

OLD PLANING MILL BEING RAZED TO CUT FIRE HAZARD

Bank Liquidator Consents to Removal of Former Medford Planing Mill On Fir and Eleventh Streets

An old landmark that had become a fire hazard was being demolished today and business interests of the district breathed a sigh of relief as they learned of the removal of the danger.

It is the large, rambling, frame building that originally housed the Medford Planing Mill, situated at the northeast corner of South Fir and 11th streets. The building is being torn down by Lewis Russell and sons for the materials. The property is owned by the Jackson County bank which has been in the process of liquidation. Upon the advice of Fire Chief Roy Elliott, Kenneth G. Denman, bank conservator, consented to demolition of the building in order to eliminate a serious fire hazard. The place has not been occupied for some time.

The sprawling building covers almost half a city block. It extends from South Fir street east to the S. P. railroad tracks, almost an entire block, and runs northward to the Reter Packing company, almost touching the latter company's building. With the exception of some corrugated iron used here and there as siding, the building, inside and out, is made of wood that is now so old and dry that, Chief Elliott said, it would burn like powder and endanger the entire packing and warehouse district if it ever caught fire.

Raymond R. Reter, head of the packing company bearing his name, was jubilant when he learned the building was being razed. He said an immediate drop in fire insurance rates in the neighborhood could be expected. It's a miracle, he declared, that the old building had not been set on fire by hoboes using the place for a camp. Much of the time, a watchman has lived on the premises. Through cooperative action with owners, Mr. Elliott has had more than 100 buildings, considered fire hazards, torn down since he became fire chief.

IF YOU LIVE up North, you know you can't beat the Fall weather at the Oregon and Washington beaches—it's quite the finest of the year. If you live in the Southland, you know how splendid Autumn can be. And, no matter where you live, you know the delights of Indian Summer.

We bring up this talk about the weather because we'd like to remind those who have delayed their visit that the Fall months are the most glorious time to see the Golden Gate International Exposition. Unless the heavens go completely haywire, you can depend on the Autumn being much finer than the Summer.

San Francisco is one place where the weather is pretty well standardized. The sun usually shines by the clock, and the trade-winds blow by the calendar. Almost invariably in Fall, the sun shines brighter than in Summer. The winds are gentle. Then come gold-and-velvet days.

Californians, knowing their Indian Summer season, placed the closing date at December 2, not with the idea of running their exposition as late as possible but to take advantage of their most gorgeous season. So it's a case of "last call"—and the best.

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VETERANS FAVOR CASH AND CARRY HELP FOR ALLIES

Legion Post Polled by Mail Tribune On American Action in War Favor Neutrality; None for Germany

Medford post of the American Legion voted heavily in favor of an American neutrality permitting sale of munitions to belligerents in the European war on a "cash and carry" basis at its regular meeting in the armory last night.

This is the policy favored by the Roosevelt administration and turned down by congress. The neutrality question comes up again at the special session of congress called for September 21. Robert B. Ebel, post commander, authorized the sending of last night's poll to each member of the Oregon congressional delegation.

Veteran Views Interesting
The American Legion poll here was sponsored and conducted by the Mail Tribune in the belief that the views of the men who fought in the World War would be of value to congress as well as of interest to the community. Several of the veterans who voted saw service in the sector where French and British are now engaged with German forces.

Thirty members of the Medford post voted for a "neutrality with the sale of munitions to belligerents on a cash and carry basis" while only four voted for "strict neutrality, with no sale of munitions to belligerents." Under the present neutrality act, the sale of munitions is definitely prohibited.

Four For War Entry
Four members voted in favor of the United States entering the war and sending an expeditionary force abroad to aid England and France; one voted for American entrance into the war but only with moral aid for the allies; one voted for entrance into the war but only to the extent of providing England and France with supplies and credit.

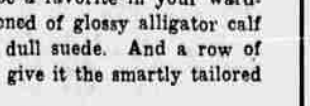
None For Germany
Not a single member voted to enter the war to aid Germany. In filling out his ballot one member wrote: "The liberty which we enjoy in this country is a most precious thing and I believe that next to our country France and England most exemplify our idea of liberty. If we allow them to be defeated, it will be only a matter of a short time when we shall be called upon to defend our ideals by force of arms and without the aid of any other nation. Therefore I say we cannot let France and England be destroyed."

Seven members of the Medford delegation to the Beaver Boys State this year told the meeting of their activities and experiences and expressed their appreciation to the Legion post for making their attendance at the camp possible. The boys attending the meeting last night were Vern Kellenbeck, John Saulsberry, Bud Hoover, Lamar Coverstone, Leighton Platt, Robert Holmes and Douglas Eden.

