

### LOCAL RETAILERS TO HOLD A PRUNE WEEK IN MEDFORD

Modern merchandising problems were dissected and examined in detail last night in the first regular meeting of the recently organized Medford chapter of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association. It was a dinner meeting in the Hotel Medford, with John C. Mann, president of the Medford chapter, as master of ceremonies and was attended by over fifty of the local merchants.

Professor F. E. Folts, of the faculty of the school of business administration of the University of Oregon, was the speaker of the evening. He dug into the elements of overhead costs of retail business and relation of turnover to economic operation, and gave the members much information that will prove beneficial to them in a practical way.

At the conclusion of his talk, Professor Folts was the target for a volley of questions from the assembled members on a variety of questions. A blackboard was brought in to facilitate the educator in illuminating his answers and the discussion became so interesting that although the meeting was scheduled to adjourn at 8:30, it was after 9:30 before the last question was answered.

Edward A. MacLean, secretary of the state association, also present and spoke for a few minutes in describing the plans for the annual retail merchants' convention which will be held in Eugene on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

One of the most useful forms of associational work nowadays, he explained, was along educational lines. One particular form of this activity was in gathering the facts concerning retail operations, assembling them, analyzing them and delivering to the members by this means, information that was very valuable in guiding them to the exercise of better judgment and the use of more efficient methods.

"In working along these lines," he said, "we are not merely enabling the retailer to know better what his own operations are and to improve them, but we are living up to the greatest obligation we have, which is serving the people of our communities with increased efficiency—giving the public by degrees more and better merchandise for their money."

The lecture of Professor Folts which followed was an interesting revelation to many of the men present of some sidelights on their own operations. That he gave them some things to think about was made plain by the active discussion which followed and the many questions asked.

Arrangements for sending a suitable delegation from the Medford chapter to the Eugene convention were placed in the hands of a committee, of which B. W. Paul was made chairman, assisted by James Taylor and Fred C. Heath.

Louis Ulrich suggested to the meeting that the merchants undertake to assist the producers in the Rogue River valley by taking hold of the marketing of the surplus of prunes now existing. It was voted to designate the last week of this month as Prune week and to put on an organized campaign for marketing the surplus of prunes. Mr. Ulrich was named chairman of a committee to take charge of this matter with W. A. Gates, H. E. Marsh, W. A. Messner and John Moffatt as the other members. This will be a big merchandising event.

### ALL SCHOOLS IN CITY BROKEN INTO BY BANDS OF BOYS

Every school in the city was rified last night by amateur burglars some time between midnight and morning. The high school, Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Jackson schools were all entered, desks and files were broken open and small sums of money were taken from each school amounting to \$15 or \$20 in all, by what is thought by the police to have been a band of boys.

In the high school no attempt was made to open the safe, but the offices of Superintendent Smith and Principal Campbell were entered, their desk locks broken and the contents of the desks and files strewn around the room. The desks of every teacher in the building was opened except in the commercial department which Mrs. E. C. Jerome had locked up the night before. The intruders had time to stop in the teachers' room down stairs and eat some lunches that were there.

There had been a recital of the Willamette Glee Club in the high school auditorium which lasted quite late, and it must have been after that the building was entered. The burglars may have thought that the proceeds from the concert were still in the building.

The Roosevelt and Lincoln schools lost a few dollars each, and in the Jackson school \$5.00 was taken from a teacher's desk that had been collected to pay for text books. Four or five dollars was taken from the Washington school, and everywhere locks were broken, papers scattered on the floor, drawers turned out and there was general disorder. At the Jackson school the robbers had time to eat a luncheon that had been left in the teachers' room.

The police believe that it was either one band, or different bands of boys that committed the deeds, and probably boys, who if not in school now have gone to the high school and knew where all the teachers' desks were.

### CREEL DECLARES HIS PART IN OIL DEAL BLAMELESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information during the war told the senate committee today he entered the employ of E. L. Doheny in 1919.

That was five months he said after he left the government service. He was employed by Doheny as publicity consultant, he said, at a salary of \$10,000 a year. He resigned after three months.

Explaining why he resigned Creel said he could not agree with Doheny. "We not only did not see eye to eye, but we did not look in the same direction," he said.

### A. H. TROWBRIDGE DIES SUDDENLY OF APOPLECTIC STROKE

A. H. Trowbridge, father of Everett G. Trowbridge, and only brother of Ed Trowbridge, who with his wife had resided in Medford since August 1922, died suddenly at 10 o'clock this forenoon at his home, No. 1019 West 11th street, from a stroke of apoplexy, which was totally unlooked for as it is said he had never before been ill a day in his life.

Mr. Trowbridge was 65 years, 7 months and 13 days old and leaves besides his wife, the following children: Everett G. Trowbridge of Medford, who is proprietor of the Trowbridge Cabinet Works; Mrs. Edith Warrington of Escanaba, Mich.; Clyde Trowbridge of Detroit, Mich.; and Earl Trowbridge of Houghton, Mich. One sister, Mrs. Olive Farnsworth of Chicago, also survives him, as does his brother, Ed Trowbridge of Medford.

Mr. Trowbridge was born in Cheyboygan county, Wis., and had lived most of his life in the copper country at Hancock, Mich. He was a member of the Elks lodge of Hancock, Mich. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

### REPUBLICANS IN PORTLAND TALK OVER CONVENTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—A resolution recommending legislation authorizing pre-primary conventions was presented to the Oregon republican union conference, which convened here today.

It was drafted by the resolutions committee of the Oregon republican club and was presented by its chairman, Judge M. J. George, who explained briefly that legislation recommended would authorize political parties to hold conventions and endorse candidates for the primary. The indorsement, he explained, would not however prohibit other candidates from entering the contest, but would merely express the preference of the convention. The resolution was referred to the resolution committee for recommendation.

