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SHOOTING ENDS DRINKING BOUT

Carl Reed, a former saloonkeeper, and Peter Ingram, a laborer, are held in the county jail at Jacksonville as a result of a shooting affray Saturday evening.

Booze is said to have played a part in the affray. Heated by drink, the men are said to have had hot words, following which Reed hit Ingram over the head with a bottle, inflicting a long cut on his cheek.

The men were lodged in the city jail, where Dr. Barber dressed their wounds. Neither was able to give satisfactory bond and both were held in jail to await trial.

The gun with which the shooting was done had not been found Tuesday morning.

The case has attracted much attention in the city, both men being well known, having resided in the city for a number of years.

SNOW CHANGES TO RAIN, THEN SNOW

New Year's day passed quietly in Medford. It began snowing at noon and continued until after dark, when a warm southeast wind began to blow.

Towards morning, Tuesday, it began to rain and as the day advanced a steady downpour set in, half an inch of rain falling by noon upon the five inches of snow blanketing the valley. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the rain again changed to snow and at 3 o'clock a blinding snowstorm was raging.

The morning's rain was snow on the Siskiyou and in the Cascades. Seven feet of snow on the level is reported in the Siskiyou, and over three feet at Prospect.

PAVING PLANS TO BE DEBATED

To the Public.

Some time ago Mr. Fehl issued a challenge to Mr. Hanson or any other person, to a debate on the Medford and Hanson plans.

Also at the last Medford meeting Mr. Pierce challenged Mr. Fehl and Mr. Fehl accepted.

We hereby accept that challenge. If Mr. Fehl is sincere, let him accept this challenge; the debate to be held in the opera house next Friday night, the supporters of the Hanson plan agreeing to pay half of all the expense of the meeting.

We hereby appoint E. M. Wilson as our representative to arrange the details of this debate and to confer with Mr. Fehl and the representatives of the Friday night meeting in the opera house.

HANSON PLAN COMMITTEE, January 2, 1917.

Union Prayer Meeting.

Union prayer meeting this evening at the M. E. church South, corner of Oakdale and Main street. Dr. Koffins will lead. A full attendance is desired.

At 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening at the Christian church, H. M. Brannan will lead. At 7:30 Thursday evening at the Baptist church, and at 7:30 p. m. Friday at the M. E. church. Everybody come.

George McDonald of Eagle Point was a Medford visitor Monday and Tuesday.

O, YOU SPORTSMEN!

A SPORTSMAN is generally a believer in fair play. Webster defines the term, "One who in sports is fair and generous. One who has recourse to nothing illegitimate."

A sportsman, then, believes in giving game a chance. He pits skill against cunning. He deliberately handicaps himself in the chase. The sportsman as a hunter uses small-bore guns and takes only the difficult shots; as an angler, he uses light tackle and artificial bait.

The sportsman in southern Oregon is evidently a different species from that depicted by Webster—at least with different instincts. He wants the limit of everything. He likes to have his picture taken with an auto laden down with slain birds and slaughtered animals, or with a wash-tub full of dead fish. He likes to make for the newspaper offices for a little free advertising of his "skill"—but is not at all scrupulous as to how this "skill" was displayed. In short, the pot outweighs the game, in his estimation—he doesn't care how he got it—so long as he got it.

The sportsmen of Ashland, following the example of the sportsmen of Medford, have organized a "fish and game protective association" for the laudable purpose of closing the Rogue river to commercial fishing, thus depriving several hundred people of the lower river of livelihood. But they are not satisfied with closing the river save for rod and line fishing, even though they use heavy tackle, spoons and salmon eggs for baits. They want to legalize their skill, as shown by the unanimous adoption of the following resolution for the protection of fish:

Be it resolved by the Ashland Fish and Game Protective Association that our members in the Oregon legislature be instructed to use every due effort to enact a law permitting the people to catch a limited amount of salmon for home consumption by gaff or spear in addition to angling.

O, you true sportsmen! O, you skilled anglers! O, you sore-back spawning salmon!

Is it any wonder fish are not as plentiful as in days of yore in Rogue river, since the advent of the auto, which is estimated to have increased the slaughter of all game in a 300 per cent ratio, when our sportsmen are animated by such a fair and generous spirit?

