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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1909.

No. 208.

\$60,000 MODERN BUSINESS BLOCK FOR SEVENTH ST.

Will Be Four Stories High, Fitted With Elevator and Heated With Steam Throughout—Corner Riverside and Seventh.

PROPERTY IS OWNED BY
J. M. ROOT AND J. E. ENYART

Will Have Frontage of 100 Feet on Riverside and 70 on Main—
42 Office Suites.

Plans and specifications are being considered for the construction of a four-story business block on the southeast corner of Seventh and Riverside avenue, on the property owned by J. M. Root and J. E. Enyart.

The building, the estimated cost of which will be \$60,000, is to be built of reinforced concrete throughout, according to the plans now under consideration, and will be four stories in height, with a basement.

The first story will be used for mercantile purposes and the upper three stories will be made up into office suites.

There will be approximately 42 office suites in the building, every one of which will be modern arranged as regards plumbing and other conveniences. The building will be fitted with an up-to-date elevator system, the first to be established in this city. The building will be steam heated throughout.

The plans were drawn by J. A. McIntosh and contemplate a frontage of 100 feet on Riverside avenue and 70 feet on Main street.

TOWNS IN IDAHO VOTE DRY IN RECENT ELECTION

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 18.—As a result of the local option elections held yesterday, Washington, Twin Falls, Lincoln and Kootenai voted dry by substantial majorities.

The victory for the "dry" element in Kootenai county will result in the closing of a new brewery at Coeur d'Alene erected at a cost of \$250,000, which has only been running a few months.

All saloons in the four counties will be compelled to close up within three months.

RETAIL MERCHANTS TO MEET IN EUGENE

Plans Already Under Way for Their Entertainment—Meeting in January.

The Oregon Retail Merchants' association will meet in Eugene in annual convention early in January. The Merchants Protective association and the Commercial club of that city are already making arrangements to entertain the delegates of the association, and the Merchants' association has appointed a committee to act with a similar committee from the Commercial club. The committee consists of the following: W. M. Green, a grocer; I. T. Nicklin, a dry goods merchant, and F. W. Chambers, a hardware merchant. It is planned to entertain the delegates in a royal manner, with a banquet, sight-seeing trips and free theater performances.

COMPTROLLER ASKS BANK STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business November 16.

ASSESSMENT IS INCREASED IN ONLY ONE TOWN

Gold Hill Only Incorporated Town in Jackson County That Shows Great Assessed Valuation.

ASHLAND AND MEDFORD FIGURES SHOW FARCE

In Spite of Improvements Made Throughout County Values Are Far Under Those Last Year.

Only one incorporated city or town in the valley shows an increased valuation this year, in spite of the fact that vast strides have been made by each and all of them. Building and civic improvement has never been as great as during the past year, and yet, Gold Hill is the only city with a greater assessed valuation, while the total assessment of the county is \$231,280 less than last year.

Ashland leads Medford in assessed valuation this year, but Medford has cut her lead down by \$23,897 from last year, but Ashland's assessment was reduced this year by \$97,618, while Medford only went back \$73,741, a difference of \$23,877, or approximately what Medford cut down on the neighboring town.

In spite of this, the fact remains that Medford has made faster growth during the past year than Ashland. More business blocks and homes have been built. In short, the assessment this year reflects but little of the growth made during the past year throughout the county.

The assessments of the cities and towns of the valley are:

	1909.	1908.
Ashland	\$2,496,647	\$2,594,265
Medford	2,407,394	2,481,135
Jacksonville	307,804	351,072
Central Point	261,154	285,117
Gold Hill	239,262	228,986
Phoenix	71,784

*Not incorporated.

Hood River wants to get closer to the Northern Pacific on the opposite side of the river, and the Northern Pacific is anxious and willing. There is talk of a free ferry.

LIQUOR DEALERS FINED BY TELFER

Boy Admits He Gave Wrong Information in Order to Secure Liquor from Local Saloon.

The case of the City vs. Bass & Hale for allowing a minor to remain for more than five minutes in the saloon conducted by them, came up before Recorder Telfer Wednesday afternoon, and the defendants were fined \$10 for the offense, it developing that they had been innocent of any intent to violate the law.

In the matter of the complaint against A. Hammond, bartender in the same saloon, for selling liquor to Francis Martin, the minor involved in the first-named case, judgment was suspended until the city recorder could secure from the mother of the boy the facts concerning his age. The boy has admitted that he has given false information as to his age on several occasions in order to secure liquor.

Largely by volunteer contributions a particularly bad piece of road near La Grande is to be constructed on the latest scientific plans for two miles. It indicates a realization on the part of the people of the cost of bad roads.

With the long-delayed era of development dawning in Central Oregon comes news of a scarcity of lumber to meet industrial demands.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO PLACE MAIL TRIBUNE UPON EVERY TRAIN THROUGH THIS CITY

Club Adopts Resolutions Praising Work of Tribune in the Past—Mail Tribune Will Carry Two Column Advertisement of Medford and Rogue River Valley.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas: The Medford Tribune under the able management of Mr. George Putnam, has, during the past year, given much of its space and much of the time of its editor in advertising and setting forth the resources of the Rogue River valley and of the city of Medford in particular, and

Whereas: We, the members of the Medford Commercial Club recognize the importance of having such an able ally to assist in the work which the club is trying to carry out in this community, and we feel that all this time is given by the editor and publisher of the Tribune and the space occupied in its columns should receive our most hearty commendation and that the club should make some little compensation to the publisher for such services.

