

ELKS' TEMPLE ONE OF FINEST IN THE COUNTRY

Medford can justly lay claim to having within its bounds the best, most elaborate, and in every way the best appointed lodge temple of any city in the state south of Portland—and that is the magnificent structure which Medford Elks are now completing on the northeast corner of North Central Avenue and Fifth Street.

This imposing structure completed and furnished will cost \$60,000. Of this amount \$35,000 will be expended for the building itself, \$15,000 for furniture and \$10,000 for heating plant. The building covers nearly a quarter of a block, is two stories high, and underneath the full building area is a concrete walled and floored basement. Above the basement the walls are of white pressed brick.

In the basement there will be bowling alleys, a large gymnasium, shower baths and hot water heating plant.

On the first floor there is a large reception room, a ladies' parlor, library, writing room, secretary's office, card room, grill room, and billiard room.

The second floor comprises the lodge room and banquet hall. The lodge room is 55x70 feet in size and is wondrously beautiful. The floors are of hard wood, affording an especially fine dancing floor.

The building is being furnished throughout in natural wood—native oak and fir being principally used. The furniture is the best which could possibly be procured.

Medford Lodge No. 1165 B. P. O. Elks, was organized five years ago with a membership of 43. It now has a membership of 370. T. E. Daniels was its first exalted ruler and Leon B. Haskins is its present exalted ruler. The new membership for the year just closed is nearly 100.

The building committee which has had charge of the erection of this splendid new lodge home is composed of the following gentlemen: Leon B. Haskins, T. E. Daniels, Scott V. Davis, R. R. Ebel, S. I. Brown, C. E. Gates and L. M. Lyons. Frank C. Clark, architect.

STAR THEATER IMPROVEMENTS.
The Star Theater, will be enlarged shortly after the first of the New Year, and plans for the improvements are now being made by a well known contractor.

The most important change will be the increased seating facilities in the way of a balcony that will have 180 chairs of the very latest pattern. Two stairways, one on each side of the lobby will lead to the balcony at a very easy grade and will make the balcony very attractive and comfortable.

Where the office is now located

ELKS' NEW TEMPLE, NOW NEARLY COMPLETE, COSTING \$60,000 COMPLETE



MEDFORD BEST PAVED CITY FOR SIZE IN NATION

No city in the world excels Medford in the amount of paving for its population. The city boasts of 20 miles of hard surface pavement, all of which was laid in the past five years. The cost approximates \$1,000,000. The bulk of the pavement is asphalt with concrete base.

Medford is the best paved city in the world. Not only has it the most paved streets for its size, but the quality of the pavement is superior to that of any city south of it," said Sam Hill, president of the National Good Roads association and foremost good roads advocate in the nation, while recently visiting in this city.

"I have inspected all the new roads and paving construction under way in both Europe and America, so I feel that I know what I am talking about. Pavement and good hotels have transformed Medford into a most attractive city. Medford and Ashland are far ahead of any cities south to Sacramento."

A city of 11,000 inhabitants, it has 389,767 square yards of pavement, or 20.03 lineal miles, or 35 square yards per capita. Medford has more paved streets today than Portland had at the time of the Lewis and Clark fair in 1895 and Portland at that time was a city of 150,000 inhabitants.

will be placed a ladies' rest room and the office will be transferred to the operating room and the entrance changed to the balcony and the operating room will be in the extreme front of the building over the entrance.

LIBRARY'S GROWTH FOR YEAR STEADY

The year of 1914 has been one of steady growth in the public library. Each month more books have been taken out for home reading than during the corresponding month of last year, and the total circulation of books and magazines has been approximately 37,800, showing a gain of more than 27 per cent. The book collection numbers 4808, of which 1247 have been added during the current year.

The library rooms are being used more and more both for reference and general reading. Sixty-five magazines and newspapers are received regularly and the subscriptions for next year include a number of new titles. Many people who do not care to keep their files have brought to the library their personal copies when they have finished with them. It is the plan to preserve complete files of the leading periodicals and to have them bound as there are funds available. The library is glad to receive either current or back numbers of magazines, and the copies not needed for reference files will be circulated or sent in numbers to communities or institutions that will enjoy them.

Among the books purchased during the year have been the New International Encyclopedia Britannica, in the latest editions.

The building and the auditorium are more and more sought as meeting places for different organizations, and the library has found opportunity for extending its work in many different ways. Books have been borrowed from the state library for study groups on different subjects, and to fill numberless individual requests.

FIX APPORTIONMENT FOR SCHOOLS, \$12

The county court Thursday fixed the school apportionment at \$12 per capita, \$3 lower than the amount fixed earlier in the year, giving for schools of the county approximately \$84,000 for 1915. A number of the school officials of the valley attended a meeting Thursday forenoon protesting against reduction. The levy state and county taxes was fixed at 13.5 mills.

RECORD PRICES FOR PEARS IN 1914, FEATURE

Notwithstanding unfavorable season and unfavorable markets, Medford pears broke the green fruit sales record for 1914, when on October 6 in New York City three dollars and five cents per half box was paid for a carload of Comice shipped by the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association. The car was sold at auction in the open market upon Pier 20.

