

CHRISTMAS MAIL THIS YEAR BREAKS MEDFORD RECORD

The Christmas business of the Medford postoffice, especially in the matter of receipts of parcels and letters and cards, breaks all records heretofore in the history of the city, and notwithstanding the fact that the postoffice this morning was fairly jammed with all kinds of packages from every part of the United States and some foreign countries, after having cleared by deliveries yesterday, a similar congestion in the office, with another heavy deluge coming today, all Christmas packages and letters will have been delivered by tomorrow noon.

Then the tired carriers and clerks will go to their homes to enjoy their Christmas dinners with their families and rest up until Wednesday morning.

Outside of registered mail 115 sacks of Christmas parcels and other mail arrived during Sunday, about the same number of sacks arrived during Saturday, and a still larger quantity arrived during Friday, while heavy quantities had been arriving all week.

The entire postoffice staff has been working from 15, 18 to 20 hours daily for almost a week, and if necessary will work all night and tomorrow to get all the Christmas stuff delivered.

Three auto trucks fully manned with workers labored Sunday getting mail delivered, and today these trucks with additional ones and workers were busy on the same errand. Today several rural delivery carriers of the postoffice were also pressed into service to help out with city deliveries, and other additional men were also engaged in this work. Postmaster Warner and his son Gordon even labored on one of the delivery trucks. Assistant Postmaster Cliff Beckett with other help has been working until midnight daily in receiving and sorting mail.

The local American Express office also reports having had its biggest known business here, but expected to have all Christmas parcels delivered by tomorrow noon.

FORGERIES TOTALLED MAYHER OVER \$100,000

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Fred Mayher, alias E. B. Hatfield, alias William F. Walker, arrested here today on charges of swindling Kansas City banks out of \$27,000, confessed nation-wide forgeries that have netted him more than \$100,000 from more than a score of banks in upwards of a dozen different cities, according to a statement from police headquarters.

MAYOR APPOINTS HIMSELF JUDGE, BOGGS JUSTICE

Squire Boggs and Judge Gaddis will probably figure in the local court news much from now on, at least until Judge Glenn O. Taylor returns from his holidays vacation in California, as the above mentioned men will look after his duties as justice of the peace and judge of the city police court.

At the request of Assistant District Attorney Gaylord, the appointment of O. C. Boggs as temporary justice of the peace has just been made by County Judge Gardner, and it is understood an arrest was being made today in the county to give Squire Boggs a dress rehearsal.

Mayor E. C. Gaddis, after pondering long, while he smoked several Christmas cigars last night and this forenoon, thought of a suitable appointment for temporary judge of the city court. Finally the idea hit him hard, simultaneously with the resolve to smoke no more Christmas present cigars, to appoint himself to the job.

This idea made a hit with him the longer he thought it over, hence the introduction of Judge Gaddis, who will sit on the case of a drunk arrested last night, some time this afternoon, unless the accused man is able to stand.

PAVLOVA DECLARED BETTER THAN EVER

The company which Madame Anna Pavlova will bring with her to Medford is the largest she has ever offered to the public. The ballet was trained by Madame Pavlova and its dancing is a tribute to that fact. Pavlova opened her New York engagement early in October and in reviewing her the New York Times said: "If anything, she was greater than ever. Or, probably her company of contributing artists was nearer the Pavlova perfection than anyone she has brought here before. The ballet was the achievement of an artist."

Mme. Pavlova and her company will appear here at the Armory on January 12th.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—After chloroforming a watchdog bandits robbed the home of Crowsdale Knott of bonds said to be worth \$11,000, Saturday night, it became known today. The bandits in their flight dropped \$6500 in bonds.

Local Briefs

The annual meeting of the Medford post American Legion, will be held in the new quarters at the armory Wednesday, Dec. 26. The election of officers for the coming year will take place at this meeting. A large number of candidates have been nominated and their partisans are busily engaged in post politics. The balloting is scheduled to begin promptly at 8 p. m. as the first order of business. Entertainment and refreshments is also promised by the committee in charge.

