

Rogue River Orchards Yield \$1000 an Acre Annually

MEDFORD DAILY TRIBUNE

FOURTH YEAR.

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GREAT ENGINEER COMING HERE TO ADVISE ALLEN

AGED MAN IS WITH DEAD BY HIS OWN HAND

John Miller, Who Resided Near Ashland, Found Dead in the Woods—Died by His Own Hand.

NEIGHBOR LET HIM HAVE GUN TO HUNT

Daughter Had Wrested Shotgun From Him Earlier in Day—Had Threatened Suicide.

ASHLAND, Ore., Oct. 26.—John Miller, aged about 70 years, father of Mrs. James Kaler and Mrs. J. E. Galbreath of this vicinity, and residing with the family of the former at their fruit ranch on the Erb road, between the Boulevard and the railroad east of the state normal campus, was found dead yesterday afternoon with evidence that he had killed himself with a charge from a shotgun found near by. It is understood that he had threatened such a course before.

He was an Englishman by birth. Yesterday morning, it is stated, he drove his son-in-law, Mr. Kaler, to town to his work. Returning, he got hold of a shotgun, but his daughter wrested it from him and he went to a neighbor, who unwittingly let him have the weapon with which he ended his life.

ALLEN GIVES \$100 TO MEDFORD BAND

President Allen of Pacific & Eastern Pleased With Showing Made by Band Boys.

Because he was pleased with the playing of the Medford band and believes that it should be encouraged, John R. Allen, president of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, on Monday morning handed Judge W. M. Colvig a \$100 bill for the band and suggested that a benefit performance be provided for the band.

"I was much surprised at the excellence of the band," stated Mr. Allen, "and I believe that a benefit should be given them. I simply subscribed for \$100 worth of tickets."

FIVE LITTLE GIRLS PERISH IN FLAMES

LYNCHBURG, Va., Oct. 26.—Five little girls, inmates of the Presbyterian orphan asylum, were incinerated today in a fire which destroyed the girls' home building. The dead: Ruby Moorefield, Lucille Moorefield, Mollie Reynolds, Mary Hickman and Mary Poole. The fire was caused by an overheated furnace. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

When Mrs. Priesse, who looked after the children, awoke this morning, she found the kitchen in flames. She fled to the third floor and carried 15 children to safety. She then returned with Mrs. Cook and led a number of other girls to the roof, where they were rescued by the firemen. The women were unable to return for the five children who perished.

JOHN F. STEVENS TO REPORT ON ELECTRIC ROAD

President Allen States That He Considers Mr. Stevens One of the Foremost Engineers in the World.

STEVENS' REPORT SOLD THE PACIFIC & EASTERN

Mr. Allen States He Also Wishes Mr. Stevens to See Medford and the Rogue River Valley.

Tuesday President Allen of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, wired John F. Stevens to come here professionally to advise him concerning his proposed electric railroad for the Rogue River valley.

"I consider Mr. Stevens one of the foremost engineers in the world," said Mr. Allen, "and I want his advice and guidance."

"It was upon the favorable report made to me by Mr. Stevens that the bonds for the Pacific & Eastern were sold," stated Mr. Allen in reply to a query regarding Mr. Stevens' inspection trip over the local road last spring. "It is not as an engineer for other systems, but to secure his professional opinion, that I have sent for him," continued Mr. Allen. "I want him also to see Medford and the Rogue River valley."

Mr. Allen returned Tuesday from a trip of inspection over the Pacific & Eastern with Mayor Canon, Councilmen Eifert, Welch, Wortman and Merrick and Dr. Gale. The bankers of Medford and their friends will accompany Mr. Allen on another tour of inspection Thursday.

"We found many men at work and the construction being pushed rapidly," said Mayor Canon. "Mr. Allen assures us that the railroad will reach Butte Falls by June 1 and it looks as if he would make good. The old track is being ballasted and rebuilt and rails are being rapidly laid over the newly graded track."

