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MEDFORD, OREGON.

Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon.

Population—U. S. census 1910—8840; estimated, 1912—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water, and 17.3 miles of streets paved.

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"

at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won

First Prize in 1910

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

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At Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

At the Churches

Methodist Episcopal

Medford Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Bartlett and Fourth streets. E. Olin Eldridge, pastor. Services Sunday as follows: Preaching 11 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Subjects, morning, "The Charm of Goodness." Evening, "Poisoned Waters." Sunday school and Men's and Bible class 9:45. Epworth League 6:15 p. m. Boys' military meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30, theme, "Christ and Socialism." This is a special service and lecture. Special music. Public invited. Splendid music by choir under the direction of F. C. Edmeades. A hearty welcome for all.

Zion Lutheran.

At the Zion Lutheran church, 514 W. 4th street, there will be German service at 11 a. m. English service at 7:30 p. m. Bible school (English) at 10 a. m. Come and worship.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock; subject of lesson-sermon: "Life." Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. All are welcome to these services. Reading room hours: 2 to 5 p. m. daily, except Sunday. Church edifice, North Oakdale.

Catholic

Masses 8 and 10:30; evening service 7:30. Evening subject, "Baptism."

Baptist

Sunday school at usual hour. Rev. R. W. Farquhar will preach both morning and evening. Morning subject "The Elect of God." Evening, "The Isolation of Sin." Good music. Everyone welcome.

Presbyterian

In the morning at 11 a. m., Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., the Pacific Coast secretary of the board of "Home Missions" will preach.

The quartette will render, "The Day is Gently Closing," by Neidlinger. A solo, "Dream of Paradise," by Hamilton Gray.

Evening service at 7:30, subject, "A Touch and Death."

Solo by Miss Hance, "O Love Divine," by Nevin.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. All children may come, and so the primary school will be open. C. E. society at 6:30. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The entertainment on Friday at 8 p. m. in the church.

St. Mark's Episcopal

Services are held in St. Mark's hall, corner of Main and Holly streets Sunday services as follows: Sunday school 10 a. m.; services and sermon 11 a. m., evening prayer and sermon 7:30 p. m. Members are urged to be present as the rector has important business to present. All are welcome.

Christian

At the corner of 9th and Oakdale. Bible school meets at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. C. E. at 6:30 p. m., prayer meeting on Thursday evening. Choir practice on Friday evening. You are cordially invited to come and worship with us. D. D. Boyle, minister.

UP TO THE GRAND JURY.

THE Chico Enterprise quotes W. F. Rau, late of the defunct Rogue River Commission company, as threatening the Mail Tribune with a libel suit for its exposure of the crooked transactions of that firm. Mr. Rau is quoted as follows:

"The story is false. I shall sue the Medford Mail Tribune for libel. An attempt is being made to blackmail me. It is all spite work. I was idle in Medford and worked for that company and was to receive a weekly wage. This has not been paid. I will go to the courts for relief and vindication."

This is interesting. The sooner Mr. Rau gets busy with his libel suit, the quicker the public will be able to probe the extent of the fraudulent operations of the firm he was connected with. It will be one way to get into the courts.

If it is a crime to expose a conspiracy which made a business of defrauding the farmer and fruit grower on the one hand, and the wholesaler and jobber on the other, then the Mail Tribune should be punished, and Mr. Rau should lose no time in securing "relief and vindication from the courts."

"In morals, as in medicine, there is no anti-septic like the sunlight of Almighty God." It is part of the duties of a newspaper to shed the light of publicity no matter how invidious it may be, upon crooked transactions, many of which are so artfully conducted that they cannot be punished by law. A newspaper that falters or evades this duty is not true to the highest ideals of journalism and unworthy of confidence.

Mr. Rau is talking for effect when he shouts of cold-blooded attempts to ruin and blackmail him. He was brought into the story of the Rogue River Commission company swindle, because of his connection with it, and the "cold-blooded attempts to ruin" are entirely on its side. The books of the concern show that he drew $450 a month for two months as "salary," when it was apparent that failure was near, and they do not show that he ever put any money into the firm—and this itself is a suspicious circumstance.

So much hardship and so much misery, has been caused by the fraudulent operations of this fake commission house, which during its dying days, apparently under Rau's management, bought on credit, to sell at cost or less for cash or credit coupon books, that it is a fit subject for grand jury investigation.

Can a firm deliberately swindle producers and wholesalers, run big accounts, pay nothing, sell at a loss, and then fail without assets and go unpunished? What are our courts for—only the petit larceny thieves?

