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THIEVES BREAK INTO SMOKE HOUSE
Thieves broke into the Smoke House on West Main street Tuesday evening and secured about \$10 in cash and a considerable quantity of cigars. Entrance was effected through a rear window.

MAYOR'S CABINET SLOW IN FORMING
The mayor's cabinet as outlined in the mayor's first message to the city council seems to be very slow in forming. To date but two organizations asked to name a representative have responded, and they have not yet chosen a representative.

PUBLIC DRILL OF ARTILLERY CORPS
The local company of the Coast Artillery Corps, Captain A. W. Deane, commanding, will give a public drill, full equipment, at the Natatorium this evening. Invitations to the city officials and public have been extended.

BASKET BALL TEAMS CLASH ON THURSDAY
Two strong basketball teams will struggle for the city title Thursday evening when the Chosen Friends meet the High School. Each team has a long list of victories to its credit and each has its following of confident fans.

Christian Church
At the Christian church last night Mr. Paries gave an interesting sermon on "Ideals." He showed that God's ideal of man was a very different type to that admired by men.

Last Meetings in Hall
The evangelistic meetings being held in the hall on Grape street will be brought to a close after the following three subjects are presented: Tonight, Bible Baptism, Thursday, The Call Out of Spiritual Babylon, Friday evening, Obedience.

Efficiency Needed, not Politics
The people of Medford, as citizens, and members of one municipal family, irrespective of politics, party, sex or occupation, are chiefly concerned, in the installation, maintenance and operation of all public utilities and services, from the point of view of economy and efficiency of operation.

THE HIDDEN HAND.
SOME people are so crooked that they think everyone else has a kink of some kind. For the benefit of this class, the Mail Tribune wishes to state, once and for all, that it has no ulterior motive in its effort to keep the public market conducted as at present, that a change in methods or system cannot effect the paper save as it affects the entire community, and that its energies have been inspired solely with the altruistic motive of lowering the high cost of living in Medford, benefitting both producer and consumer, and attracting the country trade that had drifted elsewhere.

Before the market was established, grocers sold California produce while local produce rotted in the field for lack of purchasers. Farmers unable to market their truck, refused in turn to purchase their supplies here. Lack of a market made it impossible to give diversified farming the needed stimulus.

The fight against the market has come from interested trades-people with whom it, to a certain extent competes. These have fought it from the start, and are encouraging the effort to wreck its efficiency and effectiveness by making it a political football, because it has lessened profits and lowered the cost of living.

It is because the Mail Tribune has taken this broad view, and because, when a conflict arises between a few advertisers, who help support it, and the many subscribers, who also help support it, the interest of its subscribers must be paramount, that it has endured boycott and abuse and probably will continue to.

WHAT WATER COSTS ELSEWHERE.

THE San Diego Sun of recent date contains notice of an application made by the Sweetwater Water Company, which supplies the territory south of San Diego with irrigation water, to the state railroad commission for permission to increase the rates charged water users 250 per cent. Says the Sun:

On the acreage plan, consumers are now paying at a rate of \$7 per acre, with a minimum of 250,000 gallons to the acre, and 2 cents a thousand gallons for all water in excess of the minimum amount. A majority use over the minimum, and the average amount expended an acre is now about \$7.50. If the increase proposed by the water company is granted to give them "reasonable returns," the consumers say they would be forced to pay \$24.50 for the 350,000 gallons, or would average about \$25 or \$26 per acre per year, if the same amount of water is consumed that they are now using.

When it is considered that the users of this water all paid a large sum either for a water right, or for the land with the privilege of securing water, in addition to the high annual maintenance cost, it will be seen that water is a very valuable commodity in southern California. The Rogue River Canal company's offer of \$50 per acre with an annual maintenance fee of \$2.50 looks extremely reasonable in comparison with charges elsewhere.

In submitting the name of George Tranna to the city council for reappointment as superintendent of the water department, Mayor Eifert made a move which will meet with instant approval on the part of the public. Mr. Tranna as water superintendent has placed his department upon a firm basis of efficiency, and is well qualified to handle the job. In short he has made good, and his retention is wise.

the decided drift toward public intolerance of the evils of old days with which we are still threatened in our municipal affairs under discussion. The writer holds no brief for any former administration, or any individual therein concerned; he holds no commission to take up any gage which the present administration may have prepared to fling at shadows. Let the mayor and his chancellor spill themselves out as they will—but they should learn to leave efficient public servants alone, until there is just reason, connected with the performance of their public duties, for discharging them. They should do anything else in the face of public indignation and public punishment.

Revival Services Continue at Methodist Church
The revival services at the Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Bartlett and Fourth streets continue with unabated interest. Services every night except Saturday. Fine congregational singing led by chorus choir, under the direction of F. C. Edmeades. Subject of sermon tonight, "The Scarlet Thread." A hearty welcome awaits everybody.

Favors School Supervisors

To the Editor:
With all due respect for our honorable county judge and ye editor, I should like to write a few lines in answer to the communication of Mr. Sturgess in regard to our school supervision. Of course, every one has a right to his own opinion but forming too hasty an opinion is a fault every one should avoid.

To judge the work of supervisors by the notes read at the Parent-Teachers meeting would be as unfair as to judge the merits of a lecture by the notes jotted down by some auditor as in both cases the notes were brief and to be used simply as reminders of the fuller and more complete work.

Surely, no one would think that children were of less value than fruit trees or roads, yet we have fruit inspectors and road supervisors so why not have school supervisors? No one would think of letting an inexperienced person go to work on their place without watching and instructing them, so why should we allow inexperienced teachers to go into our school rooms and gain experience at the expense of our children, when by intelligent school supervision, the supervisor, who has been a successful teacher, could correct their mistakes before any damage was done and give them valuable hints which prove of value to both teacher and pupil. Then, too, he sees that each district receives the benefits of the O. A. C. literature and U. S. Department of Agriculture bulletins without any expense or loss of time.

Would Mr. Sturgess, who is or was a road supervisor, hire some stranger to work on his road and pay him wages without going to see how much or how well the work was done? No! He would simply laugh at the idea. Does he infer that his children are of less importance than his roads?

HOMESTEAD CONTESTS BEFORE COMMISSIONER

Two homestead contest cases are engaging the attention of W. H. Cannon, United States land commissioner. The first was heard Tuesday, the second being heard today.

The United States is contesting the claim of Percy Stratton of Ashland, who asks a patent to land in the Dead Indian country. Non-residence and insufficient cultivation is charged.

WANTS SINKING FUND TO RETIRE WATER BONDS

Mayor Eifert called the attention of the city council Tuesday evening to the fact that no sinking fund for the retirement of the water improvement bonds had been created as provided by law and asked that this be done at once. After a short discussion it was referred to the finance committee for report.

THREE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY EIFERT

Three appointments were made by Mayor Eifert at Tuesday evening's session of the city council, the three being confirmed by the city council. The first one was that of George Tranna as water superintendent. Mr. Tranna has filled this place the past year and had made good.

CIVIL SERVICE FOR TEACHERS OF PORTLAND

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—A bill giving the school teachers of Portland a system of civil service has today passed the house. The measure provides that the school board shall dismiss a teacher who has been employed for two years without giving the reasons and without granting such teacher a hearing. Charges must be filed in writing and full testimony must be publicly taken.

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RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT FERRIN FROM PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

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