

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

PUBLISHED DAILY EXCEPT SATURDAY. A co-olidation of the Medford Mail, established 1859; the Southern Oregonian, established 1902; the Democratic Times, established 1872; the Ashland Tribune, established 1896, and the Medford Tribune, established 1906.

Official Paper of the City of Medford. GEORGE PUTNAM, Editor and Manager. Entered as second class matter November 1, 1909, at the postoffice at Medford, Oregon, under the act of March 3, 1879.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One year, by mail, \$5.00 One month by mail or carrier, \$1.00

ASSAULTING THE EDITOR.

Editor S. A. Pattison of the Central Point Herald has accomplished many things in Central Point, and been largely instrumental in the awakening of the town from its Rip Van Winkle sleep and the rapid development that has taken place in the past two years.

Since the Herald was established, a fine brick schoolhouse has been built, a new city charter adopted, the town limits extended, cement sidewalks laid, bonds voted for a water system, which is now being constructed, and other public improvements scheduled for the near future, all of which shows what a newspaper can do in helping to arouse and build up a community.

However, there is in Oregon a certain class of citizens who resent progress of any kind, and are bitter toward those who would improve the community and change a village into a town. It is the preponderance of this class in the Willamette valley which has retarded the development of the state and made progress in Oregon heart breakingly slow.

The feeling of resentment cherished by the ultra-conservative toward the progressive is still further intensified when there is a newspaper in the community fearless enough to print the truth, for it is an old maxim that nothing stings like the truth. They deem it an encroachment upon their liberty for a newspaper to do what they themselves are doing every day of their lives on the corners, and give them a little of their own medicine.

When the motives for unpatriotic action and constant knocking is stated in cold print, the only reply and defense usually made is to assault the editor, who has been guilty of telling the truth. Perhaps this explains the assault made upon Mr. Pattison, for the crime of being a booster.

Assaulting an editor or anyone else, for that matter, does not accomplish anything, except to remind us how little the human race has advanced since the days when physical might was right, and it plainly shows the barbarian skulking under the veneer of civilization. If the editor has any stamina in him, it intensifies his efforts.

The assault upon Mr. Pattison speaks volumes for the effectiveness of the work he is doing in advancing the progress and prosperity of Central Point.

THE INTERLOPING COMET.

The comet now visible in the early evening as a bright star on the western horizon is pronounced by the astronomers to be one of those strange interlopers from space whose coming is entirely unexpected. It has nothing to do with Halley's comet, which is scheduled to appear in May. The new comet is named "Comet A, 1910."

Lick observatory reports that Comet A is a comet of the first magnitude as it has been seen there in full daylight. The spectrum has been photographed, and it shows that the comet is shining both by reflected sunlight and by the blaze of its own intense heat.

Comet A, 1910, was first observed just before sunrise at Johannesburg just before it passed the sun and began to emerge in the evening sky. It must have passed close to the sun, to which it is attributed its brilliance, and if it remains in sight long enough it should exhibit a long tail.

Astronomers predict that it will remain in sight for two or three weeks.

NEED OF GOOD ROADS.

Floods in France due to unprecedented rainfall are causing damage that runs into the hundreds of millions. All Europe has had the severest winter in years. The Atlantic seacoast of America, as well as the central west, has experienced unusually heavy snowfall and the most protracted cold weather in many years. In the Rogue River valley we are having alternate sunshine and showers with the thermometer between 50 and 60.

Were there a system of good roads through the valley the rains would mean but little inconvenience in getting around. As it is, the highways are almost impassable in places, and even in the best roads, the condition is disgraceful. Surely the need of good roads was never more apparent than at present.

The movement started by the Commercial club to submit a constitutional amendment to the people permitting counties to issue bonds for road purposes deserves the hearty support of every citizen in the state. It is the only solution of the good roads problem, for the expenditure of the same amount of money annually that is now paid out by the county will pay interest on a million and a quarter dollars' worth of good roads and mean no higher rate of taxation than at the present time.

