

# WATER SITUATION IN MEDFORD IS GIVEN KIWANIS

Some very interesting data regarding the early history and present condition of Medford's water supply was given by Supt. C. W. Davis at the Kiwanis meeting Monday.

Mr. Davis said: "In 1859 there were only about 600 people in Medford and they were getting water from wells. An appropriation of 200 inches of water was allotted from Bear creek, a dam was built near where the fair grounds now are and an open ditch run thru the city, passing along Holly street on the west side of the city park. It proved impractical and a pump was put in on Bear creek and a water tower erected in the park opposite the Medford hotel.

"In 1890 a bond issue of \$20,000 was voted for a 10 year period for improvements. No provision was made to pay the issue, and at the end of that period, 1900, \$10,000 more bonds were added and the \$20,000 refunded, making an issue of \$30,000 that still stands unpaid and are due in 1930.

"In 1907 bonds for \$45,000 to pay warrant indebtedness were issued payable in 1917. On that date \$15,000 was paid and \$30,000 continued, and \$6000 has been paid since, leaving \$24,000 of that issue still running. "The issue in 1908 for the present gravity system to secure Mt. Pitt water was \$355,000, the first \$10,000 becoming due in 1923 and was paid, as has been \$24,000 more of this issue. These bonds fall due in amounts of \$10,000 a year until 1928 when the balance will be due.

"Outstanding bonds for water purposes on January 1, 1925 were: First issue 1890 \$30,000 Second issue 1907 \$24,000 Gravity system 1908 \$301,000

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925 \$355,000 "Medford has reached the limit of the present water system and there are two ways to solve it. One is to put everyone on a meter, which would cost the city about \$40,000 and would make water consumption very expensive. The other is to construct a new system that would cost between \$600,000 and \$800,000, and to vote bonds for the same, the title to 30 to 60 second feet of Big Butte having been secured. The present water supply is 7 1/2 second feet. The collars on the wooden pipes are in bad condition and \$30,000 has been spent in repairs on the system in the past two years. There are 23 miles of this pipe above the reservoir that has 10,000 of these collars.

When the gravity line was put in there were 509 customers, now there are 2283 flat rate users and 175 are on a meter and one customer has used one-third of the entire present water supply with the Owen-Oregon Lumber Co. using more water than any other large consumer, coming on this year, and with probably 200 to 300 more customers being added it can be readily seen that the water shortage will be greater this year than ever before and sprinkling hours much shorter.

There are now about 1740 acres in the city and with territory added that is in contemplation there would be about 400 to 500 acres more.

"At the present time the gross income of the water system is above \$60,000.

"From E. M. Wilson, expert accountant's recent examination of the city books, I take the following as bonds paid from Jan. 1, 1919 to Jan. 1, 1925, an average of \$47,500 per year:

Improvement bonds \$162,000  
Water gravity and extension 65,500  
City hall bonds 26,000  
Fire apparatus 8,000  
Storm sewer 22,500  
Bridge 7,000

Total bonds paid \$285,000  
The total bonded indebtedness of the city Jan. 1, 1925 was \$908,000, of which \$10,000 or \$12,000 has been paid since."

The potato chips served at a dinner were from the Southern Oregon Potato Chip Co., a new Medford industry, and were first class.

I. Richardson, manager of the Western Auto Supply Co., told of the 1925 prosperity campaign they are conducting.

Jack Thompson told of the excursion to Conco, and Vernon Vawter "added a few remarks" expressing surprise at the magnitude and thoroughness of the plant being installed and said it is being built with a view to the greatly increased demand for power. He closed by saying the California Oregon Power Co. employs 1000 men on this work with a payroll of \$14,000 a day and the plant when completed in June will have cost \$2,800,000.

A. G. Smith received the attendance prize, a key-container, given by Robt. Hammond.

# WOMAN HELD FOR KIDNAPPING BABY

NEW YORK, April 7.—Mrs. Mary Jones was held in \$100,000 bail on a charge of kidnapping after she had been identified in police court today as the woman who took five-year-old Raymond von Matuski, Jr., from the Washington Heights district in a taxicab March 29. The child had been under arrest several days on suspicion of having kidnapped the boy as revenge against his father for causing her arrest recently.

Angie Logan, ten-year-old playmate of the missing youth, identified Mrs. Jones as the woman who followed the boy on the night of his disappearance. No trace has yet been found of him.

