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FROST WARNINGS FOR FRUIT MEN

CALL UP "INFORMATION" ON TELEPHONE.

FORECAST ISSUED DAILY

Prof. O'Gara and Telephone Company Services Paid by Fruit Men.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the weather forecast issued daily by Prof. P. J. O'Gara in Medford can be secured by any one in Josephine county and the service is free. H. E. Gale has been the leading spirit in efforts to secure this boon for the orchardists and others here. And the arrangement is that when anyone desires the forecast all that is necessary is to call the Grants Pass office of the telephone company and ask for "Information." Then your phone will be connected with the information desk, where your query as to the forecast will be answered.

Prof. O'Gara, in addition to his pathological duties, is the United States weather observer and his frost warnings during a number of weeks last spring saved many thousands of dollars to Jackson county growers.

Now this information will be supplied here gratis, and will prove of equal benefit to all of Josephine county.

The telephone company will be paid for this service by the fruit men's organization. Mr. Gale told the company to go ahead and supply the information free to all and charge to his telephone. Later, he will be reimbursed by the general fund for this purpose.

MEDFORD WANTS RY. TO BLUE LEDGE MINE

Business men and citizens of Medford have called a mass meeting for Monday evening next at the Medford theater to discuss the promotion of a railroad to the Blue Ledge copper mine, 30 miles southwest of Medford.

Assurances have been received from Robt. S. Towne that he will at once erect a large concentrating plant at the mine and operate with a large payroll, provided such a railroad is built. Bond buyers agree to finance the project, providing a few miles of railroad are first constructed. Ways and means to secure the funds for construction work will be discussed at the meeting.

40,000 MEN OUT OF WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Spurred to action by a visit to his office in the city hall of 400 idle men, begging for work, Mayor Rolph today is planning ways and means to care for San Francisco's army of 40,000 unemployed.

The police attempted to prevent the men from entering the city hall, but after the mayor learned of their presence he ordered them admitted to the supervisors' room, where he heard their complaints.

"We want a place to sleep," the spokesman said. "We want to eat three meals a day. Also we want work, but particularly a place to sleep and eat. Unless we receive immediate relief somebody is going to suffer financially. There will be no violence, but we are going to eat."

"We have been doing all in our power to solve the unemployed situation," said Mayor Rolph. "Steps have been taken to provide relief."

"But we cannot wait," insisted the men. "We do not wish to steal, but we must eat. In the name of humanity we ask you to give us at once food and a place to sleep."

POULTRY CAR WILL DEMONSTRATE HERE

Under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural college, a poultry car will be equipped early in April and sent out on the line in charge of two assistants from the college, to be on exhibition in the principal cities and towns on the lines of the Southern Pacific in Oregon. This car is scheduled to be in Grants Pass from 2:04 p. m. Sunday, April 7, to 2:04 p. m. Monday, April 8th, and during its stay in Grants Pass will be on exhibition and the assistants in charge will be prepared to answer all questions and give detailed information concerning the poultry industry.

L. R. Alderman, superintendent of public instruction, will arrange through the county school superintendent, for the school children to visit the car during a particular hour in the day, and it is intended with the starting out of this car over the line to launch a state-wide campaign in the interest of the poultry industry.

MUSIC CLUB DEVOTES EVENING TO MENDELSSOHN

At its meeting Tuesday evening the thought of the Grants Pass Music club centered about Mendelssohn. His life and character were depicted in a most interesting manner by Mrs. Herrick, who showed that he was not less noted for his ability as an artist and poet than for his genius as a composer and pianist.

Miss McAdow, in a carefully written paper, endeavored to make plain the place which Mendelssohn held, and still holds among the group of great musicians, showing him to be one of the most refined and cultured of writers, though lacking in the originality, the force and brilliancy of other masters. Although he produced a number of compositions that occupy a place with the great works of his age, he will be remembered longest through the melodious "Songs Without Words."

