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## COMMUNICATIONS

## That Daring Capture

To the Editor Mail Tribune:

Dear Sir: I wish you would shove  
someone a little to one side to give  
the grin on my face a chance to evap-  
orate (have tried to wash it off and  
fear it won't wear off), as it spreads  
a little every time I think of the ar-  
ticle in your paper in regard to the  
trials and hardships of A. B. Ham-  
mond in capturing Charlie Drake in the  
wild and almost impenetrable  
reaches of upper Evans creek.

It made most interesting reading,  
as I am pretty thoroughly acquainted  
with the Evans creek country, and the  
Drake family were friends and neigh-  
bors of mine for a number of years  
and am fairly familiar with the cir-  
cumstances surrounding the case.

But to get back to the point. I can  
imagine how the brave and bold con-  
stantly is swelling to the bursting  
point with pride and self esteem in  
relating his exploits to friends and  
acquaintances on the streets of Med-  
ford, and I thought he was some  
brave to keep watch over a lonely  
cabin in the dismal wilds of upper  
Evans creek. But when I come to  
get the straight of the story, I find  
he found him in bed at the home of  
his parents in the Meadows, where he  
had arrived from Weed, Cal., to spend  
the holidays with his folks, and the  
party was invited and accepted the  
invitation to take breakfast with the  
family, and I will wager a new hat  
they ate as good a supper and slept  
in as good a bed the night previous as  
any ranch house provides in Jackson  
county.

In conclusion, would like to slip a  
word of advice to Mr. Hammond not  
to get too far from Medford or  
mamma, or he will get lost.

Thanking you in advance (as I feel  
better already), I am, yours respect-  
fully,  
D. W. STURGESS.

Central Point, Jan. 13, 1915.

## A Farmer's Viewpoint

To the Editor:

I heard today that there was  
a scheme on foot to beat our  
sugar beet factory from being lo-  
cated in this valley, and it is as fol-  
lows: It is reported that the pro-  
moters of the beet sugar factory are  
in with, or part of the Rogue River  
Irrigation company, or whatever the  
name of the company is. Now, if this  
is a fact, it will be turned down hard  
and we are going to lose the beet sug-  
ar factory, as the farmers are not  
going to stand for this \$50 per acre  
for irrigation, as the farmer looks at  
it in this light:

First—The farmer says that the ir-  
rigation company has not got a suf-  
ficient supply of water for the irri-  
gation of the whole valley.

Second—That they will not stand  
for \$50 per acre for the water right.

Third—That it would cost about  
\$300 per acre to put the land in shape  
for irrigation, and taking the cost of  
the water right and the cost of the  
upkeep per acre per year, and the in-  
terest on the whole, it would cost the  
farmer at the end of the twenty years  
\$500 per acre.

Fourth—But they say that the \$500  
per acre would not be so bad if they  
were sure of the water, as a good  
many of them have been up and made  
an investigation of the company's  
water supply, and they say that if  
the company was to agree to irrigate  
80,000 acres that there would not  
be water enough left after they had  
put water on one-half of the amount  
of acres to soak a cottonwood chip.

Fifth—And that sugar beets do not  
need irrigation, only intensive cul-  
tivation, is what is needed to produce  
a crop of sugar beets.

Now, we want the sugar beet fac-  
tory, and we want it bad, as it will  
put in circulation a million dollars a  
year, and we want the million dollars,  
as it will be a tax lifter and a mort-  
gage lifter, and something should be  
done at once to right this talk that  
is being circulated. If it is not true,  
we want to know it, as it will surely  
stop the farmers from signing up  
acreage. But if it is true, then it  
will be beaten, as the majority of the  
farmers are too wise to be bilked into  
signing up for water under the  
present irrigation proposition, as they  
will not stand for it, and that settles  
it. Hoping that this may be made  
plain to the people of the valley, so  
as we will not lose this valuable asset

## NOT A WATER-SELLING SCHEME

ATTENTION is called to the communication in this  
issue from C. S. Sanderson of Central Point giving  
the viewpoint of many farmers in his locality regarding  
signing up for sugar beet acreage.

In brief, the argument is that in some occult manner  
the proposed beet sugar factory is connected with the  
Rogue River Canal company, and their effort to sell water  
to farmers, and that if this is the case, the farmers will  
refuse to sign up to grow sugar beets.

The beet sugar factory has no connection with the  
canal company. The canal company is anxious that the  
valley secure the sugar factory, of course, as it will natu-  
rally increase the sale of their water, inasmuch as much of  
the land under their system will not grow sugar beets  
without water. Much of the land will, as Mr. Sanderson  
says, grow them with intensive cultivation. The soil ex-  
pert of the factory is here to pass upon the land and tell  
the farmers whether or not it is worth their while to plant  
the beets.

Effort is being made to secure sugar beet acreage  
around Grants Pass, Evans Valley, Sams Valley, Wagner  
creek and Ashland, all of which could not possibly be  
watered from the canal company's system, showing that  
the plans for the sugar factory are in no sense connected  
with the plans for the extension of the canal system.

