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## SMALL FACTORIES NEEDED.

Much merchandise and many carloads of foodstuffs are shipped into Medford that ought to be produced here. Dozens of small factories as well as some large ones can be successfully established here and do a thriving business.

Truck farmers can produce in abundance vegetables now shipped in wholesale quantities here.

Instead of importing simple made articles, we ought to be manufacturing and exporting them. Instead of shipping in many carloads of potatoes and vegetables we ought to be supplying other cities.

Before Medford can realize her destiny we must have the manufacturers and the truck gardens. The sooner a start is made the sooner the future can be realized.

## PAVING CONTRACT LET.

A sigh of relief goes up—the paving contract has been awarded. Medford continues to lead the smaller cities of Oregon—not only in being the first to let paving contracts, but in quantity of paving let.

Asphalt paving is a standard pavement. People try this and that pavement, and then come back to asphalt as the best for the money. It is no better, in the opinion of many not near so good as bitulithic, but it is cheaper.

It is an opportune time to pave. The great paving companies, usually in truce with each other, are at war. The California firms are beginning an invasion of Oregon, which the Oregon branches of the national concerns are seeking to resist. The result is cheap pavement.

Perhaps it will be years before such another opportunity occurs again. After a few months' fighting, the contractors will, as usual, bury the hatchet, divide the territory and again charge all the traffic will bear.

Meanwhile, we have cheaper pavement.

## THE FLIGHT OF THE LAST SHUT-IN.

But two hundred persons gathered at the Calcutta station recently to greet the ruler of the last shut-in land to yield to modern civilization. The Dalai Lama of Lhasa, spiritual chief among 150,000,000 people, has sought with the British viceroy an asylum from the Chinese who overrun Tibet. He has bathed in the Ganges, filthy, but sacred. He has gone to the lingy palace reserved for him and his attendants, but it will be no mystery, says the New York World.

Abyssinia was the shut-in land of our grandfathers. It claims to be the oldest continuously Christian country, but it was for centuries hemmed in by barbarian and Mohanedan tribes. England found an excuse to carry war to Negus Theodore, and he proposed to marry Queen Victoria to quiet the dispute. The offer was refused; but now Abyssinia is "open."

So lately as 1867 Mutsuhito of Japan was the shut-in mikado of a sealed land; the Shogun had usurped his political powers, but he was the religious head of the Shinto faith. He defeated the Shogunate, opened Japan, developed an army and navy, thrashed China and Russia—a marvelous life record for one young man, mured in palace walls, whom it was death for his own subjects to look upon. Corea was a closed land a little longer; now it listens to the railway whistle and patronize moving-picture shows.

Tibet was better guarded; by wilderness north and west and by snow and mountain sickness on the high southern passes; it was only linked to China by caravan routes of such hardships that to "promote" a fat Peking mandarin to Tibet was almost signing his death warrant. But it had to yield; and from his skyscraper palace in Lhasa, that would be a marvel even in New York, the weak boy into whom the soul of Buddha flitted, at the death of the most recent of the long line of boy Lamas unmysteriously cut off, is an exile.

One little spot he can almost see from the deck of the Red Sea steamer still remains shut to the explorer. It is only a shrine, not a capital. And even toward Mecca the railroad is wriggling through the hills.

tract, the Warren Bitulithic company and the Barber Asphalt company, as well as the Clark-Henry company of Sacramento being among the bidders.

In the tentative bidding the Barber Asphalt company submitted prices upon its pavements that looked good to some of the members of the council and likely to prove most advantageous, and as a result asphalt was called for in the specifications by the council for the final letting of the contracts for the improvements now projected.

Following the agreement of the council upon asphalt, final bids will be called for, according to plans and specifications to be provided.

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 EDEN PRECINCT ITEMS.  
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Mrs. R. Pilkington who has been visiting her mother Mrs. Hockie, returned to her home at Roseburg last Thursday.

Miss Adaline Dunlap of Talent who has been visiting Miss Lettie Stancliff of Phoenix for a few days returned home Sunday.

Easter exercises at the Presbyterian church at Phoenix was quite interesting. The little ones did well and showed that much care had been exercised in their training. There was no services in the evening. All the members attending the exercises at the Christian church in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stancliff spent Sunday at the pleasant home of Mrs. Stancliff's mother, Mrs. Tillie Blackwood of Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Hughes and Miss Ollie Hughes of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jacobs of North-Talent were all guests at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. George McClain last Sunday.

Miss Adaline Dunlap of Talent and Miss Lettie Stancliff of Phoenix did shopping in Medford last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamlin of Eden Valley spent Sunday in Phoenix attending Easter Services morning and evening and were guests at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Colver.

W. S. Stancliff was at Jacksonville doing grand jury duty the first of last week.

Louie Colver is having the frame of his new dwelling raised. Work will be rushed to completion.

C. Carey says it pays to advertise in the Mail Tribune, but you want to be well supplied in the article advertised, for they came thick and fast.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Allen and daughter, Miss Clara, spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mr. C. Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jacobs were attending Easter services at the Christian church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Caster were over to Phoenix Sunday attending Easter services.

