

Oh, Well, Anyway, Jeff Was Headliner

By "Bud" Fisher



BRIDGES VERDICT EXPECTED TODAY

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 11.—Judge Bean convened the Federal Court half an hour early today to try to finish the trial of ex-Federal Court Clerk Samuel Bridges before night. All testimony was in before noon and the arguments for the case will be ended in three hours.

It is ordered that the jury will get there about 4 o'clock. Bridges himself on the stand yesterday afternoon, made some startling revelations. He said that the irresponsible actions of A. Reeves Ayers, who preceded him as clerk, kept the records and cash continually muddled. He said things got so bad at one time through Ayers taking money from the court treasury that Bridges, who was then deputy clerk, had to go out and borrow \$5000 to make good the shortage.

Public Schools to Reopen. The Medford high school will open on Monday morning, Jan. 13. The ward schools will not open until one week later, Jan. 20. All eight grade pupils who are eligible to take the eight grade final examinations are asked to spend the week beginning Jan. 13, in reviewing their work, as these examinations are given all over the state at the same date and cannot be postponed. They will be given at the high school building on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 16 and 17.

Notice to Fruit Growers. A meeting of the fruit growers of the valley will be held in the basement of the library building, Medford, Saturday, January 11, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the new fruit association. Directors are to be elected and other business will come before the meeting. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

J. A. PERRY, Chairman. S. A. NYE, Secretary.

J. W. BERRIAN. Submits his name to the voters of the First Ward as a candidate for councilman. IF ELECTED I WILL STRIVE TO DO RIGHT.

J. E. (Jack) Stewart. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for councilman from the second ward. J. E. Stewart, 708 West 10th.

George W. Porter. I herewith announce myself as candidate for councilman in the first ward.

D. J. Stull. I hereby announce myself as can-

J. L. Demmer. I herewith announce myself as candidate for councilman in the third ward. J. L. Demmer, 609 W. Jackson.

A. S. Bliton. Announces his candidacy for councilman from the Third Ward. Election January 14, 1913.

Col. H. H. Sargent. Announces his candidacy for councilman, Second Ward, Medford.

FOR MAYOR. To The Voters. As there seems to be a question in the minds of some people as to where I stand with reference to certain matters pertaining to the welfare of the city, I wish to make the following statement:

I was the first member of the council to advocate a public market, and, after writing many letters to cities in the east and middle west, to get data, a public market was finally established. I am a strong supporter of the market, and will continue to be so whether I am elected mayor or not.

As to the saloons, I believe that so long as the citizens of Medford vote for license and the saloon men obey the regulations (which I think should be strict) they are entitled to fair treatment. I believe that the regular police force can, and should, safeguard and protect those who would go astray, so far as it is possible to do so, and that until the city becomes larger, a police matron is unnecessary.

I believe the city should have a thorough business administration, with "Economy" the "Watchword"; the same methods should be applied and the same attention given to the business affairs of the city that any good business man gives to his private business.

I believe in the strict enforcement of law, and any police officer, who fails or neglects to do his duty should be removed. Very respectfully submitted, J. E. WATT.

W. W. Eisfert. For the information of the voters of Medford, I take this method of announcing my position on the principal questions of interest to the people of our city.

I believe, my time and services will always be available to the public and suggestions and criticisms will at all times receive most careful consideration. When ever it is apparent that the majority of our citizens are united in opinion opposite to my individual views, I will yield to the majority, regardless of my personal opinions.

Our public market should be encouraged and developed along such lines as will result in the greatest advantage to the community. Our laws regarding sanitary conditions should be actively enforced, and supplemented by others if the existing ordinances are inadequate.

FRIEND VOTER:— I believe in the working man of all classes, be he laborer, mechanic or professional, receiving wages abreast with the cost of living. I never have stated nor do I believe that \$2.00 a day is enough for any man. The state provides for an eight hour day schedule, and this should be enforced. Reduce the cost of living, not wages.

J. W. MITCHELL.

My experiences has convinced me that the suggestions offered from time to time by the women of the community, even before the right of suffrage was extended to them, have always been of value, and should receive the utmost consideration. Our present laws regulating the saloons and the sale of liquor, and such other restrictions as the council or people may hereafter enact, should be rigidly enforced, and if found inadequate, or insufficient, should be amended.

Our water rates should be revised so that the cost of maintenance, and the necessary contributions to the sinking fund may be equitably distributed among the consumers, but no surplus should be accumulated at the expense of the rate payer. The work of the finance committee and of the other principal committees of the council should be open to suggestion and subject to criticism, and the criticism, suggestions, and co-operation of representatives of our various civic bodies should be invited and encouraged in such work.

If elected I pledge myself to use my utmost endeavor to carry out the ideas outlined above, and to give Medford an impartial, progressive, business administration. (Paid Advt.)

J. W. Mitchell. In announcing my candidacy for the majority, I wish to say that, as we have every assurance of a most prosperous year, let us guard against errors in public affairs.

Now, as to the public market, I want to say that I am, and always have been, a strong advocate of the public market. I was among the first of the council to favor and promote it. I feel that the success of our market is due as much to my efforts as any other member of the council. I shall, if elected, use every honorable effort to make it a continued success, as I realize the great benefit it is to both producer and consumer.

Now, as to the saloons. So long as the state and the city license them to do business, they are entitled to do so; but I am a strong advocate of law enforcement, as the laws exist, and when the laws are wrong, we have a remedy, it's up to the public. I firmly believe in development and progress, but not to the extent of reckless extravagance. We must guard against this recklessness, but not to the extent of retraction. I am strictly opposed to any special privileges as to locations, persons or corporations, but adhere rigidly to the best interests of the public.

I believe that the same consideration is due to the ladies as to the men, in all our public affairs. (Paid Advt.)

J. E. Watt. "At the solicitation of many citizens I have decided to become a candidate for the office of mayor at the coming election in January. In this connection I wish to state that if elected, I will use my best efforts to give the city a clean business administration. (Paid Advt.)

C. E. Gates. During the last ten days a number of citizens have called upon me, requesting me to become a candidate for mayor of the city of Medford. After due consideration and consultation with citizens in all lines of business, I have decided to announce myself as a candidate for said office. I therefore present to the voters of Medford, for their consideration, my platform, which is as follows:

An honest, open and above-board, clean cut business administration. A fair and square deal at all times. Equal rights to all. Special privileges to none. A genuine peoples public market. Regarding the liquor question, Personally I do not drink, never have, but as long as the government, state and city license saloons, and under strict regulation they obey the law, they are entitled to protection. Should they persist in disobeying the law, their license should be revoked.

C. D. HOON. Room 12, Jackson County Bank Bldg.

A careful accounting of all finances. All disbursements subject to public inspection and open for publication by the city press. Due consideration of all petitions for and against public improvements. A rigid practice of economy, except when such economy has a tendency to retard progress. I will further all progressive matters of general improvement for the city, but such must come within the scope of good business. I shall endeavor to use my best efforts for the keeping of the city in a sanitary condition at all times. Whereas, after years of struggle, the women have been given the privilege of exercising their rights of citizenship, due consideration will be given them on all matters of public importance. Should I be elected, I assure the people that I will be mayor in fact as well as name. I will not be the tool of any clique, and will be influenced only by what I believe to be right and equitable. If the above platform meets with your approval and you believe I am capable of filling the office, I will appreciate your support. C. E. GATES. (Paid Advt.)

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