

MEDFORD'S PROSPERITY IS REFLECTED BY HER BANK DEPOSITS--A 50 PER CENT INCREASE WAS MADE IN 1909

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Wednesday--
Clear. Tuesday--high, 38;
low, 15; range, 32; fair.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1910.

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15,000 ACRES OF SAM'S VALLEY LAND IS UNDER BOND

MYSTERIOUS SYNDICATE IS RAPIDLY ACQUIRING OPTIONS

MILLION AND HALF IN DEAL

Nearly Every Available Acre Said to Have Been Secured From the Wilson Place to Trail at Prices From \$40 to \$200 an Acre.

During the past two weeks options have been secured on nearly every acre of land in Sams Valley from the Wilson place to Trail creek, according to reports brought to this city by those owning property in that valley. Who is back of the move or for what purpose has not been divulged. Over 15,000 acres has been placed under bond.

The options were given to different individuals who are said to be representing a San Francisco syndicate. Over \$1,500,000 is involved in the deal.

One of the places which has been bonded is that of Sam McClelland, consisting of 604 acres, for \$50,000. The land has been bonded at various amounts ranging from \$40 to \$200.

The Medford National bank is the local institution where the options are made payable but the bank declines to give out any information. President Enyart stating that beyond knowing that the options were payable there, and that he had given an option on 600 acres of land in Sams Valley, that he knew nothing of the matter and that he would not until some of the options came in.

It is generally believed in the city that a syndicate of San Francisco capitalists plan to take over the tract, develop it and place it on the market.

The options for the most part were given for 30 days, 15 of which have already expired.

ROUTINE OCCUPIES COUNCIL'S ATTENTION

Business Goes Through in Clock-Like Regularity—Mail Tribune Gets Two-Year Contract.

Little aside from routine occupied the attention of the city council at the regular session held Tuesday evening. City affairs were handled with clock-like regularity, bills passed, an ordinance or two discussed and then adjournment.

The removal of Frank Murdoch, nightwatch, from office by Mayor Canon, was sustained by the council. The reports of city officials were read and placed on file.

A four-inch water main on South Newtown from South Eleventh street south to Dakota avenue was ordered in.

The Garnett-Corey Hardware Co. was granted permission to erect a brick building on the corner of Main and Grape streets.

The Medford Mail Tribune was granted a two-years' contract to do all of the city printing.

A number of old warrants dating back as 1889 were cancelled.

COMMISSIONERS CONVENTION OF TO LEAD AID IN FIGHT FRUIT MEN OPENS

Trip of Fruit Growers to Jacksonville Is Called Off as Commissioners Stae They Will Continue Warfare.

As the county commissioners have signified their intention to continue the warfare against orchard pests and co-operate with Prof. O'Gara in his campaign to clean up the orchards by appointing an additional inspector to take the place of J. C. Aitken in the Woodville district, the proposed visit of horticulturists and commercial clubs to Jacksonville will be called off.

Judge W. S. Crowell, who was one of the commercial club's committee appointed to interview the county court states that both Commissioners Patterson and Owens pledged their hearty co-operation with the horticulturists and that the contemplated visit to the court will be unnecessary.

"The commissioners assured me," states Judge Crowell, "that their action was misunderstood. There was some dispute with Mr. Aitken, one of the inspectors, over an expense bill he turned in, and his resignation was accepted. I understood another appointment will be made to fill the vacancy and clean orchard campaign vigorously continued."

In consequence President Watt of the horticultural society has called off the proposed excursion to Jacksonville.

MERRICK TELLS WHY HE THINKS SWEET WILL WIN

"I am not counting too much on winning the race in the first ward," says Councilman F. E. Merrick, "as my opponent is after two jobs and therefore can afford to pay more for votes—and, all things considered, it is a sweet job any way."

A. E. Rose, of Phoenix, was in Medford Monday on his way to the county seat to attend the January session of the county court.

PRUNING FOR WOOD OR FOR THE FRUIT

The Subject of Discussion at Next Horticultural Meeting—Results of Experiments Told.

The meeting of the Rogue River Horticultural Society next Saturday will be of especial importance to the fruit growers of the valley inasmuch as the topic to be discussed will cover the matter of pruning.

For a number of years local horticulturists have been experimenting on pruning. Some have endeavored to prune to the best advantage in order to secure a healthy tree growth, while others have endeavored to prune for early bearing and more fruit.

The results derived from these experiments will be the subject of discussion at the Horticultural hall next Saturday afternoon, and a big attendance is expected. The meeting will open at 2 o'clock sharp.

