

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

There will be a special meeting of the Medford's Merchants association at the public library this evening at 8:00 o'clock for a discussion of the reduction of railroad rates.

County Commissioner Can Loeber of Central Point is attending to official business in the city today.

Experienced man wishes position as foreman on orchard or ranch. References. Address R., care Mail Tribune.

The building committee of the Elks' lodge have issued invitations for a dancing party complimentary to the lady Elks committee to be held at the new Elks club rooms on North Central avenue, New Years Eve, at 9:00 o'clock. Haezeling's orchestra will furnish the music. The committee in charge is composed of L. B. Haskins, C. E. Gates, T. E. Daniels, R. R. Ebel, L. M. Lyon, S. I. Brown, and Scott V. Davis.

Another barrel of Houston's genuine sorghum at Hutchison & Lumsden's.

Colleagues home from various institutions for the Christmas holidays are planning on a smoker New Year's Eve and are handicapped somewhat by the inability to secure a suitable place for the ceremony.

Rom and board at 145 South Ivy. Mrs. C. L. Grant.

George Rice of Glendale is spending a few days in the city attending to business matters.

Make a bid before January 1st. A few of those big oak trees on South Oakdale will be sold to the highest bidder before January 1st. The lots 75x175 will be thrown in. All assessments paid to date. W. H. Everhard, 1013 West 9th, phone 667-J.

Earl Ulrich of the Union creek district is spending a few days in the city with friends and relatives.

Palm rooms, new management, light, airy rooms, reasonable rates. Georgia Eicher.

W. C. Pruitt, in charge of the forest ranger station at Copper, Cal., is spending the Christmas season in the city, and attending to official business.

Get your butter, cream, milk and butter-milk, at De Voe's.

The M. H. S. alumni will hold a meeting this evening at the Hotel Medford. The advisability of organizing and giving a series of dancing parties in the near future will be discussed. All bills relating to the alumni ball will be brought up at this time, but no assessments will be levied upon those present, therefore no one need feel under any obligations to bring along a check book or any spare currency. The meeting will take place on the mezzanine floor at 7:30 p. m.

See Dave Wood about that fire insurance policy. Office Mail Tribune Bldg.

Don Rader, Tom Scantlin and Sealey Hall went swimming in Rogue river near the Bybee bridge Sunday night about 9:00 o'clock as the result of dares exchanged between each other. The young men survive.

Red Crown gasoline 20c at Crater Lake Motor Car Co.

The schools of the city will open next Monday after a two weeks' Christmas vacation.

I shall sell to the highest bidder before January 1st, lot three Oaklawn addition on South Oakdale. This lot is just north of the Treichel house and is covered with those big oak trees. It is 75x175 feet, all assessments paid to date. Make a bid. W. H. Everhard, 1013 West 9th, phone 667-J.

Dud Anderson's next appearance in the role of a fighter will be at Pendleton New Year's Day, his opponent being Sammy Goode, who has been looking for a crack at the ex-prize for years. There is no local interest in the combat.

Kodak finishing the best, at Weston's Camera Shop, Over Isis Theater.

English and London papers telling of the raid of the German cruisers on the east coast of England have been received in the city. The Germans are referred to as the "Baby Killers of Scarborough," in one of the editorials. The papers also contain the words of England's latest popular war song, entitled, "We Hate To See You Leaving, But We Think You Better Go." The song is a bit of mild sarcasm at the Britons who balk at the idea of going to the front.

Bring your poultry to Medford Poultry & Egg Co., new location 109 East 8th. Telephone 583. 242*

Louis Ulrich and wife of Jacksonville spent Sunday in Medford visiting friends.

"Insurance" means "Holmes" and "Holmes" means "insurance." See Holmes "The Insurance Man."

The last of the Christmas mail from the east and middle west arrived Sunday, and was distributed today, ending the holiday rush for the post office.

Best sorghum to be had at Hutchison & Lumsden's.

The weather of the last ten days has froze up the springs and other sources of water in the hills district, making it hard for range cattle to slake their thirst.

DeVoe is going to sell 500 pounds of chocolate creams at thirty cents per pound. Get a pound today. If Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leever of Central Point spent Sunday with friends and relatives in this city.

Sweet cider at De Voe's. A. D. Fleming of Napa, Cal., is among the out of town visitors in the city this week.

