

WARNER'S HOME NEARLY BURNED

Defective Fire Place Is Blamed for Blaze Which Starts Beneath House Strong Scent of Burning Wood Led to Discovery.

E. N. Warner, living at 806 West Main street, recently came near losing his home by fire and in a peculiar manner. Mr. and Mrs. Warner had been away during the evening and upon returning home between 9 and 10 o'clock detected the odor of burning wood in the house. An investigation was made but nothing could be found burning, still the smoke smell was very much in evidence and to be more thorough Mr. Warner crawled underneath the house and close to the base of a fireplace he found several floor joists on fire and the fire slowly working its way into the partitions overhead. A garden hose was brought into use and the fire was soon put out. Had Mr. and Mrs. Warner retired at their accustomed hour and in their accustomed place, on the porch, quite a distance from the living room, the home would surely have burned, as in all probability they would not have been awakened in time to put out the fire. The fire had caught from a defect in the fireplace. This is the second fire reported this fall from defective fireplaces.

MASS MEETING MEN SUNDAY

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Presbyterian church will be held a mass meeting for men. This meeting will be in the interest of the Men and Religion Forward Movement and every man in the city who is in any way interested in the movement is requested to be present at this meeting, which is for the purpose of forming a permanent organization. A preliminary meeting was held a short time ago and F. W. Meers was elected chairman and C. W. Clark secretary. The meeting Sunday afternoon will be called to order by Mr. Meers and among the work will be a program of music and addresses by local speakers, chief among which will be W. H. Gore, who has recently returned from a visit in Portland and will make a talk on the line of his impressions of Gypsy Smith, whose meetings he attended while in Portland. It is hoped that a large crowd of the men of Medford will take advantage of this opportunity to identify themselves with a great work as well as to hear of the great Gypsy Smith and his work.

NEW BRIDGE IS COMPLETED

The county court is at Gold Hill today for the purpose of inspecting and accepting the new steel bridge across the Rogue at that point which has been completed and ready for traffic.

The county court also plans to visit the Bybee bridge and inspect it at high water. It is reported that this bridge will need to be replaced next year and it is planned to construct a lower one.

The county court met Wednesday and transacted routine business, then adjourning until Saturday.

DELHI, India Dec. 7.—Amid the roar of an artillery salute and the strains of the British national anthem King George and Queen Mary with their miniature court arrived today at Delhi, the culminating point of their tour for the coronation durbar next Tuesday.

The British monarchs were received in state at the Selimgarh bastion railway station by Viceroy Lord Hardinge and Lady Hardinge, the high officials of the British governed provinces and about 150 rajahs, maharajahs, sultans, nizams and other native rulers.

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MEDFORD BEST SAYS SULLIVAN

Nowhere Are Conditions More Promising Than in Medford States Automobile Man on Return Through-out Northwest.

"I have been all over the northwest and Medford is the best town of them all. Conditions are better here than anywhere," states John T. Sullivan, local agent of the E. M. F. auto, who has returned from an extended trip through Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

"I was in Spokane during the apple show and in Portland and the other cities, but nowhere were conditions more promising than right here. Although I have lived here for two years, I never fully realized what we have in comparison with the other sections. The Rogue river valley has them beat in all ways.

"If we can only convince the people of the Spokane section that we are actually placing water upon our land and intend to irrigate on a large scale, we can get many settlers, for all realize our superiority in soil and climate.

"I have come back firmly convinced of Medford's destiny—a big booster than I ever was and certain that the Rogue river valley has a great future."

TOO MUCH CORN JUICE AT DANCE

Three indictments have been returned by the grand jury now in session as the outcome of a roughhouse at a Woodville dance on Thanksgiving night. Herbert Koch filled himself to overflowing with distilled corn and proceeded to enliven the occasion in various ways and when George Jones, the village marshal, attempted to restore peace, the roughhouse proceedings began and has thus far resulted in the indictment of Koch for assaulting an officer, the indictment of Claud Burkhardt for aiding Koch to escape when under arrest, and the indictment of Sidney Smith for refusing to aid an officer in arresting a person when called upon to do so.

THE DEPRECIATION OF A HOUSE.
A house begins to depreciate the moment it is completed and continues till complete destruction. Land always increases in value and continues to do so indefinitely. Houses are necessary for shelter even if they are not an economical investment. Before your house depreciates too much you had better trade it off to Oliver B. Brown, 1427 E. Main st., for some of his fine fruit land. He needs one to live in. He wants a modern bungalow on paved street.

Askings for Health

ERNEST J. SIAS.
The following from the Chautauqua Journal, of Kansas:
"Thursday evening the second number of the Chautauqua lecture course was rendered by Ernest J. Sias, in his lecture 'The Lost Chord.' We do not believe there was a per-



son present but felt that he was better able to face life's battles on Friday morning than he ever was before. We heard one of our business men remark this morning, 'Because of that lecture this will be a better town in the future.' It was worth the price of the whole course," said another. It was full from beginning to end of just such advice to humanity, if followed, as would make this world more worth living in. If the committee will furnish us a Sias for our next lecture, the house will be packed rain or shine, 'boots or no boots.'"

Mr. Sias will deliver his lecture at the Natatorium, Medford, on Thursday evening, December 7th.

TEN MILL SCHOOL TAX IS PROSPECT

A special school meeting of taxpayers in Medford school district No. 49 is being held this afternoon in the high school building.

The only matter to come before the meeting will be the levying of taxes for the maintenance of the schools of the district, paying interest and redeeming warrants. It is expected the levy made will be 7 mills, as against a levy of 7 mills made last year. This increase is made necessary because of the increase in the school population and a corresponding increase in the number of teachers employed. There are now five school buildings while last year there were but three; last year there were 25 teachers employed; this year there are 42. Besides the increase in total teachers' salary there is to be included in the district expenditures the maintenance of the two new buildings and the interest on the bonds issued for the construction of these buildings.

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SCOTT IS FIRM FRIEND TO CITY

That the Southern Pacific is to pay greater attention than ever before to the advertising and development of the territory along its lines in Oregon, is the impression left by John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the road, who spent a day in Medford recently. Mr. Scott states that while the road has done much in the past in the way of advertising the valley, in the future this work will be greatly extended in order to build up its population and consequently develop it.

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EAGLE POINT HAS COMMERCIAL CLUB

Thirty of the leading business men of Eagle Point met Wednesday evening and organized the Eagle Point Commercial club. Frank Brown was elected president and J. W. McIntyre secretary and treasurer. Initiation fees were paid on the spot and an active campaign launched for securing 100 members.

The club intends to begin advertising the little city at once, and at the meeting Tuesday evening, contracted for a page advertisement of the city in the New Year's edition of The Mail Tribune.

Later the club plans to issue an invitation to the Medford Commercial club to come and make merry with them. A special train will be arranged and local boosters will descend on Eagle Point in force.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—James B. McNamara, confessed murderer will not be required to tell his story of his dynamiting operations before the federal grand jury which assembles here tomorrow to probe violations of the law in transporting dynamite about the country.

Let one of today's want ads send you on a "little journey"—if you're looking for a furnished room.

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