

CITY PAYS HONOR IN LOVING DEEDS TO MOTHER' DAY

A moving sea of red carnations with an occasional foamy crest of white, honoring the living mothers of men, and those who have passed beyond, marks Mother's Day as one of the most unique and universally appealing great days of the year.

Medford's sons and daughters are observing the occasion in countless ways. Many college students are home for the day. Telegrams of sentiment have been sent from the city of Medford throughout the week in record breaking numbers, while department store, candy shop and gift department employees have been kept on the alert making suggestions of "what to send Mother."

Radio programs, sponsored by local merchants and business concerns have been interspersed with Mother songs and poems, and references to the day, which have been sprinkled through the selections arranged throughout the city for Music week. This morning the programs of practically every church in the city will include numbers devoted to the world wide sentiment which has inspired the inauguration and observation of this day.

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From this small beginning 10 years ago, the air mail service has grown into a network of 22 routes in operation throughout the United States, covering a total mileage of 9916, and the service is yet in the infancy stage of development.

Every day mail pilots fly a distance of 22,410 miles, carrying mail averaging nearly 5700 pounds. Three other routes, already under contract and expected to begin operation during the year, will add 1795 miles to the system, making a total of 11,621 miles. Four other routes, with a mileage of 2279, have been advertised and contracts will probably be awarded during the year.

Four simple rules make it easy to use the air mail. They are:

1. Air mail postage is only 10c per half ounce to any point in the United States or Canada.
2. Any postage stamps may be used.
3. Any envelope may be used. Mark it "via air mail."
4. Air mail may be posted at any mail box or postoffice.

PIONEER POLITICS IN COUNTY RETOLD

It will seem rather odd to most residents of Medford and the valley that this county a half century ago was very much interested in a political campaign, with one of its residents, the late C. C. Beckman, pioneer and banker of Jacksonville as the Republican candidate for governor, last night addressed an audience from the hotel balcony. Other addresses were made by Colonel N. B. Knight of Salem, Rufus Mallory, J. P. Caples, O. P. Mason and W. J. Snodgrass.

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ABSENT VOTERS TO BALLOT BY MAIL

Jackson county voters, who have plans of leaving before the primary elections are held, taking away their opportunity of going to the polls to vote, still have the power of casting their vote through the provision made for absent voters, who may call or write the county clerk's office for ballots and return them filled out to the office before the election is held. So far one ballot has been sent out, but as yet it has not been returned.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 12.—(P)—Spectacular demonstration of its welcome to the Great Northern railway was given by Klamath Falls today in a parade stretching over three miles along the city's streets. Gaily bedecked floats, comedy features and industrial displays provided a wide variety that was enjoyed by the thousands of persons that lined the route.

CHANEY TRIAL OPENS MONDAY CIRCUIT COURT

The trial of Newton C. Chaney, district attorney of Jackson, indicted on eleven counts, for alleged larceny of public money, in the prohibition enforcement fund, will start Monday morning, with Circuit Judge G. F. Skippworth of Eugene presiding. The county official will be tried upon the first indictment returned against him, charging the larceny of \$310.

There is considerable public and political interest in the case, Chaney being a candidate for re-nomination at the primaries. The trial is expected to last three days.

Two nationally prominent criminologists and handwriting experts will oppose each other on the witness stand. Luke S. May of Seattle, Wash., will be a state witness. E. O. Hehrlich of Berkeley, Cal., will be a defense expert. Heinrich played an important role in revealing the net of circumstantial evidence, about the D'Autremont brothers, Salem life tenants, and confessors of the Siskiyou tunnel train robbery and quadruple murders. Robert L. Craddock, handwriting expert of the Portland police department will also be a state witness.

Most of the evidence against District Attorney Chaney is reported as largely documentary.

The state will be represented by Special Prosecutor J. N. Johnson of Grants Pass, and State Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg. Senator Eddy is father of the Prohibition Enforcement fund bill, which will be a center of attack in the trial.

Counsel for the defense are Attorney George M. Roberts and Porter J. Neff, who volunteered their services in behalf of the accused official.

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CARKIN PUTS OUT HIS SHINGLE FOR PRIVATE PRACTICE

The suite of offices on the second floor of the city hall building for years occupied by the city law department is no vacant, due to the fact that City Attorney John H. Carkin has moved to new private offices over the Medford book store, in which he will engage in private practice and at the same time look after the city's business, now that a great rush of that business for several years past, has much decreased, and because former assistant city attorney, Harry Skyrman, resigned, for the same reason several weeks ago to engage in private practice with offices in the Medford enter building.

All the equipment of the city law department is now located at Mr. Carkin's new offices, for which he himself pays the rent. With him in the new quarters is Miss Betty Bohl, his stenographer at the city hall, and Miss Marie Iverson, who is the stenographer of Harry Skyrman, will assist in Mr. Carkin's office on special storm occasions of city work.

