

S. P. FEATURES MEDFORD'S NAME

Railroad Acknowledges Increased Importance of City by Featuring Name in New Folders—Is Shasta Route City in January Book.

The increased importance of the city of Medford and its growth during the last year has impressed the Southern Pacific railroad officials to such an extent that the name "Medford" in bold type is featured in that company's folders for January, 1911.

Besides being included with Portland, Tacoma and Seattle in the list of cities mentioned as being on the "Shasta Route," the word Medford in the body of the time table is made prominent and is the only name printed in black faced type on the line between Montague, Cal., and Roseburg.

In order to formulate plans for the holding of a musical festival here next spring the Oratorio society will hold a meeting next Tuesday night in the Antatorium building.

The intentions of the leaders of the movement for a festival are to arrange the date so that the services of the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra can be secured. This organization, conceded by musical critics to be the third finest of its kind in the world, will make a tour of the Pacific coast during the coming spring.

JAP SPIES ARE CAUGHT AT WORK

Federal Officers Said to Have Shadowed Them While at Work in Island, But Were Powerless to Stop Them Under the Present Laws.

MANILA, Dec. 31.—Japanese spies in the Philippines are not only active in Manila bay and on Corregedor island, but the United Press is informed today they are engaged in mapping out the entire archipelago.

The military authorities, it is learned, are fully aware of the activity of the little brown men and have been secretly watching them at their work. They know exactly what maps have been drawn, but they are powerless to stop the work because there is no law by which spies can be interfered with. The only law under which the secret agents of Nippon could be checked is trespass, and this law, it is learned, they have been careful not to violate.

The maps that have been made, it is ascertained, are not ordinary maps of the islands. They contain much greater detail and are drawn with care and accuracy. They show roads, fortifications, the general conformation of the country and, in short, contain all the essential information that would be useful in case of an invasion of the islands.

