

# EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE TIMES

## The Times

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### DESIRE VOICED FOR CHANGES IN CITY GOVERNMENTAL SETUP

Maybe it is because this is a political year... But, maybe it is because there is a reawakening of a public consciousness on the citizens part in government...

At any rate, The Times has been visited lately by quite a number of people who had quite a lot of different ideas about city government and what should be done about it.

Without attempting to make any recommendations, for all of the points need considerable study, we pass along what was given to us orally by some of our citizens.

One suggestion seemed to find favor with both Gold Hill and Rogue River citizens. They believed a City Manager form of government would prove better. Gold Hill has virtually a city manager in their City Superintendent who is everything from police chief to supervisor of roads and streets, but in Rogue River, the situation is more complex.

Some of the Rogue River people felt that a combination of city treasurer-city recorder would be a step in the right direction with the Mayor serving without pay and his present - inadequate stipend - being added to that of the other two jobs to make one full-time job.

Along came another citizen who led off something like this:

"Rogue River is emerging from her swaddling clothes. She's becoming a big girl..... It is time we had a building code which would safeguard the homebuilder against defects in plumbing, lighting, foundation construction, etc. This would mean lower insurance rates."

What we need, another stated, is a good sewer system.

It is our suggestion to all of these visitors, and we hope they'll take it" Visit your city council meetings in Rogue River and Gold Hill. In Gold Hill, the council meets the first Monday in each month and in Rogue River the first Tuesday. Tell the councils how you feel about these things.

We've notice a great lack of attendance of citizens at the council meetings. We can hardly blame the people in Rogue River under the present circumstances for the meetings are not in the most pleasant atmosphere but to a really interested citizen, it shouldn't make any difference.. In Gold Hill, there is no such excuse present

We believe it is our duty and the duty of every citizen to attend these meetings. If we don't attend and action contrary to our wishes is taken, who is to blame?

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"Congratulations, and many more successful years!"

The newspaper that is now the Mail-Tribune was founded on March 22, 1906, as the Medford Tribune. It succeeded earlier papers, including the Medford Mail, founded in 1889; the Southern Oregonian, founded in 1902; the Democrat Times founded in 1872, and the Ashland Times, which was founded in 1906, and later moved to Medford and consolidated with the Tribune.

For nearly a quarter of a century, this editor has been connected with newspapers large and small; has judged their faults and their good points. We can say in all earnestness that the present Medford Mail-Tribune is a good newspaper, representative of the county seat city and we wish them further success in the years ahead.

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### Two Events Deserve Support of All

There are two events this week that especially deserve public support - one in Rogue River and one in Gold Hill.

The first is on Friday night at the Rogue River high school gym when the PTA Minstrel is held. Funds from this benefit will aid in the purchase of band instruments.

Show the students you do give a toot!

The other event is the auction to be held by the Gold Hill Grange on Saturday, starting at 10 a.m.

This too is a benefit to raise funds to buy siding for the Grange building which overlooks Gold Hill.

You can have fun at an auction. You'll meet your neighbors and maybe you'll even find a bargain!

### SHIRTS TO OREGON CONGRESSMEN

Members of the Evans Valley Farm Bureau Center have been informed that directors of the Oregon Farm Bureau have mailed shirts "off their backs" to Oregon congressional delegates with this note:

"You are taking about everything we have now in taxes except my shirt, and you might as well have that, too."

What Congressmen need at this time of the year is not shirts but hats to replace those they are tossing into the ring.

### Grosbeaks Are Comin'

On their annual trek from California to Canada, the Rogue valley is being visited by thousands of western grosbeaks little yellow, black and white birds.

The flight, according to experts, is late due to late snow and winter conditions in northern California.

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