

# BIG VOTING CONTEST STARTS MONDAY

## PRIZES TOTALING \$2500 TO BE GIVEN AWAY BY MAIL TRIBUNE

### CONTEST OPENS SEPTEMBER 5; CLOSES OCT. 29

Capital Prize Will Be Five-Passenger Touring Car, Besides Two \$400 Pianos, Two \$100 Diamond Rings, Two Ladies' Gold Watches.

On Monday, September 5, at 8 a. m. the Mail Tribune will inaugurate the greatest newspaper contest ever held in Southern Oregon.

The Mail Tribune is going to give away one five-passenger touring automobile, two \$400 upright pianos, two \$100 diamond rings, two business scholarships and two ladies' gold watches.

The prizes will be given absolutely free to the young ladies of Medford and surrounding territory. All that is necessary to be a winner is to receive the largest number of votes in your district. The ladies to receive these prizes will be determined by popular vote, as explained elsewhere in this paper.

Read the big ad in today's paper giving a description of the prizes and full information as to how they will be given away.

**How to Win.**  
Any young lady who desires to enter this contest and win one of the magnificent prizes offered should see that her name is sent to the contest department. All that is necessary to win a prize is to receive the largest number of votes, according to the conditions mentioned elsewhere in this announcement.

Candidates should at once interest their friends in the contest, and by united and energetic action induce as many people as possible to vote for them. Each nomination coupon cut from the Mail Tribune will count 20 votes for a candidate.

The nomination coupon will only appear for a few days, and only a limited number of nominations will be accepted. Cut the nomination blank from this issue and send it to the Mail Tribune office with your name or the name of and address of your favorite candidate. A subscrip-

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## TEDDY BOOMED FOR PRESIDENT

A Permanent Organization to Boost for Him to Be Organized in Nebraska—If Colonel Won't Accept Support Will Be Thrown.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 3.—A permanent organization to boost the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for candidate for president of the United States, will be perfected soon in Nebraska. The boom has been launched by Franklin Shotwell, a candidate for the state senate. He has called a meeting to organize the progressives in favor of Roosevelt, with Senator Dolliver of Iowa for vice-president.

If Roosevelt refuses to accept the nomination for president, support will be thrown to Dolliver or to someone Roosevelt indorses. No permanent organization has been effected, but a meeting for that purpose will be called soon. The workers will canvass Nebraska.

### PERFECTLY DELICIOUS, SAYS THE COLONEL

LEMARS, Ia., Sept. 3.—Colonel Roosevelt, in discussing the statement of William H. Barnes, Jr., criticizing the colonel's speech concerning the supreme court, said today: "It is perfectly delicious to see Barnes rushing to the defense of the supreme court and of virtue."

## WESTERLUND IS GIVEN BOOM

Many Friends Urge Prominent Horticulturist and Business Man to Enter Race for Legislature—Has the Matter Now Under Advisement.

John A. Westerlund, manager of the Western Oregon Orchards, is being requested by friends to become a candidate for the republican nomination as representative from Jackson county. It is pointed out that Mr. Westerlund has extensive interests in the county, is widely and favorably known, is energetic and progressive, and conversant with the requirements and needs of the county. He would represent both the farming and orchard interests as well as business interests.

When asked about the report, Mr. Westerlund stated that he had not yet made up his mind whether to seek nomination or not—he did not see how he could spare the time from his business. He would, however, settle the question one way or the other within a few days.

Mr. Westerlund is a progressive republican and a believer in popular election of senators and in direct legislation. He is a conscientious believer in Statehood No. 1.

Joe Hammerly of Gold Hill, who was urged to become a candidate, has finally decided not to, and has withdrawn from the field.

## BIG STICK FALLS ON "INTERESTS"

Colonel Roosevelt Says Special Interests Have Too Much to Do With Framing of Tariff Bill and That People's Demand That They Be Eliminated Is Right—Against Tariff.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Sept. 3.—The name of President Taft was mentioned today for the first time by Colonel Roosevelt on his western trip. The colonel gave unqualified indorsement to the president's plan for a tariff commission and approved Taft's broad interpretation of the powers of the commission. Roosevelt declared, however, that the tariff board is not a commission. The colonel added his own views to those of Senator Dolliver of Iowa in approving Dolliver's amendment, seeking the establishment of a genuine tariff commission.

In his speech in this city regarding the tariff Mr. Roosevelt said: "With the present tariff, made by the same methods as its predecessor and that predecessor's predecessor there is grave dissatisfaction. The people know that there are some things in it which are not right and therefore they tend to suspect the (as I think) numerous things which are right."

