

Medford Spending a Million Dollars in Erecting New Buildings

BANKS SHOW 14 PER CENT GAIN IN YEAR

Over Two Million Dollars is on Deposit in Local Financial Institutions—Gain Has Been Steady and Consistent.

GAIN IN YEAR HAS BEEN OVER A QUARTER MILLION

All of the Banking Houses Are in Excellent Condition as is Shown by Their Statements.

The bank deposits in the city of Medford at the end of the present fiscal year show a gain of fourteen per cent over the same date one year ago. The increase was \$269,598 or over a quarter of a million. At present there is on deposit in local banks \$2,124,555.93.

The deposits in the local banks have shown a steady increase for the past five years as is shown by the following figures:

June 1905	\$ 609,498.00
June 1906	726,971.00
June 1907	1,084,634.00
June 1908	1,254,489.00
June 1909	1,281,431.00
June 1910	1,863,568.00
June 1911	2,124,555.93

As the clearing house was instituted this year no figures for comparison there are available.

All of the banks show by their statements that they are in a splendid financial condition and reflect in a great degree the material advancement of Medford.

SPokane's New Way IS A GREAT SUCCESS

SPokane, Wash., July 1.—Three months' trial of the commission from of government in Spokane has convinced many, including the severest critics of the plan, that the affairs of the municipality today are conducted with greater efficiency, economy and dispatch than under any administration, since the incorporation of the city in 1881. Many wastes have been stopped, numerous abuses have been corrected and modern methods are now employed in all the departments. The business of the city is conducted in the same manner that a successful merchant or manufacturer operates his store or factory plant. Robert Fairley, commissioner of finance, said today that, while there is nothing certain yet relative to a reduction in taxes, he is prepared to show that the taxpayers have reached 100 cents' worth of work for every dollar expended by the commission. Commissioner Fairley has received requests from more than 100 cities in various parts of the country for copies of the Spokane charter, which is declared to be the most advanced practical plan in America.

BOY TO RIDE 400 MILES ON A UNICYCLE

SPokane, Wash., July 1.—To win a wager of \$200 George Woodstock, a high school boy, intends to leave Spokane for Seattle soon on a unicycle, a one wheeled contrivance, which he must ride the entire distance to win. Woodstock must negotiate the 400 mile journey in 40 days.

Naval Station Opened.
CHICAGO, Ill., July 1.—The big naval station owned by the United States government opened today at North Chicago. Seamen and officers from Puget Sound and Mare Island are stationed at the school. The dedication of the station will take place in September, when President Taft, Secretary of the Navy Meyer and other officials will attend.



Top row—At the left Queen Anne public school; at the right, the Crater Lake garage. Second row—At the left, Medford hotel; at the right, \$25,000 Mail Tribune building. Third row—At the left, Sparta building; at the right, A. A. Davis building. Fourth row—At the left, Medford Furniture & Hardware Company's building; at the right, Jackson public school.

Substantial Business Blocks Going Up as If by Magic in the Wonder City

In addition to spending close to a million dollars for paving and other public improvements Medford will spend no less than \$1,000,000 in business blocks and residences during the present building season. January 1, 1912, will find nearly 20 new business blocks erected, while the number of new homes can only be estimated. No less than 75 buildings for residence purposes are now in course of erection. In every direction streets are partially blocked by huge piles of building materials. Lumber and brick dealers have estimated that this year's record will exceed that of 1910 by 33 per cent.

Hotel Medford is Under Way.
This season will see among the new buildings erected a modern five story hotel, which is to be the peer of any hotel outside of Portland in the state. It will contain 100 rooms, fitted in the most modern style. The hotel, which will be known as the "Medford," came as the result of a three year agitation for a commodious new hotel. Local business men, headed by Dr. E. Barton Pickel, member of the state board of health,

subscribed to the building fund. The hotel will be opened about September 1.

Store's Home to Cost \$100,000.
Another of the large building blocks being erected this year is to be the home of the Medford Furniture & Hardware Company and will cost \$100,000. This building will be four stories in height, of concrete and be the largest store building of its kind in southern Oregon. It will be ready for occupancy in the fall. Finishers are now at work.

Hospital Will Have 100 Rooms.
The Sisters of Providence are erecting a modern hospital in this city to be called the "Sacred Heart Hospital" which will require 1,000,000 brick and 30 carloads of lumber. The contract price for its erection was \$120,000. It will contain 100 rooms and will be five stories in height. Business men of Medford raised \$10,000 by popular subscription, purchased a lot and tendered it to the sisters as a bonus. It is to be completed by January 1. Up to date in every respect, it will be a splendid addition to the city.

In order to accommodate the great growth in numbers of school children, the school board recently let a contract for two new schoolhouses, one on the west and the other on the east side of the city. Each of these buildings will cost \$40,000 and will be ready for occupancy by the first of the coming school year.

