

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Bert R. Greer, editor of the Ashland Tidings, is spending the day in Medford attending to business matters.

Sid Brown has returned from a week spent in Josephine county attending to mining business.

B. G. Worthington, who had his face and hair badly burned in an explosion in the Medford Sheet and Iron shop last Saturday afternoon, is able to be on the street again.

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

A wild looking citizen was brought to the police station this noon by Arthur Wells, who found him begging for food in the west part of town, frightening many housewives. He wore a mud bespattered overcoat and was unshaven and unshod. The gentleman gave the name of Johns. The police gave him a meal and orders to get out of town.

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

The basketball teams of the high school, boys and girls, are making arrangements for a trip through northern California, and a set of rules has been compiled on conduct during the trip, which each must sign before permission is given. The rules prohibit "dates" and late hours. Coach Moore will have charge of the boys, and a chaperone will be appointed for the girls.

The Star theater tonight will offer a local talent vaudeville bill as an extra to a large picture bill. Cousin Mittelburger and Miss Ione Flynn, Earl Bonner and Jack Barry will appear.

Place your magazine club subscriptions with Sparta Cigar Store.

Wilfred Scott of Yreka, Cal., is among the out of town visitors in the city this week.

Herbert Alford has returned to his studies at the University of California after spending the holidays in this city.

The regular monthly meeting of the county court was held at Jacksonville this morning, and a batch of bills allowed. Frank H. Madden was sworn in as county commissioner, and assumed the duties of his office.

Sweet cider at De Voe's.

John M. Root who has been attending to business matters in San Francisco the last month is expected to return to Medford this week.

Justice of the Peace Glenn O. Taylor is visiting friends and relatives at Lodi, Cal., and is expected to return this week.

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

Samuel Thompson of Glendale, is spending a few days in the city attending to business matters.

The Medford school district has issued a call for bids for the supply of wood for the next term of school, the same to be opened at the regular meeting January 16th.

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The rains of the last week, along with the melting snows in the mountains, has been a source of joy to placer miners who are staking their properties.

Get it at De Voe's.

The Grants Pass high school basketball team will play the local high school in this city Friday night. A girls' game will likely be arranged with either the Ashland or Phoenix team.

Palm rooms, new management, light, airy rooms, reasonable rates. Georgia Elcher. 259

James Whitney of Corvallis is a business visitor in the city this week. Try a quart of our guaranteed pure sanitary milk. Phone 552-W. 250

The bull tractor will demonstrate plowing alfalfa stubble at Minear ranch on King's Highway, tomorrow afternoon, 1/2 mile south of town. 246*

The first 100 adults at box office window Page Theater, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, will be given a free ticket.

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Miss Sadie Van Dyke is seriously ill with heart disease complicated by other troubles. She has been ill for the past two weeks. Miss Van Dyke is the daughter of the late J. G. Van Dyke and the family are pioneers in the valley.

Portland papers contain the announcement that Judge W. S. Crowell of Medford, who is spending the week there, has given \$15 to the Belgian relief fund.

Rogue River has forwarded \$50 worth of foodstuffs for Belgian relief. The relief fund for the state, in cash and merchandise now exceeds \$30,000.

Beginning tonight, the Medford Christian Assembly will hold regularly a public meeting each Wednesday evening, as well as on Sunday afternoons, in St. Mark's hall, 218 west Main street. Meeting hour, 5:30 o'clock. The meetings of the Assembly have been growing in interest and power for several weeks. Some have been converted and some baptized. A most cordial invitation to come and see and hear, is extended to all in the closing hours of this dispensation. Mr. Dodge, who conducted evangelistic meetings in St. Mark's hall in November, is acting pastor of the Assembly.

A rousing charter meeting was held at the regular meeting and banquet of the Men's club of the Presbyterian church last night. Over 200 were in attendance, and a thorough discussion of the charter given. Much favorable interest in the new charter was shown.

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PURDIN ADVOCATES RETURN TO MORE PROGRESSIVE WAYS

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\$9949.57. Placing of this department in the hands of the city engineer and eliminating the street commissioner has made a saving in this department, but the figures have not been furnished me and will have to be had from the report of the city engineer.

