

### COLORS RUN RIOT OVER BUILDING

Mighty Conflict is Waged on Corner of Sixth and Front—Sign Painter Erects Monument to His Art, Stilled Forever in its Infancy.

Outdoing even the wonderful artistic decorations of the advertising curtain in the Medford theatre, in point of colors which strike an inharmonious discord into heaven, is the latest creation of the sign painter's art in Medford. The newly painted shops of the Oregon Granite company in the heart of the city, are in point. While there are many offending instances of these nuisances from an aesthetic point of view, in this city, to this creation must the palm for hideousness be awarded. It excites more than a transient ebullition of sentiment. While it is considered that if a man own a building he may dress it as he will, just so long as somebody's Puritanical notions are not offended, it is doubtful to the philosopher, at least, whether offense against beauty is not equally grave with one against Puritanism.

The newly created "beauty spot" stands on the corner of Sixth and Front, where every traveler must pass it. In addition it stands opposite the parked right-of-way south of the depot, where considerable money has been expended for beauty alone. There in fierce conflict, yellow wars with green, red with crimson, burnt ochre with black—each and all adding to the din—while the sign overhead proclaims "rest to the soul," while it is the eye, the aesthetic sense, which really needs the rest. Then to the west in solemn white the sign painter upon a black background, has created a huge monument, evidently in memory of his art, stilled forever in its infancy.

Coming down to its real laws, which are the basis of all human society, a man's—or a company's—liberty goes so far as it does not infringe that of his neighbor, and if a man's doings in this respect offend his neighbors they have every right to object to such a display. There is no doubt that if the city councilmen pass a municipal regulation affecting such cases, that it will be tested in the courts, but if carefully drafted there is equally no doubt but that it will be sustained by the courts.

While French law is no precedent in this country, still it affords an example of what may be done. Painting of buildings in Paris is a matter distinctly of municipal regulation, and to place a huge sign on one is a matter calling for a license. So should it be here!

### SENATORS ARE TO AID LAND GRANT

SALEM, Or., May 9.—Responses were received from United States Senators Jonathan Bourne and George E. Chamberlain and Congressman A. W. Lafferty today by Superintendent of Public Instruction L. R. Alderman, to his suggestion that an effort be made by Oregon's delegation in congress to have an act enacted by congress providing that the Oregon & California railroad grant be sold at a nominal purchase price to the state of Oregon, to be resold by the state to settlers and the receipts thereof to be turned into the irrevocable school fund. Both United States senators expressed the opinion that the time for such a step was premature since the outcome of the litigation was uncertain and it would probably be some time yet before it was finally determined, but they said they would be glad to do what they could to carry out the suggestion at the proper time.

Mr. Lafferty said he believed the grant should be sold directly to settlers at a nominal price by the government. No word was received from Congressman Hawley.

### RAIN GREATLY AIDS VALLEY

Over Half Inch Has Fallen During This Storm and Was of Great Benefit to Fruit Crop Throughout the Valley.

While slightly uncomfortable the prevailing wet weather has done a world of good to the fruit and vegetables in the valley. A rainfall of .55 inch has fallen in the last eight days and has fallen so evenly that the earth has received the full benefit of the moisture. At this time of the year when the plant life is now gaining its growth the rain is of great value to the ranchers.

WOMAN SLEEPS WITHOUT MOVING IN LOS ANGELES  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 9.—Wrapped in a sleep from which physicians have failed to arouse her, Mrs. Leah Hawkins, 60, has lain at her home since Saturday without moving and taking only such food as has been forced through her lips. Three doctors, called in by relatives, admit they are baffled. Mrs. Hawkins breathes regularly and apparently in real peace. On two previous occasions she was victim of similar attacks. Each time she awoke after physicians had failed to arouse her.

### Russian Symphony Orchestra Soon



Tomorrow night Medford is to have what is perhaps the greatest musical event in the history of our city. The Russian Symphony orchestra is an organization of such magnitude that it requires a special train to transport it. We understand that they make but one stop between Portland and Sacramento, and that is at Medford. The program is wisely chosen. It is not the ultra-classic that of ordinary appreciation could not understand, but abounds in familiar melodies. The opening overture "Tannhauser," is familiar to us all. It is even whistled upon the streets by Medford people, who make no pretense to the classic. No. 2 is the "Prize Song" from "Die Meister Senger," another familiar melody, and then there is the aria from "Samson and Delilah," that is sung by every soprano, both amateur and professional. In fact, the entire program is one calculated to delight a mixed audience.