The program was largely made up of Mendelssohn selections, the more melodious type of the composer's work being finely illustrated by Prof. Field in his rendition of several numbers from the "Songs Without Words," while the delicacy and tenderness of the fine nature was brought out most clearly in the "Slumber Song," beautifully rendered by Miss Nina Paddock. The romantic element was shown in the duet by Messrs. Van Dyke and Cass, a number that was most heartily appreciated by the audience, as was that of Mrs. Walker. Following is the program complete:

Orchestra—War March from "Athalia."
Paper—"Life of Mendelssohn"..... Mrs. Herrick
Solo—"Slumber Song"..... Miss Paddock
Quartet—"An Old Romance."
Part I—"O, Fly With Me."
Part II—"One Night There Came."
Part III—"Over Their Grave."
Miss Parker, Mrs. Veatch.
Mr. Veatch, Mr. Voorhies.
Paper—Compositions of Mendelssohn..... Miss McAdow
Piano Solo—"Songs Without Words."
No. 35 in B Minor.
No. 34 "Spinning Song."
No. 27 "Funeral March."
No. 23 "Volkslied."

Prof. Field.
Duet—"I Would That My Love"
.....Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. Cass
Solos—(a) "Winter Song"
(b) "In Autumn"
Mrs. Walker.
Clarinet Quartette—Messrs. Wharton, Hulbert, Steelhammer, Applehoff.

The orchestra on this occasion put on a new touch of color, having added a pair of real, live kettle drums to the equipment, while the versatile Mr. Steelhammer surprised and delighted the audience by the display of a new base clarinet, upon which he performed with a dexterity that indicated that the two had met somewhere before.

A suggestion was made by one of the members that a musical festival be held in June in connection with the Rose Festival.

COE OPENING AND HOUSEWARMING

MANY GUESTS ENJOY MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS.

HANDSOME INTERIOR WORK

Another Public Reception is to be Given on Saturday Evening.

When a man erects a modern business structure in a municipality, and one of such handsome design and interior finish as has R. L. Coe in Grants Pass, then that man deserves the commendation of all persons, in all walks of life. And without further words it can truthfully be said that to R. L. Coe this commendation is due. And when he puts many more thousands of dollars into staple and modish creations of the clothing and dry goods world, increased commendation is due. In line with these suggestions it can be said that a large part of the population of Grants Pass were entertained last night at the big store of R. L. Coe & Co., when Mr. Coe was host at the Easter and housewarming reception. Long before the doors were open there gathered at the front a throng of ladies, with many of the men folk and youths in the audience. When the doors were opened the visitors entered quickly and from 8 o'clock to 10 it was one long merry evening of enjoyment with music and refreshments and "sightseeing" among the rich creations of the draper and the modish delights of the fashionable costumers of America's best.

The Demaree orchestra, pleased with popular and classic selections. The management did not allow any goods to be sold, but instead turned all attention to welcoming and entertaining the guests. Fruit punch and wafers were in abundance for all.

The big first floor, 50x100 feet in dimensions, was an attractive sight. Most of the decorations were made up of filmy and beautiful fabrics and attractive articles of the stock. There are 17 departments, and each department last night seemed to vie one with another in drawing admiration. Of these departments can be mentioned the following:

Shoe department, wall paper department, cloak and suit department, underwear and hosiery department, gentlemen's furnishing department, dress goods department, gingham and wash goods department, embroidery and lace department, domestic department, fancy goods and neckwear department, glove department, hosiery department, ladies' underwear department, gentlemen's underwear department, muslin underwear department; and upstairs the cloak and suit department.

All departments carry in stock the best and the latest goods, some of them being of such quality and of such construction that are not usually found outside of a town of 50,000 to 100,000 population.

The New Building.

The handsome new brick block erected by Mr. Coe is much admired, but in its interior finish is the admiration in the superlative. The upper story, in addition to the cloak and suit department, and the fitting room, contains 10 handsome office rooms. And throughout the finish is fir veneer, dull waxed, and as handsome as nature in her artful caprice can make the grain of her woods. Experts in wood finishing from Portland have visited the building and declared it superb. This feature has no superior and few equals on the coast.

The building is 50x100 feet. This gives practically a floor space of 50x100 feet on the main salesroom floor. Around three sides of this floor extends a balcony, both useful as well as ornamental. The building throughout is heated by steam, and the natural and electric lighting is considered perfect. There are five large radiators on the first floor, two on the sec-

TAFT CAPTURES N.Y., AND FRAUD IS CHARGED

NEW YORK, March 27.—On the face of the New York state presidential primary election returns from yesterday's election, Taft took 83 delegates and Roosevelt seven. Wholesale fraud is charged by the Roosevelt faction and by Col. Roosevelt himself. Another election is possible.