W. S. Brooke, of the Snowy Butte Orchards at Central Point, was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Oregon Delegation Prominent in Convention Assembled in Denver—Will Fight to the Last Ditch.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 5.—E. L. Crane, at the head of a delegation of eight California packers, started a strong fight today at the opening of the Western Fruit Jobbers convention to secure the next meeting for Sacramento, California.

The convention opened at the Brown Palace hotel here with a large attendance and bids fair to be the most successful in the history of the organization. What will probably be the biggest bone of contention in the session was thrown into the convention. Differences between two factions as to the methods of packing apples is scheduled to make a warm fight.

Declaring that "diamond" packing gives dishonest fruit raisers a chance to slip inferior apples into boxes, the delegates from Oregon intimated today that they will make a strenuous effort for the adoption of the "tier" method of packing.

Opposed to them will be the delegations from Colorado and Texas, who uphold the advantages of the "diamond" method and deny that inferior fruit has a chance to be concealed in that way.

Prominent among the delegates attending are those from the Rogue river and Hood River valleys in Oregon. These men are determined to fight the La Fean apple bill to a standstill.

In speaking for the Oregon delegation today, C. E. Whisler, manager of the famous Bear Creek orchards, near Medford, in the Rogue river valley, said:

"The sentiment throughout my section and the northwest is unanimous against this bill. It would work a great hardship on us, and we propose to fight to the last ditch."

Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford were in Medford Tuesday from their farm in the west foot hills.

JOHNSON-KETCHELL PICTURES SATURDAY

Genuine Pictures of Fight Between Johnson and Ketchell to Be Exhibited at Savoy.

The management of the Savoy has secured the authentic films recording the fight between Jack Johnson and Stanley Ketchell for the championship of the world and will have the pictures on exhibition Saturday afternoon and evening.

The pictures are clear and distinct and every blow struck by each of the combatants is faithfully shown.

It is one of the best series of pictures ever yet made of any ring battle and shows clearly not only the fighters but the faces of the audience.

Notice to Horticulturists. Meeting of horticultural society Saturday, January 8, at 2 p. m. at hall over Haskins' drug store. The subjects: "General Pruning Practice," "How to Prune to Produce Wood Growth," "How to Prune to Produce Fruit," etc. A hundred new chairs have been ordered and there is plenty of room for all.

The Biggest Splash



A stone cast into a pond makes the biggest splash where it strikes. Same with news. It makes the greatest commotion where it happens. A fist fight in your block is more interesting to you than a battle of armies in a faroff country. Our paper is the BIG SPLASH for this vicinity. It gives you the home news as well as that of the world at large. ARE YOU A SUBSCRIBER?

CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE OF MEDFORD AND VALLEY BROUGHT CHARLES A. MALBOUEF HERE

By Charles A. Malbouef, District Freight Agent, Southern Pacific.) My selection of Medford and the Rogue River Valley as a location for future residence and business interests, was made after several years of close study of the entire territory which was covered by my official duties and every part of which I am now intimately familiar with. I regard Medford as the city with the greatest future in the entire country, and the Rogue River the very best section for investment. With these conditions clearly fixed in my mind, I shall enter my new field of operations with the utmost confidence.

10 PERISH IN COLD WAVE

Coal Famine Grows Severe in Many Western Cities—Snow Storms Have Partially Tied Up Every Road Through Rocky Mountain Region—The Suffering is Intense.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 5.—The cold wave of the last few days which has resulted in at least ten deaths in western states and has partially tied up nearly every road, threatens to bring on a coal famine throughout the entire middle west.

Demoralized passenger train schedules have made necessary the moving of all passenger traffic ahead of freight, and this held responsible for the non-deliverance of coal in the larger cities of the affected section.

So serious is the situation that Superintendent Meyers of the Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad today ordered conductors to handle coal shipments ahead of all other kinds of freight, according to advices from Minneapolis.

The first report of suffering from the coal situation came today from Iowa City. The Iowa state university closed down because of lack of fuel.

Besides the eight persons reported dead in Colorado and New Mexico, two other victims are reported today.

Gerald Walker was found frozen to death in the hills near Judith Gap, Montana. A farmer named Isakson perished of the cold on his farm near Couderay, Wisconsin.

Oscar Methorn, of Bismark, N. D., is believed to be dying as a result of being frozen while walking to that place.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The annual report of the American Telegraph and Telephone company which recently purchased the Western Union Telegraph company, shows today that the concern made nearly one hundred and fifty millions of dollars during the last year. It was the most prosperous year in the history of the Bell interests. This record of profit for twelve months made the railroad magnates and other financial powers in Wall street sit up and take notice.

down the Caliente canyon and as a result it is believed that the road will not be in a position to handle transcontinental traffic for three months.

