

NEW COURT HOUSE OPENED

Twice in a While

Today is a great day in the history of Jackson county. Today we witness the formal opening of our new courthouse. This beautiful structure will stand for many years as a monument to the stick-to-it-iveness of the citizens of Medford and to that old "Medford spirit," we have heard so much about.

Many years ago when our county was new the people of what was then the leading city in Southern Oregon had a chance—and lost it. When the railroad was being surveyed through this section an offer was made to the town of Jacksonville to defect that railroad to the west side of the valley and take in that town. A bonus was demanded. The people of Jacksonville evidently believed the railroad would come to them anyway and voted to turn down the proposition. As a result the railroad was built in as straight a line as humanly possible from Talent to Toledo, leaving the county seat five miles away. A station was built at Medford and the beginning of the end was in sight. Naturally all freight for Jacksonville and the Applegate country was unloaded at Medford thus laying the foundation for our present-day wholesale business.

Then came the days of the great migration from the Midwest to the Pacific Coast, 1840 to 1910. And there came to that valley village during those years men who had not been satisfied to live as their fathers had lived. Also men who had been successful in business in their old homes, but who wished for a better climate in which to spend their old age.

These men at once saw the possibilities of making Medford the metropolis of southern Oregon. So they got together and by working always shoulder to shoulder began building up the village into a real city. Nowhere in the country did the business men stick together as they did in Medford. Of course mistakes were made. Some things were done which proved costly. But on the whole the vision these men had has come true. In spite of the continued hagling and fault-finding, and injunction bringing of a certain clique of habitual fault-finders, (Mr. Earl H. Fehl among the most prominent) the city has gone forward steadily.

In time came the movement to change the county seat from old Jacksonville to the larger city. For some years this move was fought by Ashland, which had long been jealous of Medford's growth. But at last came a year when Ashland joined Medford in seeking the move. Medford won out by a large vote and the move ordered. In order to make good the word of the city which had promised a free temporary building for the county offices, a bond issue of \$60,000 was voted and a building constructed on North Central. This was leased to the county for \$5.00 a year until such time as the county could provide a building of its own.

By a special act of the legislature the county was authorized to set aside a portion of the O. & C. tax-revenue for the purpose of building a new courthouse. Medford had promised to furnish a free site and after a spirited controversy, settled on the old Washington school grounds, which were purchased by the city from the school district. Last fall the contract was let for the construction of the new courthouse. It has now been completed and the officers have moved in.

Jackson county can well be proud of her new office building. And as the years roll on the names of the men who made this building possible will stand out very prominently among the famous of our part of Oregon.

Now a bit about the political pot which is again simmering. It is rumored that several hats are about to be launched into the ring for County Judge. We most earnestly hope that these men will refrain from muddling up an already disturbed situation. It seems clear to us that it was this same thing which brought about the nomination of Mr. Fehl last spring. If Earl Gaddis had stayed out Judge Lamkin would have won.

We earnestly urge those who are contemplating filing for the election to refrain and not make matters worse by splitting up the vote. We hold no brief for Mr. Pipes nor Judge Phipps and we have withdrawn from the support of Mr. Fehl but we do believe that the surest way to elect Fehl will be for too many candidates to enter the race. They will surely split up Fehl's opposition and elect him.

Howard Mayfield of Redmond is in Central Point for a few days on a business trip.

PEAR MARKET IS IMPROVING SAYS REPORT

Information which throws a favorable light on prospects for a good return on Rogue River valley Bartlett's now on wheels or in storage is found in a market survey made recently by the Medford Daily News. The following statistics should prove of value to all those engaged in the pear industry.

They indicate a strong, healthy market immediately ahead for Medford Bartlett's either in storage or rolling. Furthermore, they reflect a strong, undertone for our late varieties such as Anjou, Rose, and Comice. During a ten day period, which would report the quantity of fruit on wheels at any one time, in the year 1930, from August 19 to August 28 inclusive, 1480 carloads of boxed pears were shipped. In 1932, from August 19 to August 28, a total of 1217 cars were shipped.

