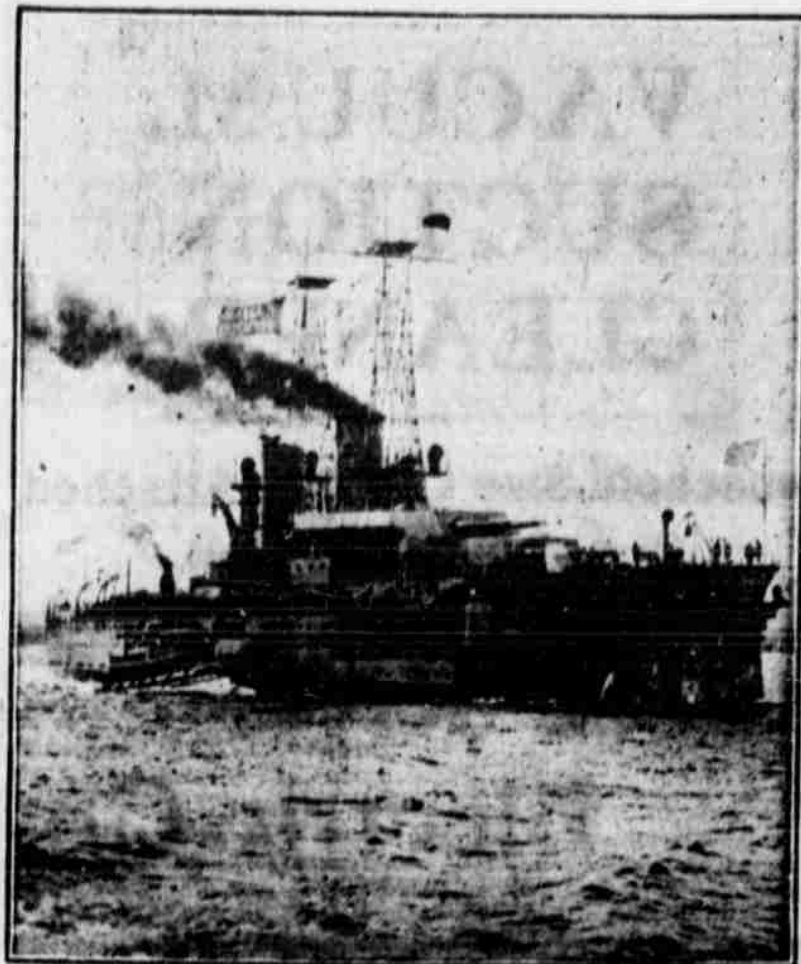


UNCLE SAM'S NEW FIGHTING SHIP



THE NORTH DAKOTA, NEWEST AND MOST POWERFUL SHIP IN UNCLE SAM'S NAVY.

When the builders of the new battleship North Dakota gave her the first test off the Massachusetts coast they were much pleased with the performance of the giant vessel. She steamed at a rate of 19 knots an hour without difficulty and is expected to do much better on her official trials. The North Dakota is a faster and more formidable ship than the English Dreadnought and differs in many respects from all the other war vessels in the United States navy. The deck forward is high enough to keep the sun from washing on board and make it possible to use the guns when running at high speed in a storm. Her big guns are mounted in pairs in electrically controlled turrets. Two of these turrets are forward and three are aft. At a broadside the North Dakota can hurl 7,500 pounds of steel at an enemy.

MAIL TRIBUNE TO CONDUCT CONTEST FOR READERS OF THE AD PAGES

A novel feature is to be inaugurated in the Mail Tribune in a few days. It is proposed to print about fifty brief sketches of as many enterprising business houses and firms in the city, giving some of their distinguishing features, and from these descriptions the public is to be asked to identify them. No names or addresses will be given, just some of their characteristic features; but in every instance these will afford a clue by which the readers may follow the trail that is blazed with earmarks all along and that leads to positive identification.

The business men of Medford are the bone and sinew of the commercial life of this growing city, and the people cannot get too well acquainted with them. It is for this purpose that this "Knowledge Competition" is instituted. The people should know the business men of the city intimately, and likewise the business men should know the people. Their interests are largely bound together. Let all the people get better acquainted.

This friendly competition is designed to bring this about.

This interesting feature has been tried in many other cities and it has been found to be a great success in bringing the business houses and the people into a closer acquaintance and relationship. There is no room for doubt that it will bring a like result here.

The descriptions are now being prepared by an expert in that line and it will be up to the readers of the Mail Tribune to determine by the earmarks to whom reference is made.

As an inducement for vigorous competition in becoming proficient in naming the business houses to be treated of in this suggestive manner substantial prizes will be given. These will be announced on the day this feature is published. Full instructions will also be published at that time.

Those who contemplate competing for the prizes should be carefully reading the advertising pages of the Mail Tribune, for this will be the best plan to get knowledge of the business firms, and to refresh your memory.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Nye returned home to Gold Hill Tuesday morning.