The evening Easter exercises at the Christian church at Phoenix were excellent and the church house was taxed to hold the large congregation. The children did exceedingly well. There was also some beautiful songs especially suited to the occasion.

J. J. Lane of Talent was a Medford business caller Saturday.

Fred Rapp of Talent was in Medford Monday on business.

Mrs. Tillie Gibbs and Mrs. C. Carey were in Medford last Monday.

Death of Mrs. Carrie Austin.  
 Mrs. H. D. Austin, formerly a resident of Medford, but later of Ashland, died at Woodburn, Or., March 25, aged 56 years.

Mrs. Austin was well known in the Rogue River valley, having been a prominent church worker during her residence here.

Born.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Gus Miller of South Central avenue, March 30, a boy. Mother and child are doing well.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS COMING IN SLOW

Stock in the Rogue River Valley Fruit & Produce Association Not Being Taken Up by Growers as Fast as Should Be.

The fruitgrowers, with the exception of those immediately surrounding Medford, are slow in coming through with subscriptions to stock in the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association, the object of which, as has been previously set forth, is to secure a more equitable return to the growers than has heretofore

been granted by the commission men and buyers.

"It isn't the money we need so much," said Walter McCollum, secretary of the association, "as we do the support of the growers, big and little. The support should be unanimous, but a strong majority will suffice. It is the small grower who will benefit in the long run in the association, as the man who has a big output can always find a buyer, while the little fellow must seek a market. We have heard nothing from either Ashland or Grants Pass. Why they are holding off I do not know, but you can say that this thing cannot be a success unless we can have the support of the whole valley. April 16 is the date of the meeting to decide the matter, and by that time everybody must be in."

The scissors of the ad-reader should encounter your ad when he gets to work with them.

IF YOUR WATCH IS  
**SICK**  
 TAKE IT TO  
**Diamond's**  
 115 EAST MAIN ST.  
 ALL WORK GUARANTEED

**WANTED**  
**Timber and Coal Lands**  
 ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING CONTRACTS TAKEN AND ESTIMATES FURNISHED.  
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**MEDFORD - - - OREGON**  
 Office in Jackson County Bank Upstairs

## A New Pair

of Shoes has terrors for some people. That's because there are still some people who don't wear WALK-OVER Shoes.

That you have bought a pair of WALK-OVER Shoes today from our new spring shipment is proof you have confidence in us and in our shoes.

We thank you for this confidence and feel that the service rendered by the shoes will prove that it is not misplaced.

Famous WALKOVER line with a complete line of Sox, both plain and fancy. at

**Edmeades Bros**  
 THE MOORE BLOCK

Know what you are buying



**Columbia BRAND**  
**HAMS and BACON**  
 are all scientifically cured in the same scrupulously clean, careful, modern manner—U. S. Government approved. There is no variability in their flavor.  
 You can Depend upon their being fine flavored. They never disappoint  
 At Best Dealers, Hotels and Cafes  
 Union Meat Company, Portland, Oregon  
 Finest Packers of the Pacific

# Greater Medford Club Entertainment Tonight

EVERYONE SHOULD TURN OUT AND SEE THE

## Beauty Show of the Season

IT'S UP TO YOU TO BE PUBLIC-SPIRITED AND HELP THE LADIES TO BEAUTIFY THE CITY

**General Admission 25c Reserved Seats 35c**

## ANDERSON AFTER ASHLAND RIGHTS

Gas Plant Man Applies to Ashland City Council Informally for Gas Franchise in That City Similar to the One He Holds Here.

At the last regular meeting of the Ashland city council an informal conference was held between the council and J. R. Anderson, who was recently granted a gas franchise in this city, during which Mr. Anderson applied informally for a 40-year franchise in that city.

The council of Ashland were most friendly in their view of the request, and Mr. Anderson will file a formal application soon, which, if granted, will result in Ashland having a gas plant within a year.

Haskins for Health.

## ASHLAND DECIDES UPON ASPHALT

Council Chooses That Pavement in Preference to Others—City Will Pave Approximately 59,000 Square Yards This Summer.

The Ashland city council decided on Monday afternoon to pave this summer with asphalt, in preference to bitulithic, which is at present projected to cover sections of North and East Main streets, the boulevard, Oak and Spring streets. The Ashland council recently called for tentative propositions for the different forms and grades of hard-surface pavement for approximately 59,000 square yards of this form of improvement, and representatives of several paving concerns submitted maximum figures at which they would be willing to take the con-

LOS ANGELES, March 25--Today at the Los Angeles motordrome, a model 16, 40-horsepower Buick roadster, made a mile in time trials officially timed, in 44 2-5 seconds, or at a rate of about 85 miles per hour.

This was an officially timed mile and was actually made by one of the stock cars.

This phenomenal speed was made by a Buick, similar to that recently purchased by Wilbur Jones, sheriff of Jackson county. You will get the same kind of a car. In speed, durability, reliability, in economy of operation, the Buick is without a rival. Another carload of Buicks arrived yesterday. They are all sold and another carload has been ordered.

**MEDFORD BUICK COMPANY**  
 TOU VELLE, Manager HODSON'S GARAGE