Try a quart of our guaranteed pure sanitary milk. Phone 582-W. 250

The fire department was out this morning flushing the sand from the gutters collected there after the sprinkling of the streets with sand during the recent cold spell, to prevent horses from slipping.

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A. B. Cornell of Grants Pass was a business visitor in the city Saturday. Benjamin Collins of Jacksonville was a business visitor in the city this morning.

Kodak finishing and supplies at Weston's Camera Shop. Over Isis Theater.

Los Angeles papers of a recent date contain a story of the killings of Arthur Keller, a boxer, by drowning at Long Beach, and local people wonder if this is the same Arthur Keller, who appeared in a couple of bouts in this city.

Why walk when you can ride for 15c to any part of the city. Ford Taxi. Call Aleo 882R.

J. A. Westerlund left Saturday afternoon for Orion, Ill., where he was called by the serious illness of his aged mother. Mr. Westerlund will arrive at Orion, Wednesday morning, making close connections at Sacramento with the Overland Limited.

Get it at De Voe's. Mrs. A. C. Burgess and son Ralph who have been in Chicago for the last six months will return to Medford today.

At Mann's for five days only, 10 votes for every cent purchase in coat and suit department. The biggest cut in this line Medford has ever seen.

Lincoln McCormick, Jr., a student at the Leland Stanford University, spending the Christmas vacation in this city, is confined to his home by an attack of the measles.

5 votes for every cent paid in shoe repairing at Kidds from now until end of Piano contest. Shoes repaired while you wait.

10 votes given for every cent purchase in brass goods and china from now until end of contest at M. F. H. Co.

Mrs. A. C. Allen gives a dancing party at the Natatorium tonight in honor of her daughter Mary and Miss Henriette Weiss, of Guatemala. Both young ladies are attending Miss Head's school at Berkeley, Cal.

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Fruit Commissioner A. C. Allen has appointed County Pathologist M. T. Henderson as deputy horticultural commissioner for Jackson county.

Mr. Henderson will be in charge of all inspection work hereafter and serves without any increase in his salary as pathologist.

If you can't get what you want to eat at any other grocery store call up 70 and you will get it. Also 50c votes for every cent purchased over 50c from now until end of Piano contest.

Winners of prizes, heretofore unannounced, of the prizes at the recent hospital fair, have been announced as follows: Mrs. A. Green, of Vancouver, B. C., winner of the center piece, and Mrs. A. M. Hudson of Toronto, Ont., winner of the oil painting of Mt. Hood.

The finest equipment in Oregon for printing fruit labels. Medford Printing Co.

R. R. Minter of Eagle Point was a business visitor in the city last Saturday.

J. O. Gerking, the best all around photographer in southern Oregon. Always reliable. Negatives made anywhere, time or place. Studio 228 Main St. Phone 320-J.

Joe Kelly of Griffin creek is attending to business matters in the city today.

Houston's home made sorghum at Hutchison & Lumsden's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose of the Siskiyou division of the Pacific highway construction spent the Christmas holidays in this city visiting friends and relatives.

W. H. Jordan of Weed, Cal., spent the last of the week in Medford visiting friends and relatives.

Red Crown gasoline 20c at Crater Lake Motor Car Co.

From January 1 until the end of the contest the M. F. H. Co., will give 5 votes for every cent purchase in carpets, rugs, draperies.

TRENTON, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Jas. A. Alford, wealthy business man of Rutherford, Tenn., was acquitted today of the murder of Harry Coulter, a lawyer, in September, 1913.

BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO SECURE ACREAGE FOR SUGAR BEETS

The opening gun in the campaign for the establishment of a beet sugar factory will be fired this afternoon at Table Rock, when steps toward securing acreage in that section will be set in motion. J. W. Storey, soil expert of the beet sugar interests, arrived this morning, and with W. H. Gore, E. W. Carleton, E. E. Kelly and others, will speak at the meeting this afternoon.

The committee in charge has changed the date of the Talent meeting from Friday to Thursday afternoon, the same date as Central Point.

Meetings will be held every day this week in the agricultural sections of the valley, closing in this city next Saturday. No difficulty is expected in the securing of the acreage suitable to the raising of sugar beets. There is a decided sentiment among farmers and business men and landowners for the raising of the new industry. Acreage to the amount of 5000 acres is sought in the valley.

Tomorrow a beet sugar meeting will be held at Eagle Point, Wednesday at Willow Springs, Thursday at Central Point and Talent, Friday at Phoenix and Saturday in this city. Business men, public-spirited citizens, landowners and all others are urged to get behind the movement and aid in the establishment of a new industry and payroll in the valley.

