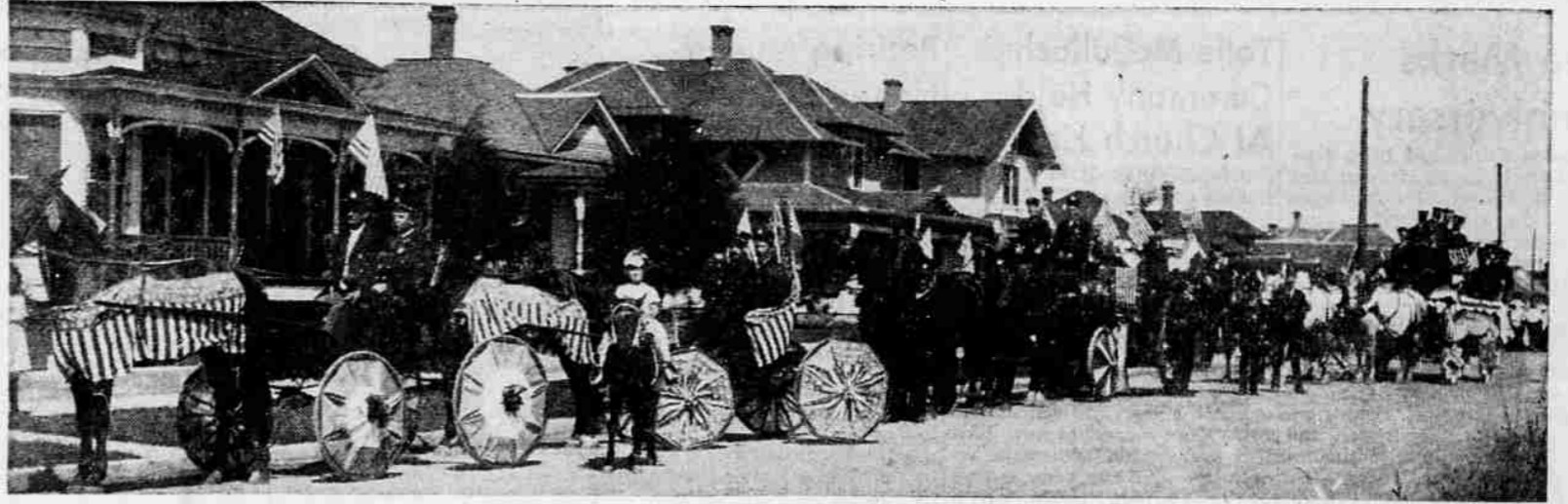


As indicated by the lettering, this float was entered in a 1906 Fourth of July parade by the Order of Washington, an organization no longer known in the city. The picture is owned by W. E. Thomas, Medford businessman who collects old photographs of the city as a hobby. The three young women, robed in white, each carried a standard and wore crowns topped with stars, attire typical of the occasion.



Back in the early 1900's Medford Fire department cooperated with the Fourth of July committee, just as the members are doing this year. This picture, taken in 1911 by a photographer known now only as "Gregory," shows the men of the department riding in buggies and wagons gaily decorated with flags and bunting and driving horses draped with the red, white and blue. The picture is the property of Mrs. Claude Thompson, Central Point, and it originally belonged to her father, John H. Butler, an early-day volunteer fireman in Medford. When the department was organized on a paid-employee basis in 1906, there were but four salaried men and the remainder were volunteers.