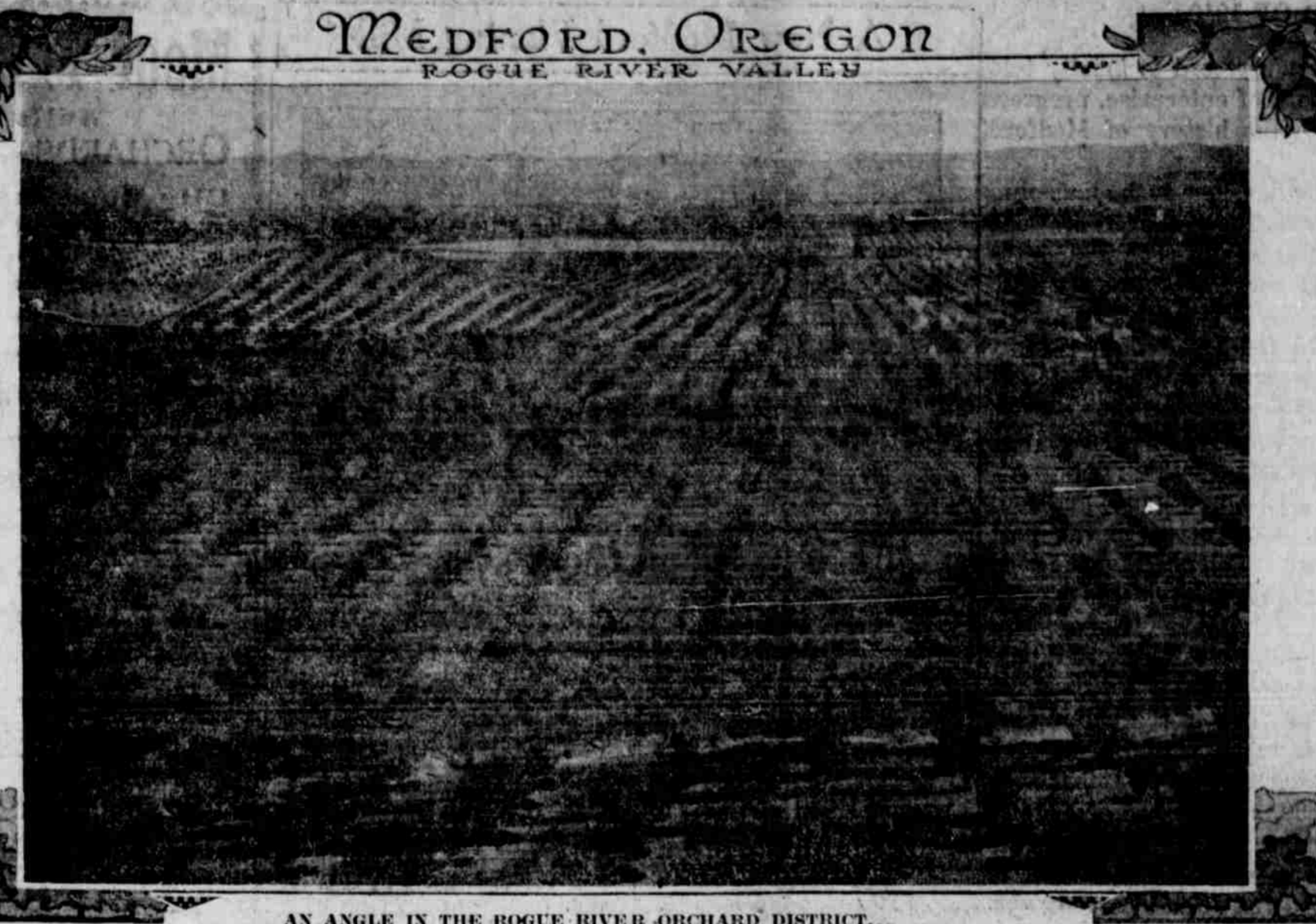
"OLE OLSON" COMING SOON TO MEDFORD

Ben Hendricks' comedy, "Ole Olson," is coming Thursday, January 5, at the Medford theater.

"Ole Olson" is the play in which the Swedish dialect was first made use of for stage purposes. This piece has taken its place as a fun-maker by the side of the German, Irish and Yankee dialect plays, and "Ole Olson" is equally as interesting and pleasing as any of this style of dramatic work. The story of course centers around "Ole" and the cool and unruffled manner in which he baffles the schemes of the villain never fails to get rounds of applause, dealing, as it does, with the tribulations of a young widow and the efforts of a faithful young Swedish man whom she has befriended, to lighten her burden, is told with the natural simplicity that is heart-appending. Mrs. Jordan, the widow, has almost overcome the schemes of an unscrupulous brother-in-law when her first husband, Jefferson Bassett, whom she has long believed dead, makes his appearance and co-operates with the scoundrel to secure a fortune left her by her first husband. In the pursuit of this plot they run counter to the young Swede, who instinctively dislikes the two rascals and becomes Mrs. Jordan's self-appointed guardian. The development of the Swedish immigrant from the uncouth and awkward to the Swedish-American citizen is carried along on lines of mingled comedy and pathos. Seats on sale Monday.

HENRY FARNUM FLYS 384 MILES IN FRANCE

ETMARS, France, Dec. 31.—Henry Farnum in a Farnum biplane today smashed previous records and won the Michelin prize for distance, flying 384 miles. This breaks the record mark established yesterday at Buc by Maurice Tabuteau, who flew 362.66 miles.



AN ANGLE IN THE ROGUE RIVER ORCHARD DISTRICT.

BUNGALOW CHURCH BEING ERECTED

Christian Scientists Are Erecting a Splendid House of Worship on North Oakdale at a Cost of \$9000—Unique in Architecture.

Construction is under way on the first "bungalow" church in the northwest, First Church of Christ, Scientist, now being constructed by the Christian Scientists on North Oakdale at a cost of \$9000.

The church is unique in architecture and resembles a country club house more than a religious edifice. It is built for use and comfort and the stately stiffness and forbidding barrenness of church architecture is strangely missing.

The church will contain, besides the assembly room, a library, reading room and other usable features.

MAY MAKE LAW TO BUST TRUST

U. S. to Commence Suit for Dissolution of Electrical Trust—Octopus Charged With Using Patents as Club to Make Prices Soar.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—The proposed suit against the "electrical trust" to be filed in January by the attorney general will be somewhat singular to that now being prosecuted in Canada against the United States Shoe Machinery company, according to the plans as now outlined. It will be alleged by the government in the coming suit that the electrical trust has restricted competition and advanced prices through the protection granted it under patent rights, as well as through trust agreements and contracts.

It is intimated here that if the government fails to invalidate the patents held by the electrical corporations, a law similar to that enacted in Canada will be presented in the next congress.

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Medford Theater.

Saturday, January 7, L. R. Willard offers the play with music, "The Time, the Place and the Girl." Ten musical numbers, three scenic surprises and a bunch of girls. Seats on sale Wednesday, January 4.

STERLING MINE SHOWN ON SCREEN

"The Widow of Sterling Mine" Is Title of Picture at Savoy, Showing Jackson County's Famous Placer—Picture Taken Last Summer.

A moving picture showing the famous Sterling mine of this county has been received by E. C. Hubbard, manager of the Savoy theater. He will show the film tonight.