Men and material are being rushed to the canyon from both ends of the line and it is expected that the work of building a new roadbed will be started as soon as the waters subside.

More than 100 miles of railroad which two years ago was completed at a cost of \$1,500,000 has been practically wiped out by the flood raging

MEDFORD IS LEADER IN FREIGHT

Old Depot Completely Outgrown—Freight Shipments Topped Banner Year of 1907.

LOCAL YARD ARE FULL TO CONGESTION DAILY

No Other Point Between Portland and Sacramento Can Display the Same Record as This City.

While official figures from railroad sources are not available, the fact is so manifest that it cannot be concealed, that in point of volume, the tonnage handled through Medford depot in 1909, was not only greater than the preceding year but so far in excess of the phenomenal season of 1907 as to completely outstrip that banner year. The business of the transfer companies show this to be the case. The utter inadequacy of the local depot to accommodate the received and forwarded traffic is of public knowledge and comment, and the decision of the Southern Pacific officials to construct in the immediate future modern passenger and freight depots is the most conspicuous admission of the growing conditions.

Scarcely a day existed in 1909 when the local yards were not congested from end to end with loaded cars. The number of cars and shipments of nursery stock surpass those of any previous year and according to local merchants the amount and variety of different commodities received not only in small lots but in entire car loads were beyond all possible expectation. No other city between Portland and Sacramento of the same or greater size can display the same record. No other point in western Oregon handled the amount of incoming freight that Medford did. No point in that section of country can show as many new comers as were received in 1909, and none received anywhere near.

Medford stands in point of progress today the banner city on the entire Harriman system, and its prospects for 1910 even at this early date promises not only a continuance of supremacy in that respect, but its own past record will be small in comparison.

S. C. McClelland, of Gold Hill, was in Medford on business Tuesday.

TELEGRAPH COMPANY MADE \$150,000,000

And All in One Year, Says Annual Report—Profits Make Railroad Magnates Take Notice.

TELEPHONE LINES BEING EXTENDED

Soon Be Possible to Get Direct Connection With All Sections in Northern District.

The Medford and Butte Falls Telephone Company, of which B. H. Harris is president, has purchased the Eagle Point-Central Point line and has made arrangements with the Pacific Telephone Company to build to Central Point for direct connection with Medford. The present stations on the line are Butte Falls, Derby, Vestal and Eagle Point. The line will also be extended to Brownsboro at once as well as to a number of other settlements in that section of the country.

SOLON'S TURN SPOTLIGHT ON CASE

Administration Resolution Ordering Investigation of Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy Introduced into Congress.

TAFT TAKES HAND IN THE INVESTIGATION

Understood There Will Be No Change in Resolution as Introduced into Each House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The administration resolution for a congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was introduced simultaneously in the senate and the house today. Senator Wesley Jones, of Washington, introduced the resolution in the senate and Representative Wm. Humphrey introduced it in the house. Both are from Secretary Ballinger's state and were selected to introduce the resolution for this reason.

The resolution is a joint resolution which means that it must receive the signature of the president to make it effective and this will give the executive a hand in the investigation.

In the senate it was referred to the committee on public lands and in the house it was referred to the committee on rules. It is planned that these committees will report the resolution back to each house without delay so that the investigation can be set under way. It is understood that there will be no change in the measure in either house.

The measure introduced today is sweeping in its character and calls for a thorough and complete investigation of every bureau of the interior department and of the forest service. The committee is to consist of 12 members, six appointed by the vice-president and six by the speaker of the house of representatives.

CURTISS IN LOS ANGELES FOR AVIATION MEET

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—Glenn H. Curtiss, holder of the world's aeroplane records for distance and speed, arrived here early today over the Santa Fe, direct from New York, to take part in the aviation contests here next week. Curtiss took apartments at the Alexandria hotel and went directly to bed.

PACIFIC INDIANS MAY COME HERE AGAIN

J. E. Enyart Leaves Tomorrow Evening for Nelson, B. C. Where He Meets the Committee.

To bring the Pacific Indians to Medford this year for their annual shoot will be the object of J. E. Enyart, who leaves Thursday evening for Nelson, B. C., to meet with a committee of the Indians to select the 1910 shooting grounds.

The Indians thought so well of Medford that it is not thought to be a difficult task to bring them back although many other cities wish to have them.

J. C. Aitken, of Woodville, was in Medford on business Tuesday.