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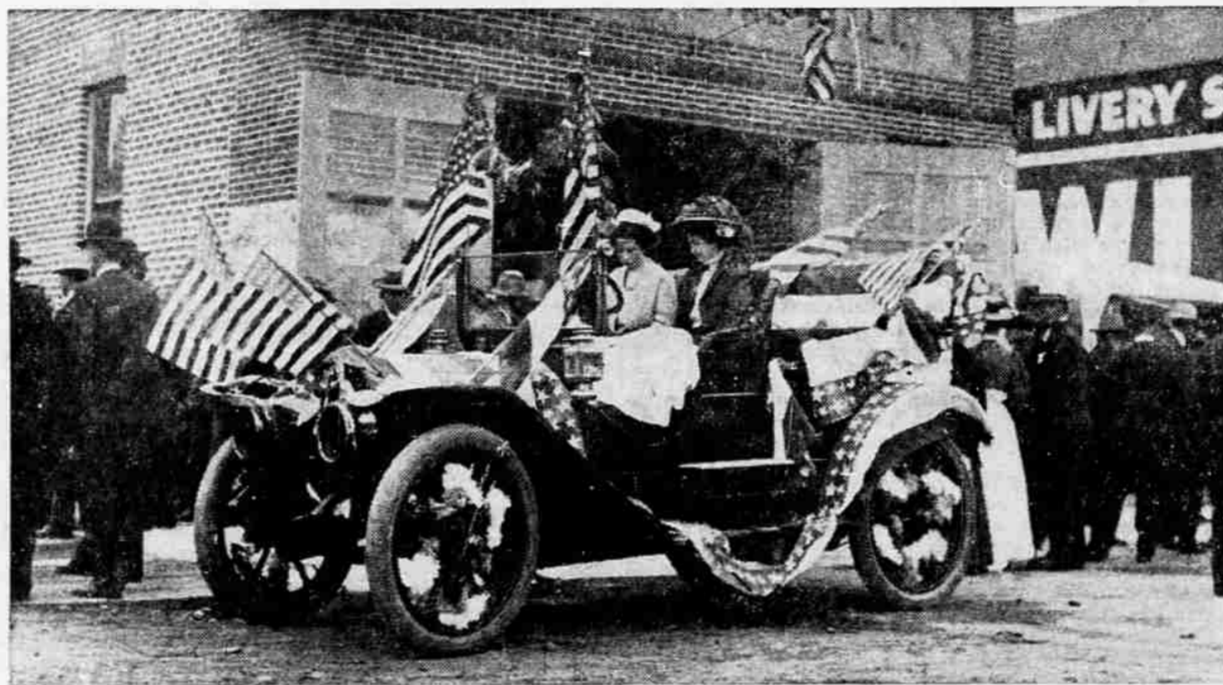
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### Parades of the Past

By Olive Starcher

The very young who are growing up in the "safe and sane" Fourth of July tradition are in for a big thrill this year, for Medford will have a fireworks display for the first time in many years. Time was when the Fourth meant fireworks, but as the years went by, firecrackers and roman candles for use at home gave way before the propaganda of the safety councils and city and state laws.

Fireworks now are mostly seen in large demonstrations under rigidly controlled safety conditions, and this is the type planned by Medford YMCA at the high school stadium

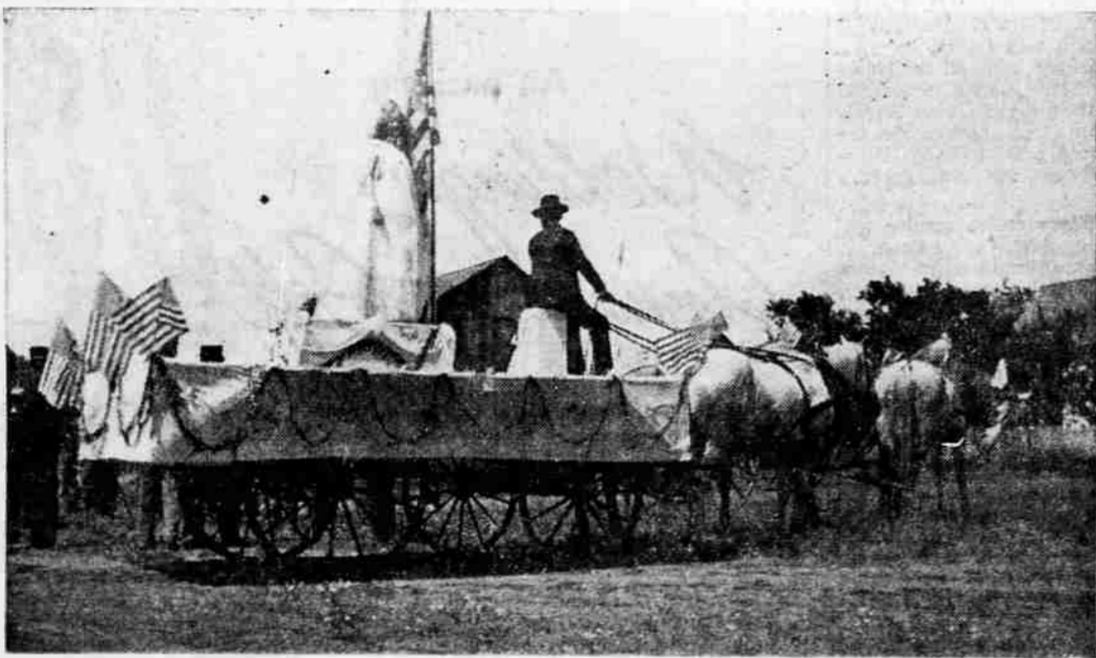


It must have been rather daring for a young woman to drive an automobile in a parade in the days when cars were a novelty, but Miss Wray Curry did just that in one of Medford's early July Fourth parades. Miss Curry, sister of Mrs. H. A. Stanley, who lives here on Crater Lake avenue, is shown behind the wheel of a Chalmers and riding with her is Miss Ivy Boech. Mrs. Stanley believes the picture was taken in 1909, and states that the parade had just disbanded in front of the Central Fire hall, shown in background, when the photograph was made.

the night of the Fourth. The Medford Fire department and police are cooperating with the "Y" on the evening's entertainment, and funds raised will go to the "Y" camp fund.

