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## TERRIFIC FIGHT RAGES, OJINAGA; LOSSES HEAVY

### New Year's Day Sees Bloody Battle in Progress Between Rebels and Federals—500 Dead in Streets, 1000 Wounded.

PRESIDIO, Texas, Jan. 1.—New Year's Day broke with a terrific battle raging at Ojinaga.

Fighting did not cease throughout the night. The rebel artillery was concentrated on the town and a rain of shells was falling over among its defenders. They started a half dozen fires in the course of the night but they were extinguished and the battle continued.

Wounded soldiers, sent here for treatment, said at least five hundred dead lay in the streets of the besieged town. They estimated the number engaged the proportion of casualties was enormous. The rebel losses were not known. Though probably not as numerous as those of the Ojinaga defenders, it was believed they were heavy.

The rebels drew closer and closer to the town during the night. Apparently they had taken all its outer defenses. They had occupied a chain of hills semi-circling the place to the southward, mounted twelve cannon and for hours poured a steady fire into their enemies' ranks. American army officers here said it would be impossible for the defense to continue much longer.

Once during the night a score of rebel shells burst on the American side of the border. Colonel McNamee, commanding the United States troops in the vicinity, immediately notified General Ortega, the rebel leader, that this must cease or the American soldiers would have to act drastically. The cannons' elevation was changed and no more shots were fired into American territory.

## WILSON MEETS LIND TO TALK ON MEXICO

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Jan. 1 Everything was in readiness today for the conference between President Wilson and John Lind. Lind's ship was believed to be off the coast in the vicinity of Gulfport but it had not been sighted from there.

The president made his plans with a view to preventing the newspaper correspondents from seeing Lind. He said, however, that a statement would be issued after the conference. Whether or not Lind would return to Mexico was not known. The chief executive, after all, saw the New Year in. He retired early but rose at 11 and joined his family.

## ODDS IN FAVOR OF LEACH CROSS TODAYS CONTEST

### Bud Anderson of Medford Expected to Weigh 137 at Ringside, Which Is in His Favor—Cross to Weigh 135 at Ringside.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—Principals, Leach Cross of New York and Bud Anderson of Medford, Or.; stake, the right to remain a contender in the near-lightweight division; weather, fair.

These were the items of main interest concerning the New Year's day boxing card at Vernon. The bout was scheduled for twenty-rounds, with George Blake as referee. Anderson was to weigh 135 pounds, two hours before the battle, while Cross had contracted to keep under the same poundage until ring time.

Largely because of his craft and generalship, born of longer years of ring experience, and his knockout over Bud in their first clash here July 4 last, Cross had been made a 10 to 7 1/2 favorite in the betting. Anderson's backers, however, were inclined to throw out Cross' former victory, because Bud was then suffering from appendicitis, which sent him to the operating table two days later.

The weight agreement, which only recently became known, caused much discussion.

Anderson was expected to weigh 137 at ringside, and Cross' warmest admirers admitted that the Vancouver boy and his wallop are mighty dangerous at such a weight. Cross, it was agreed, had not risked weakening himself by the underweight, for under the agreement he will fight his natural poundage.

## THEATRICAL MAN BUYS YOUNG FRUIT ORCHARD

J. A. Hempstreet of Detroit, Mich., a theatrical man, yesterday purchased of Henry Gorham two and one-half acres on the Central Point road for \$1200. The land is in young fruit trees and will be used as a summer home by the new owner, who will spend seven months of the year upon it, traveling the other five.

County Recorder Colvig's record for the year ending December 31, 1913, is as follows:

Total number of instruments recorded and filed	5,567
Total amount of fees collected and paid to treasurer	\$5,047
Salaries paid for year	3,500
Balance	\$1,547

## New Structures in Medford Completed in 1913



Page Opera House, Costing \$80,000. Finest Theater Between Portland and San Francisco, Necessitated as Medford Is Best one Night Stand in Northwest.