### Our Correspondents

TALENT ITEMS.  
A. A. Moody on Friday concluded the trade with E. D. Elwood of Medford of Seattle property for the 21 acres of orchard land of E. D. Elwood, located near the Burrell orchard. Consideration \$9500.  
Mrs. William Bruhn, Miss May Bigham, Miss Harthene Smith and A. C. Randall were spending Saturday in Medford.  
The following real estate transactions were made in Talent on Friday: J. H. Shideler to D. H. Chisholm, 2 lots; consideration \$250. Andrew Meider to Fred Spencer, one 40-foot lot, consideration, \$220. Andrew Weidner to W. H. Britsan, one 60-foot lot, consideration, \$200.  
Mr. Porzani of the Ashland creamery was in Talent on Saturday looking after business matters.  
On Saturday Mr. Snooks of the firm of Snooks and Travers, contractors, was in Talent looking after business relative to building the new schoolhouse.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hall on Saturday left for a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives at Seattle, Wash.  
Mrs. Ellen Hunter of Grants Pass will lecture in the Christian church at Talent Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Wren Slephey, one of the prosperous farmers east of Talent, was trading with our merchants Saturday.  
A combination boys baseball team from Ashland and Windy Point school district crossed bats with an aggregation of Talent school boys on the school grounds in Talent on Saturday. The visiting team skinned the home team by a score of 21 to 7.  
W. C. Gaunaw of Medford and J. E. Carter of Tacoma, Wash., were in Talent Saturday looking over the country.  
The fine rain of Thursday night and the bright sunshine of Saturday makes the farmers smile.  
Mrs. J. T. Lance of Corvallis, Or., spent Monday in Talent. A son of Mr. Lance is the inventor of an automatic railroad switch, the model of which Mr.

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"Well, I am proud of it," she said, "and proudest of all my stove. It's a New Perfection Oil Cook-stove, and I think they are the best in the world. They toast, roast, broil and bake equally well—really to perfection—and the kitchen stays much cooler and cleaner than with any other range. This stove cuts my kitchen work almost in half."  
There is no wood or coal to carry for a New Perfection; no ashes to clean up. It is ready for use as soon as lit; out at a touch of the fingers—economical as well as quick and convenient.  
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### OFFERS REWARD FOR TALE BEARER

Thoughtless or Malicious Rumors Spread About Garage Leads to Offer of \$100 Reward for Person Spreading It.

"I will give \$100 reward to anyone who will prove that either myself or any employee of the Bear Creek garage has ever taken a car from the garage at night. On one occasion when a friend was taken suddenly sick and asked me to drive to Jacksonville, I took a car and drove over. This is the only time a car has ever been taken from this garage at night by me or one of the employees. If anyone can prove different the \$100 is yours. (Signed.)  
BEAR CREEK MOTOR CAR CO.,  
J. H. CORRIGAN, Manager.

### TEAM RUNS AWAY ON DAKOTA AVENUE

A team belonging to E. R. Tedrick ran away Tuesday evening on Dakota avenue and was stopped by R. R. Ebel after a run of about two blocks. The team was standing in front of a residence and for some unknown reason started to run. No one was in the wagon and no material damage was done.



### Locketts of Beauty and Sentiment

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### BOOS IS AFTER PAYROLL HERE

Secretary of Commercial Club at Work on Scheme to Gain a Payroll in the City—Business Men Are Aiding.

A determined effort to secure a payroll for Medford is now being made. Secretary Boos of the Commercial club has started a petition in circulation, the chief requisites of which are to secure manufacturing industries for Medford, and upon securing them to patronize home products. Although the movement is in its infancy, several hundred dollars is said to have already been subscribed and many of the business men are said to have signified their intention of contributing to the fund.

### HITS DOG WITH WHEEL; HURT

Carpenter is Thrown to Pavement When His Bicycle Strikes Dog and in Falling Dislocates His Elbow and Bruises Self.

Al Gordon, a carpenter residing in Medford, ran into a dog while riding a bicycle on Riverside avenue Tuesday morning and was thrown to the pavement, suffering a dislocation of one elbow and was considerably bruised about the body. He will be unable to attend to work for some time.

### SECOND BIG GOLD FIND IS REPORTED

Location is Mile From Higgins Strike Prospectors Are Hurrying In—Impossible to Confirm But It Seems Correct.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 9.—It is reported another gold strike has been made near the Higgins mine, about one mile away and richer than the Higgins find. It is impossible to confirm the report, but it seems correct. Many prospectors are headed that way.  
Hastings for Health.

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