The canal company believes that the establishment of  
the factory will be as great a benefit to them as to the  
valley, as it will enable a marketable crop to be grown  
upon the idle lands already under their system. They be-  
lieve that the era of intensive cultivation that will thereby  
be introduced will greatly stimulate the demand for water  
and increase the value of land.

The farmers are not asked to sign up for water; they  
are asked to sign up to plant sugar beets. There is nothing  
in the agreement binding the grower to buy water or a  
water right. There is nothing binding in the preliminary  
agreement, which merely expresses the willingness of the  
signer to grow beets. The subsequent agreement, in which  
the factory agrees to purchase the beets and furnish ex-  
pert advice is dependent upon the report of the soil expert  
as to whether the land is suitable for growing a profitable  
crop of beets.

Farmers desiring to aid the establishment of the sugar  
factory must sign up at once, as it will soon be too late.  
They need have no fear that they are in any way binding  
themselves to purchase water, or water rights, for they are not.

## EVERY ONE SHOULD TURN OUT

IN the upbuilding and development of Medford and the  
Rogue River valley, the Medford Commercial club has  
played an important part. It has initiated and carried  
through to success nearly all of the movements that have  
made the country what it is today.

During the past two years the club has not had the  
support that it should have, because it has not had the  
membership necessary to accomplish big things. From a  
membership of over 400 it has dwindled down to some-  
thing over a hundred in good standing.

The annual banquet and election of officers of the club  
will be held Friday evening at the Medford hotel. A mus-  
ical program and short talks by leading citizens will follow.  
The tickets are 75 cents each, and every one who has the  
city's welfare at heart, whether a member or not, should  
attend.

Let all forget their factional disputes and pull together  
for the development of the valley.

STOCKS STILL ON  
UPWARD TENDENCY

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Specu-  
lative issues showed all of their recent  
uncertainty at the opening of today's  
stock market, United States Steel and  
Reading selling lower, while Union  
Pacific and Amalgamated Copper  
were fractionally higher. New York  
Central was strongest of all the rail-  
way issues, soon rising a point. Bal-  
timore and Ohio whose directors  
meet today to act on the dividend,  
held steady, despite the general be-  
lief that a lower rate of disbur-  
sement will be declared. United Rail-  
ways Investment preferred added a  
point to yesterday's gain, while the  
common yielded fractionally after  
opening at an advance.

BRITISH AVIATORS  
BOMBARD ANTWERP

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 14, via London  
5:30 p. m.—The Telegraaf in its  
issue of today says it has learned that  
British aviators last Monday dropped  
bombs on the German positions at  
Antwerp. The damage inflicted has  
not been learned.

to our valley, but we will have to get  
an electric carve on us or we lose.  
Yours very truly,  
C. S. SANDERSON.

Central Point, Or., Jan. 13.

## John A. Perl

UNDERTAKER  
Lady Assistant  
28 S. BARTLETT  
Phone M. 47 and 47-JB  
Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

SMITH START FIGHT  
FOR AN OPEN RIVER

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14.—Senator J.  
C. Smith, of Josephine, who took an  
active part in the Rogue river fish-  
eries fight at the 1912 session, intro-  
duced a bill this morning which  
probably will renew the "late misun-  
derstanding" with vigor. His bill  
lengthens the season for commercial  
fishing on Rogue river, above the  
mouth of Illinois river, making it  
from April 1 to August 1 of each year  
and increases the size of the gillnets  
which may be used to an 8 1/2 inch  
mesh.

A bill was introduced by Senator  
Hawley appropriating \$50,000, for  
the construction and equipping of a  
training department at the state nor-  
mal school, the extension of the heat-  
ing plant to the proposed department  
and the laying of walks and improve-  
ment of grounds at the institution.

THE CARE OF THE EYE IS THE  
LIFE OF THAT ORGAN

In other words, if you want your  
eyes to stay by you and preserve your  
sense of sight as long as you live, you  
must take good care of them. Eco-  
nomy is a very good thing in the  
right direction, but, when it comes to  
the eye, a poor pair of glasses will  
not take the place of a good pair.  
If you want good glasses I can fur-  
nish them.

## SEE

## DR. RICKERT

He Knows How  
Suite 1-2 Over Deuel's  
S. & H. Green Trading Stamps Given

## MARY PICKFORD

MARY PICKFORD  
IN "EAGLES' MATE"

A contract has been made by the  
management of the Star theater that  
will be of interest to every one in the  
valley that enjoys the best in photo-  
plays. Commencing Friday and Sat-  
urday, with Mary Pickford, in the  
"Eagle's Mate," the Famous Players  
Film company will have one of their  
productions at this popular theater.

Miss Pickford is the most popular  
actress in the world, and in selecting  
her to open the series the manage-  
ment has made no mistake, as she is  
very well known here and has been  
badly missed from the screen.

On Friday, the first performance  
will start at 2 p. m., but on Satur-  
day the doors will open at 1:15, and a  
continuous performance will be  
given during the entire afternoon and  
evening.

