom eight are now living: E. J. Davidson, who has but recently returned from Alaska, J. S. of Williams, C. T. of Ashland, J. E. of Gold Hill, Mrs. Olivia Bolt, of Williams, Mrs. S. S. Goodwin, Oakley, Cal.; I. G. Davidson of Portland and M. M. Davidson of Berkeley, Cal. All but the three last named were present at the funeral, which took place at the Williams cemetery.

The many friends of Mrs. Davidson had in that section was made manifest by the large attendance at the funeral.

### The Boy and the Book.

"The late Edward Everett Hale," said a Boston magazine editor, "was a great student of child life.

"Dr. Hale once dilated to me on the incorrigibly bad taste in books that children have. He instanced the case of his own son, now a famous architect, whose taste he had a hard time forming.

"The little boy, it seemed, cared only for the sensational in literature. Jack Harkaway and Deadwood Dick seemed to him the very topmost pinnacle of literary excellence. He yawned over the splendid historical works his father read to him.

"One day, however, Dr. Hale had a gleam of hope. The little boy brought him a volume of English history and said:

"Will you read me some more out of this, please?"

"Why, certainly, my boy," the father answered cordially. "What part would you like to have?"

"Read me," said the little boy, "about Mary, queen of Scots, getting her head cut off and the blood all running down her back."

### Division.

The new teacher glanced smilingly over the school and was delighted to see so many bright young faces among her new charges.

"Now, children," she said, "so that I may find out what you know I will test you on arithmetic. Maggie Wilkins, if I were to divide three bananas among seventeen boys what would be the result?"

"A riot," said Maggie, speaking up like a little drum major.

"Possibly," said the teacher, "but that is not what I mean. Tommy, you may take the question. Three bananas among three boys—that would be one banana apiece for each boy. Now, three bananas among seventeen boys would be what?"

"Three bananas, m'm," answered Tommy.

"I know, but three into seventeen is"—said the teacher.

"Three bananas would go into seventeen boys once and none over," said Tommy confidently.

It was then that the new teacher resigned.—Harper's Weekly.

## NEW STAMP MILL FOR TRUST BUSTER

Five-Stamp Mill Planned for Mine Near Gold Hill.

A five-stamp mill will be running on the Trustbuster mine, better known as the Cooper property, in Sams Valley district, now owned by W. R. Oxley, within the next 90 days is the latest announcement of interest in mining circles.

Development work has been going on for several months past, until the owners have become convinced that the quantity and quality of the ore justified the installation of a mill, even if no more than that in high were mined.

The ore is free milling and carries good values in mineral, just how much the owners will not state, but their actions would indicate that they are not small.

Mr. Oxley has covered the mineral belt of southern Oregon thoroughly and his action will be in the nature of an encouragement to other investors.—Gold Hill News.

### STEEPLEJACK FALLS OFF CHAIR, BREAKS HEAD

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Belden Woodring, the steeplejack who rigged the flagpole on the Singer building and who had spent most of his life working at dizzy heights, fractured his skull when he fell from a chair to the floor, and died soon afterward. Woodring was leaning back in the chair when it toppled over with him.

### CITY NOTICES.

Water bills are payable at the office of the city recorder from the first to the tenth of each month. No notice other than this will be given. Water bills not paid on or before the tenth will become delinquent and water will be shut off without further notice.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

### DFORD TIME TABLE

#### SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Northbound.	
No. 20 Roseburg Pass...	7:41 a. m.
No. 12 Shasta Limited...	9:25 a. m.
No. 16 Oregon Express...	5:24 p. m.
No. 14 Portland Express...	8:39 p. m.

Southbound.	
No. 11 Shasta Limited...	5:50 a. m.
No. 15 California Express...	10:35 a. m.
No. 13 S. F. Express...	3:32 p. m.

#### Medford to Jacksonville.

Motor car leaves	8:00 a. m.
Train leaves	10:45 a. m.
Train leaves	3:35 p. m.
Train leaves	6:00 p. m.
Motor car leaves	9:30 p. m.

#### Jacksonville to Medford.

Motor leaves	7:00 a. m.
Train leaves	8:45 a. m.
Train leaves	2:30 p. m.
Train leaves	4:30 p. m.
Motor car leaves	7:30 p. m.

#### PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILWAY.

No. 1 Leaves Medford...	8:00 a. m.
No. 3 Leaves Medford...	2:20 p. m.
No. 2 Arrives Medford...	10:10 a. m.
No. 4 Arrives Medford...	5:00 p. m.
No. 1 Arrive Eagle Pt...	8:45 a. m.
No. 2 Leaves Eagle Pt...	9:05 a. m.
No. 3 Arrives Eagle Pt...	3:05 p. m.
No. 4 Leaves Eagle Pt...	4:15 p. m.