Street Lighting

This is a subject that will require much attention from the incoming city council, as the bills now run about \$775 per month and this seems to me to be far in excess of what the city should be required to pay. The matter of the old contract and franchise with the electric company is now in the United States court for decision, and when decided may shed some light for their guidance, but surely some cheaper way of street lighting must be found or the city will go bankrupt, and this the council well knew and are anxious to arrange, but as to how is a matter for grave consideration. The proposition made by the competing electric company to furnish current to be distributed by the city to the people and for use in lighting the streets may prove a solution of this matter; but great care should be used in entering into any further contracts with electric companies, as our experience in the matter has been neither pleasant nor profitable.

Street Railways

The completion and operation of nearly two miles of electric street railway in the city has passed with little comment in the city, and the extension of the system to the western portion of the city is now awaiting the permission of the railroad commission permitting the street railway to cross the Southern Pacific tracks on Main street, when it is hoped the system may be extended in such a manner as to reach well westward on Main street, and likely on other streets.

Police Force

The police force has been reduced to one man in daytime and two at night to further extend the idea of economy. This idea carried a little further would get us back to the time when John S. Miller was city marshal and William Charchman was night watchman, and would likely suit some of our great political economists of street fame; but why have police at all unless sufficient to police the city as it should be? January 2, 1915, after the fire alarm, I saw three flagrant violations of the speed regulations on Main street, near the bridge, and not a police officer in sight, as it was the duty of the man on duty to be near the fire, and he could not be at Bear creek and the fire too.

Fire Department

There have been a number of changes in the fire department during the year, but, as a whole, the efficiency of the force is good. The purchase of an old automobile that has been made over by the men at the department into a first-class fire-fighting machine, was, in my opinion, a wise thing to do, as it increases the efficiency of the department and makes possible a large saving in gasoline and tires, by less use of the large machine.

Delinquent Assessments

Under prevailing conditions, some of our people have been unable to pay all their assessments and interest as they came due; but, considering the times and the lack of employment by some of our people, the city can hardly complain, at least in the case of people unable to pay; but for those who are able to pay and will not, the feeling of the city council is not of the best, as the council are supposed to enforce the laws and obligations due the city, and when they are informed that "they must go to hell" when trying to carry out their oath of office, it is hard for a member of the council to turn the other cheek. Notwithstanding the scarcity of money, I am informed by the city treasurer that we have redeemed improvement bonds of the city in the sum of \$61,000 the present year.

Public Market

The city seems to have reason to be satisfied with the public market, as it has brought producer and consumer together to an extent that is surprising, and has enabled the surrounding farmers and producers to sell a lot of produce for the money, much of which has been spent with our merchants, and has thus been a benefit to all concerned.

Public Library

The public library has run on about the same lines as for the previous year, and while it has been forced to economize in some ways that have been against its progression in a manner desirable, it has kept up a

standard of excellence that we should be proud of.

Economy in Administration

The city council for the year 1914 has reason to be proud of reduction in expenses of administration along a number of lines, but whether a penny-splitting method of doing business is a good thing for the city is a question. Medford has heretofore been considered a "live town" by people generally, and now the question is frequently asked, "What has the city government done to kill the town?" While this is hardly the case, yet the fact that a complete shut-down in improvements by the city has doubtless had something to do in the matter, and I believe that a return to progressive methods by the city council would be a good thing for the city.

Bonds Redeemed

During the year 1913 the people paid in sufficient assessments and interest to allow the treasurer to redeem \$67,500 street improvement and water main bonds, and for the year 1914 the amount of these bonds redeemed from the payment of assessments and interest the sum of \$61,000, a falling off of such redemptions for the present year of \$6500.

During 1914 the city has redeemed outstanding warrants in the sum of \$19,344.56, and has issued such warrants to the extent of \$3461.10, reducing the amount of this floating debt during the year in this manner \$15,883.46. There has been paid in interest on the several improvement bond issues and other bonds of the city a sum of \$75,706.71.

