

NEW CHARTER UNDER DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL

The city council and members of the charter commission joined in an interesting session at the city hall last night for a discussion of the new charter. The best of feeling prevailed, the spirit evidenced by all concerned being an earnest desire for a new charter to replace Medford's archaic makeshift under which the city is trying to get along.

Several members of the council, after a week's study of the commission's draft, came to the session with a list of questions and suggestions. The discussion showed that most of the points raised were matters of detail only. Two other points might be considered of more moment, one permitting the board to secure the city manager anywhere it might find the best man, and the other relating to election methods. Both were discussed earnestly. Colonel Sargent was strong for the election provisions contained in the new charter. Mr. Medynski was afraid the people might not understand it, and Mr. Emerick was trying to find some modification of the plan whereby every voter might vote for every member of the new board.

The session finally adjourned with the understanding that the council would hold a special meeting next Wednesday evening and that before that time, probably Wednesday morning, the members would meet with the charter commission and thrash out an suggestion looking to a possible improvement.

MANY ATTRACTIONS FOR VAUDEVILLE

Dolly Varden will be at the Page theater Monday and Tuesday evening with her friend, Smoke Bellew, at the Rose society vaudeville cabaret. She is the star attraction of the show, and because of this the management is prepared to surround her with the most precious care. From the time that her private car arrives on Rosey's Southern Pacific guards will be stationed around to prevent the enthused populace from seeing her. Not one glimpse will be caught by even the most eager observer until the curtain rises. It has been said that every morning she has a bath of champagne of a special vintage, Roederer, '97. This is carried in a special refrigerator car that it may be of a proper temperature for Dolly's bath.

From Alaskan Wilds

Coming as she does, from the wilds of Alaska, it is difficult for her to endure the warm climate of the Italy of America.

Be sure to see her, so you can appreciate the exquisite bloom these baths give to her complexion.

The Widow Coming

The day of the coming of the Widow is near at hand, even at the door. Are you going to see her? She is too beautiful to miss. Her complexion is of unbelievable fairness. Her eyes are deep wells that cover a brooding soul. Her mouth is the color of the ripe pomegranate. What would not one give to see her smile! Her wild grief is smoothed to a gentle melancholy and always her eyes are searching, searching. It seems they would peer into the inmost secrets of your soul.

Perhaps you can satisfy her longing. Come and let her tell you what she seeks. You can meet her at the Page theater Monday and Tuesday, December 7-8. All clad in her sable draperies, she sits alone in the cabaret.

TUMULTO PROJECT NOT FEDERAL PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Regarding the government reclamation work in the Deschutes valley, Director Newell said today that the estimates submitted for the appropriation of \$450,000 is conditional upon the state providing an equal sum for co-operative work on the project. The former appropriation by the state of \$450,000 was made for the Tumalo project with which the federal government was not connected.

For additional Deschutes projects, the reclamation service and the state have a contract by which each is expending \$50,000 for preliminary irrigation investigations and surveys, but the government will not expend any sums on the projects unless the state provides equal sums.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SCORE A SUCCESS IN FOLK GAMES

Perhaps the best public school children's performance ever seen in Medford was enacted at the Page Friday afternoon when the pupils of the Roosevelt school presented Swedish folk games in native costumes. The songs, games and dances reproduced showed careful training and conscientious endeavor on the parts of the children and won applause from the large audience. The performance concluded with the playlet "The Elf Child" in which little Pauline Johnson as the elf and Bruce Putnam as the herb gatherer, showed dramatic ability. The concluding fairy dance was one of the prettiest scenes of a delightful performance.

A great deal of credit should be given the teachers for their untiring efforts in training the children. It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that children in the primary grade do not even know how to skip.

The performance demonstrated the need children have for such training and the amount of work necessary to produce satisfactory results.

That there is a strong dramatic instinct in children was clearly demonstrated by those taking part in the Elf Child. The study and presentation of wholesome and inspiring drama will direct young minds in better channels of thought and action giving them at the same time a poise and self command that will prove invaluable in later life.

Aside from the fact that the object of the entertainment was a very worthy one, the parents of this district should congratulate themselves that their children have had such an opportunity for physical, mental and artistic development.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION JACKSONVILLE, DEC. 16

Teachers' examinations for state certificates at Jacksonville will be held as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December 16, 1914, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, December 19, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday forenoon—Writing, U. S. history, physiology; afternoon, physical geography, reading, composition, methods in reading, methods in arithmetic.

Thursday, forenoon—Arithmetic, history of education, psychology, methods in geography; afternoon, grammar, geography, American literature, physics, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate.

Friday, forenoon—Theory and practice, orthography, English literature, chemistry; afternoon, school law, geometry, algebra, civil government.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, botany; afternoon, general history, bookkeeping.

OBITUARY.

Medford, Dec. 4, 1914.