JUDGE M'GINN RETIRES

UNIVERSAL regret is felt throughout Oregon over the voluntary retirement of Henry E. McGinn as judge of the Multnomah circuit court. Judge McGinn is a firm believer in the somewhat startling theory that courts exist to administer justice, that common sense outweighs precedent and that humanity is above technicality.

Of course, Judge McGinn wounded the tender susceptibilities of lawyers and jurists, and shocked them immeasurably when he refused to be bound by red tape and musty formula, but the public got a square deal in his court. Impulsive and impetuous, he brushed aside technicality when it interfered with justice. He once said:

"I'm going to smash this thing of precedent every time I get a chance and every time it will do any good. To do something just because someone else has done it and to follow some other person's trail without reason or justice is nonsense. Precedent has stalked through our courts and legislatures until it has become a bugbear. I'm going to put on armor and use heavy artillery against it whenever I meet it."

Judge McGinn did. And more, he ever tempered justice with mercy. He would not complete youth's ruin by destroying whatever there remained good in him. Nor would he countenance unnecessary delay, contrived to wear out litigants and force compromises. When a jury rendered an unjust verdict he promptly set it aside, and in other cases abruptly halted trials.

Judges like McGinn are all too rare. If we had a few more like him, and the reforms he effected put in general practice, courts would not be growing in contempt with the laymen.

A New Year's Appreciation

With the passing of the year is a good time to coin the past and clasp the helping hands of the spent days. All too prone we are to take unheeded the repeated favors of private and public life. Our modern life is so interwoven no one can live by himself apart or even by his own endeavors. We are daily indebted to myriads of unnumbered favors and repeated encouragements. No day of all the bygone 366 has been devoid of these friendly ministries.

In our present day society no one force is more potent for good or ill than the public press. Here is a throne whose stretch is society wide and influence well nigh unlimited. As never before, the world's thought reaches the human intelligence through this eye-gate. The articulate word commands its scores, while the printed speech takes the wings of the morning and peoples the uttermost part of the habitable globe. There is scarce a dwelling so poor where the printed page in some form or other enters not. Because of the limitless realm of its influence the public press demands our respect, co-operation and support. This is a simple work of appreciation to the helping press at this time from a fellow folder in the wide field of social activity. The well-nigh universal rule is known that for the most part the press ever stands for the best things of society.

Locally, we have found the public press generous, cordial and friendly. When the news agency disturbs the est-

wide quiet of any humble home, we expect the press to duly chronicle the august event. When Janet and Hiram finally decide to pull the doornail of the preacher's home, how tame and insipid is the next issue of the local press should this momentous fact be omitted. When John Brown, who has been hunting a job for weary weeks, finally lands something, how unkind the editor who will not in-

SO DECEPTIVE

Many Medford People Fail to Realize the Seriousness.

Backache is deceptive. It comes and goes—keeps you guessing. Learn the cause—then cure it. Possibly it's weak kidneys. That's why Doan's Kidney Pills are so effective. They're especially for weak or disordered kidneys. J. Richardson, 115 S. Grape at Medford, says: "It has been a long time since I have had any occasion to take Doan's Kidney Pills, but speaking from past experience I found them all that's claimed for them. I couldn't advise anyone to take a more reliable kidney medicine for kidney disorders and backache than Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Richardson had. Foster-McBurm Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

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form the breathless public that "our fellow townsman, Mr. John Brown, has accepted a position with the Central Amusement park?" And finally, when the wide ribbon—be it white, lavender or black—flutters from the door post, how important that the public press shall note as an item of statewide interest, our own private sorrow. And each of these, and a thousand more, without money and without price.

The fortunes of individuals and the interests of public efforts are helped on, year after year, freely and generously.

The churches of the community ever find a helping and kindly friend in the public press. During the past year the local press has been generous to a most commendable degree to co-operate and encourage. It is quite true, we may not always agree with the man in the sanctuary, and more often, doubtless, he fails to agree with us—but even this but adds spice and sparkle to the varied shades of thought and conception of truth.

