

### GRAUSTARK TO PLAY FRIDAY

Dramatization of Famous Story to Appear at Medford Tomorrow Evening—Romantic Plot of a Love Behind a Throne.

The much discussed play, "Graustark," will be presented at Medford theater February 9 and local book-lovers and theatergoers will have an opportunity of seeing and judging for themselves the dramatized version by Grace Hayward and adapted by Geo. D. Baker of George Barr McCutcheon's famous story. The author's readers are legion and they rally to the support of the play as a unit. The opportunity for dramatic effect in "Graustark" is unparalleled in the history of stage productions where successful novels were the source of supplying the plot. James W. Castle, who staged the original production, was quick to see the possibilities of this startling story and arranged for the theatrical rights with the result that today this romantic drama is the most talked of play in the realm of theaterdom.

The plot and characters are taken bodily from the novel and one who has read the book can see his favorites exactly as described by the author in his charming story. As the greater part of this interesting adventure takes place in a country where picturesque dress is in vogue and quaint architecture rules, it gives an opportunity for a display of scenic splendor and gorgeous costumes. This had been taken advantage of by the management to the extent that a 60-foot carload of effects are utilized in the presentation of this play.

### FRUIT TREES STILL SUBJECT TO TAXATION

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 8.—Despite the fact that the state legislature has passed a law exempting fruit trees from taxation, the state tax commission, in an opinion to the assessor of Chelan county, declares that fruit trees are not exempt. The commission holds that the custom of not taxing trees is without authority

### MUCH PLEASED WITH VALLEY

Former Postmaster of Normal, Ky., Charmed With Southern Oregon—Delighted With Showing Made by Rogue River Orchard Company.

John M. Williams, formerly merchant and postmaster of Normal, Ky., is the latest addition to the "booster club" of Medford and the Rogue River valley. Interviewed as to his impressions, he said:

"The east has no conception of what the Rogue River valley stands for. I wrote a letter to a personal friend the other day and told him the soil cannot be described. It must be seen. I have read many of the wonderful booklets issued by your Commercial club and must say they have not exaggerated in any way the outstanding features of Medford and vicinity. Your climate is wonderful.

"The Rogue River Commercial Orchard company first drew my attention to this section and on behalf of that corporation I must say that conditions are far ahead of what I anticipated. Their orchard is a revelation to a mind accustomed to eastern methods of farming and raising trees. The property is well fenced, a ditch runs through the entire tract carrying all the water that may be necessary for irrigation, the land has a gentle slope, a feature by the way that appeals to me strongly, but the most striking feature of all, considering the way you prune, is the remarkable growth of the trees.

"About my staying here? Well, I have not as yet made up my mind. I came here to see the Rogue River Commercial orchards, as I have a slight interest in same and it may be that I will make Medford my permanent home. The orchard company, I am satisfied, is more than able to make good on its part of the contract, as I understand the men behind the company are well known all over the northwest, financially and otherwise. I will be here for two or three months at least and in that time expect to become conversant with this section."

under the state constitution. In this connection action of the supreme court is cited to show that the legislature has no power to exempt any property from taxes.

### MEDFORD FIRE LOSS SMALL

The total fire loss in Medford for 1911 was \$18,363.50, and the insurance on same was \$15,683.55. These figures, with many more which follow, were read by Fire Chief Eugene Amann at the annual banquet last evening. The chief also recommended that theaters and moving picture shows be regulated and closely inspected, that all hotels and business blocks over two stories high have fire escapes, and that all schools over on story high be supplied with the escapes. The purchase by the city of a hook and ladder truck was urged.

The chief's report follows: To the Honorable Mayor and City Council: Gentlemen: The following is the report of the Medford fire department for the year 1911:

Number of alarms turned in, 51; total loss by fire, \$18,363.50; insurance on same, \$15,683.55; number of men answering alarms, 853; fires in residences, 9; fires in stores, 9; fire fires, 7; grass fires, 12; laundry, 1; hotels, 2; restaurants, 2; barns, 2; still alarms, 7.

Salaries of two men, \$1800.00  
Services at fires, 1139.00  
Other expenses, 1727.26  
Hose, 960.00

Total, \$5626.26  
Fire equipment of the department: Total amount of 2 1/2-inch hose, 2800 feet; total amount of chemical hose, 500 feet; three hand chemicals, two hose carts, one chemical and combination wagon, two horses; number of feet of hose laid at fires, 17,950; number of gallons of chemicals used, 400.

I herewith recommend that an ordinance be passed regulating theaters and moving picture shows.

I further recommend that fire escapes be put on all business buildings over two stories high, also on all school buildings over one story high.

I further recommend that the city purchase a hook and ladder truck. Respectfully submitted, EUGENE AMANN, Fire Chief.

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