

# MEDFORD YOUNGSTERS ELOPE; BRIDES BUT 15 YEARS OLD, GROOMS 19

Sons and Daughters of Prominent Medford People Drive Across Border Into California.

Medford, Oct. 15.—A mild sensation was created in the city Tuesday when it became known that four well known young people of Medford had eloped in a large touring car Sunday to Redding, Cal., where they were married Monday. The brides are two 15-year-old high school girls. They are now touring through California in an automobile, after telegraphing the news of the weddings to their parents. They asked forgiveness.

The brides are Miss Josephine Martin, daughter of James Martin, manager of the Medford Fruit company, and Miss Miller Younger, daughter of Mrs. Miller, 223 North Central avenue. Miss Martin became the wife of Clark Walker, 19 years old, son of A. W. Walker, prominent Medford automobile dealer. Walker served in France with the 6th artillery. Miss Miller became the wife of Glen Allen, also about 19 years old, son of W. D. Allen, Medford grocer.

The two couples left early Sunday afternoon in Walker's automobile, on the pretense of going to the foothills to take some pictures. Monday morning when the girls had failed to return the parents notified the police. Inquiries to nearby towns developed that the missing couples were seen going through Hornbrook, Cal., at 7 p. m. Sunday. The mothers of the girls started in pursuit by automobile Monday forenoon, and had reached Yreka when the telegrams came from Redding announcing the marriages.

# Strikes and Large Profits Won't Help Crops Lower Prices

If everybody is going to clamor and strike for more pay or more profits, as the case may be, and depend on the huge crops to bring prices down, they will be making the mistake of their lives, says George E. Roberts, vice president of the National City Bank. The

# ROBBERS TAKE \$40,000 FROM BANK VAULT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 15.—(I. N. S.)—Two bandits broke into the National bank of Potosi, at Potosi, Mo., 67 miles from here, at dawn today, melted open the vault with an acetylene torch and engaged in a pistol battle with a posse headed by Sheriff Casey as they made their escape in a high-powered automobile. They secured, it is said, \$40,000 in Liberty bonds and other securities. Hundreds of shots were fired, but authorities were unable to state whether either of the robbers had been hit.

only sane method is to keep up the sense of community of interests and the cooperation which prevailed in war time and extend it to present conditions.

"We have no bumper crops," says Mr. Roberts, "and therefore the reduction in food and clothing prices, which is necessary to general price reduction, cannot be expected. It is strange that people who, during the war, were willing to make sacrifices for the common interest, to deny themselves or give their labor to uphold the government and the nation in a conflict with foreign powers, should suddenly lose apparently all sense of obligation to the common interests. There can be no prosperity for the people of this country except by willing cooperative industry, each individual and group doing its duty in its own field, without arbitrary demands, satisfied with a reasonable adjustment of its relations to others."

# Federal Raid Nets Three Italians and Quantities of Wine

Declared to be the biggest liquor seizure for many months, United States revenue officers, under Milton A. Miller and assisted by Patrolmen Abbott and Drake, Tuesday night arrested three prominent Portland Italians and confiscated 1400 gallons of wine, 600 gallons of grape mash and 11 quarts of moonshine whiskey. In jail until bond is fixed are Salvo and Fredrico Pionovi and Laragetto Vin-

# RECOMMENDATION FOR SCHOOL AUDIT TO BE PROPOSED THURSDAY

Inventory of Affairs to Extend From May, 1915, to Year Beginning July, 1919.

Formal recommendations for a school audit will be presented to the board of school directors by the finance and judiciary committee of the board, composed of A. C. Newell and George M. Orton, at the meeting of school directors, Thursday.

The recommendations provide that the board shall instruct the county auditor to make a special audit to the fairness or price and business methods used by district No. 1 for the year beginning July 1, 1918, and ending June 30, 1919, provided that no duplication of work on the audit already made by the county auditor be required; that for a period of 10 days interested parties be notified to make suggestions to the board for any special investigations wanted, and that a sufficient sum of money be placed in the budget for 1920 to make a similar special audit as far back as May, 1915, as provided by law, as well as to make a similar special audit for the year beginning July 1, 1919, and ending June 30, 1920.

Verbal recommendations made by the committee at the last directors' meeting for an audit resulted in no action being taken, after a somewhat heated argument.

# Business Men's Luncheon

W. T. McElveen, Ph. D., pastor of the First Congregational church, will speak at the luncheon of the Progressive Business Men's club at the Benson hotel Thursday noon. His topic will be, "Interpreting the Times in Which We Live." E. W. Johnson, deputy city commissioner, will be chairman of the day and Miss Harriett Leach will sing. George Arthur Brown has been appointed to receive club contributions for the Roosevelt memorial.

They are partners and own a 60 acre truck farm, two fine residences and a big motorcar. They were arrested at 1194 Maiden avenue, where most of the liquor was taken. According to a statement made by Salvo, say federal officers, the wine was to keep workmen on the truck farm contented. The whiskey, they said, was left in the house by some relative and they disclaimed ownership.