NO INTIMIDATION IS TO GO WITH PATTISON

Publisher of Central Point Herald, After Being Assaulted, States He Will Continue Policy.

(Central Point Herald.) W. J. Freeman assaulted S. A. Pattison, publisher of the Herald, in front of the depot Sunday afternoon, Freeman being accompanied by his business partner, F. E. Wiley. The two men evidently had the plan laid to wait until they saw the marshal leave the depot in order that they would not be interfered with in their attack. Pattison was talking with a couple of friends just after the 3:16 train had pulled out, when Freeman came along and said to Pattison that he wished to speak to him. Pattison turned and took a step or two with him, when Freeman asked what reason he (Pattison) had for publishing a certain statement in the paper last week. As Pattison commenced to reply and without warning that the matter was to be settled by force, Freeman struck him a heavy blow, staggering and dazing him, but not knocking him down. Pattison then grappled with his assailant in order to protect himself and to escape other blows. When the men broke away, Freeman demanded an apology, which, not being forthcoming, he insisted that his name must never appear in the Herald again. His demand not being agreed to, Wiley advised his partner to "give him some more," but the advice was not taken. Such attacks on the publisher will have no effect whatever on the policy of this paper. Since the Herald was started the Herald and its publisher have ever stood for and advocated a policy of progress and improvement for Central Point. The paper has always acted with the progressive element of the town, and because of the hearty co-operation of that element among the business men and citizens the Herald has been able to do much for the upbuilding of the town.

Freeman Not in Sympathy. Mr. Freeman has never been in sympathy with the progressive element. He was a bitter opponent of a new schoolhouse a few years ago, and as a member of the town board when the new charter was adopted, making possible a water system, he opposed the measure, at least in such form as would be of any particular effect, and shortly after it was adopted—in opposition to his wishes—he resigned from the board. He has been opposed to the water system, and at the last municipal election he was the candidate for mayor of the anti-water, conservative element. In that campaign the Herald vigorously opposed Mr. Freeman's candidacy, using all of its influence to elect Mr. Leever because he came out squarely for a water system, for street improvements and other progressive ideas. These things show something of the animus of the assault Sunday afternoon, the newspaper article complained of being only an opening for the attack. As to the article complained of, the publisher of the Herald does not claim that it was compulsory for him to publish it. Neither does he deny that it was lacking in that quality of courtesy for which the Herald ordinarily strives. The Herald is a newspaper and it is its business to publish the news correctly. To do so it is necessary for some representative of the paper to ask parties interested in legitimate news stories for verification of street rumors, and in doing so the newspaperman is entitled to ordinary courtesy. The man who expects continuous courtesy and absolutely fair treatment from a newspaper at all times should be willing to extend the same himself at least a part of the time. In this instance the publisher of the Herald has no apology to make. The Herald man is not a thug nor a bully. He believes there are other and better ways of settling differences than by the club or the fist, but so long as he is in charge of this paper neither club nor fist will change the policy from what he believes to be for the interest of the town and community in which he lives.

HARRY FELTGES DIES SUDDENLY OF PARALYSIS

Henry Felgès, who has been living with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Patterson, at 36 South Newtown street, suffered a stroke of paralysis at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening and died at 6 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Felgès was 85 years of age on March 9, 1909, and had enjoyed good health up to the time of his seizure last evening. The remains will be shipped to Alameda, Ill., for burial.

He leaves two children, Mrs. H. B. Patterson of Medford and F. H. Felgès of Peoria, Ill.

Largest line of fishing tackle and sporting goods in Southern Oregon. Medford Hardware Co. 268\*

BISHOP SCADDING WILL ADDRESS LADIES

This Afternoon He Will Address the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church at 3 o'clock.

Bishop Charles Scadding of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, arrived here this morning and this afternoon will address the Women's Auxiliary of St. Mark's church at 3 o'clock. The bishop is always interesting in his public addresses, and a large audience is expected to greet him this afternoon. "I have not formulated any line of talk," said Bishop Scadding, "and must determine that when I see the audience. Besides, if I should give the Mail Tribune an outline, which I would cheerfully do if I could, there wouldn't be a great deal of necessity for me to talk at all, because the paper would carry the full information."

