

ELMER OATMAN IS ON MEND; FRUIT PROSPECTS PLEASE

Good news for the many friends of Elmer R. Oatman, the veteran well known county fruit inspector is that he was able to make his first visit to the business district this forenoon by having been brought from his home at Perrydale by auto to the Liberty building where he was able to walk to the elevator and go up in it to the fourth floor, where he slowly walked to the county agent's office there to await the arrival of his old side partner of years, County Fruit Inspector Howard Warner, preparatory to enjoying another auto ride about the valley with Mr. Warner.

Mr. Oatman has been quite ill for the past seven weeks, but is now much improved and able to walk a little with a cane support. His first appearance out of doors was on last Sunday when Howard Warner took him for a ride to the Same Valley district and return. It will be several months yet, Mr. Oatman said this forenoon, before he is completely restored to health. "I feel fine mentally and physically now, but am bothered and crippled by a swelling in the left leg, which I am advised it will take months to do away with," he said, "and which prevents me from being on my feet but a little at a time."

"I feel so grateful for the many courtesies extended me by so many friends and acquaintances during my long illness shown by personal calls, letters, phone messages and the like. Only during about ten days of that time was I unable to receive visitors, and I tell you I enjoyed every minute of those visits."

"I can hardly express my appreciation of such kindnesses extended to a fellow when he is down. I'll never forget them."

Then Mr. Oatman, who is cheerful and optimistic, naturally reverted to the fruit crop outlook—a sort of year around—second

nature hobby with him, saying: "It was certainly pleasing to me to see the fine prospects for an excellent crop of pears. Of course, I kept in touch for weeks past with the fruit situation in general, learning of the situation from callers, but on my ride to Same Valley and back with Howard Warner the other day I got some good first hand knowledge."

The main drawback to the big pear crop, as I see it, is a too heavy bloom. I think that the pollenization matter is coming out all right, and in the main there is a dandy outlook."

SPAFFORD PLANE FIRE ENDANGERED

SALEM, Ore., April 10.—(AP) A grass fire at the Silverton American Legion airport shortly before eight o'clock this morning threatened the big army plane in which Edward E. Spafford, national commander of the American Legion is touring the country. The fire is believed to have been caused when leaking gasoline was ignited. There was no damage to the plane. Commander Spafford was forced to land at Silverton, fifteen miles from the state capital because of an adequate landing field is not available here. He took off from Silverton for Seattle shortly after 8:30 o'clock.

HELEN LEAVES FOR EUROPEAN COURTS

BERKELEY, Calif., April 10.—(AP)—Helen Wills, tennis champion, left today en route to Europe, where she will defend her English singles and doubles titles in addition to seeking new honors.

NEW YORK, April 10.—(AP)—The New York state athletic commission today announced it would approve the Gene Tunney-Tora Hooney heavyweight title match as soon as the contracts of the two fighters have been placed before it by Tex Rickard.

MONTREAL FLOOD DANGERS ABATED BY ZERO WEATHER

MONTREAL, April 10.—(AP)—Flood waters which had taken six lives and caused large property damage in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick were receding today as cold weather settled down, checking seasonal melting of ice and snow.

Some suburbs of Montreal were still under water, caused by a huge ice jam in the St. Lawrence river which caused it to back up and spread out over the lowlands, but conditions were improving.

A mother and her infant son were drowned in the swollen waters of a creek near North Bay, Ont., at the height of a blizzard as the husband rescued another son and vainly attempted to save them.

The bodies of both trainmen of the Canadian National railway express which plunged through a flood-weakened bridge at Drummondville, Que., have been recovered.

Two other men were drowned when their wagon was swept off a bridge over the Chaudiere river near St. Lambert, Que.

Railway service was near normal today with large gangs of workmen replacing tracks swept away by the high waters. Several wash-outs occurred on the lines of the Canadian National railway in New Brunswick, but temporary tracks were expected to be laid before nightfall.

LEGION POST HELD; URGE ALL TO VOTE

Another big meeting of Medford Post No. 15 was held last night at the armory with the Legion quarters packed almost to capacity. However, thanks to the efficiency of the house committee and a new seating arrangement, it was not necessary to hang out the S. R. O. sign. The meeting started off with a snappy musical program provided by Legionnaire Andria of Valina post and his Star novelty orchestra, late of Willowa Lake resort. The business session brought out many interesting reports of recent Legion activities including the membership contest with Roseburg, won by Medford post by a margin of nearly 100 members. It was stated that Roseburg post is making plans for a "get-together" feed to be held at Wolf Creek or some other halfway station at some future date to pay the wager which was made between Commanders McAllister and Bromley early in the year.