If Mr. Rau does not come back to sue the Mail Tribune, the grand jury should bring him back to tell what he knows about the Rogue River Commission company.

REJUVENATING RURAL LIFE.

TO justify the present expense of superintending county schools, County Superintendent J. Percy Wells submitted the records made by the two school supervisors in the shape of diaries kept by each of the two, to the Parent-Teachers association at Medford. The exhibit was incomplete, for Mr. Wells failed to submit his own diary or that of his clerk, or to detail how he spends the $200 expenses.

Short and simple as the annals of the poor are these records of pedagogic meanderings as read at the meeting. They remind one of Mark Twain's diary which read "Got up, washed and went to bed." Not much more enlightenment as to the improvement of the young idea.

Extracts read at random were along these lines:

"Visited district—— today. Noticed picket off fence and window cracked.

"Answered correspondence and wrote for catalogues today."

"Visited District—— today. Miss—— seems to take hold in good shape."

"Picked out postal cards today costing from one to five cents for Miss ..... who promised to send for them."

"Visited District——. New drinking cup needed. Yard is untidy."

And so runs the thrilling narrative of what Mr. Wells styles the "rejuvenation of rural life."

But Mr. Wells has submitted no evidence or proof that this extra supervision is necessary, that it has accomplished any uplift, but has on the other hand, left the impression that the supervisors are doing a very trivial work and concerning themselves with trifles, and that one capable, efficient, energetic up-to-date educator could easily do the work of supervision the county is now paying three men to do.

RAU THREATENS MAIL TRIBUNE WITH LIBEL SUIT

(Chico Enterprise)

W. F. Rau, the new head of the Diamond hotel in this city, emphatically denies the story published in the Medford Mail Tribune and told that paper by creditors of the defunct Rogue River Commission company that he is implicated in fraudulent transactions concerning the company. Rau and Charles H. Schneckloth are accused of fraud and conspiracy to defraud and the Mail Tribune of yesterday published a lengthy story telling what the creditors of the concern had said.

Rau recently arrived in Chico from Medford, and, as first told in the Enterprise, acquired control of the Diamond hotel, having organized a stock company for the conduct of the hotel. When interviewed by an Enterprise reporter today regarding the Medford story Rau said:

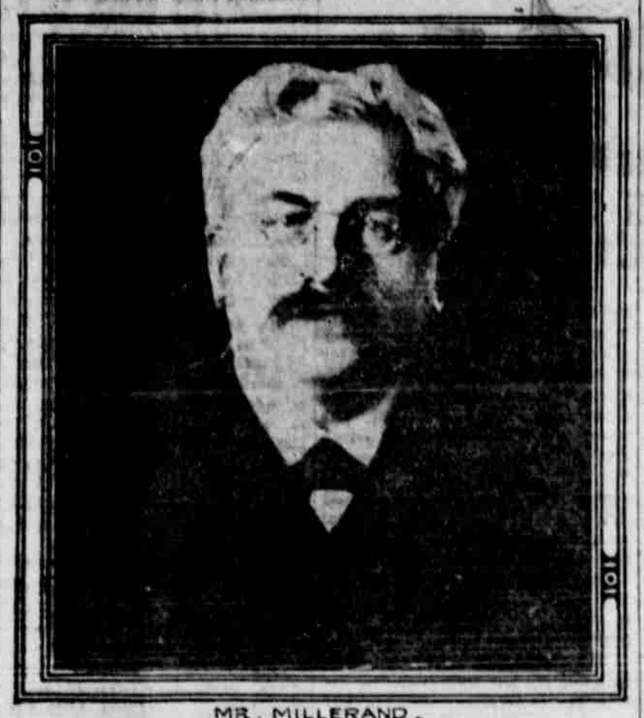
"The story is false. I shall sue the Medford Mail Tribune for libel. An attempt is being made to blackmail me. It is all spite work. I was idle in Medford and worked for that company and was to have received a weekly wage. This has not been paid. I will go to the courts for relief and vindication."

Attorney Richard White of this city this afternoon showed the Enterprise a number of telegrams from prominent business men and officers in Medford recommending Rau in the highest terms and declaring him to be straightforward and honest in all of his dealings. These telegrams were from Sheriff August D. Singler, District Attorney E. E. Kelly, Chief of Police S. F. Hittson, James S. Campbell, real estate dealer; H. A. Hussey, merchant; M. G. Mordorf, formerly of Chico, merchant; O. V. Meyers, real estate man.

Rau claims that a business feud is behind the whole matter, arising from the transaction wherein he disposed of the Hotel Moore. He declares it is a cold-blooded conpiracy to blacken him and to damage his credit and ruin him.