Gentlemen, yours is an ancient and honorable profession. We hail you as brother toilers on the plains of time, whether we are all sent to till and keep the wide acres of this disordered world. Some of these sturdy workers, busy with the stamping and clearing of the wild fields, seldom come near enough the paternal mansion to hear its music or join their brothers in a home feast—but we hail all such, whoever clears any field, as brothers in the work of the world's day. We shall never make good use of our energies by eluding one another. No worker should ever be driven from the farm. He who, with fine discrimination beyond our conception of values, watches over us all—God, can be trusted to distribute the wages of each in the shadow and cool of the evening hour.

The hearty wish, then, for the generous and helping public press of our fair city—a Happy New Year and many good returns.

We will together "Ring out the old, Ring in the new"

Of a wider and better day when a more kindly fellowship shall be maintained between all who serve in any place their day, be it in private or more public life.

J. C. HOLLINS, Pastor First M. E. church.

EAT BIG MEALS! NO SOUR, ACID STOMACH, INDIGESTION OR GAS

"Pape's Diapepsin" is Quickest, Surest Stomach Relief Known—Try It!

Time It! Pape's Diapepsin will digest anything you eat and overcome a sour, gassy or out of order stomach surely within five minutes.

If your meals don't fit comfortably or what you eat lies like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of indigestion.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, nausea, debilitating headaches, dizziness or intestinal grating. This will all go, and, besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out of order stomachs, because it takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there.

Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent cases contain enough "Pape's Diapepsin" to keep the entire family free from stomach disorders and indigestion for many months. It belongs in your home.

Mr. Fred Alton Haight TEACHER OF PIANO

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THE HAIGHT MUSIC STUDIO 401 Garnett-Corey Building Phone 72 Medford, Oregon

GREEK STEAMER SAPPHAD REPORTED TORPEDOED

BREIT, Jan. 2.—The Greek steamer Sapphad, 2087 tons, has been torpedoed. Nine of the crew were saved and the fate of the rest is unknown.

DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER! THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

Look at Tongue!—If coated, Clean Little Stomach, Liver, Bowels. Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, bad breath, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach ache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste and sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mother can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeiters sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

If your child is making a poor record at school, eye strain may be the cause, and you should consult Dr. Rickert at once. Exclusive Optometrist and Eye-Sight Specialist, over the May Co., 308 East Main st., Medford, Ore.

WANTED Everybody to Buy Meat at the BUNGALOW MARKET

523 E. MAIN You can always get bargains here. Our prices are right. FIRST-CLASS MEATS Beef Pot Roast, lb. 12 1/2c Prime Rib Roast, lb. 15c Boiled Beef, lb. 10c Beef Stew, lb. 9c Hamburger Sausage, per lb. 12 1/2c Pork Sausage, lb. 12 1/2c

All Kinds of Beefsteak, lb. 15c Cudahy Best Diamond C Sugar Cured Hams, lb. 22c Legs of Pork, lb. 15c Loin and Rib Chops, lb. 15c Pork Shoulder Roast, per lb. 12 1/2c Side Pork, lb. 12 1/2c Hog Heads, lb. 5c Whole or Half Hog 11c

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Medford Voters, Attention Do not be misled by certain statements that are reported to have been made regarding the Business Men's association of this city and its policy towards the public. The statement that the Business Men's association is organized to "fix prices" is an absolute falsehood. Out of twenty-one firms selling groceries, six are members of the association. Out of nine meat markets, one belongs to the association. Our membership consists of the four city banks, several physicians and business men in all lines of trade. For a considerable time the city water department was a member of the association. The statement that the Business Men's association wants to "kill the public market" is another falsehood. The association went on record as favoring the market by passing resolutions to that effect shortly after the market was started. A large number of the business men and their families are regular patrons of the market, and without their continued support it would be a failure. The association stands at all times for anything that is for the best interests of the city and county. We are organized for procuring better business laws and methods and for protection against fake advertising and professional "dead beats" and "won't pays." All our meetings are open to the public. EARL C. GADDIS, L. B. BROWN, C. S. BUTTERFIELD, E. F. SCHMIDT, A. C. HUBBARD, C. M. KIDD, Directors

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