SOME OF NEW BOOKS FOR CLUB ARRIVE

Some of the books ordered for the new book club have arrived. As yet the number of books is not as large as the number of members in the club. The rest of the books are expected soon. The number of members is to be 100, and new members will be admitted for the next two weeks, after which time the membership lists will be closed for six months until the present selection of books for the club has circulated among the members. The new books to be had at present by members of the book club are:

- Allen, The Bride of Mistletoe; Crawford, The White Sister; Cable, 'Possum Jones and Pere Raphael; Douglas, The Lantern of Luck; Herriek, The Master of the Inn; Locke, Septimus; Lovell, Margarita's Soul; Mitchell, The Red City; Mac Grath, The Goose Girl; Parker, Northern Lights; Page, John Marvil, Assistant; Reed, Old Rose and Silver; Smith, Forty Minutes Late; White, A Certain Red Man; Webster, Much Ado About Peter; Williamson, Set in Silver; Anonymous, The Inner Shrine; Donworth, The Letters of Jennie Allen; Little, Little Sister Snow.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Baptist Church. Dr. Dyer will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. In the evening the ladies will have charge of the service. An interesting program, consisting of addresses, papers, etc., is being prepared. A recitation by Mrs. Shirley, with piano accompaniment, will be especially enjoyed. The music will be in charge of the choir, with Professor Fields as director, which insures its high order. An offering will be taken. Every one cordially invited.

Methodist Church. Services in the Methodist church, corner Fourth and Bartlett streets. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching by the pastor, 11 a. m.; in the evening, a union temperance meeting. Rev. Goulder will preach the sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The various churches will unite in a union temperance service Sunday evening at 7:30 at the M. E. church. Rev. Goulder of the M. E. church South will preach the sermon.

At the Christian church Sunday there will be Bible school at 10 a. m., sermon and communion at 11 a. m., Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. The regular 7:30 services will be omitted on account of union temperance services at M. E. church. W. Theo. Matlock, pastor.

One of the United States Navy officers at the Brooklyn navy yard is being court marshalled on charges of neglecting to pay his debts to a neighboring tradesman. One of the latter asked how long a debt could run without causing uneasiness, and he replied, "I should regard every officer's account due after it had been running, say, two years. When it begins to get three or four years old we begin to do a little dunning. We never question officers in the service. The fact that they wear the uniform and the officers are gentlemen impels us to extend credit." It promises to go hard with this officer. The others do not want the army's credit spoiled even though this witness said that 65 per cent of the officers pay cash.

Largest line of fishing tackle and sporting goods in Southern Oregon. Medford Hardware Co. 268\*

Gems In Verse

NAPOLEON AND JOSEPHINE.

(The divorce of the Empress Josephine from Napoleon I. of France was concluded Dec. 16, 1810.) JOSEPHINE TO NAPOLEON. REST, for thou art weary, while thine eyelids close. I'll be the bird that loves, that loves the rose. And warbles and warbles o'er thy sweet, thy sweet repose. For thou hast said such music flows From these fond lips as o'er thee throws The only calm Napoleon knows— The only calm Napoleon knows.

My heart is troubled against my better will. Strange fears arise as if of coming ill. Wouldst bid, wouldst bid my trembling, trembling soul be still? No more to breathe in these loved scenes! No more to charm Napoleon's dreams! Grief breaks the heart of Josephine— Grief breaks the heart of Josephine!

NAPOLEON TO JOSEPHINE. Chase from thy mind these idle fears. Wipe from thine eyes those pearly tears. Napoleon will not from thee part, Napoleon will not break thy heart, My Josephine, my Josephine!

REFRAIN. Dearest than life itself to me, Companion of my destiny. The only one I ever loved, The only tongue that ever moved My stubborn will, my Josephine!

