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DES MOINES SALOONS, TOTALING 85, CLOSE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 24.—All of Des Moines' 86 saloons were closed down for good today. The thirsty, however, did not suffer, as hundreds went to Valley Junction, nearby.

The saloon keepers were preparing to ask the state supreme court for a re-hearing on the validity of the law under which their place were closed, and to ask permission to remain open until December 8, when the court meets again.

A big temperance rally to celebrate the closing of the saloons will be held tomorrow night.

CITY PAY ROLL FOR YEAR AMOUNTS TO \$35,100

The following statement issued by the city recorder gives the payroll complete with a few incidental expenses exception such as extra policemen and firemen during vacation time, etc.

The report shows that the payroll is \$35,100 a year, including such salaries as that of electrical and plumbing inspectors, intake tenders, etc.

General Fund

Table with 2 columns: Position and Amount. Recorder \$125.00, Treasurer 125.00, Chief 85.90, Police sergeant 80.00, Patrolman 80.00, Mayor 75.00, City attorney 75.00, Market master 75.00, Stenographer 75.00, Recorders assistant 70.00, Councilmen, six at \$25. 150.00, Extra police variable.

Water Fund

Table with 2 columns: Position and Amount. Water Superintendent \$125.00, Assistant Water Supt. 90.00, Assistant Water Supt. 90.00, Intake tender 60.00, Reservoir tender 60.00, Extra labor by day, variable.

Street and Road Fund

Table with 2 columns: Position and Amount. City engineer \$150.00, Street Commissioner 100.00, Assistant commissioner 75.00, Electrical inspector 75.00, Street sprinkler with team 125.00, Laborer (day) 75.00, Laborer (day) 75.00, Laborer (day) 70.00, Laborer (day) 65.00, Extra labor by day, variable.

Fire Fund

Table with 2 columns: Position and Amount. Fire chief \$90.00, Assistant chief 80.00, Captain 70.00, Driver 70.00, Fireman 70.00, Fireman 70.00, Extra labor variable.

Park Fund

Table with 2 columns: Position and Amount. Superintendent \$50.00, Janitor 29.90, Extra help in summer variable.

General Sewer

Table with 2 columns: Position and Amount. Plumbing inspector \$75.00, Incidentals extra.

Total

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. General \$13,140, Water 5,100, Streets and roads 9,720, Fire 5,400, Park 840, Sewer 900.

Total \$35,100. The above amounts do not include any extra help for firemen and policemen vacations nor for sickness, etc. E. T. FOSS, City Recorder.

A PRIVATE CORPORATION

THE annual district meeting of Medford school district was held Saturday, with scarcely anyone present but the members of the school board.

The members complained because the public showed no interest and voted a ten-mill levy, and Chairman Cochran took occasion to grill critics of Medford schools, pronouncing them superior to any schools in the state, not excepting Portland.

On this point there is a slight disagreement with Mr. Cochran, for if Medford schools are the best in the state, the schools of the state need "fixing" badly.

The reason that scarcely anyone beside the school board attended the meeting was because no one knew it was to be held, except the board.

There was no public notice of the meeting, no advertisement of it—not even the newspapers knew of it.

This lack of publicity is the trouble with the Medford school board. The meetings are private, no one knows when they are held or what is done. The board acts as if it was a private corporation—yet even private corporations must notify stockholders of meetings.

Every taxpayer and citizen is a stockholder in the public schools and all meetings should be public and the public given opportunity to be present.

The board is spending the public's money, yet the public is never taken into confidence and does not know what is going on.

In the six years' residence in Medford, the editor of the Mail Tribune has never known when a school board meeting was to be held, nor where it was held, nor what was done. Nor has a school meeting ever been public or attended by a representative of the press. And if the newspapers do not know, how much less can the public know?

No wonder there is little interest manifested in the schools—how can there be, when the public is not kept informed and interested in the schools and their management?

And when a district meeting is held and nobody turns out, because no one knows of the meeting, who is to blame but the school board?

If the school board wants the public to be interested in school affairs, they want to cease their public-be-damned attitude. No wonder it meets criticism and distrust on the part of the people.

Publicity could do the schools no harm—it is only feared by those who have something to hide.

NOT EMPIRE BUILDING

DIFFICULTY of raising money, we are told, is the reason why the Oregon Trunk is not extended to a connection with the Pacific & Eastern by the Hill system.

Almost the same day comes the announcement that two palatial steamers will be built by the Hill lines at a cost of \$5,000,000 to run between San Francisco and Astoria, to handle the world's fair traffic. Docks and facilities at Astoria will be installed at a cost of an additional million or two.

A few days later comes the announcement that \$5,000,000 is to be spent at once by the Hill lines in the construction of a large power plant at Clear Lake, east of Eugene.

Here are eleven millions of money raised, despite hard times talk, for Hill enterprises in Oregon that will develop no part of Oregon as the same money in a railroad would.