Detailed reports of the several departments will furnish the details of all such payments, it not being possible to include them in this report.

Recommendations

I would recommend to your honorable body that the portion of the sinking fund not now placed at interest be so placed, being several thousand dollars of this fund lying idle.

From the survey made by Professor Don Sowers of the Oregon university, it appears that an entirely different system of books should be provided for keeping the records of the city, and this matter should receive your attention.

From the fact that a decree of the circuit court of Jackson county, Oregon, was obtained some two years or more since, in which it was decreed that a mortgage on property was superior to the lien of the city for street improvements, notwithstanding the law says the lien of the city is superior, it would be well to keep proper watch on all such suits where the interest of the city may be attacked.

That proper attention be paid to the overflow from the city reservoir in winter months, as the city has been threatened with a damage suit on this account recently.

During heavy rainstorms there is more or less damage to property on account of flood waters, and some provision should be made to care for this water, as the present storm sewers are not sufficient for the purpose.

Proposed New Charter

Should the proposed new charter be adopted by the people, it will simplify a great many matters in the city government, and will place the responsibility where it can be ascertained who is to blame for mistakes. I will also place Medford with other progressive cities throughout the country who have abandoned the old worn-out systems and adopted a modern system of government.

Conclusion

In conclusion I wish to thank the officials of the city and the council for their courtesy during the time I have held the office of mayor. To those of the council who hold over I offer my sympathy, as well as to my successor in office and new members of the council. Do not think you will receive any reward for duty well done, either in remuneration or appreciation, for we have the knocker with his little hammer always with us, and he will find you out.

Medford is a good old town. Not dead yet, but badly jolted by some of our pessimistic friends. Let us hope that 1915 will see us again pulling together for the interests of the city, and that we may get things going again in the good old way. While we do not need a boom, we do need men of business qualifications on the city council, who will give us a progressive administration and work for the best interest of the city.

Respectfully submitted, MAHLON PURDIN, Medford, Or., January 5, 1915.

LONDON, Jan. 6, 12:25 a. m.—A wireless dispatch received here from Berlin gives a report received in the German capital from Athens that the arduous task of the blockade Anglo-French fleets and that one torpedo boat has been slightly damaged.

Portland Livestock Market PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 6.—Cattle—Receipts 50; steady. Hogs—Receipts 1981; unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 278; steady.

WOMAN FORGER GIVEN CONDITIONAL PARDON BY WEST

Mrs. Fannie McNulty, convicted at the last term of the circuit court of forging the name of Mrs. Sarah E. Collins to a certificate of deposit for \$350 on the Jackson County Bank has been granted a conditional pardon by Governor Oswald West, the same now being in the hands of Circuit Judge Calkins. Mrs. McNulty's release will come when preliminary arrangements have been completed.

It is the desire of Mrs. McNulty to return to Boise, Idaho, but she is without funds. The county court has been asked to provide transportation to this point, and has the matter under consideration.

Mrs. McNulty was arrested at Boise last summer through the efforts of the Pinkerton detective agency. She was brought from Boise by Sheriff Sinclair, waiving extradition. From the start the sheriff's office has maintained that Mrs. McNulty was innocent.

Mrs. McNulty offered an alibi that at the time she was alleged to have secured the money, she will still in bed. It failed to clear her however, either at the preliminary hearing or the trial. The \$350 represented the savings and sole support of Mrs. Collins.

The case attracted considerable attention at the time, as Mrs. McNulty has relatives living near Eagle Point.

CURB BUTTINSKIS ATTENDING FIRES

The council at its meeting Tuesday night took steps towards curbing "buttinskis" at fires, who shout orders to the city firemen, and to stop the crowds from collecting in the middle of Main and Front avenue when the fire trucks are making a run to the fires. City Attorney H. R. McCabe was instructed to draw up a city ordinance covering these points.

The contemplated action is the result of conditions growing out of the recent gutting of the Medford Egg & Poultry company storehouse on the S. P. tracks, when about half the crowd that gathered essayed Chief Lawton's job, and shouted orders until they were snatched by the police and the fire hose.