I loved thee when thy lovely face First charmed me with its pensile grace. I loved thee when thy son did claim His father's sword in thy sweet name, My Josephine, my Josephine!

They bade me cast my love aside, They bade me take another bride! Napoleon's lost betroth of thee! Napoleon never can be free From Josephine, sweet Josephine! —Unidentified.

A HERO.

HE sang of joy, whatever he knew of sadness. He kept for his own heart's peculiar share. So well he sang the world imagined gladness. To be sole tenant there.

FOR-dreams were his, and in the dawn's fair shining. His spirit soared beyond the mounting bark. But from his lips no accent of repining. Fell when the days grew dark.

AND though, contending long dread Fate to master, He failed at last her enemy to cheat, He turned with such a smile to face disaster. That he subdued defeat. —Florence Earle Coates in Century.

SANTA CLAUS UP TO DATE.

WHEN all our sweet mammas were schoolgirls And all our dear papas were boys. Old Santa Claus came down the chimney With his presents of candy and toys.

He dashed through the night, jingling sleigh bells, With a team of most wonderful deer, Just skipping from housetop to housetop In a manner perplexing and queer.

But now he comes round with a foot-foot! With a chauffeur and stink upon wheels, And proudly distributes his favors From "get-a-horse" automobiles.

Next year he may sail in the window In style meteoric and shocking. So don't be surprised if his airship swoops down to embellish your stocking. —Selected.

TRUCK TOURIST DELAYS NO. 16 THIRTY MINUTES

A tourist of the Weary Willie or Tired Terry class caused a 30-minute delay of the northbound train, No. 16 Monday evening in Central Point, says the Herald, and had his plight not been learned by the conductor for ten seconds later it might have been a job for the coroner. Terry and his pal took a sub-section on the trucks of the last sleeper on the train at Medford and Terry, having partaken of too much of Medford's substitute for Fish lake water, drooped asleep before he got rightly settled for the night and by some means got jammed down into a portion of the truck where never-hobo rode before. When the air was applied to stop the train at this station his arm was caught between the car axle and the breakbeam, pinning him fast. When the train stopped his pal unloaded and gave the alarm to the car porter, who got word to the conductor just as he signaled the engineer to go ahead. The order was quickly countermanded and the train crew quickly got busy with jackscrews, crowbars, wrenches, etc., and after tearing the truck to pieces Mr. Terry was released. His arm was bruised, but otherwise he seemed to be uninjured. "No more trucks for me; it's the cushions for me," quoth he. Both men had money, and after taking seats in the smoker they gladly paid their fares to some point farther north.

"SIS HOPKINS" AT THE MEDFORD THEATER TONIGHT

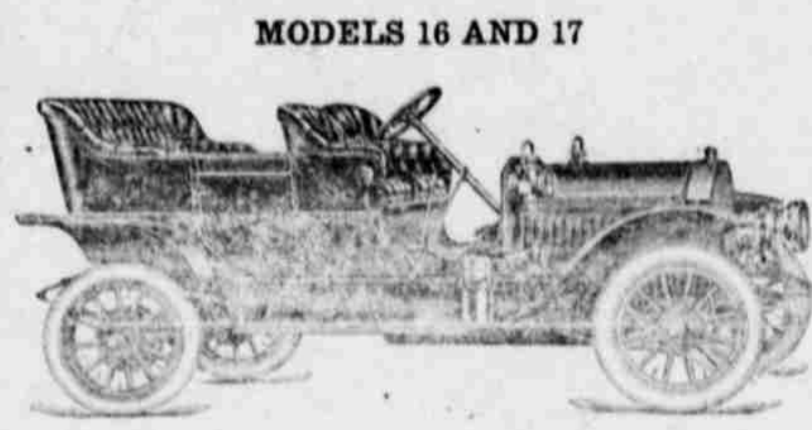
This is the eleventh season which Rose Melvill has been playing "Sis Hopkins," that delightful play of rural life in Indiana, which comes to the Medford Theatre on Friday night January 28. Miss Melvill has toured the United States in her pretty pastoral play "Sis Hopkins," until it has grown into popularity until it is today, as a popular New York writer says "A classic of the stage." Season after season "Sis Hopkins" has been presented to the theatre goers of this country and Miss Melvill has been seen in every city from coast to coast and from Maine to Mexico. Return engagements have been played year after year, and this is the eleventh season of unbroken suc-