The mine was made the setting of a comedy enacted by a company imported last summer by the moving picture company, which was interested in local scenery by Mr. Hubbard.

BURNED AREA IS BEING RE-PLANTED

B. I. Shannon, acting supervisor of the Crater Lake reserve will leave the city early next week on a tour of inspection.

He will visit the Cat Hill section, about 50 miles of which was burned over last summer, to report on the progress of the re-seeding of a portion of the burned area now being done.

Owing to the snow now on the ground there, the seeding party are "broadcasting" the seed.

Norway spruce, European larch and western yellow pine are the varieties being planted.

There may be better opportunities for the enterprising and progressive than those offered in the Rogue River valley, but if there are, they have never been pointed out.

ROOT TO BUILD BUNGALOW STORE

Promoter Will Erect Bungalow Store for Bungalow Patrons in Bungalow Neighborhood—Will Venture \$6000 on Novel Idea.

John M. Root is having the plans drawn up for a "bungalow store" which he intends to build soon on the corner of Main and Orange streets.

To be located in a neighborhood given up almost entirely to buildings of the "bungalow" type, the structure, which will house a grocery and drug store, will conform in every way with the architectural lines of its neighbors and when completed will have necessitated an outlay of approximately \$6000.

\$1,000,000 IN PUBLIC WORK.

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tracting firms, Baker & Vincent, and the Jacobson Bide Co., at a total cost of \$99,159.13. In addition to this amount, the city has laid from its stock of second-hand pipe, \$2,292.23 feet of 4 and 6 inch water mains.

We might here compare the cost of water main construction during 1909-10 with that as previously laid.

The part of the city distributing system that was put in under the \$65,000 bond issue, is not recorded in our office, in fact it has been impossible to get a complete record of the same from any source. The map upon which the system is shown has been sealed, and the same shows about 6.83 miles of 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 inch mains. The distributing system required \$12,000 above the bond

Grand total \$934,789.00

This amount does not include the cost of the gravity water system which has been installed during the present city administration, at a cost of approximately of \$275,000.00. The detailed report of this water

GRANTS PASS HAS VOTED WET

By Majority of 49 Votes Neighboring City Votes for License—New Year Will See Saloons in the City.

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 31.—By a majority of 49 votes this city today voted "wet." The campaign was a very quiet one. Only a light vote was cast.

issue, to be completed, making the 6.83 miles of mains a total cost of \$77,000 or \$11,275 per mile. The 13.24 miles contracted for during the present administration cost \$6821 per mile plus cost of engineering or .022 or \$6971 per mile.

This shows a reduced cost of \$4,302 per mile of main notwithstanding the increased cost of material and labor during these two years.

...OSTEP787... SHRDLU U V.—Macadam roads.

The West Main macadam road, joining the pavement with the county's work, contains 2410 square yards, the cost of which is \$1596.50.

Recapitulation of total improvements:
1. Street pavements \$377,615.08
2. Sidewalks 74,096.60
3. Sewers 116,412.00
4. Water mains 99,159.13
5. Macadam roads 1,596.50
6. Gravity water supply 275,000.00

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VESSELS LOST ON COAST FEW

U. S. Lifesaving Service Report Shows Excellent Work Done During Year—Only 53 Lives Lost Out of 6661 Persons in 1464 Disasters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Only 53 lives out of 6661 persons involved in 1464 disasters to vessels of all classes within the scope of the United States Lifesaving service were lost, and but 74 vessels were practically destroyed during the fiscal year ended June 30, last, according to the report of S. I. Kimball, general superintendent of the service.

The report shows operations in the 13th district, embracing the coasts of Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California, as follows: Vessels involved, 136; vessels lost, 9; persons on board, 670; lives lost, 37; persons succored at stations, 24; number of days succor afforded, 29; value of vessels, \$1,009,975; value of cargoes, \$238,690. Total value of property involved, \$1,320,565; value of property saved, \$939,455; value of property lost, \$391,110.

system is being prepared by Mr. W. J. Roberts, consulting engineer, under whose direction the work was done.

With the cost of the gravity system, the total expenditure for the two years amounts to \$934,789.00.

VI.—Cost of Engineering.

With the expenditure of \$659,789.00 for improvement within the confines of the city, we may take this opportunity of making a comparison of the costs of our engineering with that of other cities.

The entire amount of the pay rolls of this department for the two years last past is \$14,664.11 or .022 of the cost of the entire work done under the direction of the city engineer.

The writer has written to the engineering departments of several cities, asking for their cost of engineers as we have had in hand here for the last two years.

Although we have not taken the time to compare Medford's cost to all the cities above referred to, we will here give the comparison with those of the city of Seattle and their letter follows:

Seattle, Dec. 10, 1910.
Mr. Harry E. Foster, City Engineer, Medford, Ore.

