

**MEDFORD NEWS**

**Bliss Heine**  
 Next Sunday afternoon Medford Camp No. 99, W. O. W. will dedicate their new building on North Grape street. On Saturday night they will hold their first entertainment in their new building in the form of a big stag smoker to members and prospective members which will be preceded by a big street parade headed by a band. Among the notables who will be present at the dedication are Governor Walter M. Pierce, Head Manager J. O. Wilson of Portland and Deputy Head Consul Frank B. Tichnor.

Last Friday night the Fair Grounds Pavilion presented Herb Weidoeft's Cinderella Roof Orchestra of Los Angeles in a farewell engagement which was attended by 800 jolly and enthusiastic dancers. The features of the evening were vaudeville numbers during the dances presented by members of the orchestra. One number especially enjoyed by the large number present was the wonderful saxophone solo rendered by Lawrence Abbott who graciously responded with an encore. Mr. Abbott was a boyhood playmate of George Kunzman, proprietor of the Medford Exchange, in Worthington, Minn. Mr. Abbott's father was bandmaster of the champion band of the state of Minnesota at that time. The management of the Fair Grounds Pavilion should be congratulated upon securing such high class entertainment for the people of Southern Oregon.

On Saturday afternoon at the football grounds Medford defeated the Alumni in a fast and hard-fought game by the score of 14 to 0. This was the first football game of the season and the boys showed up in good form. Several times the Alumni were close to a touchdown, but each time were held on downs and lost the ball. Knips, of the Alumni, received a wrenched knee in the second quarter which took him out of the game.

Last Saturday night Weetonka Tribe No. 1, Improved Order of Redmen was host at a large meeting of the order at which the largest gathering of Great Chiefs ever held on the Pacific coast were present. The distinguished visitors included H. J. Drake of Santa Lara, Great Sachem of California; Porter L. Bliss of San Francisco, Great Chief of Records of California; C. P. Mayer of Buckeye, Washington, Great Sachem of Washington; and the following from Portland: Great Senior Sagamore Dr. Duane A. Fellows, Great Junior Sagamore Henry Swint, Great Chief of Records Alvin Sievers, Past Great Sachems J. V. Lankin and P. F. Fisher. They were met at the de-

pot by J. T. Perry, Great Sachem of Oregon. The meeting wound up with a big dance and banquet.

Work is rapidly progressing on the Sixth street extension and same is expected to be open to traffic the last of this week.

Early last Friday morning the old mill of the Tomlin box factory burned down. The loss, \$25,000, is covered by insurance. This was a pioneer land mark of the valley.

L. L. Holbrook has purchased Walter Browne's interest in the Busy Corner Motor company and, together with R. P. Fotch, have secured the former location of the Medford Auto company on South Riverside where they will offer sales and service for Chrysler cars. Mr. Holbrook went to Portland the first of the week to make arrangements for the shipment of new cars to Medford.

Another new firm to open up in Medford is the "King in Radio" which handles the King radio products and the Peerless reproducer. The new concern is owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen and is located in the new building on North Fir street just off of Main.

**STATE MARKET NEWS**

**Grading Pays Well**

No matter what the products, it will pay the producer well to grade them, says the State Market Agent. A small quantity of poor stuff makes the entire lot look inferior. Cull out and feed the poor stuff to the stock. You will get more money for what is left than you would for the whole lot and will be amply paid for your time. Consumers insist on grades and standards. Don't pay the dealers to grade your products—grade them on the farm. A "Field run" price is ever a low price, for the buyer must do the grading and the producer must pay him for doing it. Standards mean guarantees of quality and the buying public insists on them.

**Four Million Hop Crop**

Estimates put the hop crop of western Oregon around \$4,000,000, with something like 75,000 bales. The rains have damaged some yards, but the most of the crops has been harvested. Present prices are around 25 cents, but many producers are holdings for 30 cents.