Garlock Backed
The post voted unanimously to back Lee Garlock for the position of state service officer of the American Legion. Mr. Garlock has been an active member of the Medford post for years. He has also filled state offices. His service to the American Legion was lauded by Ray Gossett of Portland who was a guest at the meeting. Mr. Gossett is past commander of Portland post and of the Portland district.

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G. PASS RAILROAD WHITE ELEPHANT FOR TAXPAYERS

City Paying \$1000 Monthly Interest On Defunct Line—\$19,629 Delinquent On Eight Years of Taxes

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 14.—(AP)—The California and Oregon Coast railroad found no takers today when a hearing was held by the county court to consider tax foreclosure on the 14-mile line west from Grants Pass to Waters creek.

Judge W. A. Johnson said the county does not plan to institute foreclosure proceedings immediately. Meanwhile Receiver C. H. Demaray said he would attempt to have its valuation lowered to reduce the approximately \$2,000 annual tax.

Started to the coast by Twoby Brothers and closed by United States entrance in the world war, the line received \$200,000 from a city of Grants Pass bond issue. The city has paid \$1,000 a month in interest since.

Demaray is receiver but has let the Beaver Portland Cement company of Gold Hill operate the line in return for maintenance and payment of \$1,800 annual interest on \$25,000 owed the Southern Pacific which re-

conditioned a washed-out bridge. A. A. Hampson, Southern Pacific attorney, said today he wouldn't take the line as a gift.

W. H. Multhead of the cement company asserted the line to its Marble Mountain quarries where 28 men are employed, is costing more than would standard freight tariffs. Truck transportation of rock is not feasible, he declared. It would make cement costs too high for competition. Meanwhile the line needs costly improvement, he said.

Taxes Delinquent
County officials reported \$19,629.35 taxes are delinquent for the past eight years and that the county has had to pay \$1,000 a year to the state without receiving any money.

Preston Delano, high official in Washington, was passenger and freight agent on the line at its beginning. James Twoby of the builders' family, has a position on the

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COURT PONDERING BUDGET DRAFTERS

The county court now has under consideration the naming of the 1940 budget committee to serve with the county court in preparation of the budget for the coming year.

The selections are expected to be made between now and October 1 so a start on their deliberations can be made early next month. Members of the county court said no names have been mentioned as yet.

In previous years it has been something of a custom for the three appointive members of the budget committee to be selected, one from the north, one from the south, and one from the central section of the county, representative of the fruit industry, farming, and business interests.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS READY TO GO AGAIN

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Six Civil War survivors of the unions' "Persimmon brigade" are ready to go to war again "if Uncle Sam needs us."

They met here at their thirty-fourth annual reunion. The brigade, four Indiana volunteer regiments, won its name when its members, out of supplies, lived on persimmons.

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STUDENTS SETTLE IN NEW BUILDING AT ROGUE RIVER

ROGUE RIVER, Sept. 14.—(Sp.)—Teachers, pupils and janitors at Rogue River high and grade schools were very busy during the first week of school when furniture and equipment was moved from the old building to the new one, and classrooms were reorganized for the new organization.

Registration was completed early in the week. Superintendent Walter V. Dennis said indications are that final enrollment will reach about the same total as last year. No significant enrollment figures are yet available because many students are still working in the fruit and hop harvest and will register late.

A student committee meeting was held Friday to discuss methods and plans for a varied student activity program for the year. It was decided that an experimental program including dramatics, glee club entertainments, exchange assembly programs for neighboring schools, and interschool contests in football, baseball, basketball, ping pong and badminton would replace competitive football during the fall months. The seven returning lettermen of Jackson county's 1938 six-man football champions agreed to the new schedule of activities, providing that competitive basketball be continued.

The new library, equipped with ample reading table space, and comfortable chairs, is a center of attraction. Seventy-five new volumes were recently added to the collection. Popular magazines are subscribed for. Three daily newspapers come regularly and are kept on file.

Chinook Running
ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 14.—(AP)—Chinook salmon were running heavily in the Columbia river at the close of last week. Bonneville dam fish checkers said today. The count jumped from 9439 on Sept. 2 to 13,531 on Sept. 8. The steelhead count fell from 2494 to 1957.

From this date on I will not be responsible for any accounts contracted by anyone other than myself. Bebe McKinney (Mrs. Clayton E.)

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PORTLANDER NEW HEAD OREGON REALTY ASSN.

ONTARIO, Sept. 14.—(AP)—David B. Simpson of Portland was elected president of the State Association of Real Estate Boards at their annual convention yesterday.

Bernard Eastman, Payette, Idaho, E. M. Chicote, Klamath Falls, and B. G. Brockway, Portland, were chosen vice-presidents.

Property owners were urged to form a solid opposition to the present high tax burden imposed on real estate for schools and local governments.

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