

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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NEW MARKS SET IN PRICES FOR IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED LAND

\$2375 AN ACRE IS PAID FOR BEARING ORCHARD; \$428 FOR UNPLANTED LAND

SALES THIS WEEK TOTAL \$500,000

12 ACRES PEARS SELL FOR \$28,500

280 ACRES SOLD FOR \$120,000

Local Real Estate Market is Brisk—Many Sales Are Reported by Local Dealers—Good Buys Are Made Over the Valley.

During the past three or four days sale of orchard land in the immediate vicinity of Medford total nearly \$500,000. Only one of the sales—that of the Cox place—ran over \$100,000, the others being small tracts. Real estate dealers pronounce the market most brisk and buyers plentiful. A brief summary of the more important sales follows:

Cox, \$120,000; Burrell tract, \$45,000; Burrell tract, \$57,500; Burrell tract, \$17,500; Burrell tract, \$28,500; Tucker ranch on Rogue river, \$25,000; Gold Range tract, \$15,000; Watterman, \$30,000; Tract M. Snowy Butte, \$6500; Tract N. Snowy Butte, \$6750; Tract J. Snowy Butte, \$5000; portion Hamilton tract, \$6000; Smith place on Antelope, \$25,000; Leever tract, \$16,000; Syncox tract, \$22,000.

Watterman Place Sold.
E. B. Watterman has sold his place on the north slope of the rise on which the famous Bear creek orchard is located for \$30,000 to Gerald Sooy-Smith of Chicago. The tract consists of 19 acres of what has been pronounced by experts one of the best, if not the best, orchard tracts in the valley, and is a splendid buy at the price paid, or \$1675 an acre. Claude

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All Prices for Orchard Land Hopped by Sale of Tract in Burrell Orchard—Consists of Bearing Pears and is Splendid Block of Orchard.

The highest price for orchard land ever paid in the northwest was paid during the past week when C. H. Burkhardt of Philadelphia, Pa., purchased 12 acres of bearing orchard, planted to pears, a portion of the famous Burrell orchards, southwest of the city. Mr. Burkhardt paid \$28,500, or \$2375 an acre.

This block of pears was one of the best revenue-producers in the Burrell tract, and from its history is known to be worth the money paid. For nine years it has averaged a profit of \$500 per acre. In addition to the orchard, Mr. Burkhardt secured an acre or two on a nearby knoll, where he will erect a handsome bungalow and make his home.

The closest approach to this price was made last fall, when a tract near Central Point sold for \$1800 an acre. This was the record northwest price until a short time ago, when \$2000 an acre was paid for bearing orchard in the Hood River district.

Mr. Burkhardt is exceptionally well pleased with his purchase and has reason to be, for he secured a bearing orchard which, in view of its record in the past, will pay big money on the investment.

John Cox Place Sold at \$428 an Acre, or Highest Price Ever Paid in Valley for Unplanted Orchard Land—Hughes Makes the Sale.

The highest price ever paid in the Rogue River valley for unplanted orchard land was paid Thursday, when the John Cox place, a mile southwest of the city, was sold for \$428 an acre, or \$12,000 for the tract, which consists of 280 acres.

The place is considered one of the best in the valley which has not yet been planted to orchard, and the new owners plan to start work soon, getting the land in condition for planting orchard. The place adjoins that of John M. Root, who is a friend of the purchasers. The land is just on the outskirts of the city. Forty acres will be platted in city lots, 40 acres in one-acre tracts and the balance in five-acre tracts.

The new owners are R. P. Neil of Ashland, Dr. W. H. Everhard of Minneapolis and Oscar Young, an attorney of Seattle. The sale was made by John M. Root of Medford and Edwin P. Hughes of Ashland. No time was lost in closing the deal. RDr. Everhard arrived in Ashland on Tuesday and was immediately shown over the valley. The deal was closed Thursday.

This price is the highest that has as yet been paid for Rogue River valley land which was not planted to orchard. It is in alfalfa for the most part at the present time.

"IF TENT GOES UP, WE GO OUT" SAY FIRE BOYS

Row is Kicked Up in Official Circles by Council Giving Permission to Cuthbert & Co. to Erect Tent on Central Avenue and Sixth for Temporary Store Purposes.