SALEM COMICE BRING \$420 A BOX IN NEW YORK

Rae & Hatfield in a recent New York deciduous market letter say: Weather fine but cold, of good attendance at sale.

PEARS PLENTIFUL IN THE PORTLAND MARKET

(Journal.) Pears are more plentiful in the market than for a long time, commission men old in the business declare, and as a result values are pretty well down, prices ranging from 50 cents to \$1.25 per box. Of course this means all kinds of pears of the ordinary varieties, not including the famous Bartlett's that bring a little more per box.

The pears now selling on Front street are coming in from different directions, everything going to show that the pear crop is a heavy one this year. Up until a few days ago the idea seemed to prevail on Front street that pears would be rather scarce and some surprise was expressed when they began to arrive so liberally.

SPITZENBERG APPLES ARE NOW IN AND SELLING AT ABOUT \$2.75, ALTHOUGH VALUES VARY CONSIDERABLY ACCORDING TO QUALITY.

There are also a goodly number of Kings in the market selling at about \$2. Wolff Creek apples big box, California apples are still in the market, but are being rapidly replaced by the home product.

The last of the peach crop was being sold today at 75 cents. The fruit was in poor condition.

The movement in apples and pears is expected to be very heavy this fall. Some quinces were received this morning and they were quoted at \$1.25.

W. E. Johnston, who is employed on the Pacific & Eastern train, came in Monday for a few hours' visit with his wife.

COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS IS APPOINTED

Judge Wolverton Names Attorneys Who Will Recommend Admittance of Attorneys to Practice in Federal Court.

LIGHT CASE WILL GO TO JURY TOMORROW

Mrs. Colby Discontinues Suit Brought Against the Southern Pacific.

Hon. Charles E. Wolverton, judge of the federal court, which is now in session in Medford, has appointed a committee to act upon applications from attorneys for admittance to practice in the court. The committee consists of W. M. Colvig, W. I. Vawter, Holbrook Withington, Robert G. Smith, H. D. Norton and A. E. Remmes.

Any attorney who has been admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States or in any state may be admitted to practice in the federal court upon the recommendation of any two members of the committee.

The federal court is still considering the case of George W. Light vs. the Southern Pacific. The taking of evidence will be concluded this afternoon and arguments started. The case will probably go to the jury on Wednesday at noon.

The suit brought against the Southern Pacific by Mrs. Helen Coss Colby, in which damages were asked for the death of her husband, has been dismissed.

WORLD FAMOUS JAPANESE DIPLOMAT KILLED

Prince Ito, World-Renowned Diplomat, Is Shot Down in Depot at Harbin.

GREAT EXCITEMENT PREVAILS OVER JAPAN

Was Standing Talking to Prominent Officials When Korean Approached and Fired the Fatal Shot.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The Japanese embassy received a cablegram this afternoon from Tokio stating positively that Prince Ito is dead. This dispels the doubt caused by the action of the Tokyo government in withholding the announcement that the prince is dead.

TOKIO, Oct. 26.—Prince Hirobumi Ito, the former resident-general of Korea, and the foremost Japanese diplomat, was shot by a Korean assassin in the railway station at Harbin. This city was set wild by the news. Business was practically suspended, the stock exchange closed, and the greatest excitement prevailed in the foreign department of the imperial household.

Announcements state that the prince is in a critical while dispatches from Harbin say that he died in the depot.

An attempt was made last April to blow up a train he was traveling in by dynamite.

The prince was on his way to Manchuria for the purpose of inspecting the Manchurian railway and investigating Japanese interests.

At the time of the assassination Ito was standing in the station talking to Consul General Kawakami of Harbin. The Korean approached unnoticed and fired. Ito fell. The assassin was immediately seized and imprisoned. It is reported that three shots struck Ito. Director Tanaka of the Manchurian railway was with Ito, and it is said he was struck by a bullet and badly hurt. The Korean said his relatives were executed by order of Ito, and that he went to Harbin for the purpose of assassinating Ito. He expressed no interest in what is to be done to him.