The membership roster of Medford post is now 641 and should reach 700 by July 1, as there are still many good prospects to be called on in this vicinity. Attention was called to the Legion bulletin board which carried the names of all paid-up members as well as the alphabetical list of prospects and each man present was urged to select a name and get one more new member for Medford post at once.

The honor roll board on West Main street has been found too small to include the names of all new members and will have to be enlarged in the near future.

Commander Bromley announced that initiation would be held on the next meeting night, Monday, April 23, and a big "smoker" on the night of May 14. The smoker will be in the form of a celebration over the recent successful membership campaign and every Legionnaire is urged to keep this date open. The following committee was appointed to take charge of the affair: Frank Farrell, chairman; Jack Wood, Ed Webber, Harry Moore, H. E. LeRoy and Les Scheffel.

A report on the Medford convention by General Chairman Paul McDonald developed that all plans are going forward in fine shape, having been heartily endorsed by State Commander George Love upon his recent visit here. McDonald asked that every Legion man prepare to give some of his time to convention details either before or during the big celebration, as all the available man power of the post will have to be called into service to put the big event over in proper style.

George Coddling gave an interesting account of the part played by the Medford post delegation at the recent installation of Kerby post, his remarks being amplified by other members who were present at the charter presentation.

A. J. Crose urged every Legionnaire to live up to the ideals of the American Legion and to vote at the coming election, emphasizing the fact that if everyone voted the majority are bound to be right and satisfactory results will always be in evidence. He also stressed the necessity for registering at once and urged every member to get his relatives and friends to go to the polls on election day. "Vote as you please, but vote!" was his parting advice.

The reception of National Commander Spafford, honor guest of Medford post Sunday, April 8, was covered by Ted Baker, who told some of the high lights of the day's program and gave an interesting resume of the national executive's address to the local Legionnaires. "Every man who heard Commander Spafford's speech is today a better Legionnaire," said Baker in conclusion.

Photographs of Commander Spafford taken with local and state officials and members of the local post by Post Photographer Anderson were exhibited to the post. Some of these pictures will appear shortly in national magazines resulting in fine publicity to this community.

"Sailor Jack" Wood was called on and made an announcement of real interest to all present.

Following the business session a vaudeville act by Legionnaires Don Newberry, Leo DeFerre and Jack Heath Rogers was much enjoyed.

Commander Harold Prestul of Grants Pass congratulated Medford post on its splendid membership and invited all members to the Legion show in Grants Pass Wednesday night.

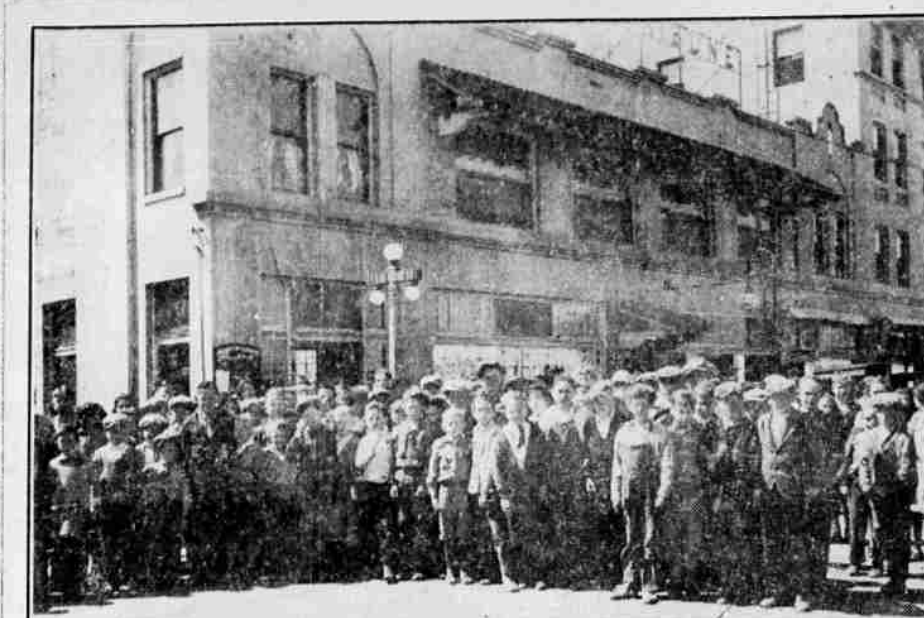
The entertainment committee for next meeting was appointed with Leo Williams as chairman and the committee consisting of the members of the new Legion orchestra. The big fat "cat" which had been a pet of the post for several meetings was officially adopted last night by Harry Rynning, who is now regarded as one of Medford's "new rich" colony.

New members at last night's meeting were W. A. Anderson, Jack Wood, Leo DeFerre and Sam Johnson. Don Elliott, Arthur Parker. Visitors included Commander Harold Prestul, Past Commander Gladwin Smith and Harry Wehr, all of Grants Pass post.