## ASHLAND EXCHANGE SHIPMENTS OF YEAR

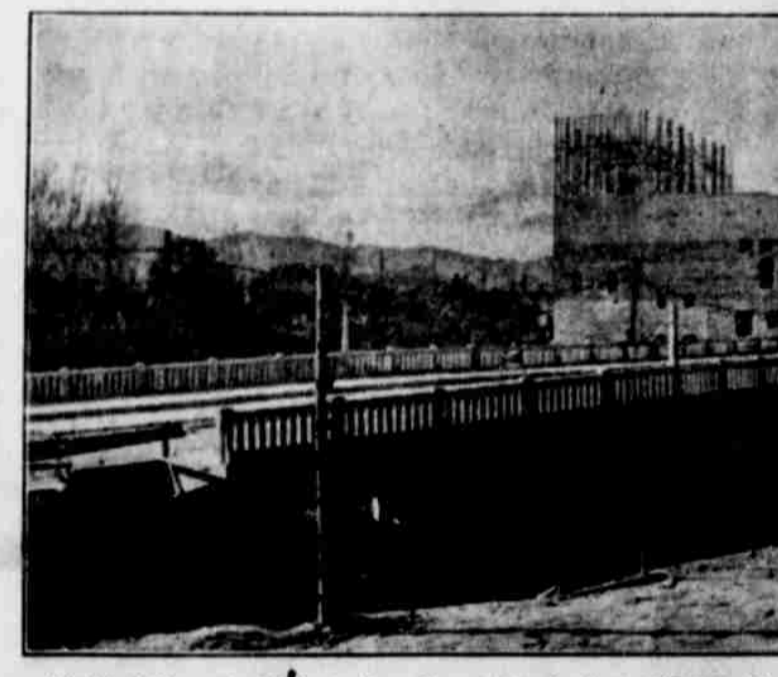
Cars shipped season 1913:	
Apples	23
Peaches	40
Pears	5
Miscellaneous fruits, such as plums, prunes, apricots, crab-apples, grapes, etc.	3
Berries, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, logans, gooseberries and currants	8
Cherries	3
Mixed vegetables	3
Green mixed vegetables in bunches	1
20-lb. boxes fresh tomatoes	1
Melons	2
Total cars	91

In arriving at these totals you will understand we have taken into account local freight and express shipments as well as carload lots to make the amounts.

ASHLAND FRUIT & PRODUCE ASSOCIATION.

Our cannery here in connection with the association has during the season handled the following amounts in fruits and vegetables, which may also be of interest to your readers:

Tons.	
Fresh tomatoes	100
Peaches	40
Pears	5
Prunes	15
Blackberries	15
Pumpkins	4
String beans	3
Apples	1
Total tons	183



Medford Concrete Viaduct, Over Bear Creek, Cost \$40,000, Erected Jointly by City and County.

## BIG SPRAY FACTORY ERECTED AT PHOENIX

A municipal water plant was installed at Phoenix during the past year, one of the artesian wells resulting in a flow of sparkling mineral water, equalled to any bottled in the country. Among the year's developments has been the erection of a huge spray factory, by the Rex Spray company, which will be in operation in January.

Phoenix is surrounded by one of the richest agricultural districts in the world, and in 1909 the village of Phoenix was incorporated and a \$15,000 schoolhouse constructed. The assessed valuation is \$1,108,880 and the school enumeration is 218 children. In the past few years forty new houses have been built and new business enterprises in proportion. The town supports two churches, but no saloons.

## CALIFORNIA FLOOD WATERS RECEDING

SACRAMENTO, Cal., January 1.—Reports from all parts of the Sacramento valley today were that the flood waters were receding except at points between Colusa and Knight's Landing.

The river reached a menacing stage in Sacramento early today, but at noon it was gradually receding. No breaks in levees have been reported. Railroads experienced difficulty because of wash-outs, throughout the night.

Medford has a paid fire department, eliminating the volunteer company which served for years. The fire company has a \$6000 fire auto truck and much other new equipment. The underwriters recognized the improvement and insurance rates were materially reduced.

## POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S RECORD

Postoffice receipts for the last quarter of 1913 show a 5.2 per cent increase in business over the same period in 1912, and a steady substantial growth since the fiscal year, June 30th.

The receipts for the last 1913 quarter were \$8616.39, and for 1912 \$8185.08, and increase of \$431.31.

An increase in the Christmas business for 1913 over 1912 was recorded. In 1912 the receipts were \$3299.44, 1913, \$3413.96, an increase of \$294.52 in Christmas business.

The quarterly receipts for 1913 were \$6937, \$6525.04, \$2559.14 and \$8616.39, a total of \$28,428.62.

## 1913 SUMMARY A PROSPEROUS BUT QUIET YEAR

### Unusual Features Brought Out by Statistics—Bank and Postal Business Increase—Fruit Shipments Largest on Record.

Statistical 1913 brought forth several unusual features, but no devastating calamity as far as the Rogue river valley was concerned. One fire of consequence occurred in Medford—the burning of the Union livery stable and seven head of horses.