#### MAIL CLOS.

Northbound	8:55 a. m.	8:10 p. m.
Southbound	9:00 p. m.	3:00 p. m.
Eagle Point		2:00 p. m.

### SISKIYOU.

(Evelyn M. Maple of Central Point makes a bid for the place of poet laureate of the new state of Siskiyou with the following effusion):

#### Siskiyou.

Hail, all Hail, our state to be! Siskiyou.  
 Bathed in sunshine and in rain, Fire and dew,  
 Bred through years of adverse fate, Mossback rule and jealous hate— We shall claim thee soon or late— Siskiyou.

All our wealth of golden store, Old and new,  
 Finds the world an open door, Siskiyou.  
 Shall we, in this eager race, Be content with second place,  
 Or strike out and set the pace, Swift and true?

Portland, Salem, shall we wait Still for you?  
 Like a beggar at your gate, Reaching throu'  
 Sure 'tis not a glaring sin Our own victories to win;  
 Now we're ready to begin— Thanks to you.

Friends and neighbors all about, Make it true.  
 Let us fight the battle out— See it throu'.  
 Nor let selfishness and greed Rob us of our rightful meed;  
 Yes, the problem is indeed Up to you.

Then all Hail, our state to be! Siskiyou.  
 There are rising every day Friends for you.  
 We shall witness, soon or late, Millions flocking to the gate Of our new and noble state, Siskiyou.

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that the city council will receive bids for the construction of a five-foot cement sidewalk on the east side of Oakdale avenue from Seventh to Eighth streets same being three hundred (300) feet in length; and also for a five-foot cement sidewalk on the south side of Sixth street from the corner of d'Anjou street to a point 140 feet east.

Bids may be filed with or mailed to the city recorder up to 4 o'clock p. m. on September 7, 1909.

Dated August 23, 1909.  
 ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

#### MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 5, 1909.

Hall's Texas Wonder, of St. Louis, cured my daughter of a severe kidney and bladder trouble after doctors failed to give any relief, and I can cheerfully recommend it. Mrs. L. L. Wilson, 135 Bartlett St. Sold by Haskins' Drug Store.

## MAY RAISE THE HOODOO STEAMER

Insurance Adjusters on Their Way to Carters Bay to View Wreck of the Ohio.

SEATTLE, Aug. 31.—The Canadian wrecking tug Salvor is expected to reach the wrecked steamer Ohio tomorrow morning. Word is expected by wireless soon after in regard to the practicability of raising the vessel. Captain S. B. Gibbe, representing Lloyd's and Radcliffe, foreman, representing the Alaska Steamship company, with insurance adjusters, are en route to Carter Bay, where the wreck lies. Lloyds carried all the insurance. The cargo was covered by San Francisco underwriters.



The Wife—Isn't it fortunate, dear, that we subscribed for that encyclopedia?—Harper's Weekly.

Tea, coffee, beer or claret, with club lunch, 30 cents, at the Emerick Cafe.

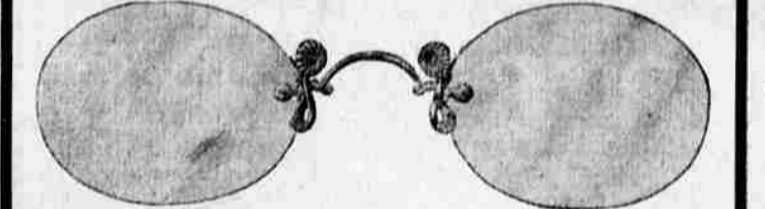
### If You Want to Spend

several of the pleasantest half-hours you ever put in—get the September EVERYBODY'S and read in this order: "Happiness," "The Mellowdrummer" and "What Shall We Do With the Old?"

After that—read where you will—you'll say, "Here's a good magazine." Try it and see.

SEPTEMBER EVERYBODY'S On Display by Medford Book Store, Russell's Store and Hotel Nash News Stand.

### MISFITTED LENSES ARE DEAR AT ANY PRICE.



By my method errors of the eyes causing nerve strain are accurately measured, proper lenses prescribed, when headaches and other troubles disappear. It is a well known fact that children in school classed as stupid have often been known to make rapid progress after errors of this sort have been corrected. Brief consultation free.

DR. IVY M. ROBINSON, Eyesight Specialist, East Main St., Over Nicholson's Hardware. Medford.

## ASHLAND Commercial College

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P. RITNEH, A. M., President.