

**\$1,000 REWARD**

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD WILL BE PAID BY THE UNDERSIGNED TO ANY PERSON WHO CAN SHOW BY AUTHENTIC TESTIMONY THAT ANY CITY OR TOWN IN THE UNITED STATES, OUTSIDE OF THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY, HAS TRIBUTARY TO IT, WITHIN A 10-MILE RADIUS, A 20-MILE RADIUS, A 30-MILE RADIUS OR A 40-MILE RADIUS, AS MANY DIVERSIFIED RESOURCES AS MEDFORD, OREGON, HAS WITHIN A CORRESPONDING RADIUS.  
MEDFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB.

# MEDFORD DAILY TRIBUNE

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1909.

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## MOTHER ALLEGES SON TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AGED FATHER

### FRUIT MEN MAY RETAIN PROF. O'GARA

Movement Started to Arrange Matters so That Popular Expert Will Work for Local Orchardists.

CAN SECURE HIM FOR \$2500 PER ANNUM

Would Arrange Matters so That He Can Give His Undivided Attention to This Valley.

A movement has been started by local orchardists to secure the undivided attention of Professor P. J. O'Gara for the Rogue River valley orchards. It is proposed to form an association among the fruit growers whereby \$2500 a year can be raised with which to pay for his services.

The move is a popular one, as Professor O'Gara has many times demonstrated his worth to the orchards of this valley. Familiar, as he is, with the various matters in connection with fruit raising, it would mean much if his undivided attention could be secured. The investment would prove a profitable one.

Two committees, appointed at the Rogue River Fruit Growers' association meeting, meet today in the Rogue River Fruit Growers' office at 3 o'clock. One committee, consisting of E. B. Waterman, C. E. Wisley, Charles Meserve, G. A. Hoyer and A. C. Allein, will discuss the problem of how they may best assist Professor O'Gara and the fruit inspectors in enforcing the pest laws and also will arrange for getting the professor an office.

The other committee, consisting of J. A. Perry, F. E. Merriek, J. E. Watt, C. E. Wisler and G. A. Hoyer, will take the matter of getting a weather bureau station here, up with the department of agriculture.

### GOOD RUN OF STOCK IN THE PORTLAND MARKET

There was a fair run of sheep at the Portland Union stockyards during the past week, also a fair run of cattle and hogs. The receipts for the week were 534 cattle, 4037 sheep and 979 hogs.

The features of the market have been a good, strong demand for top cattle, sheep and hogs. Thin stuff sold very slow. Good to choice killing steers are quotable at \$4 to \$4.50, with a better price for something fancy. Good killing cows sold at \$3 to \$3.50 with thin stuff as low as \$2. Sheep have been in fairly good demand, fair to good selling at \$4 and good to choice lambs brought \$5 to \$5.50. Hogs have been in active demand for good quality at 8c, while thin stockers sold as low as 6c, fair to good killers \$7 to \$7.75.

Jessie Welch of Lincoln, Neb., and Tom Hilyer and Jessie Garland of Bristol, Wis., were visitors of Mrs. Delbert Holliday Sunday. The party are on their way to the Seattle fair.

### COURT ASKED TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN FOR YOUNG TREES ARE MAKING FINE RECORD

Petition for Guardianship of James Helms Filed With County Court — Miss Dora Helms Petitioner.

GEORGE HELMS CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING FATHER

Took Father to San Francisco, Obtained Promissory Note and Had Execution Made on Estate.

A petition, with Mrs. Dora Helms as petitioner, has been filed with the county court, asking that a guardian be appointed for James Helms. The petition is made in order, as it alleges, to protect Mr. Helms, who is an old man, from the frauds being practiced upon him by George Helms, his son, who is at present a physician in San Francisco.

The petition states that James Helms owns property in Jackson county which is valued at several thousand dollars. The heirs are Mrs. Helms; George Helms, a son; Ad Helms, a son; Al Helms, a son; Oliver Helms, a son; Henry Helms, a son; Mrs. Belle Pickett, a daughter, and Lizzie Helms, a daughter. It is claimed that George Helms took his father to San Francisco, ostensibly for his father's health, but as the petition reads, it was "for the express purpose of cheating and defrauding the said James Helms out of the realty herein described."

When James Helms reached San Francisco his son, according to the petition, had him sign a promissory note for \$9525, which was due one day after the date of the note, without grace.