FIREMEN VOTE TO RESIGN IN BODY IF TENT GOES UP

Council to Consider Matter Again—Other Requests Come In, Say Firemen, as Result of Permission Granted Cuthbert.

The city council is in session this afternoon considering the question as raised by the fire company, but has taken no action at the time of going to press.

The Medford fire department has put it up to the city council to either reconsider the motion by which Cuthbert & Co. were allowed to start a tent building to be used as a temporary store at the northeast corner of Sixth and Central avenue, or be without the services of the firemen.

The ultimatum was caused by the fact that after the council had passed the motion above mentioned, other applications for similar buildings within the fire limits came in and pleaded as a reason for granting that the Cuthbert company had been granted permission to do what they asked.

The fire companies called a meeting Thursday night for the purpose of discussing the matter and invited the council to be present. Messrs. Wortman, Merriek and Demmer were present and the question was placed squarely before them.

The ordinance governing the fire department provides that the chief shall have jurisdiction over the erection of temporary structures inside the fire limits. The chief refused to sign any permit, and the firemen, by a unanimous vote, decided that unless the motion was rescinded the fire department would resign as a "I do not believe the action of the council was legal in the first place," said Mayor Canon. "It would require an amendment to the ordinance forbidding such structures to make the motion effective."

"I will refuse to sign such a permit," said Chief Amann, "and if the boys go out I will go with them. There are two paid members of the department, the rest of us are working for fun, and we don't want a firetrap in the center of the city." Cuthbert & Co., who want to occupy the quarters pending the completion of their new store across the street, assert that the firemen's action is due to the efforts of rival storekeepers to shut them out. They claim they have already invested \$500 in construction material for the canvas store and flooring, and ordered a large stock in expectation of opening up, upon the action of the council in granting the permit.

GIRL INSTANTLY KILLED BY SPEEDING AUTO CAR
SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—Running across the street to meet her father, David Watters, a laborer, at Seventeenth avenue and East Union street last night, 8-year-old Dorothy Watters was struck by a heavy speeding automobile and killed before her father's eyes.

The machine was driven by William Lyons, a nephew of Dr. J. H. Lyons, prominent in local politics, the owner of the automobile. The driver saw the little girl and threw on the brakes, but the momentum carried the heavy machine on and it slid ahead 15 feet after striking her.

MARK TWAIN, BELOVED CITIZEN OF THE WORLD, PASSES PEACEFULLY AWAY

ANGEL OF DEATH CAME QUIETLY

Peacefully, as if Dropping Into Slumber, America's Greatest Humorist Passes to Great Beyond—Will Be Buried Next Sunday.

REDDING, Conn., April 22.—The body of Samuel L. Clemens, known to the world as "Mark Twain," lies in an upper room of his villa at Stormfield here, today, awaiting transfer to its last resting place at Elmira, N. Y.

Clemens died Thursday evening. The end came peacefully and the aged humorist passed away surrounded by friends. It was known that he could not live through the night.

In Elmira, Twain will rest beside his wife, "who was our life"; his eldest daughter, Susan, the apple of his eye; his youngest, Jean, the most beloved, and his infant son, Langhorne.

Twain will be buried in the family plot next Sunday.

The great library here, in which the author spent so much of his time, has been turned into a telegraph room, where an operator worked all day receiving messages of condolence from all parts of the world.

The body of the master of Stormfield will be taken to New York. It will be placed aboard an express train and taken to the Presbyterian church at Fifth avenue and Thirty-seventh street, of which Dr. Henry Van Dyke, preacher and literateur, is pastor.

HUMORIST HAD UNIQUE CAREER

Man Who Made Thousands Laugh and Weep Had as Checkered Career as Any of His Characters in His Immortal Writings.

Samuel L. Clemens, beloved citizen of the world, whose writings under the nom de plume "Mark Twain" have made thousands of readers laugh and weep, had as checkered a career as any character he ever drew in his own immortal writings.

Twain's road to fame and fortune was not royal and he suffered many vicissitudes before he won his niche in the hearts of the every large thinking public. Nearly every large city of the United States contained a friend of the great arch-jester.

