

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SUNDAY BY THE MEDFORD PRINTING CO.

The Democratic Times, The Medford Mail, The Medford Tribune, The Southern Oregonian, The Ashland Tribune.

Office Mail Tribune Building, 35-37-39 North Fir street; phone, Main 3221; Home 75.

GEORGE PUTNAM, Editor and Manager

Entered as second-class matter at Medford, Oregon, under the act of March 3, 1879.

Official Paper of the City of Medford, Official Paper of Jackson County.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES. One year, by mail, \$15.00

SWORN CIRCULATION. Daily average for eleven months ending November 30, 1911, 2721.

Full Leased Wire United Press Dispatches.

The Mail Tribune is on sale at the Ferry News Stand, San Francisco.

MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Population—U. S. census 1910—8340; estimated, 1911—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 19 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World."

Apple King of the World at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a star of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910.

at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown.

The Elephant's Plaint. I marched in the Durbar at Delhi.

With trappings of jewels and gold. While proud on my back rode a Rajah.

Resplendent, and sullen, and cold. Today I am marching in Medford.

My trappings are sorrow and shame. For across the bare cheesecloth is painted.

An ad in a tradesman's bold name. Almost sad enough for crocodile tears, isn't it?

When T. R. gets through with the dark horses there will be a hurly call for the veterinary surgeons.

Short Rhyme. Oh my, O—Hio.

The circus costumes should furnish inspiration to certain perplexed Medford youths who will attend a fancy dress ball.

Of course the little boy was out this morning to ask if the largest elephant was the "G. O. P."

The small son of a Medford minister looked perplexed the other day. "What is it, son?" asked father.

"I was just wishing that when I grow up I could be a fighter like Bud Anderson," was the reply.

EXAMINATION SHOWS 126 PASSED, 8 OVER 90 MARK

Reports on the uniform eighth grade examinations for Jackson county schools, outside of the city of Medford, show that out of 221 applicants, 126 pupils passed in all subjects, 62 were conditioned in one or two subjects, and that 33 failed.

Eight made a percentage of 90 or more. The eighth grades of the Medford schools will take the examinations June 6 and 7. The three highest are from Central Point.

The highest average grades were made by the following pupils: Laura McDowell of Central Point being first with 95 2-9 per cent, and Merritt Barnett, Central Point, 92 2-3; Helen Price, Central Point, 92 2-9; Ross Gulley, Ashland, 91 2-9; Helen Minthorn, Pine Grove, 90 5-9; Fay A. De Ford, Table Rock, 90 4-9; Evelyn Young, Rogue River, 90 2-9; and Alice Violet Smith, Butte Falls, 90.

The largest number of failures were in arithmetic, with spelling second and geography third. Those conditioned in one or two subjects may take examination at the next tests in such subjects, and if successful received their diplomas. Those passing in all subjects are entitled to diplomas that will admit them to any high school in the state without further examination.

Track Walkers Strike PORTLAND, May 23.—Preparing for trouble in connection with the strike of the track laborers on the lines of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, Chief of Police Slover today assigned sixty officers to strike duty. There has been no disorder of consequence as yet. The I. W. W. are taking an active part in the conduct of the strike.

THE GROCERS' SIDE.

GROCERS of Medford assert now that they are not opposed to the public market, and some of them state that they did not cease advertising in the Mail Tribune because of its advocacy of the market, though this was given as the reason at the time.

However this may be, but few of the grocers are advertising and they refused cooperation in the attempt to make a general bargain day on the day the market opens, presumably because it would advertise the market, which does not look as if they favored the enterprise. Almost universally they predict its failure and the wish is evidently father to thought.

Of course there is a grocers' side and the following are their arguments:

There is small profit in handling vegetables, and it is done to accommodate customers.

The supply from local sources has not been steady enough for the grocer to depend upon, today he is flooded and tomorrow nothing is offered, while his customers' demands are steady and he must be prepared to serve them all the time.