## AGED PIONEER REACHES END OF LONG TRAIL

Merritt Bellinger, Widely Known Throughout Southern Oregon, Dies at His Home in This City—Funeral Services Today.

The funeral services of Merritt Bellinger will be held at the residence 147 North Holly, this afternoon at 1:30. Friends and acquaintances are invited. All members and visiting brethren of Medford lodge, No. 193, A. F. & A. M., are requested to meet at the lodge rooms at 1 o'clock to attend the funeral. At Jacksonville the cortege will be met by Warren lodge, No. 10. Interment in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Merritt Bellinger, one of the early settlers of southern Oregon, died at his home at 147 North Holly street, Saturday morning after a short illness, aged 77 years, 7 months and 1 day.

Mr. Bellinger was taken ill at Albany while returning from a vacation trip at Newport, and rapidly failed until death occurred at 1:10 Saturday morning.

Mr. Bellinger was born in Quebec, Canada, February 2, 1833, and came to Oregon in 1852, and since that time has lived continuously in Jackson county.

Several years ago he sold his original donation land claim near Jacksonville, in order that he might pay more particular attention to his interests in this city.

During his long life in Jackson county Mr. Bellinger has always been

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## DELEGATES GATHERING IN ST. PAUL

Hard Fight Is Expected at Conservation Congress—Important Political Matters Are Sure to Bob Up—Big Stick Expected to Be in Evidence.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 3.—The second national conservation congress, under the auspices of the National Conservation association, which will be convened Monday by B. N. Baker, Baltimore, president of the congress, will form one of the most unique gatherings in the history of America, in that every form of business, social, educational and domestic activity will be represented by the 6000 delegates. Every state, every city, many counties, all of the leading organizations of women, the universities of the United States, business organizations, commercial clubs, civic bodies, clubs of sportsmen, scientific societies, organizations of automobile manufacturers, and even, it is said, an aeronautic organization, will be represented at the great congress.

There is no organization in the United States today that brings together such a wholly representative organization of American citizens as the national conservation congress.

It is before this body that Theodore Roosevelt, representing the "progressives," as they are called, will repeat his declarations that the federal government ought to control the water power and most of the other resources of the country, because the states are not so well qualified as the federal government to protect these industries for the people.

Before this same body Reed Smoot—the senator from Utah—will advocate a bill, now before congress, granting to the states the control of the water power within their confines.

Both Roosevelt and Smoot realize that a vote by the congress on any topic would so thoroughly represent the opinion of the so-called upper classes of American citizens that it would carry great weight in the halls of state.

One of the chief duties of Clifford Pinchot, father of the conservation congress idea, during the congress will be to remain in constant readiness to prevent Smoot and certain western personages, including the governors of nine northwestern states, from securing control of the congress and putting to vote the question of "state's rights."

St. Paul, during conservation week, will be the Mecca for most of

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## LAYING STEEL INTO THE CITY

Pacific & Eastern Starts Track-Laying on Line Into the City—Will Be Taken Up in Earnest Next Monday.

The Pacific & Eastern virtually began laying the steel on the new line into the city from the present junction Saturday and will take the matter up in earnest Monday. The work is to be rushed and it will not be long before the Pacific & Eastern will have their own track into town.

We don't care where you got your glasses made. We want to give you an eyeglass cleaner. 301 E. Main. 143\*

## CITY'S PROSPERITY REFLECTED BY ITS SWELLING BUSINESS

### 1000 MARK IS PASSED NUMBER OF PHONES USED

Medford Shows Greater Increase Than Any City in Northwest Per Capita—Company Has Spent \$120,000 for Development Here.

The Medford office of the Pacific States Telephone company shows a greater gain per capita in the telephone field than any other city in the northwest, according to officials of the company.

The past week has seen the 1000 mark reached and passed. There are now in operation 1015 telephones in the city. On May 31, 1909, 613 phones were in use, while on August 31, 1908, only 309 phones were used in the city.

Att that time an ordinary magneto two-section board was in use with two operators. Today 18 operators are employed and a seven-position board is in use. Three additional sections are to be added at once.

During the past year \$120,000 has been expended by the company in developing the local field. They are now planning additional work.

W. K. Newell is present in the valley making a study of the needs of the country. He will probably recommend much additional work.

