

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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GEORGE PUTNAM, Editor and Manager

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SWORN CIRCULATION.

Average daily for—	
January, 1910	2,122
February, 1910	2,311
March, 1910	2,261
April, 1910	2,450
May, 1910	2,524
June, 1910	2,627
July, 1910	2,627
August, 1910	2,627
September, 1910	2,627
October, 1910	2,795

November Circulation.	
1	2,100
2	2,100
3	2,100
4	2,100
5	2,100
6	2,100
7	2,100
8	2,100
9	2,100
10	2,100
11	2,100
12	2,100
13	2,100
14	2,100
15	2,100
Total	66,999
Daily average, 2,089.	

STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson.
 On the first day of December, 1910, personally appeared before me, George Putnam, manager of the Medford Mail Tribune, who, upon oath, acknowledges that the above figures are true and correct.
 H. N. YOCKEY,
 Notary Public for Oregon.

MEDFORD, OREGON.
 Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest growing city in Oregon.
 Population—U. S. census 1910, 8840; estimated in November, 1910, 10,000.
 Five hundred thousand dollars Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water and sixteen miles of street being paved and contracted for at a cost exceeding \$1,000,000, making a total of twenty miles of pavement.
 Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1910, show a gain of 51 per cent.
 Bank deposits were \$2,876,532, a gain of 22 per cent.
 Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Strainberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of
"Apple King of the World"
 at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won
First Prize in 1910
 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.
 Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.
 Write Commercial club, enclosing 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

Fifty Years Ago Sunday, Dec. 18.
 The North Carolina legislature voted \$500,000 for arming the state for war.
 A favorable report of an exploring expedition for an ocean telegraph cable between Iceland, Greenland, Faroe Islands and the mainland reached America and was hailed as good news.
Twenty-five Years Ago Sunday
 Congress voted a pension of \$5,000 to the widow of General U. S. Grant.
 A plot to assassinate the Prince of Wales (afterward Edward VII) was unearthed in a London police court.

PORTLAND'S ACTION PROTESTED
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 ing for reductions and have been for 15 years. We have cases now pending in which this vital question is involved. But in the Baker-Medford cases it will be noticed that no change is requested in the less-than-carload lots rates. That is a most vital question to the welfare of the shipper here.
 "The whole rate law is based upon equality and if this scheme should go through it would be a manifest unfairness to a certain element of business which has the right to demand justice. We favor the reduction of the rates asked for by these two places, but they must maintain the relation which exists elsewhere between the carload and less-than-carload rates.
 "Primarily the system of creating zones where no one can sell goods for distribution except those within that zone is wrong in principle and the interstate commerce commission has held to that view. We want to see Medford and Baker grow. We want them to develop, but they must acquire this growth and development by means other than shutting people out of their territory. By all means, I say, give the shippers of Medford and Baker lower rates, but let those rates apply upon the various commodities and not only on those which will permit of a shut-out game."
 The meeting was largely attended there being nearly the full membership present.

SHORT SIGHTED PORTLAND.

THE ATTITUDE of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in opposing Medford's efforts to secure reductions of carload rates and the establishment of distributive rates, if persisted in, will cut the commercial ties binding the two cities.

There is no reason why Medford merchants should patronize those opposing Medford's efforts for progress, and if Portland persists in opposition, there is but one thing for Medford to do—sever commercial relations by establishing a boycott upon Portland jobbers and manufacturers. Medford is so near San Francisco that an appeal will bring her business men prepared to handle the traffic.

Portland follows a short sighted policy. Can not her business men understand that Oregon is too large a state to have but one distributing center, that merchandise cannot be handled profitably, either to the carrier or purchaser of transportation in less than carload quantities over such magnificent distances; and that the economy of transportation demands reasonable inbound carload rates to various distributing points and reasonable less than carload rates to destination?

Portland's attorney argues in favor of a reduction of rates to Medford provided the reduction is made equally on carload and less than carload quantities, for the sole benefit of the Portland jobber. Yet it was shown at the hearing that a corresponding reduction in class rates cannot be made to equalize what would be reasonable commodity rates as the cost of transportation averages about seven times as much for less than carload shipments that it does for carload shipments, and that long haul distribution is neither economical or just.

It is the old story of the Portland hog. Portland favors rate reductions only when they benefit Portland. When Spokane, Baker City, Medford or any other northwest community seeks rate reductions, Portland is on deck with her attorney helping the railroads to fight them.

Portland the metropolis ought to be ashamed of itself, throttling the efforts of little towns of Oregon to grow. Portland ought to realize that the bigger the little towns become, the greater Portland will become, that Portland can only grow as Oregon grows, that the little towns furnish Portland manufacturers their market, that development cannot proceed in any one section of Oregon without benefiting every other section—and Portland most of all. O ye metropolis, of little faith in Oregon! Ye furnish no money for developing your own state and ye add insult to injury by becoming as little as a cross roads village in efforts to thwart the endeavor of communities seeking only a square deal.

TWO YEARS' PROGRESS.

THE PAST two years have witnessed the development of Medford from a village into a small city.

Rome was not built in a day. Medford comes much nearer it.