Souvenir postal cards of Miss  
Pickford will be given to each pur-  
chaser of a ticket to the performance  
on Friday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Joe Shug-  
rue of Jersey City had the better of  
Leach Cross of this city in seven  
rounds of their ten round bout here  
last night, both lightweights fighting  
cleanly and cleverly.

An Old, Family Cough  
Remedy, Home-Made

Easily Prepared—Costs Very  
Little, but is Prompt, Sure  
and Effective

By making this pint of old-time cough  
syrup at home you not only save about  
\$2, as compared with the ready-made  
kind, but you will also have a much more  
prompt and positive remedy in every way.  
It overcomes the most serious, throat and  
chest colds in 24 hours—relieves even  
whooping cough quickly—and is excellent,  
too, for bronchitis, bronchial asthma,  
hoarseness and spasmodic croup.

Get from any drug store 2 1/2 ounces of  
Pinex (50 cents worth), pour it into a  
pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain  
granulated sugar syrup. Full directions  
with Pinex. Keeps perfectly and tastes  
good.

You can feel this take hold of a cough  
or cold in a way that means business. It  
quickly loosens the dry, hoarse or pain-  
ful cough and heals the inflamed mem-  
branes. It also has a remarkable effect  
in overcoming the persistent, loose cough  
by stopping the formation of phlegm in  
the throat and bronchial tubes.

The effect of Pinex on the membranes is  
known by almost every one. Pinex is a  
most valuable concentrated compound of  
genuine Norway pine extract combined  
with gualacol and other natural healing  
pine elements.

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of this famous mixture. To avoid dis-  
appointment, ask your druggist for "2 1/2  
ounces of Pinex," and do not accept any-  
thing else.

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or money promptly refunded, goes with  
this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft.  
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## THE PAGE

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## ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY

By special arrangement with the All-Star Feature  
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Red-blooded story of Alaska, pronounced by press  
and public the greatest photo-spectacle ever pro-  
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The admission, while more than our regular price, is  
less than for this great feature in many cities.

Lower Floor, 25c; Balcony, 15c; Children, 10c.

MUSIC FOR THIS ATTRACTION BY  
PAGE THEATRE ORCHESTRA

IOWA GOVERNOR  
TALKS WORLD PEACE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 14.—  
The federation of the world, practi-  
cal disarmament of the great powers  
and a long step forward for "the  
brotherhood of man," are among the  
probable results of the present Euro-  
pean war, according to Governor  
George W. Clark in his inaugural  
address here today.

Despite the gloom of the Euro-  
pean war, the governor prophesied  
that mankind would be better for it,  
in the end.

"It is an appalling price to pay,"  
he said, "but beyond this world war  
lies, in all probability, the death of  
militarism, the practical disarmament  
of the great powers of the earth, the  
removal from the people of the  
crushing burdens of great armies  
and navies, the disappearance of  
hereditary rulers and the entrance  
of more perfect democracies."

## IT Theatre

TODAY ONLY

## IN THE LOW COUNTRY

Two reel Kay-Bee

## Fires of Ambition

Two reel Domino  
Famous Beauty Film

## EUGENICS vs LOVE

Keystone Comedy

## When Villains Meet

DON'T MISS IT  
5 and 10c 5 and 10c

## STAR

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

## SPECIAL PROGRAM

Selig Offers

## Fates and Ryan

One Part

Biograph Beauty

Little Miss Make-  
Believe

One Part

Edison Feature

## What Could She Do?

Three Parts

Broncho Billy's Double  
Escape

One Part

## Mysterious Mr. Davey

With Sidney Drew

AFFRONT TO WEST BY  
RECEPTION COMMITTEE

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—"A line had  
to be drawn somewhere," is the ex-  
planation offered by the Salem Re-  
publican club for failure to invite Re-  
tiring Governor West, the state rail-  
road commission, the state water  
commissioners and State Labor Com-  
missioner Hoff to the inaugural re-  
ception tendered Governor Withy-  
combe at the state house Tuesday  
night.

The invitation committee directly  
handling the affair is in the center  
line of the fusillade of criticism and  
condemnation. It was composed of  
Max Goldfarb, county clerk of Marion  
county; Carl Abrams, a former rep-  
resentative; B. F. West, county ass-

essor of Marion, and Seymour Jones,  
chairman of the Marion county re-  
publican central committee, whose  
residence is at Jefferson.

STOP CATARRH! OPEN  
NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils  
Relieves Head-Colds at Once.

If your nostrils are clogged and your  
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freely because of a cold or catarrh, just  
get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm  
at any drug store. Apply a little of  
this fragrant, antiseptic cream into  
your nostrils and let it penetrate  
through every air passage of your head,  
soothing and healing the inflamed and  
swollen mucous membrane and you get in-  
stant relief.

Ah! how good it feels. Your nos-  
trils are open, your head is clear, no  
more sneezing, sniffing, blowing, no  
more headache, dizziness or struggling  
for breath. Ely's Cream Balm is just  
what sufferers from head colds and ca-  
tarrh need. It's a delight.

## THE PAGE TONIGHT

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