

### 200TH FORUM TO BE CELEBRATED AT DINNER WEDNESDAY

The two hundredth forum of the Medford chamber of commerce next Wednesday will be made an event of more than ordinary significance. Instead of being held during the noon hour it will be celebrated at a seven o'clock dinner in the evening which will be served in the main dining room of the Hotel Medford as none of the dining rooms will be large enough to accommodate the number that will participate.

When the Medford chamber of commerce celebrated its one hundredth forum it was considered an extraordinary accomplishment to have held this number of forums in one hundred consecutive weeks but now that two hundred forums have been held in two hundred weeks the members have just reason to feel proud of the accomplishment.

Too many people being permitted to talk and the keeping of those present seated for too long a time are objections that have been made by many who attend dinner functions of this character. Those in charge of this event will not permit more than three speeches, each of moderate duration. The dinner starts promptly at 7 o'clock and an early adjournment is assured.

The main talk will be made by A. S. Dudley, manager of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, the Portland chamber of commerce will send a man to represent them and C. E. Gates has been requested to present a certain project that the chamber has under consideration at this time.

Dinner tickets may be secured at the office of the chamber at \$1.25 per plate. These will be on sale next Monday morning.

### Medford Church to Be Represented At Grants Pass

The Christian church of this city was represented last night at the revival meeting being conducted in Grants Pass, by a delegation of 28, including the pastor, D. J. Howe.

In addition to the pastor taking part in the meeting, Harry Scougall sang "One Sweet and Solemn Thought," accompanied by Mrs. Scougall, and a quartet consisting of Mrs. Jonas Wold, Mrs. Harry Scougall, A. J. MacDonough and J. W. Kirkpatrick sang "The Radiant Morn." with Mrs. Lou Jones accompanist.

The Medford Christian church has a reputation second to none for first class music and the numbers sung at Grants Pass were certainly in keeping with their high standing.

Mr. Ladd is the evangelist for the meeting, and Velly Pruitt, cousin of the Pruitts in Medford, a Grants Pass young man, conducts the singing. Both are students of the Christian Bible school at the University of Oregon.

### MAKE RAPID PROGRESS ON HOTEL MEDFORD

Work is progressing rapidly on the sixth story to the Hotel Medford under the supervision of W. H. Merritt, the general contractor. Mr. Merritt has spent a lifetime as a contractor, several years of that time on the coast. He purchased two residences of J. H. Cochran on South Riverside when he came here over three years ago, one of which he occupies. He also built a double bungalow on South Riverside.

Elmer Childers has a sub-contract for the brick and plastering on the Hotel Medford. He says the brick made by the Southern Oregon Clay Products Co. of Central Point, being used on the hotel, is some of the best brick ever made on the coast.

Mr. Childers has the contract for the Carl Fichtner building, corner of Fir and Sixth street, and for the Yore service station in East Medford.

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### FIRST LOCAL FIRE IN 21 DAYS PROVES TO BE A MILD ONE

The record breaking "drouth" in the fire situation in Medford, consisting in not a fire having been reported nor an alarm of fire sounded in the city during the past 21 days, was broken at 9 o'clock this morning when the siren whistle was blown and the fire department summoned to the big Korinek building on North Fir street,—at that there was no fire,—only a fire scare.

It seems that someone in the paint shop in the rear of the building, the main portion of which is occupied by the Johnson Produce company, carelessly emptied the hot ashes of the stove onto the wooden floor and became so much frightened from the dense smoke from the ashes, although the floor had not yet caught fire, that he summoned the fire department. The firemen only shot a little chemical onto the coals and the excitement was over.

Citizens in favor of the Sixth street crossing commented today on the fact that when the alarm was sounded for this fire, the fire department had to go several blocks out of their way, fifth several corners and mingle with the traffic of Main street, where it could have come out on Sixth street to Fir and north to the fire.

### MEDFORD SCOUTS TO MEET TOMORROW

The scout troops of Medford will meet in their February assembly at general headquarters in the Baptist church gym tomorrow night. One of the most interesting programs yet arranged has been planned by the scout commissioner. Troop 4 of the Presbyterian church will put on the opening ceremony and a number of new and interesting features are promised in connection with this opening.

Scout Commissioner Coan will give a demonstration of 20 uses of the triangle bandage. Edison Marshall, well known writer of Medford, will be present with some of his interesting wild life stories. Other features will be added if there is time.

The scouts have been doing good work this month and interesting reports will be heard from the scout masters. These assemblies are always open to the public. The hour is 7:15. There will be the regular monthly treat.

### EASTERN EVANGELIST AT PHOENIX SUNDAY

Rev. Chester I. Orr of Portland, Maine, and his daughter, Miss Beatrice Orr, are guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Norris of Phoenix. Mr. Orr and Mrs. Norris were personal friends when both were in business some years ago in Portland, and more recently Mr. Orr has been active as an evangelist, assisted by his daughter, as singer.

Mr. Orr will preach at the Phoenix church Sunday morning, February 24th, and Miss Orr will sing, at the 11 o'clock hour. All are heartily invited to attend this and the other meetings of the day. Bible school at 10 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:30.

The Missionary society will meet at the manse on Thursday, February 28, at 2:30 p. m. "Child Welfare Work" will be the study topic for the afternoon. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting. Mrs. Malmgren, treasurer, asks that all pledges for the year be paid at this time, as the fiscal year of the board closes March 10th.