Two years ago, Medford was without paved streets, without a water system, without a storm sewer or very much of a sewer system, without street numbers or free delivery, with a scarce 5000 population.

Today Medford has 8.12 miles of paved streets, costing \$377,615 and as much more now contracted for, a gravity water system and 20 miles of cast-iron distributing system costing over \$500,000, 20.3 miles of cement sidewalks, 20 miles of sewer and approximately 10,000 population.

No city of 50,000 people can show a greater record of municipal improvement in the same length of time. Yet great as has been the improvement, there is impatience on the part of some, because double the amount was not accomplished.

To supervise, plan and accomplish all this public work, only a small force of men has been available, nothing like the organization maintained in the ordinary city. The preliminary work, usually conducted years ahead has barely kept the lead of construction and an amazing amount of work crowded into the short space of time. Paving, water works and sewers have been ordered at the same time on miles of street.

Hampered by lack of funds, forced to resort to many expedients to carry on the work, frequent elections for charter amendments necessitated to enable the program outlined to continue, when we look back at the results accomplished, we can but admire the energy, economy and ability with which the public improvements have been conducted.

No other city administration anywhere under similar circumstances in the same time, with the same money ever accomplished more—could accomplish more and the citizens of Medford are deeply indebted to the mayor and the members of the city council for the clean and progressive administration they have given.

It is easy to find fault—flaws can be picked in the finest diamonds. We have not all got what we wanted—what we petitioned for—it was a physical impossibility even if the money had been available. Our program of improvement is only partially completed and the contrast of the unfinished is in sharp relief to the finished. We haven't yet arrived, but we are on the way.

There are some natures so constituted that they are never satisfied unless they are shying brickbats at public officials. It is one of the penalties of office to be a target of abuse for the unthinking, to be criticised by the destructive, by the carpet-bagger grafter and the knocker, by the sorehead and the hot head. So no surprise should be experienced if the reward of public duty faithfully performed in this, the glad Christmas time, take the form of croakings by unclean birds fouling their own nest.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE MAIL TRIBUNE AND GET THE NEWS THE DAY IT HAPPENS

- COLD MEAT FORKS
- BERRY SPOONS
- FRUIT KNIVES
- PICKLE FORKS
- BOUILLON SPOONS
- GRAVY LADLES

- CREAM LADLES
- DESSERT SPOONS
- OYSTER FORKS
- COFFEE SPOONS
- SUGAR SHELLS
- KNIVES AND FORKS

- CARD CASES
- CANDELABRAS
- SMOKING SETS
- TOBACCO JARS
- CIGAR JARS
- INK STANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Christmas Shopper

If you have not completed your purchase of holiday gifts—if you have any friend or relative to whom you cannot decide what to give, come to this store tomorrow. If you have not paid this store a visit of late you will indeed be agreeably surprised at the many useful and appropriate articles included in our Christmas offerings. Many eager Xmas shoppers visited this store during the past week and many expressed themselves in a complimentary way at the extraordinary display of Holiday Goods, especially for a store of this character. In the lines mentioned below you will find the most superb showing in southern Oregon and you cannot find an article among them that would not make a pleasing and appropriate gift.

THE

Silverware a Standard Favorite

A magnificent assortment here in the famous Oneida Community. 1847 Rogers Bros. and other well known brands. In these lines you will find many new designs shown for the first time this season, and all of which have proved very popular. You will also find many single pieces in boxes suitable for presentation. No extra charge for engraving.

MEDFORD

A Brilliant Display of Brassware

Brassware makes a gift out of the ordinary and beautifies the home at the same time. Our holiday showing in this ware is unequalled in the city. Every lady takes great pride in the beautifying of her home and with the same amount of expense nothing could be added to make the home more artistic than a few pieces of this ware.

HARDWARE

Many Other Very Appropriate Gifts

Here you will also find many other suitable and appropriate Holiday Gifts, among which you will find the well known Manning-Bowman quality goods, consisting of Casseroles, Chafing Dishes, Gas Stoves, Coffee Percolators, etc. In this line, and for the housekeeper we could suggest nothing more suitable for presentation.

COMPANY

Open Evenings

Medford Oregon

- INDIVIDUAL TEAPOTS
- INDIVIDUAL COFFEE POTS
- TOASTERS
- FERN DISHES
- PIE DISHES
- JARDINIERS

- CASSEROLES
- BAKING DISHES
- PERCOLATORS
- CHAFING DISHES
- BUTTER MELTERS
- CUTLET DISHES

- CANDLE STICKS
- FERN DISHES
- JARDINIERS
- CRUMB TRAYS
- ANDIRONS
- JEWEL CASES

Souvenir Day

Tuesday, December 20, we have set aside as Souvenir Day. On this day we are going to present to each and every lady who visits this store a nice little souvenir. This little article is something very useful and we want every lady in Medford to have one. In selecting a gift souvenir for presentation we desired something that was useful as well as a reminder, and we believe we have made a good selection.

**SILVERWARE A STANDARD FAVORITE
 A BRILLIANT DISPLAY OF BRASSWARE
 MANY OTHER VERY APPROPRIATE GIFTS**

Medford Hardware Comp'y