The six million expended for steamers to keep people from going through Oregon would have built and equipped the railroad from Bend to Medford in first-class shape, with a branch to Klamath Falls. The five millions for the power project would have extended the line to the coast and left a million for harbor improvements.

Neither the Oregon Trunk nor Pacific & Eastern will ever pay expenses as railroads, because they are merely disconnected units of a system. The Oregon Trunk must look for tonnage to the Jackson and Klamath timber belt and the fruit, produce and livestock of the Rogue River valley and Klamath region to make it a dividend payer.

If James J. Hill wants to make good his title of empire builder he had better stick to railroads, which develop the country, instead of using the money to build steamers that only further develop the city.

SLIGHT FLUCTUATIONS IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Revered heaviness prevailed at the opening of the stock market today. Railroad shares braced later, showing a firm undertone. Price changes were narrow. M. K. & T. rose 1. Although the early speculation produced only slight price fluctuations, losses were gradually effaced. Bonds were easy. The market closed dull.

The smallest five hours of trading on record in the stock exchange here was recorded today, when the dealings totaled only 57,274 shares. The previous low record was July 11, last, when 66,674 shares exchanged hands.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undesignated will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next regular meeting December 2nd, 1913, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon, at their place of business on South Fir street, located at lots 10, 11 and 12, block 45, of the original townsite, in said city, for a period of six months. HOTEL MOORE. Date of first publication November, 20th, 1913.

DIRIGIBLE FLIES OVER LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24.—Carrying several passengers, a large dirigible piloted by Roy Knabenshue, sailed from Pasadena to Los Angeles today. After circling above the city for several minutes Knabenshue headed his craft toward Pasadena. Thousands of persons watched the flight from the streets and the tops of high buildings.

PASADENA, Cal., Nov. 24.—After drifting about in the air for nearly two miles at the end of the flight to Los Angeles and return in his giant dirigible, Roy Knabenshue landed safely with seven passengers in an orange grove on the banks of the Arroyo Seco here shortly before noon today. A water pipe becoming loosened and flooding the engine is the explanation of the mishap.

Women carpet-sewers of San Francisco have organized.

John A. Perl Undertaker. Lady Assistant. 88 S. BARTLETT. Phones M. 47 and 47-J-2. Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner.

NEWS OF THE ORCHARD

Some Historical Facts Concerning Blight

What the United States Department of Agriculture Has Done and Is Doing.

Previous to Dr. Burrell's discovery other horticultural writers had hinted at the possibility of the disease being bacterial in nature, but no one had taken the trouble to demonstrate its true nature.

The experimental results gained by Prof. Burrell were confirmed and extended by Dr. J. C. Arthur during 1884 by means of similar inoculations. The first instance of successful inoculation was recorded some years before this time. As early as 1870 E. S. Hill succeeded in producing the disease by putting small slices of diseased bark beneath the live bark of a healthy pear tree. However, he did not go beyond the work of inoculation and did not study or demonstrate the causative agent.

Waite's Investigations

About the time that Dr. Burrell and Dr. Arthur were working with the disease Prof. M. B. Waite, now of the department of agriculture, was a student at the University of Illinois. The subject being an interesting one, he began some interesting experiments, following the methods proposed by Dr. Burrell. Prof. Waite's studies resulted in his determining the full life history of the pear blight germ. It was he who found for the first time that the pear blight germ in nature lives only in the diseased tissues of the same fruits which it infects. Previous to Prof. Waite's work it was thought that the germ lived in the soil of the orchard, or perhaps was carried through the air by the winds. The finding of what Prof. Waite termed "hold-over" blight proved to be the key to the control of pear blight, through the method of eradication. After graduation at the University of Illinois, Prof. Waite took up his pear blight studies in the department of agriculture, where he has been a pathologist for about twenty-seven years. During all this time he has carried out many elaborate experiments, not only in the matter of eradication work, but along other lines, namely, the production of resistant varieties through selection and hybridization.

Bulletins for All

It is often said that the findings of the scientists in the department of agriculture filter very slowly down to the common people,—that is to say, the farmer. This however is untrue, for the reason that no sooner are important facts known than they are given to the world through the medium of bulletins and by means of the public press.

Prof. Waite's work on pear blight has not even been duplicated by any other worker, nor has it been improved upon to the slightest extent. He is more than ever interested in the work at the present time and during the many years that he has been in the department he has never given up the work of experimenting to find better methods of control.

Advantage of Department

In all the work carried on in the department of agriculture in the control of pear blight Prof. Waite and his assistants have had the peculiar advantage which no other set of experimenters have had. As soon as he began his pear blight work which included the study of methods of eradication, he was fortunate enough to have access to some of the best pear collections in the country. For instance, he was permitted to experiment in the pear collection of Patrick Barry, the noted American horticulturist. "This pear collection," he states, in one of his bulletins, "probably contains more varieties than any other in America." It is well known that Patrick Barry was an importer of hundreds of varieties of European pears, together with those of Oriental origin. Even in the early twenties Prof. Waite had done an immense amount of work in crossing and hybridizing. He had produced not hundreds of seedlings, but thousands of them. As a matter of fact his work on pollenization of pear flowers was merely incidental to his pear blight studies—in other words, the work in pollenization which he later carried out was purely secondary to the prime object, namely, the control of blight.