SALEM, Ore., April 10.—(AP)—The date of the annual state convention of the American Legion with Medford as host was fixed for August 2, 3 and 4 by the state department officers in executive session here today. An effort was made to bring the date earlier but failed when it became known that local conditions prevented Medford from entertaining the organization owing to the R. O. T. C. taking many of the men out of the city during the latter part of July and the fruit season coming on later in August.

All state department officers at-

Juvenile Cartoonists Gather for Free Movie Matinee



Over 300 kiddies who drew cartoons in the Maggie and Jiggs Contest last week were assembled in front of the Mail Tribune office Saturday afternoon, where they were given free tickets to "Bringing Up Father," a matinee at the Rialto theater. They were the guests of the Mail Tribune and the George A. Hunt company.

DENIES HE AIDED D. A. R. BLACKLIST AS LADY CHARGES

NEW YORK, April 10.—(AP)—Fred R. Marvin, accused by Mrs. Helen Tutts Baile of Cambridge, Mass., as being one of a small group of individuals who inspired the "black list" of the Daughters of the American Revolution, today denied the charge.

"It's unfounded and untruthful," he said. "Mrs. Baile hasn't the slightest notion what it's all about."

He charged that the agitation over the "black list" was simply a continuation of propaganda directed against the naval bill in Washington and served as a smoke screen to divert attention from the pacifist group opposing Mrs. William Sherman Walker, head of the national defense committee of the D. A. R.

Mr. Marvin said the alleged "black list" was only a confidential message sent out by the Massachusetts state regent suggesting that certain persons were considered improper as speakers because of their socialistic or radical tendencies. He accused Mrs. Baile of breach of faith in disclosing the message.

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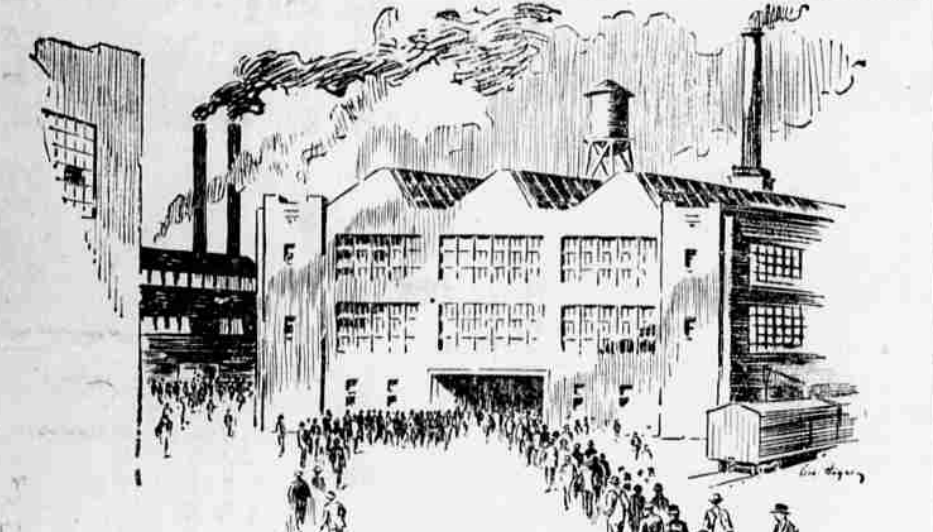
ROSEBURG, Ore., April 10.—(AP) The Oregon Insurance Agents' Union was formed here today by a large group of fire insurance agents from various parts of the state, who completed their two-day session by the adoption of constitution and by-laws and election of officers. The officers chosen are Homer Smith, Salem president; J. C. Rhodes, Bend; C. H. Reynolds, La Grande, R. H.

TO COMMEMORATE FIRST LAW SUIT

SALEM, Ore., April 10.—(AP)—On invitation of Albert Tozier, caretaker of Champoog Park, historic site of the establishment of provisional government in Oregon, the supreme court will go to Champoog next Sunday for a brief ceremony in commemoration of the first law action by the supreme court of Oregon. The records show that this first action was the case of Ahl Smith vs. Ninevah Ford, a replevin action to recover a team of oxen, and that the session was held on Tualatin plains the third Tuesday in April, 1844. The case was conducted by Judge O. Russell, assisted by R. Moore, justice of the peace.

Members of the present supreme court will speak at the meeting Sunday.

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 10.—(AP) Fred Wagner, 55, of Elgin, suffered fatal injuries yesterday at the Mount Emily Lumber company camp near Hilliard when a cable slipped letting a heavy timber upon him. He was rushed to La Grande but died about eight o'clock last night of internal injuries.



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