Resolutions were presented by Judge George in behalf of resolutions committee of the republican club indorsing the administrations of the late President Harding and of President Coolidge, both were referred to the resolutions committee of the conference.

Charles Lockwood, head of the Oregon Republican club, called the conference. He explained that its primary purpose is to stimulate interest in the republican party, and to recommend safeguards for the primary law. There were between 75 and 100 in attendance at the forenoon session.

### R. MATTHEWS IS ACQUITTED ON DRUNK CHARGE

Raleign Matthews, charged with being drunk on the streets of Eagle Point on the afternoon of Sunday, September 16th last, was acquitted by a jury in the circuit court Monday afternoon. There were three women on the jury. The defense was represented by Attorney E. E. Kelly and the state by district Attorney Newton Borden and Deputy Winfield Gaylord.

The defense contended that Matthews was not intoxicated, and produced eight witnesses, five of them relatives, to testify that he was sober. Fred McPherson, Mrs. Lottie VanScyoc and Roy Ashpole were of the opinion that he was, and testified for the state.

Matthews testified in his own behalf and said that the trouble started when a youth by the name of Woods, began to quarrel with another young man over an inner tube of a tire. Woods battled with his companion, and then suddenly commenced to hit his brother Nye. Matthews said he rushed to the rescue, quieted Woods, and quite a rumpus ensued trying to get him in the auto and home. The incident caused considerable excitement at the time, and Traffic Officer McMahon soon arrived. His testimony was not allowed however on account of Matthews not being present when the rest of the party were arrested.

The defense, to prove Matthews sober introduced witnesses, who said he was able to shave himself and a friend shortly before the conflict and able to crank a Ford car afterwards.

There was no session of the circuit court today on account of Lincoln's birthday.

### LOCAL WOMEN TO ANALYZE PROBLEM OF HOME MAKERS

The committee in charge of the home economies department of the agricultural economic conference to be held in Medford from February 18 to 20th inclusive, met on Saturday afternoon to plan the work of this department and to draw up the resolutions that will be presented at the last meeting of the conference on Wednesday, the 20th. The following women of Jackson county comprised this committee: Miss Alice Hanley, Westside, chairman; Mrs. John Gammill, Coleman Creek, secretary; Mrs. W. B. Smith, Central Point; Mrs. Will Warner, Medford; Mrs. A. H. Davenport, Valley View; Mrs. J. R. McCracken, Valley View; Mrs. Frank E. Upton, Central Point.

This committee will try to analyze the needs of the homemakers of Jackson county; they will collect the necessary data to prove their points; investigate conditions that prevail in the rural home and put this information into an organized form to be presented to the members of the conference as their recommendations. As this is primarily an economic and not an educational conference the committee endeavor to plan a county program that will enable the women in the rural home to meet her economic problems more successfully.

### HOLD EXERCISES AT ALIEN ADMISSION

The American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct a program of exercises on the occasion of admission of aliens to United States citizenship at the county courthouse, Jacksonville, Thursday forenoon, February 14th, 1924, beginning at nine o'clock. The public is invited to be present.

### EDUCATION TO BE TOPIC AT FORUM TOMORROW

Two interesting speakers are billed for the forum of Medford Chamber of Commerce tomorrow, State Superintendent of Education J. A. Churchill and H. B. Pier of the organization and service department of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. Both will speak along educational lines. The former on the education of the young men and women of the state and the latter on ideas of knowing how to best develop the resources of the state.

A general outline of the Jackson county agricultural economic conference that will be held at Medford next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be presented in order that members of the chamber may be fully advised of the importance of this event.

The forum will be held in the annex dining room of the Hotel Medford at noon.

### MEN ARRESTED IN CITY TO ANSWER TO WHITE SLAVE CHGE.

D. Zontos and Jack Mills, arrested in this city last week, with Mildred Jaffris and Helen Rutherford, all of Los Angeles, Calif., will be held by the federal authorities, according to the sheriff's office, the men to answer to a white slave charge, and the women as material witnesses. They will be taken to Portland this week by the United States marshal.

The quartet are alleged to have come to this city by auto. Mills and Helen Rutherford were arrested in a local rooming house, and Zontos and the Jaffris woman were taken from a stage at Gold Hill. They were trailed here by the husband of the Jaffris woman, who alleges she deserted him and a five year old daughter in California.

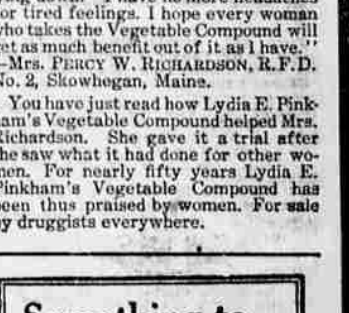
Mills and Helen Rutherford claimed to be married, and the woman produced a marriage license in support of the contention.

According to Sheriff Terrill, the two women made a statement to a department of justice agent Sunday, after a questioning, and the Rutherford woman admitted she had been married to a man in California, by the name of Kale Wailett. The Jaffris woman, according to the authorities, made a statement also, which was not particularly complimentary to Mr. Jaffris.

The women in the case, both good-looking, take the affair in a light hearted manner, but their male companions seem to be gloomy over the future.

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PITTSBURG, Feb. 12.—Fire alarms and riot calls were sent out from the western penitentiary this morning when fire started in the prison laundry. Warden J. M. Egan said there was no disorder and that the blaze, of undetermined origin, caused slight damage. County detectives and the city police were called to guard against a renewal of yesterday's fighting when two guards were killed, the warden said.

### PROHIBITION EXPENSES IN JANUARY \$654.79

Prohibition enforcement expenses for the month of January, according to the records of the county clerk's office were \$654.78, distributed as follows:

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