

MADDOX WRITES OF ROGUE VALLEY

Tells Eastern Friend of Medford and the Surrounding Country—Says Business in Medford is "Stupendous."

The following letter, written by J. W. Maddox of this city to a friend in the east, appeared in a recent issue of the Peoria Star:

My Dear Old Friend John:

Weeks and months have rolled by since I last wrote you, 3000 and more miles of space separate us, but thanks to nature and instinctive law we are still united by wireless friendship and devotion that neither distance nor time can annihilate. Yes, John, I wish you were here rather than for me to be there, although I have many, many dear friends in old Mercer, whom I revere and wish well. I have spent the best and hope the worst part of my life in and around Millersburg, New Boston and Joy, with an occasional visit to the county seat, and Eliza, the only female township in the county, which, by the way, is ruled by bishops and nobles, always casting the last and decisive vote in all political contests.

Medford, the home of my present selection, is a beautiful city of 8000 inhabitants, 5000 of which has been added in the last three years. It is situated in what is called the Rogue River valley, one of the most fertile spots in the state. The valley proper is 30 miles wide by 70 miles in length, surrounded by beautiful mountain ranges of medium height. To the east is called Cascades, the Coast range on the west, reminding one of the famous Shenandoah valley of Virginia, only this (the Rogue River valley) is dotted over with orchards bearing the finest fruits in the world. Wheat, barley, clover and alfalfa are grown with great success, while corn does better than anywhere else on the coast. In the line of fruit it produces apples in remarkable abundance and of the finest quality; is the greatest pear belt in the world, while peaches, apricots, plums, cherries, almonds, English walnuts, figs, grapes and a long list of small fruit is grown to greatest perfection. Climate unexcelled, even by that of California. There are no volcanoes, earthquakes, hail storms or sand storms, and the winds rarely reach a velocity of 20 miles an hour. Spring comes early, usually in February. Farmers plant through the winter months and before April is over summer is here in all its glory. The valley, the orchards, the towering mountains, the azure sky, the almost perpetual sunshine remind one of the beginning of time as the Bible relates it, only the Rogue river paradise has no forbidden fruit nor family rows, which the offering be of one or both.

Now, John, I will endeavor to give you an idea of the business done in and around Medford. Stupendous is the only big word that I can call to mind just now that even begins to express it. I wish Alex. McArthur was here. Perhaps he could think of a bigger one that would cover the ground and shorten my letter. However, "stupendous" is my text, and that means orchards changing hands every day, often at an advance of from 25 to 100 per cent above original cost. Fortunes are made in a day. People are coming from every point of the compass. The little city is in bedlam. Money changers are coming and going. Even Mrs. Palmer and Hon. Tom A. Marshall of Chicago have recently purchased orchards here. Hundreds of capitalists, becoming interested, placing their surplus for future speculations. I think I see a great future for Medford, with its 300 days of sunshine, the balance April showers and New Boston Saturdays.

The inhabitants are nearly all American born, no Chinese, Japanese or Negroes allowed. All are healthy and robust. The old are Methuselahs, boys run from 50 to 125 years of age; old maids from 60 to 75, awaiting to build, temperament and color of hair. Now, John, I must "close off," as I don't wish to bother you and your readers with too long a letter at this time, but will write you again in the near future.

Tell Gene Parkman that I wish and L. B. Minors, with whom I am making my home, made a visit a few days ago to the home of the mountain quail—thirteen grouse the next day. Please don't say anything to Fred Hendrickson about it till I liquidate the \$67.00 I owe him on a former shoot. Oh, yes, if you see anyone going toward New Boston in the next six months or a year, send word to Bueta Smith that the old inhabitants in the Rogue River valley have never seen it, lightning heard it thunder nor witnessed a passing cyclone; besides, the barbers here charge 50 cents a haircut and

If you want a nice home in the country, where you will not have to deny your family any of the conveniences to be had in the modern city home, here is something that will interest you.

A modern 5-room bungalow; electric lights, hot and cold water, bath, etc., pipeline from new gas plant passes within 100 feet and is located on newly graveled road; twenty-two acres of Bear creek bottom soil; seven acres planted to 3-year-old Bartlett pears and 11 acres in Yellow Newtowns 3 years old. Pumping plant sufficient to irrigate large garden. Large new barn, tank house, chicken house and woodshed.

This tract is only 1 1/2 miles south of Medford on the Ashland road.

Ask your real estate agent to show you this, or call on

M. F. Berryhill

R. F. D. NO. 118,
MEDFORD OREGON
WHAT HAVE YOU TO TRADE FOR

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Well, so long for this time.
Respectfully yours,
J. W. MADDOX,
Medford, Or., Nov. 3, 1910.

Negro Is Murderer.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 26.—Joseph Edward Harland, aged 27, native of Seven Oaks, Kent, England, died shortly after 9 o'clock this morning at the Sacred Heart hospital and a charge of murder will be filed against William Jefferson, a negro, aged 27, member of Company M, located at Fort George Wright, according to the authorities.