### Knights Off to Klamath.

Off in a bunch for Klamath Falls, with banners floating from both sides, telling to the world that Medford is truly alive and doing things about 50 Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will leave on the 10:35 southbound train today and expect to reach Klamath Falls about 9 o'clock tonight.

A good time is in anticipation for Klamath Lodge, No. 99, K. of P., is doing the honors, and from the past record it is a safe bet that every person making the trip will enjoy every moment of it.

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS

Many Important Matters Are Discussed—O'Gara and Inspectors Soon to Wage Merciless War on Pests—Cut-Down Orchard Again Bumps Up.

The regular monthly meeting of the Rogue River Valley Horticultural society was held in the society rooms on Main street Saturday afternoon, at which a goodly number of growers were present.

President Potter called the meeting to order and called the attention of the members to the offer of E. H. Shepherd of Hood River to address the organization at any time. It was decided to invite Mr. Shepherd for the next monthly meeting.

The society decided to contribute \$15 monthly toward Professor O'Gara's office rent.

The main topic of discussion was "pear blight," and the best manner of its eradication.

Professor O'Gara briefly stated his position: That he had cut loose from the department entirely and had become "one of you. I have bought property here, 55 he continued, "and later I am going to buy an orchard, but we must clean up our trees. This is a matter of decision, not of sentiment. The only cure is the eradication of the disease."

### MAL DE MER IS CAUSE OF SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—Unable to withstand the ravages of sea sickness, A. W. Gregory, 35, a passenger on the steamer Queen, from Seattle to San Francisco, committed suicide by cutting his throat when the vessel was one day out of Seattle. Bearing his dead body, the Queen arrived in this port today.

## HEAR SUIT TO ENJOIN TUESDAY

Case Filed Against City by J. J. Phipps Will Be Argued During the Noon Hour Before Judge of the Circuit Court.

The injunction suit brought by J. J. Phipps against the city of Medford to stop the construction of a sewer across Bear creek will come up at the noon hour in the circuit court Tuesday. At that time City Attorney Neff will file an answer to the complaint and argue a motion to dissolve the temporary restraining order.

### Forest Fire Situation Better.

The forest fire situation is much improved. And men are being discharged constantly. All of the largest fires are now said to be practically under control. Within a week Assistant Forester Buck expects to allow the soldiers to leave the fire line for their barracks.

### Twenty Acres Sold.

The Anderson & Green company yesterday sold 23 acres lying south of town to Carroll McMillan of Chicago, the consideration being \$13,000. The tract is in 1 and 2-year-old pears. Mr. McMillan expects to dispose of his Chicago property and make his home here.

## OVER QUARTER OF MILLION GROWTH BANK DEPOSITS

All of Medford's Financial Institutions Shown to Be in Flourishing Condition by Statement Asked by Comptroller.

Bank deposits in Medford since January 1 of this year have increased over a quarter of a million dollars, according to the statements issued by the four local banks in response to the call of the comptroller of the treasury.

The total deposits in Medford banks now amount to \$2,137,487. On January 1 they amounted to \$1,863,568. The increase has thus been \$273,919.

The statements just issued show that the banks are all growing rapidly and are conducted on a conservative basis.

## GREAT STRIKE IS AVERTED

Cloakmakers Win Complete Victory—Manufacturers Lost Millions of Dollars During the Nine Weeks of the Strike.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Rejoicing is great today throughout the east side. Eighty thousand striking cloakmakers are preparing to return to work, having won a complete victory. The employers have granted the strikers practically everything that was demanded and have agreed to give unionists preference when hiring labor.

Among the concessions made by the employers are the following: A nine-hour day; average wages of \$10.25 weekly, with more for piece-workers; a sanitary board and an arbitration commission for the settlement of labor disputes.

In the nine weeks of the strike the strikers lost \$1,900,000. The manufacturers lost many times that sum and many of the shops anxious to recoup their losses reopened today. The balance will open Monday.

## OLD STAGE DRIVER AT LAST DESTINATION

Jack Montgomery, one of the few survivors of the early days of the overland stage route, who drove in Oregon and California when it was a guess whether the stage would be jumped by Indians or held up by road agents, died at his home near Eagle Point Friday.

Jack Montgomery was a picturesque figure in the history of Southern Oregon. He followed every avocation of the early days—mined, drove stage, gambled, fought—and was the typical westerner of the early '50s. Even in his later years it didn't take much to stir up a scrap with Jack.

At the time when he "wrapped the lines around the brake and turned the team over to the hostler at the end of the drive" he was over 80 years old.