SCHOOL BOARDS TO MEET IN CONVENTION

Meeting Will Be Held in Central Point on November 13—To Discuss Problems.

W. C. T. U. ELECTS NATIONAL OFFICERS

OMAHA, Oct. 26.—The Women's Christian Temperance union today elected national officers. Hannah Bailey of Maine advocated that the convention go on record as being opposed to patriotic songs, such as "Army and Navy Forever" on the ground that they menaced the cause of international peace. She also declared military schools a menace to this cause.

PRESIDENT TAFT ARRIVES IN MISSOURI

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Oct. 26.—Taft arrived here at 6 o'clock this morning and spoke at the normal school. The sun arose as the president started speaking. Of the 32 governors accompanying, only Governor Hadley of Missouri Governor Hay of Washington arose to hear the speech.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Reed of Dudley, near Butte Falls, are in town making some purchases. Dudley is one of the towns which sprung up as a result of the Pacific & Eastern railroad project.

COMMITTEE BUSY ON ASSESSMENTS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK DOUBLES CAPITAL STOCK

Stockholders Meet and Vote to Increase Capital Stock From \$50,000 to \$100,000.

INSTITUTION HAS SHOWN STEADY GROWTH

New Capitalization Will Go Into Effect as Soon as Papers Come From Washington.

The stockholders of the First National bank met Tuesday morning and voted to increase the capital stock of the institution from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The change will go into effect as soon as the papers can go east to Washington and return, and notwithstanding the increase in the capital stock, the stock is being hunted for and is considered a most valuable investment.

The First National bank has shown a steady growth since it was incorporated. Under the management of Hon. W. S. Crowell it has kept pace with the growth of the city and valley and has had no little part in the development of the valley.

LADIES' CLUB ELECT OFFICERS

Work of Past Year Is Reviewed and Work Outlined for the Future.

W. C. T. U. ELECTS NATIONAL OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Greater Medford club, held in the city hall Monday afternoon, new officers were elected, reports of expenditures and work accomplished were heard and a proposition for the replacing of shrubs and weeds with trees and flowers more pleasing to the eye was discussed.

The new officers elected were: Mrs. F. W. Streets, president; Mrs. H. C. Kentner, vice-president; Mrs. U. G. Smith, second vice-president; Mrs. Clyde Reagan, secretary; Mrs. F. W. Hollis, treasurer, and Mrs. A. H. Miller, corresponding secretary.

M. S. Bennett's proposition in which he agreed to let the city have decorative shrubs, bushes and trees free of charge was considered favorably and Mrs. J. F. Reddy, Mrs. M. L. Alford and Mrs. M. J. Miller were appointed as a committee to attend to the matter.

The treasurer's report showed the healthy and prosperous condition of the club and brought out the fact that despite the heavy outlay, \$936.14 was cleared by the institution during the year.

The club has done much for the city and expects to do more.

MANY OWNERS NOTIFIED TO MEET BOARD

Reported That Total Assessment of Medford This Year Is Less Than That of Last.

IS SERIOUS MATTER TO CITY WITH LARGE DEBT

Sentiment Is That Penalty Should Not Be Put on Man Who Improves Property.

Inequality in assessed valuations has caused the appointment of a committee by Mayor Canon and the city council to probe into the subject, and as a result William Ulrich and J. F. Porter are going over the county assessor's books, and noting inequalities. One hundred and fifty property owners have been notified to appear before the board of equalization and show why their assessments should not be raised.

Despite the fact that all property in Medford and Jackson county has increased in actual value, it is reported that the total of Medford valuations is less than it was a year ago, which caused the present investigation. The subject is a serious one for a city with as large a bonded debt as Medford. Any decrease in valuation will increase the rate of taxation.

General sentiment is that business property, whether improved or not, should be assessed higher proportionately than non-income producing residence property and that a penalty should not be put on the man who improves his property.