To recall the spirit of old time Fourth of July celebrations, the Mail Tribune today prints pictures taken at patriotic celebrations 40 and 50 years ago. In those days there was always a parade, an eloquent patriotic speaker and a big picnic, with lots of pink lemonade.

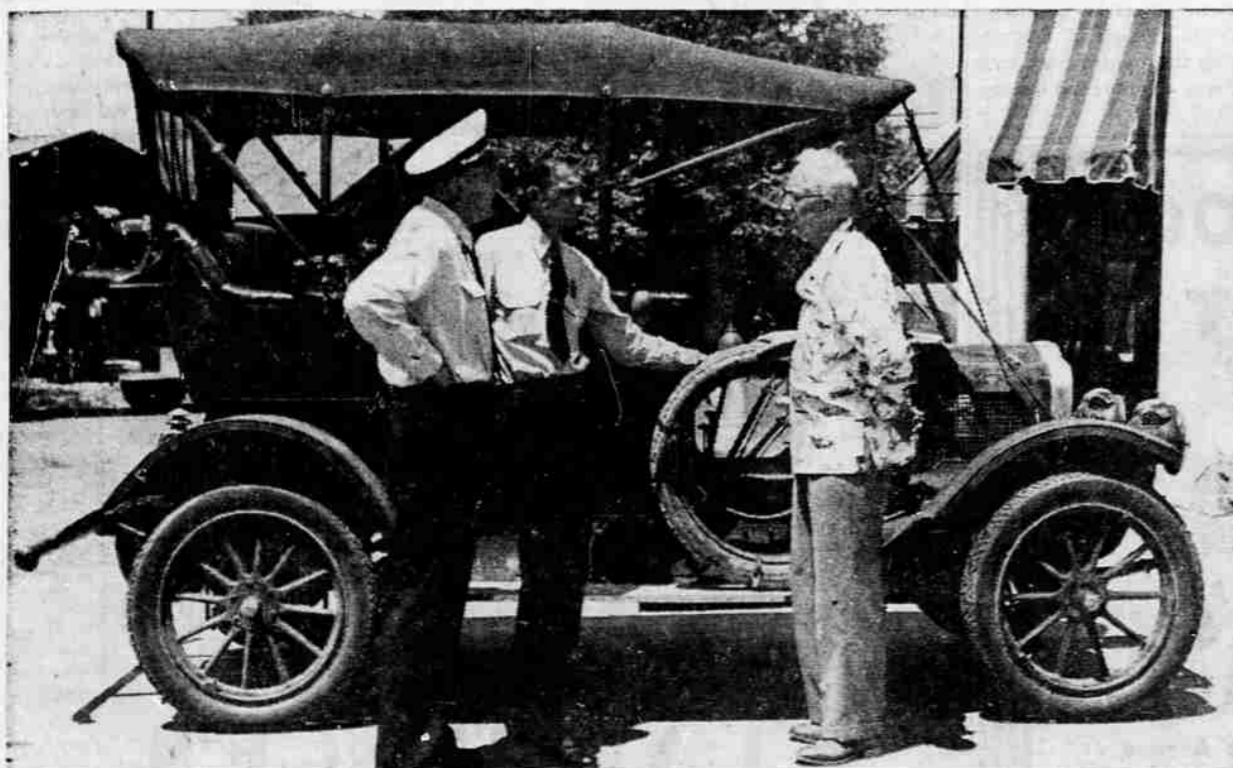
Medford's celebration Wednesday will have a little of the old-time flavor, for E. M. Tucker, builder of the Tucker Sno-Cat, will display some of his old-time automobiles. These old high-topped, brass-trimmed vehicles were probably used in Fourth of July parades at the time they were shiny and new.