NEW YORK, March 27.—General denunciation of the New York primary, on the face of the returns from which President Taft's adherents snowed under the Roosevelt faction, today makes the Taft forces fearful that the primaries must be held again. There is no doubt that the primary was farcial, and Governor Dix, it is understood, is today considering a demand on the legislature to enact remedial laws.

NAME ON SUBSCRIPTION PAPER GOOD AS NOTE

He in Grants Pass or elsewhere who puts his name to a subscription paper, naming the sum he will contribute for this, that or the other enterprise, must do so with the knowledge that the courts have said the subscriber cannot back out, but must pay the money, no matter if he has changed his mind, or gets "sore" at anybody or nobody.

Medford men subscribed a fund of about \$30,000 to be used on construction of the Crater Lake highway, a road from Medford intended to run to Crater lake. About \$8,000 of this amount is delinquent and a test suit has just resulted in favor of the Medford Commercial club, which authorized Judge W. M. Colvig, its president, to sue. Judge Colvig brought suit against M. H. Payne, who had subscribed \$200. A jury has said that Mr. Payne must pay. That means that the remaining \$8,000 must also be paid, the delinquent subscribers having been awaiting on the result of the verdict in the Payne case.

Something more than a year ago the question was up in the Medford Commercial club's discussions, and Judge Colvig informed the club that it was a settled policy in law that when a man put his name to a subscription paper that his signature was as good for the money as if he had signed a promissory note, provided, of course, that the subscriber was solvent, and money or property could be found. In other words signing a subscription paper was the same in law as signing a promissory note.

In the case against Payne, that gentleman stated that he had been promised by the soliciting committee that he need not pay the subscription unless \$100,000 was raised, but members of the committee denied making such a promise.

The jury was composed of W. H. Norcross, foreman; George Holcomb, Asbury Beall, Chas. Owens, Geo. E. Moore, J. E. Roberts, W. W. Gregory, R. P. Campbell, Grant Mathews, Frank Crump, W. A. Tresham, A. S. Furry.

REFERENDUM IN OHIO.

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—The Ohio constitutional convention today has passed the initiative and referendum measure by a vote of 97 to 15.

and, and one in each office room. The spacious doors that formerly existed in the old building, have been replaced by more costly ones, and the other doors now are used for a spacious side entrance on E street. The office overlooks the main floor, and is a spacious and modern counting room.

The basement is much appreciated by the management. It is commodious and modern in design, and contains the heating plant. The boiler is a 15-foot tubular boiler, with a four-foot firebox. The boiler has a 250-pound steam capacity and the big brick block is at a pleasing temperature during all cool days.

The management will repeat the Easter and housewarming reception next Saturday evening when the ladies of the city will be allowed to purchase to their hearts' content.

TILT IN COUNCIL OVER CITY HALL

MAYOR OPPOSES RUSHING MATTER AS RECOMMENDED.

COMES UP AGAIN MONDAY

Business Men Petition That Investigation be Made for Cheaper Paving.

Report to Council of Building Committee on City Hall:

We, your committee on plans, etc., for a new city hall, met with Architect W. F. Bowen and went over carefully plans for a new hall. The other members of the council, with the exception of Mr. Wolfersberger, were present. After the meeting the committee went into session, electing H. J. Clark chairman and A. R. McLean as secretary of the committee.

The plans accompanying this report are the result of lengthy discussions and investigation by the members of the council and the committee, and have been drawn in accordance with recommendations made by members present. These plans, we, your committee recommend as the plans to be adopted by your body as the plans for the new city hall.

We further recommend that the committee proceed at once to excavate and put in cement basement and foundation on the city property at Fourth and H streets, lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, block 47, O. T. S. ready to let contracts above basement.

We also recommend W. F. Bowen of Ashland, Oregon, as architect with compensation of 2 1/2 per cent for drawing plans and specifications. We leave for the decision of the council also the idea of the architect superintending the work on a basis of 2 1/2 per cent.