This indicates less than 50 per cent of the quantity of pears shipped during the past 10 days of 1932 as compared to the similar period in 1930. It furthermore indicates that the shipments for 1932 were less than 70 per cent of the shipments of 1931 for the corresponding period. Notwithstanding the continuous false reports which have been put in circulation as to the quantity of pears remaining in California and elsewhere, the federal market reports that the previous forecast as published in the News has been absolutely correct.

Market Dull The eastern markets have not responded to the shortage owing to the false reports constantly being circulated in New York and elsewhere that large quantities of Bartlett pears are still available for shipment.

If the Oregon shippers will hold their fruit in storage, either here or at eastern destination until the California product is practically exhausted, nothing can prevent a very strong upturn to the market.

From August 23 to August 28 inclusive, covering a six day period, the total shipments from California is 340 carloads or an average of 56 cars per day. When it is understood that a percentage of all California shipments at present, include some late pears, then, the shortage of Bartlett's comes more apparent.

Oleo Tax Bill Is Backed by Big State Labor Men

Following a hot debate in which representatives of the out-of-the-state oleo interests came off second best, the Oregon State Federation of Labor at their Thursday convention in Astoria last Thursday passed, by a two to one vote, a resolution pledging that body to give all possible support to the dairymen of the state. The resolution infers that organized labor of the state will give active support to the dairymen in passing the oleo tax bill in the November election which establishes a tax of ten cents a pound on all oleo manufactured within the state. This measure passed the last session of the Oregon Legislature by a large majority and has been held in abeyance pending a vote of the people on the referendum measure.

Leaders in the debate which occupied the time of the convention for several hours were George Fall, president of the Oregon Envidier, president of the Oregon State Dairymen's association and C. E. Eldridge, Portland, representing the oleo interests. Ray Gill, state master of the Grange, also spoke to the assembled delegates and urged closer cooperation between the farmers and labor groups of the state, stating that the problems of both were the same.

The resolution favoring the dairymen had previously been passed upon by the committee on resolutions and this group had recommended a neutral position.

Police Round Up License Evaders

Applications for auto license permits continue to come to the sheriff's office at the rate of 25 per day including the number of autoists who took vows when the governor's moratorium ceased, to store their cars until the license rate was lowered. The state police are engaged in a round-up of foreign license plate owners in the county. Lists of people residing in this county, who have applied for and received California and Washington license plates, have been received and are being checked. They will be held in court for explanations as fast as the facts are assembled.

The license evaders are about equally divided between city and country, the list shows.

Industrial Parade Is Big Feature of The Celebration

Huge Crowds Listen to Dedication Speeches. Professor I. E. Vining of Ashland Principal Speaker. Throng Crowd Huge Structure. Officials Entertain.

Today was a great day for Medford and Jackson County. Today the new \$200,000 courthouse was dedicated with much pomp, under the auspices of Medford Post No. 15, American Legion. Early in the forenoon the street was lined with flags; uniformed men by the dozen were seen hurrying about, preparatory to the big parade which opened the ceremonies. The parade was formed on 6th Street and led by the Elks' band, marched down 6th to Riverside, thence to East Main and up Main to the courthouse where it disbanded. It was composed of a number of civic and patriotic organizations, among which were the G. A. R., W. R. C., Spanish War Veterans, American Legion Drum Corps, Ashland Killies and Boy Scouts and others. One fact that struck the bystanders, was that the G. A. R. was represented by one lone member, Judge Wm. Colvig.

The patriotic bodies were followed by a long line of floats representing nearly every business in the country. One of the prettiest floats was that of the Medford Garden Club, which was a very gorgeous affair. At the East entrance to the courthouse the old judges' desk from the circuit court room in the old courthouse in Jacksonville was placed on the granite steps and served as the speaker's stand. A gorgeous bouquet of gladiolus on the old desk brightened the scene. A microphone connected to a public address car system was placed in the center of the stand.