# Ashland Tidings Urges Vote on Moving Courthouse to Medford

Jackson County's Court House. Recently a letter from County Judge Hartzell relative to contemplated improvements and a new office building at the Jackson county court house was published in the Tidings. The new building is proposed to house the officials who are now conducting county business either in buildings outside the court house at Jacksonville or in offices in Medford. The improvements include a new heating plant for the present court house, jail and new office building.

Comment on this subject was inadvertently delayed. The Tidings feels that something should be done to remedy the lack of room at the court house and the antiquated heating facilities and other conditions about the court house.

What is the Best Plan to Remedy These Conditions? The easiest plan and the one of least resistance, would be to construct the new building, install the new heating plant and make other changes about the court house that are badly needed. This would be at a cost of many thousands of dollars and even at the best could not be much of an improvement over the present building and the present conditions.

This plan would still leave the court house in such a condition that a serious fire would work intangible damage in the form of destroyed records and legal papers. It is said that Cook county, Illinois, today is still duplicating legal records which were destroyed in the great fire in Chicago many years ago when the court house at the best could not be much of an improvement over the present building, but we feel safe in stating that a fire at Jacksonville's court house would bring the same havoc and loss.

It is true that the records have been safely in the present court house for many years; but experience has taught many that a short delay in putting up proper safe guards, even in the face of years and years of doing without the safeguards, has resulted disastrously. The fact that the records HAVE BEEN SAFE is no reason to assume that they WILL ALWAYS BE SAFE in the present court house,

which, according to statements made to the Tidings, would not be able to withstand a large fire.

The Tidings most assuredly feels that all of the officials should be housed together so that all can have ready access to the records and all that the transactions of business between the various offices can be handled advantageously. Also the Tidings firmly feels that the Jackson county court house should have better heating facilities and other improvements.

However, the Tidings hesitates to endorse the expenditure of a large sum of money on the court house at its present location or for additions on the present site.

The Tidings feels it would be advisable for the county commissioners to postpone action on the construction and improvements at the present court house site and that as quickly as possible the voters of Jackson county should be allowed to express their opinion on the question of a new court house.

The contemplated improvements are not necessary because of any emergency, and would not offer any added protection to the records, so the delay would not be harmful nor unbearably inconvenient to the officials.

There has been considerable discussion of whether the court house should remain at Jacksonville or whether it would not be better to have the court house at Medford. Not in the spirit of desiring to take away anything from one community and to give the advantage to another community; but solely because many think Medford would be a more central, a more natural, a more advantageous location for the court house, and the Tidings feels that before any considerable expense is entailed in improving the present building or adding thereto, the voters should be given the privilege of expressing their opinion on this question.

Then if the voters refuse to sanction the removal of the court house to Medford, we would be heartily in favor of making any and all improvements or additions necessary to make a more convenient, more modern and safer, the present court house building.—Ashland Tidings.

# VARYING OPINIONS EXPRESSED ABOUT CRIME NEWS IDEA

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 7.—Readers of the Des Moines Register, which yesterday began an experiment in the handling of crime news, stories on an inside section, much after the manner of sports and markets, expressed differing opinions on the value of the method in a symposium published in the paper this morning.

Chief of Police James B. Cavender, endorsing the experiment said that "the segregation of crime news is undoubtedly a forward step in overcoming the glorifying of crime by underdeveloped minds."

The opposite view was expressed by a local circus man who said he "believed the publication of crime news is helpful," and that "the greatest correction of crime is the publicity given it by newspapers."

E. L. Osborne, a bond agent favored the plan "because he could clip the section before his children read the paper."

An attorney said he believed crime news "over-emphasized."

Messages from editors including Henry Bayard Swope, of the New York World, expressed interest in the experiment which followed the passage of a resolution by the women's club of the city asking elimination of front page crime stories.

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In justice to yourself, come in and see this expert. Remember, he will be here only one day, then your opportunity will be gone. Grasp it NOW. It may prove to be the wisest thing you ever did, and anyway, it costs you nothing to find out.

Remember, come to the Holland Hotel any day from 9 to 12 forenoon, 2 to 5 afternoons, or 7 to 9 in the evening. The date is Thursday, April 9.

Don't let this opportunity get away from you.

W. S. RICE, Adams, N. Y.

# OREGON JONES IS REPORTED LURKING IN JOSEPHINE CO.

Information was received by the sheriff's office Monday that Oregon Jones, notorious desperado and escaped convict from the state prison at Salem, is hiding in the wilds of western Josephine county, disguised as a hunchback and wearing a full set of whiskers and horn-rimmed spectacles.

According to Deputy Sheriff Farn-crook, Jones has a pad on his back that gives him the appearance of being deformed, and has been recognized by people who know him, and who reported the matter to the authorities.