John Peterson has been appointed flagman at the Main street crossing of the Southern Pacific track, and assumed his duties Tuesday morning. He has been sworn in as a special policeman, so that he has full control of the crossing, with authority to act in all cases.

Mrs. G. R. Riddle of Grants Pass was in Medford Tuesday.

T. Irvine and S. G. Smith of Grants Pass were Medford visitors Tuesday.

H. Smith of Glendale was in Medford on business Tuesday.

C. E. Webb of Gold Hill was in Medford doing business with local merchants Tuesday.

S. A. Pattison of the Central Point Herald was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

The new special delivery system of the Wells-Fargo company commenced this morning. The special delivery will be limited for a time owing to weather conditions, and the fact that many of the streets are badly torn up in the improvement work. As soon, however, as these conditions can be remedied, the service will be extended, and it is the intention of the company from this time on to keep pace with the growth of the city.

W. J. Scott, the successful hooster farmer, of North Rogue river, carried the city Sunday night on business. G. R. Owens of North Cox street

GREY EAGLE IS SOON TO SCREAM

Mine Near Gold Hill Will Soon Place Stamp Mill in Operation—Much Ore Taken Out.

The Oregon Gold Hill Mining company has a new stamp mill on the ground at their Gray Eagle mine on Sardine creek, which will be placed in position as soon as possible. New bunk houses, cook house and assay office have just been completed, the lumber for the same having been procured from the Gold Hill Lumber Co. mill on Sardine. About 100,000 feet were required. Beside Manager W. L. Van Houten and Engineer J. R. Wolfe, twelve men are employed. It was expected to be in operation by the first of the year, there being plenty of ore ready for crushing, but the early setting-in of the rains has delayed the work somewhat. This is but one of many evidences that the Gold Hill district is about to enter a period of unprecedented mining activity.

PERHAPS THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO PAY

Correspondent Takes Hot Shot at Oregonian—Proposes a New Form of Charity.

To the Editor: The following editorial paragraph was clipped from the "Oregonian" of the 22d inst: "Oregon led at the Spokane apple show and Rogue River led Oregon. Portland would like a chance to see and taste and judge some of the world beating apples it hears about."

This clip is susceptible of one of two constructions: Either the people of Portland cannot afford to pay the price of Rogue River valleys apples or else the newspaper means to insinuate that the award of prizes at Spokane was unfair and nothing short of a donation to its press and editorial rooms for immediate consumption would satisfy the editor of the Portland paper.

Ignoring the parsimonious spirit of this paper, how would it do for the growers of the valley who have hundreds of bushels of under size sound apples going to waste to donate this fruit to the several commercial clubs of the valley, who could communicate with the provident association of Portland and other cities and upon their agreement to pay freight, organize an army of pickers to gather up this fruit for the poor, who so much need it? Suppose the minglers, the bankers, the merchants, the real estate men and others would agree to give one day's work to this cause, don overalls and be an example. Aside from a practical charity deserving the effort, where could the Rogue River valley get a better advertisement? Who will be the first to talk and talk quick? Respectfully,

JAMES T. BARBEE.

Thanksgiving and Xmas Will Soon Be Here.

The family will all be at home. Those dinners will be happy events. More happy and just right if cooked on a South Bend Malleable Range, the range which racks the first in the land of the home. The expert South Bend malleable demonstrator is here this week. You come in and hear some inside range information and have hot biscuits and delicious coffee, also get a beautiful cook book and useful souvenir.

Free to every purchaser of the South Bend Malleable Range this week only, we will give absolutely free a set of cooking utensils. Nicholson Hardware company.

EDEN PRECINCT ITEMS.

Zar Allen of North Talent was a business caller in Talent last Friday. A Moore of Phoenix was up to Ashland last Friday, returning on the evening train. John Helmie was doing trading in Talent last Friday.

George Roberts was visiting visiting his daughter, Mrs. Tom Hughes of Ferns Valley Saturday. Harry Reames was a Phoenix visitor last Saturday.

John Roberts of North Talent delivered a ton of fine potatoes in Phoenix last Saturday.

Talent will soon have a new cab to meet all trains. It will run for one of the leading hotels.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Carey were the

WET OUTSIDE; ALSO INSIDE

Wierd Plea Put Up by Man Who Appeared in Police Court to Answer Charge of Drunkenness.

Frank Forner and John Ryan, were brought up before Recorder Telfer this morning charged with having been drunk and staggering on the streets. The pleas put up by the two men were a little out of the ordinary. One claimed that he had walked from Ashland through the rain and being wet to the skin thought that something should be done to equalize the situation, so proceeded to get soaked inward. He did a better joke on the inside than nature had on the outside, and so fell into the clutches of the law. He was allowed to go on his promise to make an immediate return to his former abiding place.