There were 50 deaths, and 132 births in the county, 188 marriages and 53 divorces filed, 37 being granted. The mortality list includes a number of pioneers, including Edwin C. Root of beloved memory. Two public officials passed—Sheriff August Singler killed by the bullets of a young outlaw, and Mayor W. W. Elfert, who died of a sudden attack of heart failure.

The public improvements number the finishing of the Page Theater and the Bear creek bridge, and the preliminary ceremonies on the Pacific Highway construction.

There were two murders, and three deaths by accident—two by hunters being mistaken for deer in the woods and one by auto racing at the fair grounds.

The fruit crop was the largest in the valley's history and the prices the best. The bank deposits show a heavy increase. A gain of 12 per cent in the school attendance was recorded.

A political storm centered the entire year over the council, and broke the last month of the year in a campaign being waged for economy in city affairs, depriving councilmen and mayor of salary, and two recall petitions being filed.

Indicative of the prosperity of Medford and adjacent country is the quarterly reports of the four financial institutions of the city filed October 21, 1913, showing an increase of \$294,496.14 for August, September and October over the same months in 1912 and a gain in deposits of \$337,482.65 since August 9, 1913. October 21, 1913, \$1,893,853.29 on deposits in Medford banks, and this does not include receipts from the heaviest fruit shipments of the year.

Bankers of the city report a healthy tone in valley money circles, with the prediction that the deposits for 1914, from present indications will pass the \$3,000,000 mark.

## PROSPECT BRIGHT FOR RAILROAD LINES

The year 1914 finds Medford with a trolley line an assured fact, a mile of 75-pound rails laid and another mile being constructed. A franchise was let last May to S. S. Bullis of Olean, N. Y., a builder and operator of trolley lines, and by March 15 the line will be in operation for the first two miles, extending from the business heart of Medford eastwards. Extensions of the system are promised during the year, a line having been surveyed to Ashland and one to Central Point, though the plans of the company are not made public.

Railroad construction talked of includes the extension of the Pacific & Eastern at present terminating at Butte Falls to the eastern side of the Cascades where it is to connect with the Oregon Trunk, now operated as far south as Bend; the building of the Medford and Crescent City railroad, the survey of which was completed from Medford to Crescent City by a local company, the Grants Pass and Crescent City railroad promoted by J. F. Reddy to be constructed between Grants Pass and Crescent City along the line of the Draper survey and which can connect with Medford by the construction of a 30 mile spur; and the Eagle Point-Bandon line which has been surveyed.

The city of Grants Pass has voted a \$200,000 bond issue and is building the railroad from the city to the Applegate river.

## Summary of Weather for 1913, Medford

1913—	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Clear Days.	Partly Cl'dy.	Precipitation.
January	46	10	27.3	3	11	3.62
February	63	17	39.6	19	3	.10
March	74	26	45.5	9	9	.43
April	80	28	37.2	11	12	7.24
May	92	28	42.6	18	9	4.172
June	96	40	62.6	8	14	8.309
July	100	41	68.7	21	7	3.274
August	98	41	70.7	24	4	3.08
September	96	33	63.5	20	6	4.44
October	82	30	53.1	16	11	4.63
November	68	28	44.2	3	16	11.282
December	63	22	38.3	6	8	17.191

Mean annual maximum for 1913..... 79.8 degrees  
Mean annual minimum for 1913..... 29 degrees  
Precipitation for 1913..... 21.90 inches  
Number of clear days during 1913..... 158  
Number of partly cloudy days during 1913..... 110  
Number of cloudy days during 1913..... 97

Mean Temperatures and Precipitation in Rogue River Valley for Period of Twenty-five Years

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
45	50	57	65	70	77	87	87	77	67	53	45

Mean of the minimum temperature for 25 years, 1889 to 1913, inclusive—  
30 32 34 38 43 48 54 53 47 41 35 31

Average rainfall in inches for 25 years, 1889 to 1913, inclusive—  
4.73 4.13 2.57 1.26 1.72 .98 .19 .40 .97 1.70 4.21 4.35

Average annual rainfall in inches for 25 years, '89 to '13, inclusive—27.21

Elevation at Medford, 1377 feet.  
Latitude, 42 deg., 29 min.  
Longitude 122 deg., 51 min., 24 sec.

## An Average Day at the Medford Public Market



Pioneer Public Market in Oregon and Most Successful in Operation—Market Master Runyon in Front.