**Forecasts of Wheat Production**

Estimates and forecasts of wheat production, outside of Russia and China indicate that the world's supply will be close to that of last year, while the demand is stronger because of low stocks of old wheat and other grains and a short wheat crop in the Orient. Estimates of production in twenty-one countries of the Northern Hemisphere indicate a production of 2,351,000,000 bushels as compared with 2,320,000,000 bushels last year. These countries last year produced 78 per cent of the total production of the northern hemisphere and 70 per cent of world production, exclusive of Russia and China.

**Watch for 'Bootleg' Potatoes**

In buying your winter potatoes be certain that the sack is stenciled with the name and address of the grower or dealer and the grade of the stock, warns State Market Agent Spence. Potatoes that are sold in unmarked sacks are illegal and you run a big risk of getting worthless stock. Those who sell first class stock want the sacks branded as the law requires. When sack are stenciled the purchaser is protected, as responsibility is easily traced. Most of the reliable dealers insist on graded and stenciled stock, but complaints are made that some peddlers are ignoring the law. Grading rules will be mailed to any one from the State Market Agent, 712 Court House, Portland.

**Wheat Pouring Into Portland**

Records for many years are being broken in the receipts of wheat in Portland and Astoria this fall, in marked difference to last year when growers held their grain and receipts were slow and extended over a long period. For the past three or four weeks an average of 250 cars of wheat have arrived daily at the terminals. There is a heavy foreign demand for both wheat and flour and ships are loading daily. The State Grain Department has the largest force in years taking care of the great volume.

**Reporting Service Improved**

The Agricultural extension service of the O. A. C. and the Federal bureau of Agricultural Economics will co-operate in crop and livestock reporting service for Oregon. Duplication of work will thus be eliminated and special local service will be furnished where needed.

**BEE RAILROAD GETS SAME MILEAGE OUT OF QUARTER**

The busy little bee, functioning as a transportation agency, is one of the most efficient carriers in the business, according to J. T. Saunders, freight traffic manager of Southern Pacific company.

"With honey selling around twenty-five cents a pound" Saunders said, "bees must fly 40,000 miles for every pound of sweetness stored in the hive. Scientists, studying bees, have discovered that harvesting of a pound of honey requires 20,000 round trips to the fields and that the average bee travels two miles each trip. Translated into dollars and cents this makes the bee a very efficient carrier indeed.

"Southern Pacific, receiving last year an average gross revenue of 1.382 cents for hauling a ton of freight one mile, must carry the average pound offered for shipment 36,180 miles to produce a revenue equalling the value of the pound of honey produced by the bees' 40,000 mile labor.

"Bees and their owners, however, do not bear so heavy a burden of taxation and expense as the railroads are at present struggling under. Out of the twenty-five cents received by the railroad for hauling a pound 36,180 miles, roughly 71 per cent is consumed in operating expenses alone, while from the remaining 29 percent must be paid heavy taxes in addition to overhead."

**ASHLAND WOMAN GAINS PRAISE FOR INVENTION**

Mrs. Vetabelle Phillips Carter, daughter of Mrs. L. A. Phillips of East Main street, is receiving much attention in San Francisco and elsewhere in California over some traffic signal inventions which she has perfected.

She has been requested to demonstrate them before the convention of Confederated Women's Clubs at the Fairmount hotel in San Francisco early next month. She recently appeared at a Santa Cruz meeting with her inventions and was accorded unstinted praise.

It is interesting to her many local friends to know that these signals were constructed by Mrs. Carter at

the home of her mother in Ashland.—Ashland Tidings.

**FORD ON 5-DAY WEEK**

Detroit, Sept. 25.—The Ford Motor company announced today that after two months experiment the five day week has been made a permanent policy in the company's plants here. There has been no daily wage increase, except on merit.

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**Announcement of PREFERRED STOCK Price Increase**

Effective October 1, 1926, the price of the 6 percent cumulative preferred shares of The California Oregon Power Company will be advanced to

**\$95 a Share**

Orders received up to and including Thursday, September 30, will be filled at the present price of \$94 a share.

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