Miss Gertrude Evangeline Norcross was born at Central Point, Oregon, Nov. 9, 1888, and died at Yamhill, Oregon, Nov. 28, 1914, at the age of 26 years.

The untimely death of this young woman has caused widespread and intense sadness in Jackson county and the loss seems a personal bereavement to her friends and they were many.

Miss Norcross possessed a brilliant mind and had utilized every opportunity for advancement. She was graduated from the Central Point high school May 29, 1905, from the southern Oregon Normal School at Ashland, June 17, 1908, and from the Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Va., May 26, 1913, in which institution she won especial renown in English and special mention in French.

Miss Norcross, upon examination, received her teachers' state life diploma in 1908, and taught in Polk and Yamhill counties where she met with signal success and where her memory is cherished, and will be, in the tablets of live while those for whom she labored still live.

Miss Norcross was frank, outspoken, devoid of cant or deceit, a born leader of thought and opinion with all amiable and lovable.

The fact that one so young and accomplished surrendered to death gives added emphasis to the theory that life is immortal and death, so called, but an incident.

We trust the life of useful service and kindly love of the departed, recalled, will serve to comfort the grief stricken parents.

For this we know,
Out of the dark must grow,
Sooner or later whatever is fair
Since the Heavens have willed it so.

"MICHAEL STROGOFF" AT PAGE TONIGHT



PHOTO PLAYS AS COMING ATTRACTIONS AT PAGE THEATRE

An unusual booking arrangement was completed last evening by the management of the Page theater, closing a contract with the Box Office Attraction company of New York, whereby they have secured the exclusive booking for Medford of this company's attractions.

The management of this popular theater, realizing general financial conditions, and the fact that many of the road shows were being cancelled, decided to assume an unusual expense for the production of the very best photoplays.

With the addition of the Box Office attractions which will be shown on Monday and Tuesday of each week, the management has completed a full week's showing of features. There is not a theater in any of the largest cities on the coast having a more expensive or better booking than the Page at the present time. There is not a city on the coast of the size of Medford with a booking equal to the present arrangement at this theater.

In addition to an all-of-the-time feature program, the large Page theater orchestra is the largest musical organization playing for pictures in the state. There will be no change in admission, as the large seating capacity of this house will permit the present prices to remain unchanged. The first attraction from this latest booking will be December 14 and 15, and will be announced within a day or two. Among the first of these will be "St. Elmo," in six parts; "Life's Shop Window," by Victoria Cross, with Clara Whitney in the leading role; "The Walls of Jericho," Alfred Sutro's play of modern society, with the world-renowned star, Edmond Breeze, "The Thief," by Henri Bernstein, with Dorothy Donnelly in the lead, creator of Madam X, the world's strongest emotional actress.

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HORTICULTURISTS ADJOURN TO MEET NEXT AT CORVALLIS

The Oregon State Horticultural society ended its three days session in this city Friday afternoon, with the selection of Corvallis as the next convention city, and the election of the following officers:

President, R. C. Washburn of Table Rock; B. W. Johnson of Corvallis, vice president, and C. D. Minto of Portland, secretary and treasurer. Albert Brownell of Portland, C. M. Thomas of Talent, and H. D. Lamb, of Milton, were named as the three from which one trustee will be selected.

The uniform horticultural bill, applicable to the three Pacific coast states was endorsed, with the exception of the provision relating to the selection of county inspectors. An additional committee will be named to further thresh out the matter. The adoption of the clause rests between the point whether the county pathologist shall be fruit inspector, or whether he shall be appointed by the county court, which pays the bills.

The convention, the first ever held outside of the city of Portland, was highly successful from attendance and the interest stand point. The sacred tradition was further smashed by the selection of Corvallis as next year's meeting place.

Notice Seventh Company.
The 7th Co. C. A. C.-O. N. G. will assemble at the Armory Wednesday, December 9th, 1914, at 8:00 p. m. to elect a captain to succeed Capt. A. W. Deane, resigned. Every member of the company must be present as no excuses for absence will be accepted. Capt. R. W. Collins, U. S. A., Inspector. C. A. R. will be the inspector of election.
By order of COL. HAMMOND Elmer T. Foss, 1st Lieut. C. A. C. commanding Seventh Company.

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Auto service for the delivery of Christmas packages will be instituted by Postmaster Woodford, for the three days preceding and following Christmas. This will permit the delivery of Christmas packages on the day of receipt. A special delivery will be made Christmas eve and Christmas day, so any offering from Santa Claus will not be delayed. The postal department has issued the regular warning urging patrons to securely wrap their packages, put on plenty of stamps, and be careful about the address. Thousands of gifts are lost each year through carelessness of the sender.

Early indications point to the heaviest Christmas mail in the history of the local office. The sending of gifts has already begun, ten days earlier than last year. Most of them have been labeled "Don't Open Till

Christmas." The receipt of Christmas mail also began last week, coming largely from far off lands. November 28, Gresham and five school districts vote on a municipal high school.

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