The following is a brief epitome of his career:

November 30, 1835—Born at Hannibal, Mo.

1853—After meager education is the course of which he studied printing with an elder brother he left Hannibal and became a wanderer.

1858 (about)—Became river pilot on the Mississippi and acquired insight into river life revealed in his works.

1860—Mark Twain lost his money, coat, trousers and boots playing cards with General Bunker.

1861—Enlisted in a confederate company of infantry, but was mustered out a few weeks after enlistment.

1866—Twain and a friend named Higgins staked out a silver mining

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GREAT TRIBUTE IS PAID BY FRIENDS

Men in All Walks of Life Pronounce Mark Twain Greatest American Humorist—Roosevelt Greatly Moved by News of His Death.

(By Theodore Roosevelt, Special Cable to the United Press.)

PARIS, April 22.—It is with deep and sincere regret that I learn of the death of Mark Twain. His position was like that of Joel Chandler Harris, unique, not only among American men of letters, but throughout the literary world. He was not only a real humorist, but a great philosopher, and his writings form one of the assets of the world's achievements of which we have a right, as a nation, to be generally proud.

PARIS, April 22.—Theodore Roosevelt was greatly moved when he heard of the death of Mark Twain. Roosevelt had a high personal regard for the humorist as well as a deep admiration for his work as an author.

In the little "pigskin" library which Roosevelt carried throughout Africa, containing works of his favorites, "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" were two of the most prized volumes.

Blythe Praises Him.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Samuel G. Blythe, correspondent and humorist, commenting on the

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SECOND ALDRICH IS BOSS' THREAT

General Brayton Says Man of Aldrich Stamp Will Be Sent to Senate From Rhode Island—Says Aldrich Does Not Have to Quit His Job.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 22.—The next senator from Rhode Island will be a man of the Aldrich stamp. That is the inference that is being drawn here today from a statement made by General Brayton, the "blind boss" of the Republican machine. General Brayton declared Aldrich is retiring because he wants to, and not because he has to, and that the retiring senator will take an active interest of the successor.

General Brayton declared if a man not of the Aldrich type were sent to the senate it would appear as though Aldrich had been forced to quit.

Aldrich had notified him, he said, that he took the liveliest interest in the matter of his successor and that he would continue this interest until the new senator is selected.

The statement has aroused considerable interest here in political circles. It has strengthened the belief that Aldrich and Brayton have already discussed the matter at length and that the two men have practically agreed not only as to the "kind of man," but definitely as to who the man will be.

The want ads that grow out of "the pressure of events" in daily life are usually recognizable, and usually pretty important as opportunity clues.

SITUATION IN CHINA SERIOUS

All Foreigners in Outlying Districts Ordered to Return to Cities—Chinese Rioters Slaughter Large Number of Convicts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The situation at Chang Sha is ominous today, according to reports from Minister Calhoun and American Consul Baugh at Hankow.

Minister Calhoun has reported to the state department that there is no improvement in the situation in the Hunan province and it is feared that the trouble will spread. He has advised Americans in the outlying districts to return to the city.

Baugh reports that further disturbances have broken out. His messages confirm reports received from other sources.

Many Slaughtered.

PEKIN, China, April 22.—Refugees from Hankow who arrived here today from Chang Sha, where the methodist mission was burned by an infuriated mob of Chinese, who then attempted to kill the missionaries, say that conditions at Chang Sha were serious when they left Wednesday.

Following the destruction of the mission mobs began to wreck the properties of all foreigners.

The white persons who arrived here assert that there is not a house which belonged to an accidental remaining in Chang Sha. All have been burned or wrecked.

Many converts to Christianity have been slaughtered and dozens of students who attended the mission training school were burned and tortured to death.

18 TRAPPED BY MINE EXPLOSION

Six Bodies Recovered—At Birmingham 26 Bodies Are Recovered—Coal Mine Disasters Are Numerous—Rescuers Are Beaten Back.

AMSTERDAM, O., April 22.—Eighteen miners were entrapped late last night by fire which followed an explosion of firedamp in a mine operated by the Youngheugheny & Ohio Coal company near this city.

The bodies of six miners were recovered today from the ruins.