Both the Farmers' and Fruitgrowers' league and general committees named to take charge of the work are active, and when the week is ended it is confidently expected an industrial New Year's gift will be assured this section.

Rattlesnake Jim, half Sioux Indian, the other half German-Swiss, who is walking around the earth barefooted, arrived in Medford this morning. Besides being a long distance hiker Rattlesnake will yodel and dance, the first accomplishment being a heritage from the Swiss, and

DANCES LIKE SIOUX YODELS LIKE SWISS

the second from the Sioux. None of the well-known warlike qualities of either side of his family tree have cropped out in him. He left his home in Lucerne, Switzerland, April 6, 1897, and expects to get back April 6, 1920.

Rattlesnake Jim's name is James Launo Lonefeather, and is 20 years old. It will take him 23 years to make his trip, and he is doing it for three reasons, his health, adventure, and to secure a first hand education in the University of Experience. During the last 17 years he has been on the go he has traveled 122,546 miles, all in his barefoot.

He supports himself by singing and dancing in the streets and will hold forth at Jacksonville tonight and in Medford Tuesday.

STOCKS MAKING GAINS IN 'CHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Stocks made material recovery today from the low level of the previous week, gains ranging from 1 1/2 to three points in the better known issues, including the international list.

Most significant among these was United States Steel, which advanced to 49, a point above its minimum. Bethlehem Steel rose two points to its best price for the movement, while Union Pacific, Reading, Erie, Canadian Pacific, Amalgamated, Smelting and Northern Pacific were up from one to two points. Brooklyn Transit was the only active stock to lag behind. Trading in the first half hour, while much below normal, was far in excess of last Saturday.

PAST YEAR ONE OF GREAT DANGER FROM FOREST FIRE

The season of 1914, according to the officials of the forest service, carried greater danger from fire to the national forests than any year since the establishment of the forests. A long dry season, sustained periods of high temperature, occurring hard and steady winds, and, in some places, unusually hot, dry nights, rendered the forests exceedingly inflammable. In fact, the weather conditions were said to be worse than in 1910, when the disastrous Idaho fires occurred.

The total number of fires during the season of 1914 which threatened the national forests and had to be handled by the protective organization of the forest service were 6112, or 1000 more than in 1910. Of this 6112 fires, 81 per cent were extinguished before they had covered ten acres. The percentage that burned over more than ten acres was smaller than in any previous year. The most serious of these fires occurred in western Montana, northern Idaho and the Pacific slope. In the central and southern Rocky mountains conditions were more normal, and only 15 per cent of the total number of fires occurred in this region. A preliminary estimate shows that the total loss of merchantable timber will probably not exceed \$400,000. In 1910 the corresponding estimate was nearly \$15,000,000, although later estimates materially reduced this amount.

It is estimated that the value of the timber threatened and saved in Idaho and Montana alone aggregates over \$50,000,000. In Oregon and Washington experts estimate the value of timber saved at \$24,000,000. This does not include the value of non-merchantable timber, young growth on about 5,000,000 acres of land, or several million dollars' worth of ranch and other private property which lay in the path of the threatening conflagrations.

EXPERIMENT STATION NOT TO BE MOVED

The county court Monday rejected the proposal to purchase land for the experiment station and exchange the same for the land now used, formerly a part of the county hospital land and needed now for vegetable garden. The twenty acres comprising the experiment station, mostly rich Bear creek bottom, and valuable for experimental purposes.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN IN JANUARY 7

County officers elected at the last general election will be sworn in on Wednesday, January 7, assuming their duties that day. County Recorder Fred Colvig will step into the treasurer's office, James M. Cronmiller, incumbent, retiring. Chauncey Flory takes charge of the recorder's office;ohn A. Perl, coroner; A. T. Brown, county surveyor, and Frank H. Madden, county commissioner.

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MILLINERY AT YOUR OWN PRICE. Trimmings Hats, values up to \$15.00, many to choose from, now \$3.98. Untrimmed Hats, values to \$7.50, your unrestricted choice \$1.98.

FURS, 1/3 and 1/2 OFF. Your unrestricted choice from our hand some stock of Furs. We must turn them into money prices, less than cost.

The above is only a partial list of the goods on sale. Sweaters, Umbrellas, Underwear, Gowns, House Dresses, Aprons, Petticoats—all are reduced in price.

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