There is much routine work for the city to be closed by City Attorney Carkin, and it will probably be the first of the year before he will be able to devote much of his time to private practice.

The vacant quarters in the city hall formerly occupied by the city law department will be occupied by the city street, road and building departments, whose old quarters on the second floor of the city hall will be occupied by the drafting department of the city.

ASHLAND NORMAL COMMENCEMENT SET FOR JUNE 12

SOUTHERN OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Ashland, Ore., May 12.—The annual commencement exercises of the Southern Oregon Normal school will be held in the Normal school auditorium June 12 at 2 p. m., at which time 135 students will be graduated. Dr. E. S. Conklin of the University of Oregon will deliver the commencement address. Dr. Conklin, who is head of the department of psychology at the University of Oregon, is widely known as a scholar and lecturer.

The baccalaureate service will be given Sunday, June 10 at three p. m. in the Normal school auditorium by Rev. Earl J. Ladd, pastor of the First Christian church of Grants Pass, Oregon. The Rev. Mr. Ladd is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has been a most popular speaker and friend to the students of the Normal school.

The annual Alumni Day luncheon will be held according to tradition on the grounds of the "Old Normal school" Monday, June 11, at 12 o'clock. C. E. M. Key, attorney of Portland, Oregon, and president of the former Ashland Normal school from 1903 to 1907, will be the speaker of the day.

SALEM, Ore., May 12.—(P)—Transcript of appeal has been filed in the state supreme court by Clarence Brazell of Portland, who was convicted in the Portland vice cases and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR YEARLY MEET OF HEALTH ASSN.

As announced today, following in a program for the Jackson County Public Health association annual meeting to be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Victor Bursell near Central Point.

Opening of meeting by the president.

Reports: Treasurer, Mrs. John Wells. Reports of nursing service: Miss Glover, county health nurse; Mrs. King, county health nurse; Mrs. Denton, Ashland school nurse; Mrs. Jones, Medford school nurse. Reports of medical service: I. D. Inskeep, M.D., county health officer; W. R. Adams, advisor from the Jackson County Medical society.

Report of Dental service: Dr. Mulholland, advisor from southern Oregon Dental society and dentist in charge of clinic. Dr. William DeKlein, director of the Marion County Child Health demonstration will speak on Community Responsibility. Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association and Mrs. Glendora Blakely, state supervising nurse will hold a round table of the activities of the county chairmen and the work of the communities.

Report of nominating committee. Adjournment. Public cordially invited.

MELLON'S WORD CHEERING

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Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina revolve largely around contesting delegates. Democrats Smith—55 1/2%, of which 79 1/2% are in dispute. Reed—117, of which 81 are in dispute. Pomeroy—47. George—28. Hull—24. Ayres—20, claimed also by Reed's manager. Hitchcock—16. The 24 delegates from Alabama and the 18 from Arkansas, all unopposed, are not claimed definitely for any candidate.

The above table does not include the thirty Indiana delegates still to be selected, who will be instructed for Woolson as a result of the Indiana preferential primary vote.

One of the state delegations that Hoover and all the other candidates for the Republican nomination have had their eyes on is that from Pennsylvania, which today selected Secretary Mellon as its chairman.

Generally the Keystone state's delegation of 79 has been regarded as one of the keys to the situation developing in the Republican ranks and any question as to how Mellon sized up the field of presidential possibilities has been awaited eagerly on all sides.

Along this line the Hoover opposition is passing the word that Smith will be the Democratic presidential nominee, that he will show strength in the cities and in the more populous industrial states of the east next November and that the Republicans cannot expect to win unless they can swing the farm states into line.

Friends of Lowden are most active in pointing out that the former Illinois governor already has captured nearly all of the H. H. Lincoln, Iowa and Minnesota delegations, that he has the North Dakota delegates to a man and will win South Dakota's without opposition in the May 22 primary, has much the best of it over Hoover in Missouri and can count on a sizeable chunk of the Ohio and Nebraska delegations at Kansas City.

Official returns from the recent Ohio primary, in which Hoover won 31 of the state's 51 delegates, show that in the preference vote he had a majority of 52 of the 88 counties over the late Senator Willis whose name was on the ballot despite his death during the campaign.

In Indiana's preferential primary Watson captured sixty-nine counties, Hoover 25.

Just how far these figures go toward showing Hoover's strength or weakness among the farmers is a matter of dispute, but it's a certainty much use will be made of them, one way or another, during the few weeks still remaining before the national convention.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—(P)—Accepting the chairmanship of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican national convention today, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon told the delegates that of all the candidates for the presidency, Herbert Hoover "seems to come closest to the standard that we set for this high office."

"However, between now and the convention," Mr. Mellon said, "I recommend that we hold ourselves unpledged and uncommitted to any particular candidate so that when we meet in caucus in Kansas City before the convention we will have the fullest liberty of choice to do as is best for Pennsylvania and the nation."

