

STREETS ASSERTS NEW YEAR'S ISSUE BEST ADVERTISEMENT

While it is the mission of the Medford Commercial club to answer all letters of inquiry directed to the club, it also acts as a clearing house for letters addressed to the county court, postmaster, mayor, business men and citizens, asking for information concerning Medford, the valley, chances for employment, business opportunities, and climate.

The Portland Commercial club also sends the list of inquiries coming to them every week from prospective Oregon settlers for literature and papers, and we mail out many thousands of booklets, daily papers, special pamphlets, to every state in the union, Canada, Philippines, and foreign countries. Many of these are acknowledged with letters saying "We are very much interested and hope we can visit your Oregon country next year during the Fair at San Francisco, and the advertising medium we hear from frequently is the New Year's edition of the Mail Tribune, 1914, mailed to them, some ask for another copy, their's has gone all over the neighborhood and worn out and they want one to keep."

And the club suggests that everyone send one to ten copies of the 1915 edition to relatives and friends. It is a convincing advertisement, different from community booklets with the subject matter so universally copied.

Tom Richardson, a clever publicity man of Portland, has succeeded in interesting the school children in the northern and eastern part of Oregon to write descriptive letters of their home town to friends where they formerly lived. We suggest our Rogue River Valley schools start the letter writing also. If you need any help of the Secretary of the club will be glad to assist you to formulate a letter.

Before long the club will have thousands of postal cards of scenic attractions to be mailed. The plan is to get the visitors coming to the Fair interested to come via Oregon and stop over either coming or going in the Rogue River Valley before they start, as the railroad tickets will be \$17.50 more than to San Francisco and return by Los Angeles or San Diego, and we will have to convince them that it is worth it. Describe Crater Lake, the Marble Caves, the fishing in Rogue river, the scenic auto trips to the hills and through the orchards, tell them of the proposed beet sugar factory, box factory, coal mining, orchards and irrigation, and when they see the splendid exhibit of fruit and farm products at the fair from Southern Oregon, they will come. Let every one help a little along the lines suggested. If you are not a member of the Commercial Club join now, you will be needed to entertain visitors and assist in many ways for the good of the valley.

After you read the New Year's paper mail to some one back east ("the cold, snow country").

A Merry Christmas.
MEDFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB,
F. W. Streets, Secretary.

FORGER PROVES TO BE OLD OFFENDER

Information received by the local police today indicates that George H. Hall, or Howe, arrested in this city Wednesday on a charge of passing forged checks, is an old offender, and is wanted at Springfield, Or., for passing bad checks on the merchants of that city. He will likely be sent there to face trial.

Chief of Police Hittson said this morning that Hall passed \$2000 worth of bad checks in Portland, and that friends interceded for him, securing his release upon the promise that he would leave and try and reform. He left and began his old criminal tricks.

INJURED MAN DIES; \$85 FOUND IN CLOTHES

The name of the man killed by a Southern Pacific train near Tolo Wednesday morning was Edward McMillan, and is supposed to have relatives living at Yreka, or Eureka, Cal. He died at Sacred Heart hospital Wednesday night at 11 o'clock. In his clothes was found \$85. He had been working on the Siskiyou division of the Pacific highway, and spent Tuesday in this city.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST—Bunch of keys on a chain ring between Medford and Seven Oaks. Return to Mail Tribune. 238

XMAS AT FRONT TO BE CHEERFUL AS IS POSSIBLE

PARIS, Dec. 24, 11:45 a. m.—Christmas at the front will be as cheerful and comfortable as the love and self denial of well nigh every family in France can make it. The spirit of those at home is not to give presents to one another but to unite and give all to the son, father, or brother serving with the flag.

Many a family in France probably will dine meagerly tonight and tomorrow because of the packages of soft woolen things and boxes of delicacies which have gone to the kinsmen at the front. Then there are field glasses, wrist watches, sleeping bags and an amazing variety of campaign conveniences.

The military administration has been most considerate in providing transport so that all this month numerous vans loaded with holiday packages were among the long supply trains back of the army.

Many a lone soldier without family has received various packages of things to eat, wear, smoke or drink, from societies and from the government. The ministry of war, among other things, is sending a bottle of champagne for every four soldiers at the front.

All the plum puddings in the shops of Paris have been taken by the French military to send to the British soldiers. The Belgians refugees, especially the children, are being so overfed that the committees in charge of them, have postponed by agreement various dinners and entertainments so as to extend them over the next ten days.

FOR CHRISTMAS

Nothing nicer for Christmas than Governor Johnson and Mt. Pitt cigars in Christmas boxes.

FITZ'S BRUTALITY CAUSE OF WIFE'S SEEKING DIVORCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Various episodes of their marital life in which she figured as an abused person, were related today by Mrs. Julia Fitzsimmons, wife of Robert Fitzsimmons, former world's heavy championship pugilist, in testifying in her divorce suit against the former king of the ring.