John Ryan's plea was much of the same nature, only he was told by a friend in Grants Pass that if he would come to Medford and have a reliable man mix him a few drinks of whisky and ginger, the cold from which he was suffering would be cured. He tried it and now has full confidence in his friend's prescription as far as it went, but the friend didn't tell him that the cure carried an arrest with it. He was allowed to go on the same terms as the first.

Chris Geuehal, who had been before in the toils of the law, for the same offense, was assessed \$20 for being inebriated.

TAXIDERMIST AND FURRIER

Send your trophies to me for mounting. Big game heads, fish, birds and mammals mounted true to nature by improved methods. I do tanning, making fur rugs, make, remodel and clean fur garments. Express and mail orders promptly attended to.

C. M. HARRIS, 495 Washington Street, Portland, Or. Telephone Main 3600.

One Thousand Laughs at the Savoy Theater.

The crowded houses present at last evening's entertainments at the Savoy were convulsed with laughter. "Papa's Honeymoon" and "Out for a Day" were the causes of all the merriment. One ludicrous situation followed the other so fast that you could hardly catch your breath between explosions. They are certainly a howl of merriment from start to finish. Don't miss them if you want to get rid of the blues.

"The Senorita" a Selig western drama, about 18 in stirring situations, local color and beautiful scenery. The acting is natural and consistent with the strong story.

Entire change of program tomorrow night. Remember tomorrow night is turkey night. One dime. The Savoy.

guests of the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts last Sunday. Mrs. A. Moore of Phoenix has been quite ill for several days but is improving at this writing.

Miss Clara Allen gave the members of her Sunday school class a party at her pleasant home last Saturday. There were ten of the little folks. All had a very enjoyable time, despite the rain which came in torrents all day. A gentleman, with a closed carriage brought the little ones and also took them home in the evening.

Turkeys

Nice fat, juicy birds that would grace the table of a king for only

Only 25c per lb.

Also Chickens and the choicest stock of Roasts, Broils, etc., in the city.

Rex Market

Huth & Pech Props. Phone 32 71

WANTED

3 Billion Feet of Timber, must be well located for operating and logging. Transportation facilities near by. Land with some white pine preferred. Furnish cruising by 40s and maps. Only principals need apply.

Clark & Cowles
Box 666 Medford, Ore.

Too Late to Classify.

FOR RENT—Modern house, fine location, 324 Sixth street, corner Ivy. 213

WANTED—To rent furnished or unfurnished house. Box 764, 212

BUSINESS LOCALS

The standing of the Browlekar contestants will be announced in tomorrow's issue. 212

Persons wishing shade trees & plant in front of their homes, phone D. R. Wood, Main 11, or after 6 o'clock, Mrs. J. F. Reddy, Main 321 211

Spend your Thanksgiving evening with your friends at the Wigwam where a splendid time is promised. 213

The lots in Walnut Park are going fast. Only ten left. 209*

Hear the celebrated lay musicians at the Nash grill. 206*

Don't forget the dance at the Wigwam Thanksgiving evening. Good music and fine time in store for all. 213

Hear the celebrated lady musicians at the Nash grill. 206*

Best meal for the least money at the Spot cafe. 209*

Don't fail to be on hand for the dance at the Wigwam Thursday evening. 213

Music at the Nash grill during lunch and dinner hours. 206*

Best meal for the least money at the Spot cafe. 209*

Music at the Nash grill during lunch and dinner hours. 206*

When the remaining ten lots in Walnut Park are sold lot 10, block 1, will be given away. See L. B. Warner about it. 209*

Ella Gaunyaw, public stenographer room 4, Palm building

Union Livery, Feed and Sale Stable

PHONE 1821. 113 SOUTH BARTLETT ST. BALED HAY AND GRAIN. Home First Class Mules and Horses BARGAINS, IF TAKEN SOON

Medford National Bank

No. 8236.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK, at Medford, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 16th, 1909:

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$253,378.38
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	8,073.50
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	49,800.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,795.87
Bonds, Securities, etc.	27,937.98
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	35,071.14
Gold dust on hand	410.29
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	245.00
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	3,366.51
Due from approved Reserve Agents	193,766.91
Checks and other Cash Items	4,363.20
Notes of other National Banks	4,090.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	260.35
Legal Tender Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$37,340.85
Legal-tender notes	37,340.85
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,490.00
Total	\$621,489.98

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	3,614.78
National Bank Notes outstanding	49,800.00
Due to other National Banks	159.88
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	26.14
Individual Deposits subject to check	477,484.33
Demand Certificates of Deposit	26,525.18
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,879.67
Total	\$621,489.98

State of Oregon, County of Jackson, ss.

I, John S. Orth, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN S. ORTH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of Nov., 1909.

C. L. REAMES, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

T. E. MERRICK,

W. H. GORE,

J. A. PERRY, Directors.

The above statement shows an increase in deposits, since September 1st, 1909, of \$107,372.04. The largest growth in the bank's existence.

Fred H. Hopkins of Central Point spent Tuesday in Medford on business. L. B. Warner has just returned from a business trip to Glendale, where he recently went.