Bank Will Have \$50,000 Home.
The First National bank, the first institution of its kind here to pass the million dollar mark with its statement, having outgrown its old quarters, has had its old building erected some years ago torn down and has let a contract for a new building which will have a solid stone front and will cost \$50,000. As this institution stands in the heart of the city the building will be a great addition. It will be well finished inside the marble to be used costing over \$10,000.

One of the most handsome buildings erected in the city is the Sparta block, which is just ready for occupancy. It cost \$30,000 and is built of white pressed brick. It stands out at the east end of Main street, owing to a jog in the property line,

and has created much comment owing to its rich appearance.

Mail Tribune Block.
The Mail Tribune block has been completed and is a handsome two story building of reinforced concrete with a white plaster finish. It is the finest newspaper office in any of the smaller cities of the northwest. The building cost \$25,000. Next to it a three story apartment house is being erected, at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

A local Masonic building association has been formed and local Masons will soon break ground for the erection of a three story Masonic temple, which is to cost \$50,000.

The Davis building at the corner of Central avenue and Sixth streets is a handsome building of white brick. It is two stories in height and cost \$40,000.

Many Other Business Blocks.
Many other business blocks are being erected, including the following: Business college, \$25,000; garage, \$12,000; Sleving, \$15,000; Schermerhorn, \$15,000; Smith apartment house \$10,000. In addition to these

the government has appropriated \$110,000 with which to erect a federal building in the city.

Aside from these buildings the residences in course of erection range from the \$2500 bungalow to the mansion.

CHICAGO SAID TO HAVE A TYPHOID INCUBATOR
CHICAGO, Ill., July 1.—In Rose Boersma, 20, who came here from Russia, three years, Chicago today has a "Typhoid Rosie" who is declared to be every bit as deadly as the "Typhoid Mary" whom the New York authorities have been forced to quarantine on an island to prevent her spreading the disease. Health Officer Koehler today declared "Typhoid Rosie" is responsible for an outbreak of the disease in Englewood and that for the three years she has been in this country she has been a walking incubator for typhoid germs. Although the girl's own health is good, death and sickness, it is declared, have visited every home in which she has been employed.

LOCAL POSTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR INCREASE

Forty-one Per Cent Gain is Shown by Statement Covering the Fiscal Year Just Ending and the One Ending June 30 a Year Ago.

JUNE, 1911, GAINED 20 PER CENT OVER JUNE, '10

Another Clerk is Added to Take Care of Night Business—Postal Bank Finds Favor.

The fiscal year just ending has been a splendid one in all lines of material advancement in the city but in no way are the strides made by the city better reflected than by the postal receipts for the past year which show an increase of 41 per cent over the fiscal year ending twelve months ago. For the year closing Friday night the receipts totaled \$32,646.98 while one year ago for the year they totaled \$23,283.50 the increases being \$9,363.38 or 41 per cent.

The receipts during June this year were \$2,505.54 while one year ago during the same month they were \$2,017.11. The increase was \$488.43 or nearly 20 per cent.

For the past five years the receipts of the local postoffice have never failed to show an increase each month. The postal saving bank was instituted June 12 of this year already has deposits totaling \$2870, the largest amount taken in by any postal savings bank in the state in a like time. Over forty depositors are now enrolled.

Another clerk has been added to the force of the local office and hereafter mail will be received at the postoffice until 10 o'clock at night for dispatch to the north on the Shasta limited which passes through at 2:30 a. m. This will be of a material advantage to the city.

TAKES A SLAP AT BERKELEY'S BEAUTY

BERKELEY, Cal., July 1.—J. Stitt Wilson, socialist, elected mayor of Berkeley, after Theodore Roosevelt, during his recent trip to the coast, urged the necessity of re-lecting Beverly Hodgehead, today took office and in his inaugural took a slap at Berkeley pride. The city, he remarked, is called beautiful Berkeley.

"As a matter of fact," said the new mayor, "Berkeley has nothing to boast of in the way of civic beauty. It has no boulevards, no parks, no artistically laid out centers or greens." Wilson announced that the new administration would at once undertake a municipal ownership campaign beginning with the acquisition of a water plant.

KING GEORGE ISSUES A MESSAGE OF THANKS

LONDON, July 1.—King George has issued a message of thanks to his subjects throughout the empire for the loyalty expressed during the coronation festivities. He declares their acts encourage him to go forward with renewed hope and whatever perplexities may rise, he and his people will face them for the common good.

BLACK HAND LETTER IS SENT TO BURNHAM

CHICAGO, Ill., July 1.—Assistant State's attorney Burnham, who is prosecuting Evelyn Arthur See, the "revealer of absolute life," today received a "black hand" letter informing him that he would be killed with a bomb which would explode in the court room. The police have been notified and Burnham is guarded.