**A. F. & A. M.**  
Special communication Medford Lodge 103, A. F. & A. M. Friday evening, Feb. 22nd, 1924 at 7:30 p. m. Work in E. A. degree. By order W. M. 285\*

**A. J. CROSE, Secy.**

### Kolb and Dill, Armory, Tuesday Night



C. Will'am Kolb

Kolb and Dill are regarded as the leaders in comedy de luxe on the Pacific coast. Never has this been better demonstrated than in the success which is greeting Kolb and Dill's laugh-provoking riot, "A Big Reward" written by Aaron Hoffman, which comes to the Armory on Tuesday night, February 25th, for one performance only.

"A Big Reward," with its execrably funny lines and situations concerning the theft of a priceless painting. The story deals with the search for the mysterious thief and the hilarious dilemmas Kolb and Dill find themselves facing during the untangling of the mystery.

### N. Y. GOVERNOR SAYS U. S. DRY LAW MUST BE ENFORCED; THEN HE LAUGHS

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 21.—The state capitol sat back in its chairs today, rested its feet on the legislative desks and awaited the reaction to last night's conference on prohibition enforcement, attended by several hundred municipal and state law enforcement officials from all parts of New York state.

The conference ended, when, at the request of Governor Smith, who presided, the officials pledged themselves to a program of cooperation with federal agencies in enforcing the national prohibition laws. But the chorus of eyes which brought the meeting to a close was very weak, so noticeably so that the governor, bringing his gavel down to signal adjournment remarked, "not so loud!" and laughed.

### PIRATES FOILED IN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE STEAMER

HONG KONG, Feb. 22.—(By Associated Press). While the Chinese steamer On Lee, carrying more than 200 passengers, was voyaging last night from Hong Kong toward Kanton, pirates aboard suddenly opened fire on the main deck. Chief Officer Martin immediately directed Indian guards to prepare to defend the bridge.

With all lights extinguished Martin guided the ship back toward Hong Kong. Near Castle Peak rockets fired from the vessel attracted a launch which escorted the On Lee into Hong Kong harbor. A number of suspects were taken from the ship to the police station. It is believed the pirates cut their arms overboard. There were no casualties.

### INQUIRE CAUSE OF CITY OFFICIALS NOT ENTERING RATE CASE

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 22.—At the opening here today of a hearing by the public service commission on a request for reduction of rates and for improved service by the Coos and Curry Telephone company, Chairman McCoy of the commission inquired why City Attorney Brand and other city officials were not taking an active part in the hearing.

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### U. S. POOR FARMS A DISGRACE SAYS U. S. SECY. LABOR

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—An indictment of poor farms and orphan asylums in all parts of the country as characterized by conditions "revolting and a scandal to the nation," was delivered by Secretary of Labor Davis in an address here today. He said that a survey being conducted by the department of labor disclosed American county charitable institutions that are "a century behind the times," "monuments of waste," and places of "filth, cruelty, inhumanity and horror. Children are born in such institutions, he said, "to a heritage of misery."

"Huge sums are wasted annually in conducting 100 poor farms for 100 counties in one state," he said. "Concentration in the care of the aged, orphans and indigent, would bring happiness to these unfortunate. The present archaic system is as bad as the workhouses exposed by Charles Dickens in England years ago or worse. Unspeakable suffering has been disclosed. An over-seer performing an operation for gangrene with a hacksaw is one of the horrors thus far revealed."

The secretary said that at the conclusion of his term in the cabinet he would devote the remainder of his life to fraternal work.

### GOVERNMENT DATA ON UMATILLA DAM PROJECT FINISHED

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 22.—Actual field work in connection with determining the suitability of the rock formation of the Columbia river as a base for a dam at Umatilla rapids, three miles above Umatilla has terminated, according to E. R. Crocker, government engineer in charge of the work. The survey which was conducted by the reclamation service and which was authorized by an act of congress, drilled in 21 places across the river channel, the rapids and in one place went down to a depth of 182 feet.

While the government men had nothing to say as to the desirability of the place for the dam site in connection with the proposed Umatilla rapids project local men who are familiar with the work and who have been following the progress of the survey state that nothing unfavorable was found by the diamond drills in their descent into the river bed and that the river bed at that point would form an excellent foundation for the fifty-foot dam necessary to the proposed project which would irrigate a total of 270,000 acres and develop a total of 800,000 horsepower.

Before the reclamation survey is actually completed about two months of office work is necessary in connection with the findings of the field operations. This work will be done either at Hamilton or Denver, according to Mr. Crocker.

### Farm Pointers

The hot bed in western Oregon is made and seeds for early transplanting planted by the middle of February.

In making a hot bed a trench 18-24 inches deep and the length and width of the window sash to be used is dug. The frame around the pit should be tight and the south side is made 6 inches lower than the north side to insure ventilation and the sunshine reaching the plants. The trench is filled three-fourths full with manure from the horse stable, in which straw has been used as bedding. A 6-inch layer of good organic soil is used for the seed bed. When the hot bed is finished, it is covered with the sash and the temperature allowed to rise. The seeds can be planted as soon as the hot bed is warm. The heat is due to the fermentation of the manure. Fresh manure is supplied each season.

The seeds are planted in rows three inches apart and 4-6 seeds to the inch. When the plants become crowded in the rows they can be thinned and those that are removed transplanted to another part of the bed. The most important seeds to plant now in western Oregon are tomatoes, early cabbage, head lettuce cauliflower and peppers.

By scraping the scaly bark from trunks of apple trees and cleaning out the crotches with a dull hoe or other tool, the number of codling moth wintering there may be reduced. These hibernating forms are the progenitors of next summer's apple worms.

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