In March of this year, George Helms, it is stated, went into court in San Francisco and got a judgment for the amount by default after persuading his aged father to ignore the papers served upon him. Then he brought his father to Jackson county, where the sheriff could serve process in the action upon him, which was done. The petition further alleges: "That each and all of the children of the said James Helms were at all times well aware of all of the acts and things herein alleged, with the exception of the said minor child Lizzie Helms. That each of said other children were persuaded by the said George Helms that it would be to their interests to remain quiet, to not expose the fraud of the said George Helms, and that he would divide with them the results of his said action. But your petitioner believes, and therefore alleges, that in truth and in fact it is the purpose of the said George Helms to not only cheat the said James Helms out of his farm, but to later swindle and defraud each of the children of the said James Helms out of their interest and share therein, and particularly to dispossess your petitioner herein from her present right of possession thereto."

"That had said sale been permitted

### FROM 243 SEVEN-YEAR-OLD HOWELLS 1393 BOXES OR OVER FOUR EACH OF FINE PEARS ARE PICKED.

440 YOUNG BARTLETTS PRODUCE 1849 BOXES

Out of the 2900 Boxes Picked Less Than 20 Boxes Were Culls.

The 7-year-old orchard of Howells and Bartletts at the Hillcrest orchards are making a splendid record for themselves this year. From 342 Howells trees 1393 boxes of fruit were picked and shipped, or an average of 4.073 boxes to the tree. From 440 Bartlett trees 1849 boxes were shipped, or an average of 3.384 boxes each.

Of the 2900 boxes picked less than 20 boxes were culls, unfit for shipment to the east. The fruit was remarkably splendid, being perfectly formed and without a blemish of any kind. The Hillcrest orchards also shipped five cars of fine Comice as ever left the valley. This fruit was picked from 20 acres.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR WELL ATTENDED

CANBY, Or., Oct. 2.—Clackamas county's third annual fair opened successful. Many people braved the weather and were rewarded by a fine afternoon. The exhibits are commended favorably upon, the stock showing is good and the races are well attended.

Today is Oregon City day and good weather permitting a larger turnout will come from the country.

Canby's business houses are closing in the afternoons.

to have taken place as advertised, all of the property of the said James Helms would have been fraudulently sacrificed for a fraudulent claim of less than ten thousand dollars, as it was the purpose and intent of the said George Helms to bid said property in for the amount due on said alleged judgment. That even had the said judgment been supported by an honest claim, which it was not, the loss to the said James Helms by reason of said sale would have been not less than the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

"That by reason of his feeble condition, his sickness, his age and infirmity, the undue fraud and influence and duress practiced upon him by his said physician, to-wit: his said son, George L. Helms, under whose present control and management he now is in San Francisco, Cal., the said James Helms was not at any time mentioned here, and is not now, competent to manage his own affairs or business, or to protect himself or his interests, and this court should now appoint some disinterested person to act as his guardian here."

## GAS EXPLOSION KILLS TEN MEN IN COAL MINE

Mine Near Roslyn, Wash., Scene of Terrible Disaster—Men Are Buried in Mine.

TEN VICTIMS FOUND; MORE STILL ENTOMBED

Explosion Scatters Embers Over City, Causing Great Loss by Fire.

ROSLYN, Wash., Oct. 4.—Otis Newhouse, the outside foreman of the Northwest Improvement Coal company, died this morning, making the tenth victim of the terrific gas explosion which occurred at the mine yesterday.

In the glare of the burning lumber piles and mine buildings a thousand men toiled through the night to subdue the flames in shaft No. 4 of the mine, and which stand in the way of the rescuers who are endeavoring to reach a score of men known to be in the workings below the shaft. There is hardly a hope that those men are still alive.

Of five brought to the surface last night three were dead and two horribly burned. Six others are known to be in the mine and maybe more.

The embers thrown by the explosion started 14 different fires simultaneously throughout the town. The bank, the Y. M. C. A. and 12 other buildings were destroyed.

The disaster is the worst known in the northwest.

### LIPTON STILL WANTS TO LIFT THE CUP

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Joseph Garretson, managing editor of the Cincinnati Times-Star, who was among the passengers to arrive on the steamer Mauretania Thursday night, brought word from Sir Thomas Lipton that he would sail from England for New York October 9 to make a tour of the country and to issue a challenge to the New York Yacht club.

Referring to his plans, Sir Thomas, according to Mr. Garretson, said:

"I will race for the cup if I am permitted to do on even terms. But I will not engage to sail a marine freak across the ocean to compete against a skimming dish."

"When the Shamrock crossed the ocean she came within a ace of sinking with all hands, and I shall never ask another man to subject his life to such useless risks."

### THE "BIJOU" HANGS STANDING ROOM SIGN

The Darling Stock company is proving a drawing card at the Bijou, which popular house under the management of Billy Van has reached the stage where it is necessary to hang out "standing room only" signs.