The sale is not only remarkable because of being at the highest price in a couple of years, but because of the condition of the fruit market at the time. Jonathans shipped from the Pacific coast fruit districts under ventilation, and not under ice, arrived in such bad condition that they had to be placed upon the market at once. A deluge resulted, in which prices ran around 92 cents and a dollar. The apple market has not recovered from this setback. Greater than the injury to the immediate owners of the fruit was that all the shippers from its effect on the sentiment of the trade and of the speculators.

A. H. Brown, manager of the Stewart Fruit company, said that there were two factors in the procuring of high prices for the Comice from Medford, when all the other pears were badly off color: "They were wonderful pears and they arrived after the competitors were out of the markets."

SOUTHERN OREGON MINING BUREAU

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Medford, Oregon

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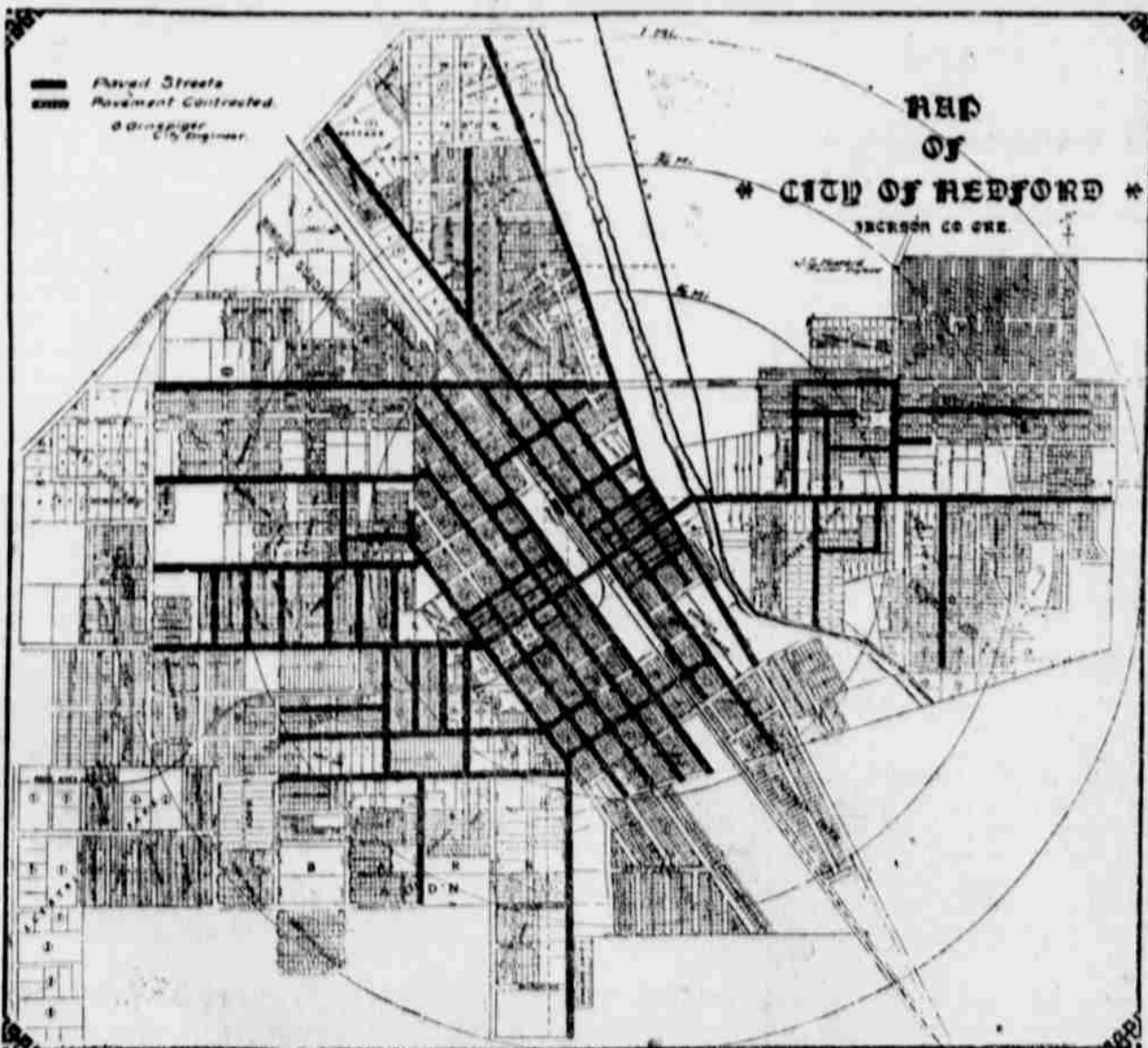
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GENERAL SUMMARY OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT, JANUARY 1, 1915.

	Sq. Yards.	Miles.	Cost.
Pavement	389,767.76	20.03	\$ 935,696.13
Water mains		28.16	259,524.93
Sanitary sewers		27.54	209,606.82
Storm sewers		1.33	236,776.28
Concrete walks		27.05	99,516.05
Miscellaneous			27,000.00
Gravity water			275,000.00
Grand total			\$1,829,119.36

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