The local grower is a spasmodic and erratic producer, raises what he wants, without consulting the public's want, produces a surplus of some things and a shortage of others that forces importation.

The local producer wants too high a price. Instead of basing his price upon what vegetables cost in California plus the freight, he usually demands a higher figure.

There is more or less truth in these assertions, but time will remedy all. No one has made a business of truck farming because he could not market his produce. With a steady demand will come the supply. There must be encouragement for the producer, and there has been none, hence he only raised enough to supply his own wants and tried to market the surplus. In other words, truck gardening has been a side enterprise instead of an established business, and without a public market, with grocers buying in California, it would continue to be a side issue.

The public market should offer the encouragement needed by providing the market machinery to establish market gardening as an industry. In course of time there should be an immense surplus of vegetables which should be shipped to Portland. The supply will regulate the price, but eventually the grower will realize that the price he must depend upon is the price paid at Portland less the freight, instead of the price paid in California plus the freight.

Grocers dolefully predict that the market will fail because the farmer will not cooperate, that while clamoring because he has no market for his surplus, he will fail to avail himself of the opportunity. Time will tell, but there are probably enough truck gardeners to supply the local demands.

At any rate, the people of Medford will show their desire to assist the farmer and their friendliness toward him by doing their share to assist them.

"The Man From Home" Friday Night



William Hodge, in the quaint character of Daniel Voorhees Pike in "The Man From Home" has established himself as one of the most popular stars that has visited Pittsburg in years and he will be remembered for years to come.

MEDFORD WELL REPRESENTED AT STATE COMMONWEALTH CONVENTION AT UNIVERSITY

Medford is well represented at the fourth annual commonwealth convention to be held at the University of Oregon at Eugene, May 24 and 25.

Porter J. Neff is to read a paper upon "Taxation and Social Justice." Another paper upon the same subject will be read by Chas. V. Galloway, chairman state tax commission.

George Putnam is to read a paper upon "Economic and Social Factors in Oregon's Good Roads Problem." The discussion will be led by C. E. Spence, master of the state grange and J. H. Albert of Salem.

Prof. P. J. O'Gara will lead the discussion on "Worthy Standards of Living on Normal Sized Farm Units in Oregon," a paper read by W. T. Buchanan of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co.

Kirby S. Miller is to lead the discussion on a paper read by W. K. Newell, president of the state horticultural commission upon "Improvement of the Economic Organization of Oregon for Securing to the Producer His Full Share of Values Created."

Increased Pensions for G. A. R. Veterans in Rogue River Valley

Congressman W. C. Hawley has mailed to local members of the G. A. R. the following letter regarding the new pension bill which has recently become law:

"The new general service pension bill became a law Saturday, May 11, last, when the president signed the bill. While it is not as liberal as I had wished, yet I hope it will give fairly good satisfaction.

After granting \$20 per month to all soldiers wounded in battle or disabled by disease contracted in line of duty and incapacitated for manual labor as a result thereof, the bill combines age with service in the allowance of pensions from the date of application therefor as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Age, 3 Mo., 6 Mo., 1 Yr., 2 Yrs., 2 1/2 Yrs., 3 Yrs. Rows show pension amounts for ages 62, 66, 70, and 75 years.

This provision will afford a substantial measure of justice to many thousands of worthy veterans throughout the country, and while it will not furnish all the relief for which we have so earnestly struggled, we must accept it as a decided improvement over existing law.

I am sending you this statement, and the inclosed application which the bureau of pensions has just issued, so that you may be fully advised of the situation, and if I can serve you in any way you have only to command me.

Blanks for Grand Army men are on file at this office and may be obtained upon application.

Safety to Investors and Efficiency for Development," by C. D. Babcock, corporation department.

Saturday evening, "Oregon's Role in the Solution of America's New Problems." Address by Hon. C. E. S. Wood.

FORDE CAN DO IT Do you want your lawn put in first class shape? All work guaranteed. Leave address with H. B. Patterson, Quaker Nursery, Nash hotel.