The class of performances staged by the management have all been clean and free from all objectionable features and it is conceded by many that on the average, everything considered, they rank with the average 75-cent and \$1 road shows that make Medford a stopping point.

## White Rose Sole Mark Taft Train

Hardly a Sign of Life Visible About the President's Special.

President Taft's special train arrived in Medford on schedule time a few minutes behind the Shasta Limited. It was composed of six cars, drawn by a powerful Southern Pacific locomotive. No attempt at decoration of any description was in sight; in fact, it was a plain, ordinary passenger train, no different from any other Pullman passenger train. The last car, the "Mayflower," the home of William Howard Taft, was noticeable for this lack of decoration. A single white rose, possibly thrown or dropped by some ardent admirer, lay on the end of the observation platform, was the entire floral display that marked the abode "protem" of the president of the United States. Except for three officials with brass buttons in the baggage car, who peered out the door and the engineer and fireman, no sign of life was visible on the entire train. The blinds were tightly drawn all through the train. Absolute silence reigned during the three minutes' stop in Medford. A few enthusiastic admirers left their beds in the early dawn to catch a glimpse of the passing train, with its illustrious passenger. The only Harriman official in sight was Colonel Rosenbaum. The spectators who assembled greatly wondered at the simplicity and plainness of the train, some of the comments very very amusing, but good natured. One brawny democrat from the "old Sod" gave vent to his displeasure with the following remarks, to the delight of his hearers:

"'Tis slavin' th' president is—worn out wid shakin' han's; but where in th' devil is Sinitor Johnney Brawney?' 'Tis a poor president show widout Johnney Brawney or Jiff Heard.' Several others ventured the opinion that Teddy would have been up "and not missed" the scenery of the beautiful Rogue River valley—however, by the time the conversation ended there was nothing in sight on the line toward Ashland except the steam from the locomotive that marked the passing of the train that carried the chief magistrate of over 90 millions of people, William Howard Taft, president of the United States.

and embrace all the standard varieties. While recently a guest at Mr. Dean's home, which by the way is a model to all farmers in the comfort and conveniences of the dwelling and in the perfect order and practical arrangement of the dairy barn, the milk room, the toolhouse, the poultry farm, as also the well kept farm, the editor of the Rogue River Fruit Grower in company with Mr. Dean inspected these walnut trees and on one of the Mammoth Fords found four large and perfectly developed nuts. Owing to limited time all the trees were not examined, but it is possible that some of them also have nuts.

Mr. Dean is also testing other nut bearing trees and shrubs and some of these are also bearing at a precocious age. Two filbert bushes, a Barcelona and a DuChilli, each three years old, have a number of nuts. A Japanese chestnut, also but three years old, has fully a dozen nuts on it.

Another early bearing walnut tree is growing in M. Calhoun's place at Phoenix. It is of the eastern black variety, and Mr. Calhoun planted the nut three years ago this past winter and now the tree has three large, well developed nuts on it. The tree is fully ten feet high and as vigorous in growth as a cottonwood. This early bearing and extraordinary growth may be due to the very favorable conditions under which it is growing. Mr. Calhoun had an unused well which he filled up and it was in this loose earth that he planted the nut. The tree having such perfect soil conditions and its tap root being undisturbed and reaching down to moisture from the water bearing strata has been able to make a growth of fully twice as much as would a walnut tree planted in ordinary soil conditions.

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W. J. Dean has a small walnut grove on his fruit and dairy farm in Wagner Vale, a mile and a half from Talent, that he planted three years ago this past winter. The trees have made a good growth and are from two to three inches in diameter and from eight to ten feet high.

WALNUT BEARS AT THREE YEARS

(Fruit Grower.)

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## MOTOR CRASHES INTO WAGON: BOY IS HURT

Warren Butler in Delivery Wagon Is Struck by Jacksonville Motor on Oakdale Avenue

HURLED FOR TWENTY FEET THROUGH SPACE

Thought at First to Have Been Seriously Injured, but Examination Disproves This.

The Jacksonville motor, running at a high rate of speed early Monday morning, crashed into a delivery wagon on Oakdale avenue and hurled its driver, Warren Butler, over 20 feet. The young man struck on his head and shoulders. The bone in his left arm was fractured and his head was injured. He is in no danger, however, and will rapidly recover.

The motor was traveling west at the time and the wagon north. It is reported that no alarm was being sounded by the motor and those who witnessed the accident state that the young driver was not the one at fault.

It was feared at first that the young man was fatally injured, but medical examination disproved this.