Milam Jones, a brother of Oregon, who escaped from the county jail at Jacksonville 18 months ago while awaiting trial for highway robbery, is believed to be in the same vicinity.

Oregon Jones, serving a 20-year sentence for highway robbery, escaped from the penitentiary at Salem in the fall of 1923 and eluded capture. He was regarded as a desperate man.

Milam Jones, a brother, and partner in his crimes, was arrested at Los Angeles and brought back to this county to await trial. He escaped ten days after his brother, Dewey Jones, another brother, and youngest of the lot, is serving a 20-year sentence at Salem.

Oregon Jones always maintained that Dewey was innocent of any part in the series of holdups and declared that his efforts to escape would be continued as long as Dewey was a prisoner.

Milam escaped from the local jail by slugging the jailer while he was bringing the evening meal to the prisoners. A Mexican by the name of Gonzalez went with him, but was captured on the outskirts of Jacksonville. The last seen of Milam was dodging through the chaparral south of the county seat. A posse kept on his trail for two days and lost it in the wilds of Forrest creek. Milam has a wife and a small baby, whose relatives reside near Albany, Ore.

At the time the authorities worked on the theory that the two brothers planned on joining forces. Both are experienced woodsmen and could hide in the timber for years without any particular danger of capture. Both are crack shots.

The Jones boys were southern Oregon's most spectacular badmen. In the winter of 1922 and spring and summer of 1923 they staged a series of hold-ups in this and Josephine county, the most spectacular being the robbing of a party of tourists on Sexton hill, next to Grants Pass, while a mountain storm was approaching, and the Blackwell hill hold-up near Gold Hill. In the last crime complex resulting from the fairground dance hall were stopped on the lane joining the Pacific highway and Oakdale avenue, this city, bundled into a car, taken to Blackwell hill and relieved of money and valuables.

During the course of the hold-up a local citizen became profane and one of the Jones' dealt him a heavy blow on the wrist with the butt of a pistol, with the words, "I'll teach you to swear in front of women."

Hold Saunders Pay Piggly-Wiggly Corp.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April.—Judge Sumner Hitchcock, in an opinion filed in federal district court here today held that the Piggly-Wiggly corporation was entitled to \$1,694.283 from Clarence Saunders, founder and former head of the Piggly-Wiggly organization.

# Radio Programs for Tonight

KFI, Los Angeles, 468.5 meters, 8 to 9, Los Angeles Examiner program, 9 to 10, American Glee Singers in a program of popular music interspersed with folk songs, 10 to 11, Packard Ballad hour.

KHJ, Los Angeles, 405.2 meters, 8 to 10, Program through the courtesy of Henley & Scott, insurance, arranged by Uncle John.

KNX, Hollywood, 337 meters, 8 to 9, Elite catering company, courtesy program, 9 to 10, Independent Furniture Manufacturing Co., 10 to 12, (Movie Night) Hotel Ambassador, Abe Lyman's orchestra.

KPWB, Hollywood, 252 meters, 9 to 10, Merion Goddard, popular singer, Original Hollywood Callers, 10 to 11, Warner Bros. program, conducted by Harry Seymour, 11 to 1, Montmartre Cafe.

KFON, Long Beach, 232.4 meters, 8 to 9, The Press Telegram program, under the direction of Miss Phyllis Randall, violin soloist, 9 to 11, The Virginia Hotel Ballroom orchestra.

KFRC, San Francisco, 267.7 meters, 8:03 to 10, Dance music by Paul Kelly's orchestra, playing at II Trovatore Roof Garden cafe.

KPO, San Francisco, 428.3 meters, 8 to 10, Program by the U. S. Army band.

KGO, Oakland, 361 meters, 8, Studio program, 10 to 1, Dance music, program by Henry Hildebrand's orchestra and soloists, Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco.

KPOA, Seattle, Wash., 455 meters, 8:15, Weather report, 10 to 11, Eddie Harkness and his orchestra, playing from the Marine Room of the Olympic Hotel.

KGW, Portland, 431.5 meters, 8, Oregon Agricultural College Extension Service lecture, 8:30, Concert by Courtney of Woodchuck & Powell, 19, Multnomah Hotel Strollers, (2 hours).

WFAP, Dallas, Texas, 476 meters, 9 to 10, Organ recital at the Palace theater, Dwight Brown, solo organist, playing recited numbers and original positions.

# CHILDLESS HOMES

Read Mrs. Benedict's Letter Praising Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

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