BUILDING GOLD SHIP

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The ship, which just now looks more like a bridge built for heavy railroad traffic—is 100 feet long and 36 feet wide, pointed down to 25 feet at one end, so that the dredge, as it is swung to and fro against the banks, can edge in properly this way and that.

Because of the heavy character of the ground, this dredge has been designed wider than the

standard model and not so deep, which has rendered necessary a type of construction never attempted in this class of work before. As a result where the ship bends in to the grove, special reinforcement devices—known as "knees" have been used and when the present writer visited the scene yesterday, the workmen were busy on the left-hand knee. When completed the dredge will show its knees as prominently as some of our high school girls, so whether the device works or not, the boat will be in style.

Near the dredge is a long, heavy instrument of reinforced steel, not quite as large as the Washington monument, but shaped somewhat like it, which is known as a "spud" will be placed, upright in the center of the stern, with the top of the monument or the pointed end, sticking in the bed of the creek. This spud will act as an anchor, to keep the dredge from settling back, when the heavy work of the forward ladder is going on, with its tremendous backward thrust.

The company's 2400-volt electric sub-station is situated near the camp to supply power for construction work, and also for the 50-horsepower motor, which generates the compressed air. All the grinding, riveting, drilling, etc., etc., is done by compressed air, this being a better and safer arrangement than electric power. These compressed air hoses can be carried anywhere, and when we were there, they were busy all over the camp.

Some idea of the expense involved in this placer operation—the largest ever attempted in this part of the country—may be gleaned from the fact that every timber in this dredge has been hand selected, is of the highest class fir (Oregon fir) without a knot or blemish; nearly all the spikes and rivets and bolts have been made to order, or special shaped to order, and all the steel plates and steel construction of the dredge, have been made on original specifications. The big derrick is an example of the resourcefulness and skill of the Ferry management. This towering structure, which can lift a loaded truck as easily as a man would lift a toothpick, is home-made. It was constructed on the ground, the main mast and boom being selected trees, cut from the surrounding forest, each 100 feet long and straight as a ship mast.

In two or three months, the dredge will be completed, a 1000-ton ship of steel and timber. Then the creek which has been diverted for construction work, will be turned back, the drainage frame below will be stopped up, and what is now a large sawing pit will be a miniature lake on the surface of which, this "Spanish galleon of the Rogue River Valley" will be floating, and the voyage after hidden treasure will begin.

The huge ladder at the prow of the ship, will support an endless chain of 70 steel buckets, and this ladder will poke its nose into the top of the bank, eating its way down and down until bed rock is reached. Where the bed rock looks good, this ladder can go on down into it breaking it away, and throwing the rocky mass into the hopper, where through the force of revolution and water, the gold bearing rock and gravel will be separated from the debris, the former going on the tale sluices, then the gold finding tables, while the tailer will be dumped by a similar ladder to the rear from the stern of the ship.

This operation, as we picture it, will be something like the operation of a wheat thrasher. All ex-farm boys remember how they threw a sheaf of wheat into the thrasher, and how straw flew out on one side, and golden kernels of wheat poured into a sack on the other.

Well that will be the way this dredge will perform, only instead of straw and wheat it will be debris of rock and gravel on one side, and gold nuggets and gold dust on the other.

So the dredge will creep on, day by day and night by night for ten years or more, going down stream and up stream with equal facility. This is made possible by a system of lock dams, similar to those used in a canal—truly a marvelous and interesting performance.

D. H. Ferry, who is in charge of this operation, and responsible for it, is a unique figure in the history of southern Oregon mining. For he wants neither publicity, nor money, nor has he any stock for sale. Whoever is behind his venture, they don't lack financial support. And the operating concern, when formed, will be a close corporation, with no stock for sale here or anywhere else.

No mining development like this has ever struck this neck of the woods before. And needless to say it is the best thing for legitimate mining development that has ever happened in this part of the state. A force of about 13 men will be maintained regularly to operate this dredge, on a three-shift schedule, and work will be carried on for at least a decade, every day in the year, subject to course to temporary delays, no wind then, incidental to any such operation.

How much money has been invested in his project and how much money will be taken out, Mr. Ferry knows the first item, but doesn't know the second. Following his established policy however, he has no announcements to make. That the investment has already run into many hundreds of thousands of dollars is certain—perhaps the total is in the neighborhood of \$500,000—and as this investment was not made until Mr. Ferry had spent a solid year, in prospecting the properties and making the most thorough invest-

igation, it is only reasonable to assume the company expects to take out considerable more than they put in.

Whatever the company's profits, the Foothills Creek district has already profited, and is certain to profit more in the future. This dredging operation means a steady stamp of approval upon the mineral resources of this part of Oregon by the biggest placer mining interest in the United States.

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