The ceremonies were in charge of W. E. Bolger, president of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, as chairman, and representing the American Legion. Seated on the top of the broad steps were the members of the present County Court, with County Judge Lamkin and a number of distinguished visitors, among them being United States Senator Frederick Steiwer, State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, personal representative of Governor Meier, Chief Justice Bean, Prof. I. H. Vining, W. H. Gore and others.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Mr. Bolger advanced to the speaker's stand and announced the first number on the program, a march by the Medford Elks' band. The invocation was given by Rev. A. G. Bennett, then came the introduction of visitors and speakers. State Treasurer Holman spoke of the regret felt by Governor Meier at not being able to attend and expressed the congratulations of both the governor and himself to the people of Jackson county over the accomplishment represented in the magnificent new structure.

Following Mr. Holman's remarks the Medford Gleemen sang the "Oregon State Song" which was received with much applause. This was the first public appearance of the Gleemen, under the direction of James Stevens and their singing was much enjoyed.

Judge C. B. Lamkin was then in-

duced who spoke briefly of the work done by the County Court in finishing the building. He then introduced Mr. Guy Gordon of Roseburg who was with Mr. Gore in Washington in the fight for the O & C Tax Refund bill. Mr. Gordon spoke of the work of the County court then in office and of the part taken by Judge Hartzell in furthering the movement. He paid high tribute to all who by plain stick-to-it-iveness had brought about the payment of this money to Oregon counties, which had provided the means of building the new courthouse without having to issue bonds for large sums of money.

Mr. Gordon called the attention of the people to the fact that one of our own citizens, Wm. H. Gore, was more nearly responsible for the success of the plan than any other man. He then called upon Mr. Gore for a few remarks.

Mr. Gore, president of the Medford National bank, and for many years a leader in matters pertaining to the development of Southern Oregon, said he wished to speak more of the future rather than to recall the past. He made a strong appeal for more of the old Medford spirit of standing together in all things of city and county welfare.

He said we had too much fault-finding and suspicion and said he believed the only way Southern Oregon could go ahead was to forget all differences and stand shoulder to shoulder again. The Gleemen sang another selection entitled, "Swing Along."

Then came the dedication address by Irvine H. Vining of Ashland, who spoke in his usual masterly way. He paid high tribute to the pioneer men of Jacksonville and of the early courts of the county. In speaking of the men who had presided in the circuit court over the old desk in front of him, he was interrupted by a burst of applause when he mentioned the name of Judge Harry D. Norton, against whom a recall petition is now being circulated about the county. This spontaneous applause showed plainly the feeling of the enormous crowd regarding this recall.

After Mr. Vining's address a flag was presented to Jackson County by George Coddin, representing the American Legion. This was appropriately accepted by Judge Lamkin and was immediately raised to the tall flagstaff, while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the audience stood at attention. After the benediction by Rev. W. H. Eaton, the doors were opened and the public made welcome to the building.

For several hours crowds thronged the halls and offices. For a time it seemed everyone in Jackson County was trying to get into jail, as everyone wanted to inspect the new jail on the fourth floor of the building. No one seemed anxious to stay up there, however.

Utility and Permanence Combine With Beauty

From the top staff, which supports the American flag, high above the fifth floor, down to the steps, which approach the main entrance, the exterior of the construction tells a story of advanced building, inspired by the desire to achieve utility and permanence, as well as beauty in architecture, which invites entrance.

Facing the city park, which forms an ideal setting for the \$270,000 concrete building, are two entrances. The main one, nearest Main street on South Oakdale, is marked by implied columns in Indiana limestone and decorated cornices, which blend the Roman and Grecian ideas into a design, which harmonizes with the old English lamp posts in wrought iron, which mark each side of the entrance.

Entrances Marked Above the decorations, in stone carvings, appears the name of the building, "Jackson County Court House." The second entrance on Oakdale, smaller and less decorative, but equally attractive, leads into the auditorium and is so marked.