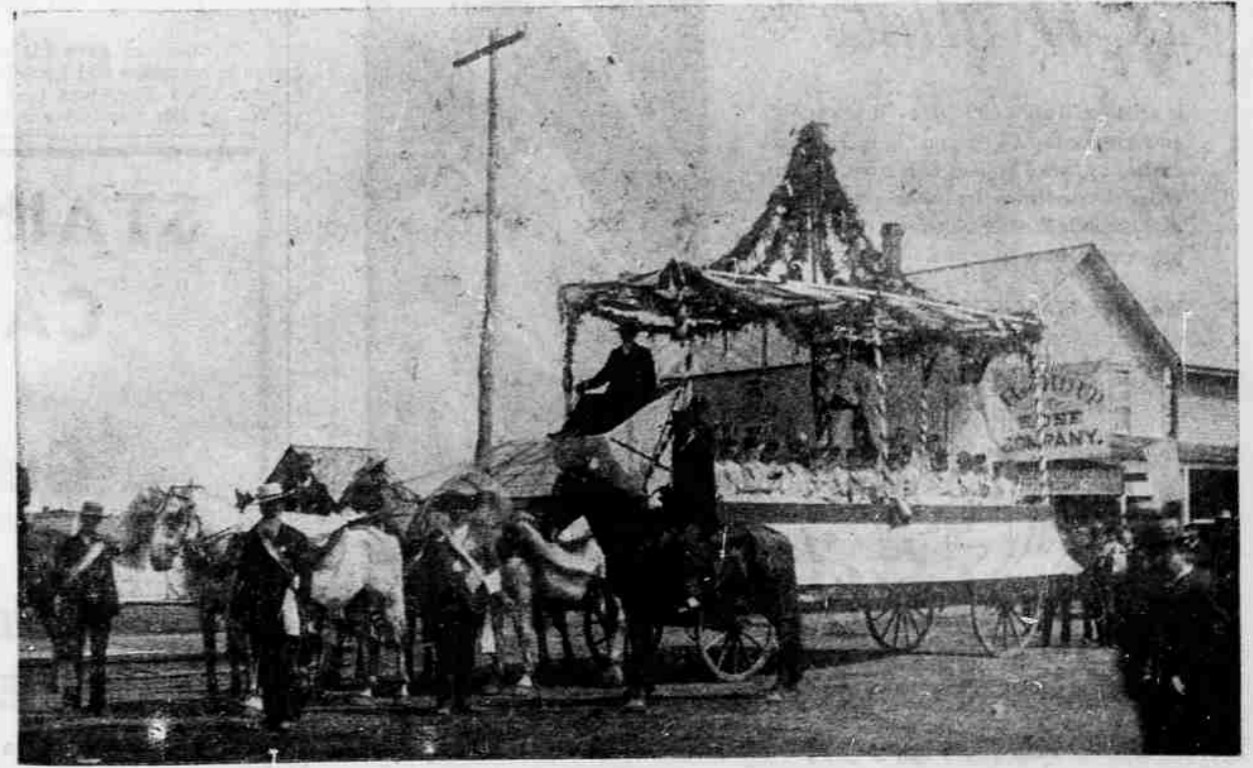
Another Frank Hull photograph owned by Mr. Thomas is this one which is inscribed "Jennie Woodford in Parade." Miss Woodford, now Mrs. Jane Williams of Coquille, is a sister of the late Ralph Woodford, former city recorder of Medford. It is recalled that Miss Woodford was chosen to represent the Angel of Liberty in parades because she was blonde, and that a brunette was always selected to represent the Goddess of Peace.



Attached to this photograph from the W. E. Thomas collection is an inscription which reads "Log cabin in parade at Jacksonville, Fourth of July, 1899." The picture was made by Frank Hull, early-day photographer, whose widow now makes her home in Gold Hill. Mrs. Hull worked with her husband, who maintained his studio above the Hubbard Brothers store. Mr. Hull opened the first motion picture theater in Medford.



Forty-six years ago this White steamer automobile was the "last word" in cars. It is part of the collection of E. M. Tucker (at right) who drove it from his factory to the main fire hall Tuesday for this picture. Mr. Tucker is telling Fireman Al Moulton (at left) and Fire Marshal Truman Nelson how he keeps his old cars in working order. His collection, to be displayed Wednesday at the high school stadium as a part of the "Y" July Fourth observance, contains a 1916 "White Streak" Buick, a 1914 Dodge, a 1913 Pierce-Arrow, a 1913 EMF, a 1901 Sears "Motor Buggy" and two 1909 Fords, one a roadster and the other a "bug." (BRAINERD photo).



This fourth of July parade picture was made in the days when almost all of the men in Medford wore mustaches or full beards. Instead of high-stepping majorettes wearing red, white and blue satin uniforms such as might be found in a parade today, the olden-day parades were led by a marshal on horseback. This picture is also owned by Mrs. H. A. Stanley, who has many pictures made in the years when every city and hamlet staged a patriotic celebration on the Fourth. The picture dates back to about 1890, according to Mrs. Stanley.