H. J. CLARK,
A. R. McLEAN,
W. E. EVERTON,
Committee.

The foregoing is the report to the city council last night of the committee selected at the previous meeting to look into the question of site and other details of the proposed new city hall. As soon as Auditor Johnston had finished reading the report to the council and mayor, a verbal bombardment began. Mayor Smith was opposed to "rushing" the matter to such a quick finish, without allowing the people of the city, as he expressed it, a chance to have a say, and to inspect the plan of building the committee had agreed on.

"This building looks like a barn," declared the mayor. Councilman Clark defended the committee's action and the building plan, and between Mayor Smith and Councilman Clark the retorts flew rapidly, with Councilman Herzinger putting in a lick now and then in favor of Clark and the committee's action. After much figurative fire had streamed from Clark's swords, Councilman Clark surprised by suggesting that the matter lay over until Monday evening for a special meeting. McLean amended Clark's motion to the effect that Auditor Johnston be instructed to advertise for competitive plans among architects of the valley, here, Medford and Ashland. This was put in the form of a motion and adopted. The dove of peace then found a place on the council table on which she could alight.

Details of the Controversy.

As soon as the committee's report was read Mayor Smith entered a general protest. "Where are you going to get the money to begin this work immediately?" asked the mayor. "We can get \$5,000 tomorrow," said Everton, referring to the payment to be made by the Mashburn company for the old city hall. "That matter is not in shape," replied the mayor, and said he was

ATTORNEY JOHNSTON FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Prosecuting Attorney B. F. Mulkey has definitely decided not to be a candidate again for the republican nomination for the office. Attorney Johnston, city auditor and police magistrate of Grants Pass, as a result of Mr. Mulkey's withdrawal, has "cast his hat into the ring," and will make the race for the nomination. Judge Johnston will soon issue a formal announcement and present a brief platform.

For the democratic nomination for the office of prosecuting attorney, petitions are being circulated in behalf of Judge E. E. Kelly of Medford.

In a statement given the Medford Sun Mr. Mulkey gives his reasons why he will not again be a candidate. He says:

"No, I do not want the office another four years. I have hesitated to so conclude because of the heavy pressure brought to bear upon me to run by scores of leading citizens in both Jackson and Josephine county who want my policies of law enforcement continued.

"I wish to devote my entire time to my private practice, which is even now quite satisfactory. In fact, the past two years I have held the office of prosecuting attorney at a positive financial loss. I cannot see why a lawyer with a fairly good practice should want the position.

"I am deeply grateful to the public for having conferred the office upon me in 1908. I needed it and wanted it. I have given the duties of the position my very best efforts and have been industrious and painstaking and have tried to be fair to all, while shirking no responsibility. During my term to date the office tried seven homicide cases, securing convictions in all, a record unequalled in any other district in Oregon in the history of the state.

"I have secured thirty-two convictions for the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the two counties—more than was done in this line before in the history of the district. In enforcing the game laws Jackson county ranks next to Multnomah in the number of convictions.

"Notwithstanding these facts, my most satisfactory work has been done in taking boys out of the delinquent class by a system of probation in which the prestage of the office has been combined with personal influence in lifting such to a higher plane.

"Oh, yes; I shall enter public life again after I have given some years to my own financial interests.

"No, I have no fears of my re-election to the district attorney's office if I should be a candidate. Indeed, I do not think it would be necessary to leave the office or my official duties to make a campaign."

strenuously opposed to taking such rapid action without allowing the people to offer some suggestions if they cared to and to see the plan of building the committee had decided on. Herzinger jumped in by saying:

"Didn't the people elect us to take care of their business for them?"

Clark also hurled a deft at the executive at the head of the table by saying: "If you do not like this you can apply the referendum."

The Mayor: "There exists some dissatisfaction already among some of the people of the city regarding our action in selling the old city hall at this time, and now it is proposed here to rush this other important city hall matter without allowing the public a look in. Some residents of the city really desire a building to cost more than \$10,000, and they are among the largest taxpayers."

Clark said: "Mr. Mayor, if you had been at the meeting of the committee you would appreciate and understand more fully our labors and our sincerity in bringing about the best possible suggestion in the matter."

The mayor retorted: "I was not informed of the committee meeting. I would have liked to have been present. This building you have adopted looks like a barn to me; I never saw a public building like this. And I repeat, the people should be allowed to see these plans. It looks as

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