(To be continued.)

CLEAN-UP ORCHARD CAMPAIGN BEGINS INSPECTORS ON JOB

The campaign to clean up the orchards of the Rogue river valley began in earnest today. Nine new inspectors have been appointed. They met with Chief Inspector J. W. Myer at the Daggett orchard Monday morning and were given a lesson in cutting out blight and the treatment of other diseases. This does not mean that they are to devote any time to this work, except to show orchardists how to handle infections.

The special inspectors are: Geo. Helton, Elmer Gattman, J. G. Van Dorn, R. I. Manning, D. W. Stone, T. J. Williamson, W. H. Brown, Al Pauley and Ross Kline. The regular inspectors are J. W. Meyers, T. E. Smith, J. C. Altin and C. C. Barnum.

At a meeting of the committee appointed at the fruitgrowers mass meeting two weeks ago held Saturday, Messrs. Madden and Perry reported the result of their appearance before the county court and the cooperation secured from the court in the sanction of additional inspectors and work along lines indicated by Commissioner Carson.

The committee decided to make a detailed report to the fruitgrowers, and personally to endeavor to secure their co-operation in cleaning up orchards, and enlist the support of the press to this end.

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OLD BEN DAVIS PROVES POPULAR IN FOREIGN MARKETS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21.—Old Ben Davis, once considered the most disposed of the apple family by many orchardists in this year making history for itself and incidentally filling the bank books of those that grow it.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Ben Davis has little favor with the American apple buying public, it is received with favor by those sections that are looking for a bright red fruit that has the most extreme keeping quality.

"While we sold some Ben Davis apples early in the season at advantageous prices," says W. P. Gwin, general manager of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, "we later decided to hold for more money. At the start of the season we sold 10,000 boxes of Rogue river stock, orchard run at \$1.10 and sold all that the Cashmere people had to offer" at \$1.25 for their best grade.

"Now we have decided to give our friends in Europe a chance at some of these apples and we feel that we will be amply repaid in dollars and cents for this. The shipments are now en route to Europe.

"The Ben Davis apple is a very

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popular one in places remote from easy transportation. That is the reason why China annually takes such a liberal supply of this variety. It is one of the best baking apples grown and is quite popular in many places for that reason.

"This season was practically a failure for the Ben Davis crop everywhere. The apple growing section of the middle west that produce heavily of this variety as a usual rule, had little to offer this year. One this account values climbed higher than usual and the demand was quite brisk."

At this time the Yellow Newtown in the real big seller in the apple trade. By far odds it is in biggest demand. The Northwestern Fruit Exchange reports last sales of this variety around \$1.85 but is today holding firm at \$2.00. There are few ears of Spitzenburgs available, but the demand is not extensive and there will probably be sufficient for the trade. The price generally is \$1.75 f. o. b. for extra fancy.

OREGON COMICE \$2.65 AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Through action—Oregon Comice pears sizes 72-100s, \$2.20; 120s to 150s, \$2.65; Howell pears, \$2.50; Cornell pears, \$2.10; Keffler pears, \$2.10; Buere Easter, 80s to 100s, \$2.75, smaller, \$2.20; Winter Nellis No. 1, \$2.65; No. 2, \$2.40; Buere Clairgeau, \$2.40; Butter pears, \$2.50; Winter Nellis Jumble, \$2.10; California Winter Nellis, \$2.25; Buere Easter, \$2.65; popular price on Spitz here now, \$2.25. Large sizes not wanted. Arrivals 50 cars on Barclay street dock. Trade active. Red fruit in demand. Baldwin's bringing from \$2.00@4.25. Greenings from \$3.00@4.75, mostly from \$2.00@4.00. Chicago—Weather unusually warm trade not taking hold. Through auction today 1 car Idaho Jonathans, \$1.74@1.98; 1 car Wyoming Grimes Golden, \$1.81@1.98; 1 car Idaho Rome Beauty, \$1.40; 1 car Washington Jonathans, \$1.57@1.92; car and half mixed Washington apples, extra fancy Gano, \$1.60; Wagner and Baldwin fancy, \$1.43; fancy Rome Beauty, \$1.52.

Philadelphia—Sold by J. P. Wilson, account various shippers at Wenatchee, Wash., Rome Beauty, extra fancy, 64s, \$2.55@2.30; Winesaps, extra fancy, 88-104s, \$2.10; sold by J. P. Wilson, account Wenatchee Produce Co., Jonathans, extra fancy, 80s-88s, \$2.20; Grimes Golden extra fancy, 72s-88s, \$2.25; King David, extra fancy, 138-150s, \$2.05.



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