Flowering shrubs, vines and ornamentals. Eden Valley Nursery. Phone 680-J-2.

Eat your Christmas dinner at Hotel Medford. Music in the evening. 235.

Dainty gifts from 25c up. Handicraft Shop. 235.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Eugene were visiting friends in Medford Sunday. Mr. Taylor was formerly ticket agent in the Southern Pacific office here but is now chief clerk in the district freight and passenger office.

Enjoy Christmas evening with your friends. Attend the holiday dancing party at the new armory given by Co. A. O. N. G. 235.

Fifty different slippers, leather and felt, all colors and sizes, about 20 per cent cheaper than last year. Jap Art Store. 11.

We carry nothing in coal but the best guaranteed Utah or Wyoming. Our prices on all fuel we handle are always the lowest, considering quality. Valley Fuel Co. 11.

There will be no temporary licenses issued after the first of the year for car owners who have failed to send in their money for the new license, according to word received from Salem. The driver must show his postoffice receipt for the money order sent for his license or must have his license plates on the first of the year. He is otherwise likely to find himself telling the judge how he happened to forget ordering the 1924 plates. The plates cannot be put on the car until the first day of the new year.

Christmas is coming, millions of gifts will go by parcel post during the next few weeks, if you want to make sure that those you send will arrive in good condition, or that they will arrive at all, have them properly wrapped at this office. 11.

Handkerchiefs from 10c up. Handicraft Shop. 235.

Open evenings. Jap Art Store. 243.

Joseph Martin and son left by motor this morning to spend the holidays with his sister at Eureka, Calif.

Next Thursday evening till Christmas open evenings. Medford Hardware & Sporting Goods Co. 235.

Candy and nuts for Christmas at Weaver's Store, Central Point. 235.

Planos! See Launapach. 11.

The Hotel Medford has its annual Yuletide feature, a large Christmas tree, which was installed in the west portion of the lobby Sunday to remain during the holiday period.

We have candy and nuts for Christmas. Come and get yours early. Weaver's Store, Central Point. 235.

Duplicating sale books for sale at this office. 11.

Edison New Diamond Disc phonograph plays all makes of records, at Palmer's. 11.

Best tone phonograph, your choice of \$5.00 worth of records, all for \$50, at Palmer's. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson have left for Berkeley, Calif. for a visit.

Listen to the genuine Victor Victrolas at Palmer's, compare quality of tone with others. 11.

Special sale on Ford accessories. Grease, oil and piston rings. The Busy Corner Motor Co. 11.

Myron Root and family are planning a trip east in the near future.

Radiator covers, felt lined. Medford Auto Top Co., North Grape. 234.

Highest grade Utah and Wyoming coal, absolutely free from slack and dust. Hansen Coal Co., 34 South Fir. Phone 239.

E. L. McKinley of the Southern Pacific district office left last evening for Portland where he will spend Christmas.

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Potatoes.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—Potatoes show, \$1.12 1/2.

San Francisco Markets.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Butterfat, f. o. b. San Francisco 55c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics)—Broilers, 3 to 1 1/2 lbs., 35@38c; 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 lbs., 34@35c; colored, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 lbs., 32@34c; fryers, leghorn 2 to 2 1/2 lbs., 28@30c; colored, 2 to 2 1/2 lbs., 25@27c; young roosters, colored, 3 lbs. and up, 26@27c; stags, showing spurs, 18@20c; old roosters, 16@18c; leghorn 18@20c; leghorn hens, 2 1/2 to 3 lbs., 18@20c; over 3 lbs., 24 to 26c; large colored hens, 26@28c; off stock 24@26c; turkeys, live nominal, dressed 45@48c; few fancy 50c; undergrade 38@45c; ducks, young 20@23c; off stock 14@15c; geese, young 20@25c; Belgian hare, live 20@22c; dressed 25@28c; squabs, live fancy, 44@47c; old pigeons, 22@25c doz.; guinea fowls, young \$8@10 dozen.

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