

### NEIL PAYS THIS CITY TRIBUTE

Mayor of Ashland Points Out Merits of This City, Showing Friendship Held for Medford by Residents of Neighboring City.

No better token of the friendship existing between the cities of the Rogue River valley has been offered for some time than the following address of Mayor Neil of Ashland at the recent Commercial club banquet:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Medford Club: In behalf of the city of Ashland, I wish to thank you for the very kind invitation you have so generously extended to me as the mayor of Ashland, to be present with you on this auspicious occasion.

"In commending the executives from the other cities of this section of the state, I wish to congratulate your organization on the unanimity of purpose and the determination and energy with which you push your enterprises, no matter how large or how expensive, to a successful termination. I know of no city on the Pacific coast, whether large or small, that for material growth and well-directed energy will compare in any sense with the city of Medford.

"Coming to me from the position I do in Ashland, it may be thought by some that for me to make these statements would be to say the least, embarrassing, but I trust you will give me credit for being liberal and broadminded enough to recognize a self-evident fact, especially when to disclaim it would be an exhibition of mere folly.

"Located as you are in the very center of one of the richest, one of the most fertile valleys of its size in the world, surrounded by those who possess thousands of acres of the most productive orchards in existence, inhabited by a people of wealth and of special standing, and never having seen or heard of all competitors in a progressive way, until you yourselves are amazed at your own prosperity? By nature I am an optimist, but believe those who know me best will tell you that I am not an extremist on any subject, and my prediction for the last year or so has been and still is today, that your city will double within the next five or six years. That you are best advertised city in the United States, I think is undeniable. That you have attained this position by careful thought, well-directed energy, and the wise expenditure of large sums of money, there is no doubt. As an illustration of this fact, let me cite one of many instances that have come under my immediate observation. Last summer I was returning from Seattle to my home in Ashland. While sitting looking out the window at the country, as we glided along, a German, just from the Fatherland, as he told me, and from the way he slaughtered the English language, I am sure he told the truth, approached me. In our conversation he asked me where I lived. I told him in Ashland. He began to scratch his head and repeat—"Ashland, Ashland." Finally it seemed to dawn on him and he exclaimed, "Ya-ya. I know now, Ashland is that little town on the hilltop about twenty miles from the Medford city. I go to Medford," he said.

"The subject assigned me to talk to this evening, 'Our Relation With Your City' is certainly an interesting one. I want to say first that I believe the business and social relations of Medford and Ashland are mutually pleasant, nor do I believe they should be otherwise, their interests are so closely interwoven for either city to materially prosper at the expense of the other.

"Whatever tends to the upbuilding of

### REDDY MAY BUY HIGGINS MINE

Leaves to Look Over the Scene of Recent Strike—J. T. Logan Said to Be Associated With Him—Got Busy at Once On His Return.

J. T. Logan of Grants Pass, and Dr. J. F. Reddy of Medford, together with a resident of Portland, may purchase the Golden Dream mine from L. G. Higgins, the property on which the recent remarkable gold strike was made. Dr. Reddy and his Portland friend left Grants Pass Friday for the mine, being accompanied by W. R. Nipper and J. R. Harvey, who are jointly handling the property as agents.

The option held by McPhee of Ashland, expired May 12, Mr. McPhee allowing the deal to go by default. His option was for only 15 days.

Mr. Logan has made two visits to the Higgins property during recent days, and is reported to be in the conditions hence he did not go today with the others. Logan recently sold the Logan placer mine near Waldo to the Waldo Consolidated Gold Mining company of Oregon for a price said to be \$150,000, the same corporation buying at the same time the placer property of F. H. Osborn for \$20,000, and the placer mine of W. J. Wimer for \$150,000. All these properties, with others, were consolidated by the new company.

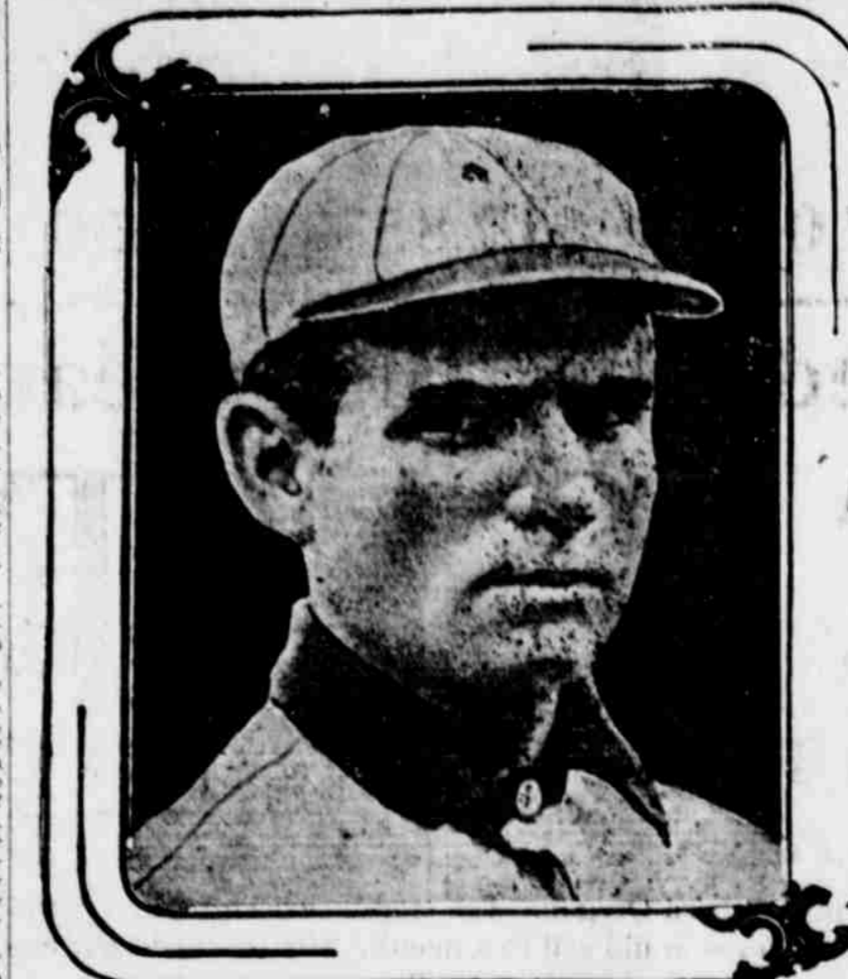
Dr. Reddy of Medford returned a few days ago from a three months' trip abroad. On his return he heard of the strike before reaching the coast and instead of stopping in Medford on his way up from San Francisco he continued to Portland. He was met by business friends, who rode part of the way with him and preliminaries of the deal to buy the Higgins property were made. Higgins is on the ground, having left Grants Pass three days ago.