Together with C. C. Cannon, a negro musician, also of Company M, Jefferson is alleged to have engaged in a fight with two white men Thursday night at Front avenue and Market street. It is asserted they were pelting the white men with stones and bricks, when Harland and O. Perry, his partner, appeared. Harland and Perry dodged into an alley to escape the shower of missiles. As they emerged Jefferson is alleged to have seized a strip of old planking about four feet long and two inches thick, and, swinging it over his head, is alleged to have struck Harland a vicious blow, falling him to the street. Harland was rushed to the emergency hospital, where he was given medical attention.

NO FATALITIES ALONG PATH OF GREAT FLOOD

CORDOVA, Alaska, Nov. 26.—Fears of loss of life in the glacial floods which swept down the Bonin river yesterday were allayed today when further reports were received from Kutalla saying that searching parties had failed to find anything to indicate that fatalities had resulted from the flood.

The water subsided rapidly and today the Bering river assumed its normal condition.

That greater damage was not done by the rush of water and icebergs is attributed to the mildness of the weather. The river was not frozen over to a great depth and consequently the water flowed freely, preventing jams with the serious results that would have followed.

WINNIPEG, Ont., Nov. 26.—A heavy snow storm in progress here and extends east into Ontario and all over the province. No delay in traffic of interference with telegraph lines has yet been reported.

Medford Theatre

Wednesday, November 30th.

John P. Slocum Presents
The New Vienesse
Comic Opera Success
Direct From 250 Nights at the
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By Spanislaus Stange - - Author of "The Chocolate Soldier"
From the German by Leo Skin, Author of "The Merry Widow"
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With Miss Texas Guinan and All Star Cast

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GENERAL BELL SAYS REVOLUTION IS JOKE

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 25.—General Franklin J. Bell, former chief of staff of the United States army, who leaves for San Francisco, December 1 to assume command of the army in the Philippines, said today that the revolution in Mexico was not nearly so serious as was generally believed. In General Bell's opinion, the real revolution in Mexico will not come until President Diaz dies.

"The present revolution is not serious enough to cause the United States any worry," said the general. "The United States will not need to do anything but preserve neutrality if any armed troops to expel armed bodies of men seeking refuge on the American side of the border, but that is all it will amount to. I do not anticipate any serious trouble."

Many Live in Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 26.—The state of Oklahoma has 1,637,133 population, according to figures sent out at the census bureau today. This is an increase of 242,978 or 17.5 per cent, since 1907, when the census was taken. The new figure on Oklahoma in another congressional representative.

HAMILTON AND REDDY SELL MARSHALL MINE

William Hart Hamilton and Dr. J. P. Reddy have disposed of their interest in the Marshall mine, on Coquille creek, Josephine county, to R. A. Jones, more familiarly known in mining circles as "Rube" Jones.

The new owners will do some extensive development work this season and will at once put the five-stamp mill now on the property in operation.

The Marshall has been a good producer heretofore and shows up well for the future.

Noted Spaniard Injured.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Nov. 26.—Don Nicholas Covarenillas, who impersonated Don Gaspar de Portola in the San Francisco festival a year ago, is suffering today from painful injuries sustained when a carriage in which he was driving was run down by a speeding automobile. The aged Spaniard sustained severe scalp wounds and may have been injured internally.

Witness Is Freed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 26.—M. D. Miller, missing witness long sought by the council committee investigating the alleged grafting syndicate in the police department, was freed today by Judge Bonard of the superior court after Miller had been produced in court on a warrant of habeas corpus.

City Attorney Pierce made an effort to have the writ quashed. Miller has been in jail 42 days with no charge against him. When released from the court today he returned to the police station to get his belongings.

He afterward sought Chief of Police Wappenstein and denied that he had said anything of importance to the council committee, although the latter has a sworn statement made by Miller yesterday.

Marriage Licenses.

To G. W. Barton and Fannie May Fairfield.
To Benjamin A. Bell and Eliza Beth M. Barker.
Married.
GRISOM-STIMSON — In Medford, November 22, 1910, by Rev. W. F. Shields, Charles T. Loftus and Verna May Tryer.

BUTTER-MAKERS TO MEET SOON IN EUGENE

EUGENE, Nov. 26.—Buttermakers and dairymen of the state are to hold their annual convention in Eugene, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week—December 7, 8 and 9. Preliminary to the regular convention of the owners of dairy herds, the butter-makers of the state will hold a session for the consideration of matters of interest to their trade on the evening of the 7th in the rooms of the Eugene Commercial club. Delegates to the session of 500 are expected and great preparations are being made to entertain them. Novel souvenirs of the occasion will be presented to each delegate in the shape of a German milk bottle labelled with the program and the commitments of the city of Eugene. The convention will be in session two days. A musical string smacker, trolley rides and other entertainment will be provided by way of diversion. One of the principal attractions of the business side of the convention will be a tuberculosis test to be conducted by the state veterinarian.

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