Ascending the flights of Ashland granite steps at the entrance, the visitor views the panoramas of marble steps, bordered with ornamental iron railings leading upward through the center of the building. Just above

the stairs, approaching the second floor, a balcony, overlooking city park and the interior of the court house, has been provided, leading out from the county judge's offices.

Lamps in wrought iron fixtures light the first floor. The inside steps, wainscoting and door casings in the corridors are of Alaska marble from the Kodiak quarry. The marble has been cut to form a pattern about the walls, in which dark grains meet with dark grains in a "V" design and light with light.

Floors of Terrazzo The floors of the corridors are of terrazzo, and the main entrance doors of cast aluminum. The newel posts are of stainless steel and the wood finish throughout the building is of mahogany. The entrance steps are of Ashland granite and the interior partitions of hollow tile, also from the Lithia city. Keene cement and Monterey white sand compose the plastering, which gives an attractive interior to all departments.

All lumber, cement and granite used in the building are Jackson county products. The finished hard ware of Yale manufacture, was furnished by the Medford Furniture and Hardware company. Vaults and safes were furnished by the Norris (Continued on Page Four)

City, County Will Settle Damage

After meeting at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning to inspect the city hall, the city council will meet later with the county court to come to some terms as to what settlement for damages, breakage and general repair work will be made by the county for the use of the city hall. Some parts of the building are in rather bad repair, it was brought out at the council meeting and councilmen felt that the county should leave the building in as good shape as it was when they moved in.

Fixtures were placed in the city hall by the county, and left there, amounting to about \$1778, according to City Superintendent Fred Scheffel's report, and an oil burner worth about \$150, which the city decided was valueless to them. Jail equipment was also put in, most of which is now obsolete and of little value. The jail equipment, it is believed will suffice for city use, as the city jail has been used for little except sobering up drunks for the past year.

Superintendent Scheffel reported that he believed it would take between 10 days and two weeks to repair and clean up the building and make it habitable for the city offices. Scheffel's plans are to put the city police in the quarters now occupied by County Jailer Ike Dunford, the state police in the offices formerly occupied by County Treasurer A. C. Walker, and the water superintendent's offices in the assessor's office. On the second floor, Scheffel has designated the sheriff's office as the city school superintendent's office, and the county clerk's office to the office occupied by the city superintendent, city building inspector, the treasurer and recorder.—Daily News.

Lighthouse Doing Good Work For Needy Families

Several needy Central Point families are being assisted by the Four-square Gospel Lighthouse, located at 401 East Fifth street, Medford, at the Pacific Highway.

Demands for help from Jackson County citizens have increased to such an extent that Dr. Estelle Jones, pastor, has issued an appeal for clothing, shoes, particularly children's, food of all kinds, furniture, beds and beddings, and any article which citizens may feel impelled to donate. "The need is so great and increasing so rapidly that I feel sure citizens will help us meet these cases as they come up," Dr. Jones said. "We are sorely in need of funds. My workers and myself serve without pay and every article donated goes to help the needy. Likewise, every cent of money contributed is used in the relief work."

Dr. Jones and her assistant, Warren W. Sullens, who recently came to the Lighthouse with Mrs. Sullens from the Bible school of Angelus Temple at Los Angeles, visited Central Point during the current week. They took donations of beds and fruit jars back to Medford with them. Several Central Point citizens attend the Lighthouse meetings and are active in relief work there. At present a band of volunteer workers is busy canning fruit and vegetables. The Lighthouse is open day and night and its workers are always ready to respond to calls from persons in distress, Dr. Jones said.

Adam Emig Said In Critical Condition

Adam Emig, 73, old-time resident of the Table Rock district, who underwent a major operation at the Sacred Heart hospital the first of the week following a serious illness, was reported in a critical condition Wednesday. It was feared that Mr. Emig's condition had become too serious before the operation was undertaken for it to be successful. He seemed to be gaining strength, however, late this afternoon.