cess and in almost every instance to standing room only. The character of "Sis Hopkins" is brimming with pathos of delicate shade, peerless philosophy, delicious wit and homely humor. There is not an unnatural note in the entire play; everything is simple, natural and sweetly home-like, and its general atmosphere of naturalness and its fidelity to nature makes it the most wholesome and cleanest play of the day. A New York woman who received

\$8000 in damages for a breach of promise suit has married another man and says she is glad she didn't marry the first one. Isn't the first one entitled to recover the \$8000.—N. Y. Herald. If you break a few records for alertness in finding and answering want ads that personally concern you—that will be an achievement in which there is really profit and satisfaction. Lorain ranges are the best. Medford Hardware Co. 268\*

BUICK

The car that has proved most satisfactory in the Rogue River Valley. Ask any owner.

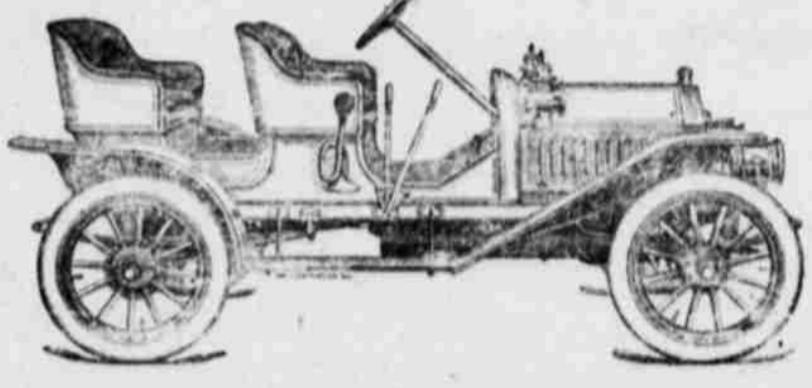


MODEL 16 AND 17

MODEL 16, \$1900 F. O. B. PORTLAND. This car may have equals for power, performance and speed, but if so they will cost at least \$1000 more than the Buick.

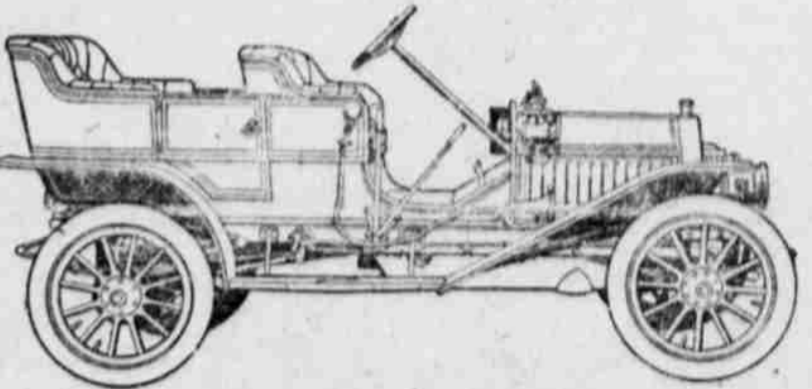
MODEL 10. The Famous White Streak

In Rumble, Surrey and Toy Tonneau.



\$1150 F. O. B. PORTLAND.

The trimmest, staunchest small Touring Car on the market.



\$1100 F. O. B. PORTLAND.

Buick made the two best American records during 1909 on track and road. AT ATLANTA, 201 miles, averaging 72 miles per hour RIVERHEAD, 113 miles, averaging 70 miles per hour

Medford Buick Co. TOUELLE, Manager. HODSON'S GARAGE.