MORTGAGE LOANS

Money on hand at all times to loan on improved ranches and city property at lowest rates with "on or before privilege."

JAMES CAMPBELL Phone 3231 320 G.-C. Bldg.



FROM YOUTH TO OLD AGE your teeth need careful attention. Many of the ills of life arise from neglected, decaying teeth.

EXPERTS in all branches of dental work. Lady Attendant

DR. BARBER THE DENTIST Over Daniels for Duds, Pacific Phone 2582, Home Phone 352-K

MISS FLORA GRAY

Piano Instruction 144 South Central Ave. Studio Phone Main 1241

Watch Our Addition Grow Jackson and Summit

Medford Realty and Improvement Company M. F. & H. Co. Bldg.

Medford Parcel Delivery Express and Transfer TRUNKS HAULED 25c PACKAGES 10c, 15c, 25c

Phones: Pacific 3072 Home 354 Messenger Service

Medford Real Estate & Employment Agency

FOR SALE 7 acres 2 miles out, \$250 per acre. 34 acres 4 miles out, \$250 per acre.

556 acres, a bargain for quick sale. 3 room house, make an offer. Camp wagon complete.

Half interest in a good business in the city. Restaurants from \$1000 upwards.

If you don't see what you want, ask for it. I can furnish almost anything.

EMPLOYMENT Woman cook. Women and girls for general housework.

Girls, girls, girls. Ranch hands. Phone in your orders for men; no charges to the employer.

Mrs. Bittner is always on hand to take your name and address.

E. F. A. BITTNER ROOMS 6 AND 7, PALM BLOCK Opposite Nash Hotel Phone 4141; Home, 14.

WHERE TO GO TONIGHT

STAR THEATRE

Best Ventilated and Most Up-to-Date Theater in the City Advanced Vaudeville and Motion Pictures

Vaudeville Act. THE CAVE MAN! Or, Before Books Were Written A Vitagraph masterpiece

THE SCHOOLMAM OF STONE GUICH A western comedy scream

EXHIBITIONDRILL OF THE H. M. S. EXCELLENT Interesting naval feature JOHN MILTON

An episode in the life of the great poet FOOLING FATHER Another of our feature laugh producers

AL SATHER, the Singer WOOLWORTHS, the Musicians The place where the pictures don't hurt your eyes

Admission 10c, Children 5c MATINEES DAILY

ISIS

10c THEATRE 10c Thursday, Friday and Saturday

WARD & MANNING Those singing, talking and dancing comedians, the greatest entertainers of the season

Splendid Program of Pictures OUT OF THE DEPTHS A dramatic production

AT SCROGGINS' CORNERS This is where John Bunny makes you laugh

RAIDGUNE A very dramatic love story A VOICE FROM THE DEEP A good libograph comedy

If you miss this program Tuesday and Wednesday nights you have missed a dandy

NOTICE Hours from 7:30 to 10:30, except Saturday and Sundays, Matinees 2 to 5. Evening performance, 7 to 11.

ADMISSION 10c

Vacuum Carpet Cleaning

We have gasoline power, a large machine, and guarantee all work. Home Phone 83-K

Clark & Wright LAWYERS

WASHINGTON, D. C. Public Land Matters: Final Proof. Desert Lands, Contests and Mining Cases. Scrip.

A SNAP

60 acres, six miles from Medford, good graded road crosses the tract, all free soil, at \$50 per acre. \$1000 will handle, easy terms on balance. Part is creek bottom land, suitable for alfalfa. Several springs on the place. Timber enough to pay for the tract. No buildings. In the Griffin creek district.

W. T. York & Co.

NEW THOUGHT MEETINGS Are Held in Moose Hall every Thursday at 3 p. m. Everybody invited.

PLUMBING

Steam and Hot Water Heating All Work Guaranteed. Prices Reasonable.

COFFEEN & PRICE 88 Howard Block, Entrance on 6th St. Pacific 8021. Home 540.