The option held by McPhee stipulated a purchase price of \$100,000 and 10 per cent net royalty for 25 years. It is stated that Higgins has stiffened up considerably on his terms. He stated before the Higgins option expired that he would not be disappointed if McPhee failed to make good.

Medford in a comparative degree aids in the promotion of Ashland, and vice versa. While Medford excels as a commercial center, yet Ashland has many natural attractions that Medford can never possess. When Medford is sweltering in a temperature of about 100 degrees, then it is you who long to turn your faces toward old Ashland and his sequestered nooks, shady parks and babbling brooks, and drink to your heart's content, just water, pure water.

"That our relations as neighboring cities may ever be mutually pleasant and profitable one to the other is the sincere desire and wish of the speaker. If at any time in case of emergency, you need our assistance, you have but to call on us, and should we ever need yours, we know it is ours for the asking. I thank you."

### Things Break Bad for "Griff"



CLARKE GRIFFITH. Clarke Griffith, the old fox, is having a stormy time with his Cincinnati Reds. Poor "Griff" things have broken bad for him since the season started. But it's a long journey, and "Griff" may get there yet.

### OCTOPUS CAUGHT NEAR GOLDEN GATE

Monster of the Deep Captured by Fishermen After Hard Battle—Launch is Towed for Several Miles by Octopus.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 20.—Captured after a desperate battle which parallels Victor Hugo's story of Gilliat's fight in "The Toilers of the Sea," a huge 165 pound octopus attracted hundreds of persons today in the first market section of the city. The devil fish measured 15 feet from tip to tip of tentacles.

Tony Podesta and Charles Clotta, bar-ley escaping with their lives, captured the monster three miles off the Golden Gate. Podesta was fishing when there was a sudden tightening of his cord and he was drawn over the gun- whale of his launch, barely saving himself by making fast his line.

Towed by the unknown monster, the launch shot ahead until Clotta reversed the engine. Then began a fight for mastery. Hauling in their line, the men persevered until the devil fish was dislodged in the heaving waters. Then a grayish white tentacle shot up and grasped the gunwhale. Another caught Podesta's bare ankle. Clotta severed the foot with a hatchet blow, then plunged a gaff into the fleshy body of the devil fish and with a mighty pull heaved him aboard. Only after a hard fight was the monster finally subdued when thankful to be alive, the fishermen hastened back to their wharf.

### FINAL NOTICE

TO Property Owners on the Following Named Streets North Riverside Avenue, North Central Avenue, Court Street, West Eleventh Street, South King street

The second payment and interest on water main assessment is due and must be attended to at once,

G. H. SAMUELS, Deputy Treasurer.

### PEAR BLIGHT IN NORTHWEST REPORTED

A tour through the northwestern part of Oregon, including Hillsboro in Washington county, Portland in Multnomah county, Oregon City in Clackamas county, Aurora and Hubbard in Marion county, will be made next week by H. P. Wilson, assistant entomologist at the Oregon agricultural college, for the purpose of securing information as to the extent of depredations of the "Violent Pear" or pear blight beetle, which is reported to be killing many pear trees in that region. He will go to Aurora and Hubbard on Monday, May 22, to Oregon City Tuesday, Wednesday to Portland, and the end of the week to Hillsboro. All along the route he will meet the farmers and fruitmen who are having trouble with this pest, and instruct them as to means of combating it.

As soon as the funds provided by the recent legislature for such work are available the college will be able to send out more men to help the orchardmen and farmers of the state to save their crops from the depredations of such pests, which annually destroy thousands of dollars worth of fruit and valuable trees.

### MES. TAFT RAPIDLY RECOVERING HEALTH

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—It will be unnecessary for Mrs. Taft to go to Hot Springs, Va., or Beverly to recuperate from her recent attack of illness owing to her rapid recovery, according to information given out at the white house today.

It is probable that she will remain at the white house avoiding all social duties for a month. As a result Miss Helen Taft will preside at all social functions for the present at least.

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