Dear Sir: Replying to the request of your M. F. E. Seaman I would say that the percentage of our fixed estimates to the total cost of the work for paving, sewers, water mains and planking contracts averages 5 or 6 per cent for grading and concrete sidewalks contracts 11 or 12 per cent; the extra cost of the latter is largely due to the fact that all preliminary surveys, such as contour maps, the running of section lines, location of streets, running of levels and preparation of preliminary profiles, and other miscellaneous work of this character is all charged up in the first contracts let, which are of course the grading jobs. Our fixed estimates include engineering expenses incurred by the treasurer and comptroller in the collection of assessments and cost of advertising and printing, which under our method is considerable. The average cost of engineering proper will run about 4 per cent for paving, sewers, water

FRISCO GREETSI YOUNGSTER 1911

Big Time Had in San Francisco Last Evening—Most Elaborate Parade in History of City—Fully 150,000 Visitors on Hand.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 1.—(Sunday.)—"Freedom for all, but license for none" is the way San Francisco celebrated the new year. It was in accord with instructions issued to his men by Chief of Police Seymour Saturday. Hoodlumism was strictly tabooed, but otherwise "go as far as you like," said the chief. Nearly 800 policemen were on the streets to see that his orders were enforced.

Confetti, ticklers, bells and other implements of torture were permitted, with certain restrictions, explained to the patrolmen in a lengthy document posted in all the stations. Masking also was permitted, but any tendency to "rough-house" was severely dealt with.

The feature of the merrymaking was the midnight promenade in Market street, at which time street traffic was suspended and the entire thoroughfare turned over to the merrymakers. The parade was the largest ever held in San Francisco. All day visitors from neighboring cities poured in and railroad statistics are expected to show that at least 150,000 people came here expressly to spend New Year's eve.

While Market street and its neighboring cafes was the center of attraction, celebrations in other parts of the city were held.

Bandstands were erected on the principal corners and concerts were featured. Other bands paraded tables in the downtown cafes sold as high as \$15 an hour.

mains, planking and concrete walks, and about 8 per cent for grading, the extra cost for the grading being explained above.

Very respectfully,
R. H. THOMSON,
City Engineer.

By A. H. Dimock, (Signed)

Acting Principal Ass. Engineer.

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Paving, \$377,615.00—Seattle's cost, \$15,104.60; 2 1-2 per cent, Medford's cost, \$8,307.53. Difference Medford's favor, \$6,797.47.

Sidewalks, \$74,096.60—4 per cent Seattle's cost, \$2,563.86; 2.2 per cent Medford's cost, \$1,622.11. Difference Medford's favor, \$941.75.

Sewers, \$116,412.00—4 per cent Seattle's cost, \$4,656.48; 2.2 per cent Medford's cost, \$2,561.06. Difference Medford's favor, \$2,095.42.

Water mains, \$99,159.00—4 per cent Seattle's cost, \$3,966.36; 2.2 per cent Medford's cost, \$1,983.50. Difference Medford's favor, \$1,982.86.

Macadam roads, \$1,597.00—4 per cent Seattle's cost, \$63.88; 2.2 per cent Medford's cost, \$35.13. Difference Medford's favor, \$28.75.

Total improvements \$659,789.00; difference Medford's favor, \$11,876.20.

From the above it will be seen that our cost of engineering, covering the amount of work done in the last two years, is \$11,876.20 cheaper than that of Seattle for a like amount of work. This amount is 81 per cent of our entire payroll for the two years.

It might be further stated that the last three months has accomplished much in the way of office and field work, that has been done on the plans, etc., for the work to be done the coming year, and for which the .022 per cent should be reduced.

With this amount of work coming as it did, mostly during the present year, this office has been placed in an embarrassing position by not having plans and estimates completed before starting the work. This is true, particularly in regard to the laying of water mains and street improvements. The water main and paving contractors were asked to bid on work to cover a half million dollars, without having the plan of a single street. We might be likened unto an architect who would start the immediate construction of a half million dollar building without a single plan drawn. Yet we were to start and start we did, with the excavating contractor working on one end of West Tenth street, and our field crew on the other end, taking cross section notes to determine the quantities. So it was, for the most part, throughout the season; good office and field men were scarce, as the season has been a particularly busy one for all classes of engineers; some delays were occasioned the contractors, and much dissatisfaction resulted to us. Now about half the street improvement has been done, not in all cases perhaps, in the best possible manner, but if not, is there not a reason?

HARRY E. FOSTER,
City Engineer.



Medford, Oregon
ROGUE RIVER VALLEY