"He used to go away," said Mrs. Fitzsimmons, "and would be brought back intoxicated by some of his beautiful friends."

The day before their final separation in July, 1910, the wife said her husband kicked her as she was passing a hall door.

"We had a quarrel earlier," she exclaimed, "about his drinking and I hadn't been speaking to him because he refused to quit, so when I passed by the door he kicked me."

Threats to shoot her were related by the witness who said that at various times her husband pulled her hair, or grabbed her throat, and some times threw bottles at her.

"I don't want any alimony," she told the court. "I always worked before we were married and have had to since. I can do it still."

Mrs. Fitzsimmons asked permission to resume her maiden name of Julia Gifford.

No defense was offered and a default was entered. The court ordered the testimony written up. Before becoming Mrs. Fitzsimmons in 1902 the complainant was a professional singer.

From 1900 to 1910 Oregon increased in population outside of cities only 46,069, or 4,607 per year. More industries, cheaper land and lower taxes are the remedy.

ELKS DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS CHEER TO NEEDY OF CITY

Medford, through the Associated Charities, Elks lodge and Country club, poured a wealth of charity into the lap of its door today, and Santa Claus will come to every boy and girl and every family will have a two weeks' supply of food on hand when the distribution is completed. To avoid confusion, the Associated Charities have placed the distribution in the hands of the Elks, and the lodge will also make its annual gifts to the poor. In the neighborhood of seventy-five families will be aided, and Christmas baskets left.

This afternoon at 2:30 the Country club will hold a Christmas tree at the Medford hotel, when toys collected by the Associated Charities and other organizations will be given to lighten the hearts of the little folks. Every girl will receive a doll, and every boy a toy along with a portion of candy and nuts. The tree will be under the auspices of the Country club, its members making contributions.

This afternoon and tomorrow morning the distribution of food will begin, and there will be no publicity connected with it. It is planned that every needy family receive gifts and supplies.

This morning donations of clothes and food and fruit were received by the Associated Charities. All the churches of the city have engaged actively in this work except one. Their reason for withholding aid was that Catholics were on the relief committee. Their energies were devoted to aiding the Belgians and foreign missions.

There will be no empty stockings in the city in the morning. The stores will close and the holiday observed

with private trees and family reunions.

ELEVATOR MANGLES C. C. JOHNSON'S ARM

C. C. Johnson of the Garnett-Corey company, had his left arm mangled and crushed while making repairs to the elevator Wednesday afternoon. The member was broken in two places and the ligaments torn loose. Dr. Porter hopes that amputation will not be necessary and will try and wire the torn ligaments and broken bones.

Mr. Johnson, with Mr. Garnett, was in the basement making repairs. In lifting the weights, one of them fell, pinning Johnson's arm to the case.

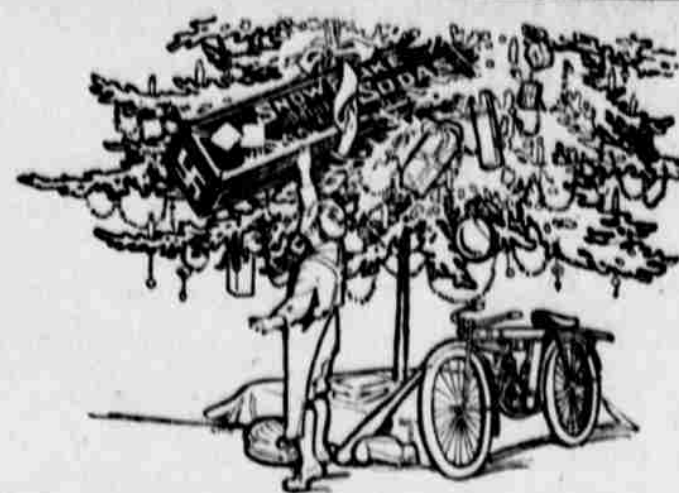
Mr. Johnson is 57 years old and has been a resident of this city six years, five of which he has been with the Garnett-Corey company.

ONLY THREE FRUIT INSPECTORS KEPT

Horticultural Commissioner Allen has notified the county court that all fruit inspectors have been dispensed with for the present except three, Elmer Oatman, J. C. Aitkin and Ross Kline who have the three country districts. Mr. Allen states that this is simply a preparatory move towards re-organization of the inspection force along entirely new lines.

NEW CITY AUTOMOBILE PASSENGER SERVICE

Van R. Pierson and R. N. Foster have established an auto city passenger service for schedule and special trips. The regular schedule trip will be made on West Main, West Tenth, South Oakdale and North Central, morning, noon and evening, fare 10 cents. Call trips anywhere in the city 15c. See their schedule in this paper.



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