Twelve other bodies are believed to be in the shattered mine, and there is no hope that they are alive.

Bodies Recovered.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 22.—Twenty-six bodies have been recovered from the Mulga mine, where an explosion occurred late Tuesday. Rescuers entered the mine today and the bodies were brought out. One miner, known to have been in the mine at the time of the accident, is still missing.

The rescuers yesterday attempted to enter the mine, but though they were equipped with oxygen helmets, they were driven back by the gases that formed after the explosion. The mine was cleared by the fans and the rescue party entered early today.

MAN KICKS WIFE'S HEAD IN WITH BOOT HEEL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 22.—Following a quarrel, Ernest Wirth, 40 years of age, today murdered his wife by stamping her brains out with his boot heel.

TWO DIE WHEN TRAINS COLLIDE

Switch Left Open by Mistake and Result is Disastrous—Five Injured So Severely That They May Die—Passengers Terribly Jolted.

FERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 22.—Two men were killed and five injured so severely that they will die when Big Four passenger train No. 46, running at 45 miles an hour, ran into an open switch and crashed into a construction train standing on a siding at Sanford, ten miles east of here, today.

The dead:

ENGINEER ROBERT ELY, of the passenger train.

SWITCHMAN H. DRISCOLL.

The following are the injured: Harry Gillett, Harry Clark, Samuel Moffatt and L. B. Donnelly, all of Mattoon, Ill.; T. D. Griffith, Indianapolis, passenger brakeman.

Four other trainmen were slightly injured.

It is supposed the switch was left open by mistake after the construction train had taken the siding. The passenger following struck the open switch and dashing full speed into the standing train.

Passengers on the coaches were terribly jolted by the impact and a number of slight bruises and other injuries are reported.

Chinese Prince Arrives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 22.—Prince Tsai Tao, minister of war of China, uncle of the emperor and brother of the prince regent, arrived here today aboard the Chi Yo Maru.

NEW DAILY HITS ROUGH GOING

Libel Suit for \$200,000 Filed Against Chronicle in Klamath Falls—A Warm Scrap is On Over Courthouse Removal.

KLAMATH FALLS, April 22.—Criminal libel suits aggregating \$200,000 have been filed against the Klamath Chronicle as the result of a bitter factional fight regarding the removal of the courthouse.

The suits were brought by the Klamath Development company. The company asks damages in an amount of \$100,000, its president wants \$50,000 and its secretary \$50,000.

The Chronicle was started a short time ago by Klamath Falls business men, who claimed the old dailies in the field did not answer their wants. Recently the new paper has been making allusions to the passage of bribes about, and it is now the defendant in these libel suits.

PRISONERS ARE STILL AT LARGE FROM LEAVENWORTH

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 22.—Theodore Murdock and Frank Grigware, two of the six federal convicts who escaped from the Leavenworth prison yesterday, are still at large. The others have been recaptured.

It is believed the fugitives are unarmed, as those recaptured had dummy revolvers made of painted wood.

The entire countryside is aroused and the farmers are on the outlook for the fugitives.

WOLTER CASE TO JURY TONIGHT

Placed on Stand in His Own Defense, He Positively Denies He Killed Ruth Wheeler—Tries to Prove an Alibi.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Albert Wolter, charged with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, took the stand today in his own behalf, in his trial here.

Wolter positively denied that he had killed Ruth Wheeler.

Wolter had nerved himself for a trying ordeal and gave his answer firmly, looking squarely into the eyes of the jurors in turn, as he gave his testimony.

The youth admitted that he had lived with Katchen Mueller without the formality of a marriage. He said that the girl had paid his expenses with money she earned in a bakery. He said that he had tried to find work, but could not.

Wolter said he left home at 6 o'clock on the morning it is alleged the murder was committed. He returned at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and found Fred Anhor, a Coney Island waiter, there.

Anhor, he said, was the man with whom he had agreed to open a school of German and shorthand. It was at Anhor's suggestion he said that he had written Ruth Wheeler's name in a notebook.

Wolter declared that Anhor had told him that she would be a good girl to get into the school.

Wolter's fate will be in the hands of the jury by 7 o'clock tonight. The defense was completed this afternoon, all the witnesses being examined in less than two hours.