Mr. Emig, who has hosts of friends throughout the valley recently moved to Medford to make his home.

Independent Filing Deadline Sept. 23

The final day for the filing of independent nominations for the general election is Friday, September 23, according to the county clerk. This is 45 days before the general election, November 8. The opening day for the filing of independent candidates was August 1.

Depression Over Hurray! The depression surely is over. Riley Myers was observed eating an ice cream cone in front of Damon's Cafe recently. Several old-time residents declare this is a sure sign.

CATTLE THIEVES MAKE BIG HAUL IN JACKSON CO.

Cattlemen of Jackson County and the Rogue River valley have lost between 15 and 18 per cent, on "gasoline cowboys." It was learned through a survey of cattle rustling made recently. These wholesale stealings have continued practically unmolested for several years, with but four arrests having been made. Two local young men were sentenced last week to serve six months in the county jail, after their arrest by state police and confession to wholesale stealing, covering a period of several months.

Cattlemen lose two ways by the stealing, they say, first through the loss of the meat, and secondly by facing a glutted market when they go to sell their beef and veal locally. Most of the meat so stolen, and state police are checking beef tags with the possibility of arrests in the near future.

"Dealers who buy the beef that has been stolen are one cattleman said recently, "because many of the thieves are young men who are influenced by the dealers. The law specifically states that it is unlawful to buy the beef without its being properly tagged, and we know of many cases where meat has been bought locally without a tag being on the meat. Such a dealer is subject to arrest."

"We know of two dealers who are now buying stolen meat, and have been buying it for some time," the cattlemen continued, "and the cattlemen are at a loss to understand why arrests have not been made. We had a trap laid for a group of thieves last week, but inexperience on the part of the officers bungled the catch. You can't catch cattle thieves with uniforms on," he continued, "and if it isn't stopped pretty quick there are going to be some hangings."

Confessions signed by Oris and Victor Goble and Kirch Piele, who were found guilty of cattle stealing in Judge H. D. Norton's court last week was given a slap on the wrist in the form of a six months jail sentence for Piele and Victor Gobel, and a suspended sentence to the reform school for Oris Gobel, directly implicated one local meat dealer of gross carelessness.

Better Packaging Stressed at Fair

Next to the agricultural product itself the container or "dress" in which Oregon products go to market is important. The Oregon State Fair is encouraging better containers for agricultural products.

Three classifications are listed in the LAND PRODUCTS SHOW. They are listed separately as Wholesale Containers, Retail Containers, and Individual Service Containers—that is containers in which products are put up and placed directly on the table in the original container.

On the table service containers are included ready to serve fruit products, such as jam, jelly, canned fruit, etc., dairy products, cottage cheese, milk, etc., also honey in tubes, shelled nuts, frozen fruits and other containers.

The Retail Containers list includes classification for walnuts, filberts, and prunes in packages of two pounds or over, five and ten cent seller packages for bulbs, prunes, nuts, a package for pedigree roasting ears, apples—fifteen pounds or less, also tamper proof packages for certified field and garden seeds, packages for frozen fruits and vegetables, meat and meat products, ice cream, butter, eggs, potatoes, etc.

In the Wholesale Containers list are included potato bags, packages for onions, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, cantaloupes, cherries, corn dried prunes, fresh prunes, and many other containers.

A special display will include lace curtains and other inside decorations for containers for agricultural products.

Low Fares to Aid Labor Day Travel

The attractiveness of Labor Day as an occasion for heavy excursion travel throughout the West will be enhanced this year by a five-day offering of cent-a-mile train rides by the Southern Pacific Company, it was made known recently.

Scheduled from September 1 to 5, the so-called Dolar Day roundtrip program will embrace the railroad's lines in six western states, according to word received here. A final return limit of midnight September 12 has been fixed for the excursions. With a three-day weekend, Labor Day outings are expected to result in peak holiday traffic for western states in 1932.