Complaint was made by Chief Hittson that S. P. flagmen were not tending to business at the Main avenue crossing, being only on the job for passenger trains, and not guarding when freight trains were switching, etc. The matter will be referred to the local S. P. officials for adjustment.

DEALS CRUSHING BLOW

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rule of Austria and unite with Russia.

Rumania Ready

Rumania has not yet abandoned her neutrality but a warning has gone out to her reservists to hold themselves in readiness for service and developments which soon may be expected. The advance guard of Rumanians along the Rumanian frontier has been selected of men who speak the Rumanian language and have Rumanian sympathies. According to advices reaching London these soldiers everywhere are being received with friendliness.

A dispatch from Paris states that developments "of the highest importance," are imminent in Rumania. A dozen French and British newspaper correspondents left Paris today for Rumania by way of Bulgaria.

A Good Resolution.

To help build up Medford payrolls by smoking Governor Johnson or Mt. Pitt cigars.

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FOR SALE—32 acres, all cleared, close in, \$5000 quick sale. Clark Realty Co.

FOR SALE—Good bicycle cheap, call 144 South Central. 248

FOR SALE—We have the names of parties who have high-grade cockles and mussels for sale. Now is the time to improve your flocks. We need the broilers later. Medford Poultry & Egg Co. 248*

STRAYED—Brown horse, weight 900 lbs., clipped forelock, star on forehead. One white hind foot. West Side Barn. 247*

FOR EXCHANGE—100 acres corn land producing 80 and 90 bushels per acre, eastern Iowa, for improved land here or good equity. H. H. McCurdy.

PRESENT MEDALS TO THIRTEEN HEROES AT VERA CRUZ

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Thirteen enlisted men of the United States navy who won special mention for distinguished conduct at the occupation of Vera Cruz were presented with medals of honor by Secretary Daniels today on the deck of the battle ship Florida at the Brooklyn navy yard. Rear Admiral Fletcher, now commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, who commanded the American naval forces at Vera Cruz, and other high officers of the navy participated in the formal ceremony.

Secretary Daniels also read a long list carrying names of officers headed by Rear Admiral Fletcher and blue-jackets and marines who had received special mention for heroism and bravery at Vera Cruz.

Before presenting the medals, Secretary Daniels referred to the battle of Vera Cruz and declared that the outstanding naval event of the last year was the courage, sacrifice and self-restraint displayed by the officers and men of the navy and marine corps at that time.

RUSSIANS ROUT INVADERS: CAPTURE TEUTONIC OIL

LONDON, Jan. 5, 11:05 p. m.—Two of three Turkish columns which last week invaded the Russian Caucasus have met with disaster and the troops not killed or captured are in disorderly retreat pursued by the Russians. The column which took Ardahan two days ago has been driven out of town, according to the Petrograd official dispatches and is almost surrounded by the Russians who hold the main roads.

Another column which crossed the frontier near Sari Kamysh, on the road to Kars, has suffered an even worse defeat, one of the two army corps which composed it being captured in its entirety.

The Russians also report another victory over the Austrians in the Uruk Pass of the Carpathians. Emperor Francis Joseph's army in this region is declared to be in full retreat in a mountain pass deep in snow, while a violent snowstorm rages and the Russian cavalry is attacking on the flank and rear.

RUMANIANS GIVE AID TO MUSCOVITE TROOPS

LONDON, Jan. 6, 3:05 a. m.—The London morning newspaper correspondents in the eastern war theatre lay emphasis on the advance of the Russians in Bukovina, Austria's eastern province, where, it is said, only the most feeble resistance was encountered. Bukovina is the border land of Rumania and the correspondents speak of the excellent feeling which they say prevails between the Russian outposts and the Rumanian frontier guards Russia having astutely assigned soldiers of the Rumanian race to patrol duty.

According to the correspondents, the feeling in favor of Rumania entering the war has been augmented in all sections of the country by the occupation by the Russians of Suceava and Kimpolung, cities which are full of historic significance to the Rumanians.

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