# PIONEER HELPED CARVE STATE FROM WILDERNESS



Thomas A. Brasfield

Baker, Oct. 15.—With the death of Thomas A. Brasfield here last Tuesday night, Oregon lost one more workman who helped to carve a mighty state from an Indian infested wilderness. Mr. Brasfield was 88 years old April 3. He came to Oregon from his home in Missouri by ox team during the fall of 1861, first located at the present site of Echo, Umatilla county, later moved to Webfoot, Linn county, then went to Weston, where he remained for 20 years, and later to Arlington, where he lived for 14 years, moving to a ranch near Durkee in 1906. He had engaged in the sheep business during the greater part of his residence in Oregon.

He was deputy sheriff of Wasco county in 1882 and 1884, when Eastern Oregon was one big county, and often traveled 200 miles to serve summonses. Mr. Brasfield claim'd that he drove the first load of freight to Auburn when he delivered a load of provisions to R. M. Wade. The latter had started Auburn's first store in a tent at the beginning of the gold rush of 1862, when William Packwood conceived the idea of founding a town that grew to be a city of 6000, but is now populated by but two or three Chinamen who eke out a precarious existence panning gold from old placer workings in Washington gulch.

# LA ROCHE ACTS TO PROTECT BULL RUN

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lose essential rights through failure to act or inadequate presentation of its case before the proposed commission: "Portland needs protection for waters of Bull Run reserve for domestic uses for requirements of immediate future. Present water supply sufficient only for present population. Under terms of section designed to protect municipalities, Portland could lose essential rights through failure to act or by inadequate presentation of her rights. We ask for amendment similar to that relating to San Francisco, which leaves nothing to the hazards of circumstances." Two sections of the act before congress are pointed to as dangerous to Portland's rights at Bull Run. One provides that "the provisions of this act

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# SAN FRANCISCO EXCEPTED

Another section expressly exempts San Francisco from applying to the commission for such rights and guarantees maintenance of her present rights. It is for this exemption that the city of Portland asks.

"Nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to modify or repeal any of the provisions of the act of congress approved December 19, 1913, granting certain rights of way to the city and county of San Francisco, in the state of California," reads the San Francisco exception.

The Bull Run reserve was set aside and settlement prohibited by President Harrison in 1832. A subsequent act of congress prohibited grazing in the reserve. A bill introduced by Senator Bourne in 1913 declared that "no roads shall be constructed, no settlement permitted, and no timber shall be cut or power or irrigation rights or privileges acquired in the Bull Run forest reserve without the express consent of the city council of the city of Portland, Oregon."

# FIGHT MUST BE MADE

La Roche declares that a concerted fight must be made to insure Portland of her water rights without application to the proposed commission.



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ment as San Francisco, whose rights are specifically exempted," said La Roche. "That is what we are asking and Senator McNary has assured us that he will offer an amendment insuring our exemption. Under the proposal, we might be compelled to go through long and arduous court proceedings in an effort to secure additional rights, and it would be within the province of the commission to deny them if it saw fit."

"We will do everything in our power to protect our rights in the Bull Run reserve," Mayor Baker promised. "We must all join hands to prevent discrimination against us."

# Horack Justifies Promotion; Two Robbers Captured

Within five minutes after he had been transferred from the motorcycle squad to detective department Tuesday morning, Motorcycle Officer Herman Horack was sent on his first burglary call. He returned to police headquarters about an hour later with two prisoners and an alleged stolen automobile.

Horack went to 845 East Twenty-fourth street. By the time he had reached the second story the two men realized they were being pursued. Underneath an old bed he hid two bare feet. Horack ordered L. Edwards and A. Steffans to surrender. Steffans' parents reside in the house.

Two demijohns of wine, skeleton keys for houses and all kinds of automobile locks were also found in the room. Until the owner of the automobile can be located by wire, the pair will be held on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

# Oregon Leads First Car of Clothing for Armenian Sufferers

Oregon is in the foreground again today as the first state in the United States to put a car of clothing on the track ready for delivery to Armenian war sufferers on whose behalf a nationwide clothing collection has been made. J. J. Handsaker, chairman of the drive campaign committee, this morning received a congratulatory wire from New York headquarters as a result of the Oregon achievement in loading the first carload of clothing. Contained in the car which was loaded Tuesday were 15 tons or more of clothing.

# Bears That Damaged Orchards Are Killed

Cottage Grove, Oct. 15.—Saturday, Fred Patten, with other hunters, started after bears that have been eating fruit and breaking down trees in Charles Harris' orchard, west of town. Patten brought one of the bears down, but another that was treed got away. More hunters left Monday for the same hunting ground. The first party consisted

of the Spriggs brothers, the Ashby brothers and the Patten brothers. Homer Kidd, Bud Iahmael, Arthur Gilbert, Joe Schneider and G. W. Sweet form the second party and they will go to the Siuslaw before returning.

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