He states that he worked for a salary for the commission company, of which Charles Schneckloth is president, and during the few weeks he was employed he received no pay. He says if there were any fraudulent transactions they were transacted after he left the company and that he left the company when he knew it was about to become insolvent.

FRENCH MINISTER OF WAR RESIGNS.



MR. MILLERAND.

Mr. Alexandre Millerand, who won a reputation both at Paris and abroad as a great War Minister, has resigned from that office. Mr. Lebrun, Minister of Colonies, has been appointed Minister of War, and Mr. Besnard, Under Secretary of Finance, replaces Mr. Lebrun, the Under Secretaryship in the Ministry of Finance being temporarily abolished.

Indiana Autoists Plan Tour to Coast

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—Eight o'clock on the evening of the first of next July, Indiana's great automobile tour to the Pacific coast will leave this city. So definitely are the preparations being made that even the time of the departure can be announced.

At its recent meeting, the Indiana Automobile Manufacturers' association adopted the plans proposed for the journey from the Hoosier capital to either San Francisco or Los Angeles. It will be a pathfinding expedition for the great rock road which some day will extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans and for hundreds of tourits who yearly travel across the continent. Not only did they heartily approve of the general route and the details, but they also supported this by the definite promise of the entry of twenty-six cars. From start to finish the tour will have no parallel in motordom, because of its general plan, its purposes and the marvelous amount of interest which it will arouse.

Definite assignment of a route has not as yet been made. There are a number of options to be considered. Many representatives from western cities and states have already shown their interest by making overtures and in giving information in regard to road, weather and other conditions. The specific effect of this event and its bearing on good roads enthusiasm and the use of motor cars will be a large factor in the final decision.

The only points which are reasonably sure of being on the itinerary are Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Between these points there are choices of directions which are being investigated.

The details of the tour are being handled by the tour committee, composed of W. McKay White, Marion Motor Car Company, chairman; A. B. Wagner, Nordyke & Marmon Co., Frank Nutt, Mayes Automobile company, Jean Marks, Service Motor Truck Company, and H. G. Dupree, Remy Electric company.

There will be few rules to govern the tourists. Two divisions will be malatained, one for passenger cars and one for commercial vehicles. All will be entered by Indiana automobile or accessory manufacturing concerns and each company will be limited to not more than three cars in either or botoh divisions. The general regulations which have been so successful in the two previous Indiana tours will again be in vogue.

The party will probably remain in San Francisco for three or four days, and then tour southward to Los Angeles. The further possibility has been suggested of shipping all of the tour cars from Los Angeles to Portland by boat. A visit to the great orthwest is therefore contemplated.

JOLTS AND JINGLES
By Ad Brown

The Medford women who wrote their names on their ballots at least were not afraid to have the world know how they voted.

And they did more than a lot of men who had promised their votes to several candidates.

Some men love to lean back in a chair in a bank president's office and pretend to themselves and all within sight that their little business transaction is an important one.

And speaking of banks, a fellow who wished to assume a mortgage, told a banker the other day that he wished to "consume" it.

The next appearance of the Lounsberry case will doubtless be on the moving picture.

Prof. O'Gara, a magazine says has discovered the PhyBoptes Schiechtendali Nalapa. Tut, tut, professor, the alphabet was discovered long before you were born.

If I discovered a thing like that I'd put it on for an act at a vaudeville show.

A lady writes us that she thinks it would be fitting for a lot of young boobs in town to join this "Ever Fresh club.

Show me a man who is supervisor of something or other and nine times out of ten, you will show me a man who has a soft snap.

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CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Miss Avis Edwards spent the week with Mrs. Kerby Miller in the Foot Hills.

Following are the notices for the services at the M. E. church Sunday morning. "The Teachings of Calavry" Evening subject, Rev. R. E. Dunlap, D. S., will preach. The orchestra will lead the song service at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

P. F. Klein of Grants Pass spent the week-end here.

Mrs. J. W. Merritt, Miss Esther Merrit, Mrs. H. Price, Mrs. Madden, Mrs. George Pankey, H. H. Tuttle, Lawrence Nichols, Ern Ingram and A. J. Dunlap were among the people from this vicinity in Medford Friday afternoon.

The Rebekahs will give a hot tamale social Saturday evening, February 1st, 1913. All are invited to attend.

Evangelist Love of California is holding a series of revival meetings at the Christian church. These meetings are being quite well attended.

Mr. Ashcraft spent the week-end with relatives at Ashland.

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