Therefore, be it resolved: That it is the opinion of this club that no better investment could be made than the expense upon the through trains that daily pass through our city, and that this club ask of the publisher that he submit a statement of the cost of having this arrangement consummated, he undertaking to deliver said copies upon said trains. (Signed) WM. M. COLVIG, President. HAL M. CONRAD, Secretary.

Such was the text of a resolution adopted by the Medford Commercial club at its regular meeting Wednesday evening. The passage of the resolution followed a brief statement by George Putnam that all he desired was the moral support of the club to enable him to build up a strong paper in Medford which would reflect credit upon the city and more widely advertise its many resources. He further stated that if the club saw fit to adopt the resolution, that the Mail Tribune would devote two columns of its space to an advertisement setting forth the resources of Medford and the Rogue River valley. He further moved to strike out a clause in the original resolution offered providing for the presentation of \$100 for work done in the past.

The Mail Tribune will place not less than 50 copies of the paper on the train through Medford daily, which will doubtless redound greatly to the good of the city.

The committee preparing the booklet stated that all of the main pictures had been forwarded and that work upon it was favorably progressing.

J. A. Perry reported that nine boxes of fruit had been shipped to the Chicago livestock show and a number of boxes to Omaha.

A communication was read from William McMurray, in which statistics regarding the city were asked. President Colvig appointed F. M. Stewart, John Carlin and W. W. Edert a committee to collect these statistics.

The rate for renting the Commercial club rooms was left to the discretion of the president. The Merchants' association was exempted from paying rent, as was the Horticultural society.

L. F. Washburne was allowed 100 booklets to take east on a trip for advertising purposes. He and Thos. Hess were elected to membership.

AGED VETERAN DEFENDS HOME

Army Chaplain During Civil War in City, Appearing Before Land Officials.

Rev. John Fletcher, of the Butte Creek section, was in Medford on Thursday, appearing before United States Commissioner Canon, in a hearing granted him by the United States land office, in the matter of his homestead.

In May, 1906, Mr. Fletcher settled on unsurveyed land, and with others acquired a squatters' right to the land upon which he settled.

In October of the same year the Rogue River Timber company filed Northern Pacific lien land scrip on the same tract of land.

Mr. Fletcher continuously resided upon the land, and reports made by government agents sent to investigate his improvements and the evidences of good faith exhibited thereby have reported favorably to his right to hold the land as a homestead.

This hearing was granted him in order that he might make a legal showing in accordance with the above.

MUST CLEAN HOUSE OR LOSE CHARTERS

Such is Edict Sent Out by President Gompers—Convention to Close Saturday.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 18.—The work of the American Federation of Labor convention in session here is being pushed through to a rapid conclusion and the meeting most probably will adjourn Saturday night.

The Electrical Workers caused more trouble today, the seceding faction claiming that the action of the convention yesterday meant the reinstatement of the expelled unions and the preservation of the charters of state federations harboring rebellious organizations. President Gompers, however, declared that this assumption was erroneous.

Gompers insisted that West Virginia, Utah, Montana, Oklahoma, Washington, New Jersey and Nebraska federations would lose their charters unless they "cleaned house."

Mill Burns.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

MANTON, Cal., Nov. 18.—The sawmill of the California Power Co. near here was burned yesterday, together with a large quantity of lumber, entailing a loss of \$40,000.

TWO AMERICANS ARE BUTCHERED IN NICARAGUA

State Department So Notified by Consulate—Cruisers Are Dispatched to South American Waters.

UNCLE SAM DECLINES TO RECEIVE NEW MINISTER

Execution May Lead to Serious Trouble—Doubtful if Zelaya Can Make Amends.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 18.—Two Americans, Leonard Grace and Leroy Cannon, were executed today on orders from President Zelaya of Nicaragua, according to advices received from the Managua consulate by the state department.

Following the receipt of the information, the navy department ordered the cruisers Vicksburg and Des Moines to Central American waters.

As a result of the execution of the Americans, the state department informed the attaches in charge of the Nicaraguan legation here that the reception to the new Nicaraguan minister, Senor Hazera, will be indefinitely postponed.

Two dispatches were received by the state department from the Managua consulate. The first reported the arrest of the two Americans, who, it is said, were captured with the revolutionists near Greytown. They were sentenced to be shot. The American consul asked President Zelaya to commute the death sentences and he refused point blank.

The consul then states in his cable that it is his belief that the sentences have been carried out and the Americans executed.

The new Nicaraguan minister sent to fill Senor Espinosa's place called on Secretary of State Knox yesterday to arrange for a presentation to Taft. He has not been officially received yet, and his reception probably will not be considered, as it is doubtful if President Zelaya will be able to make amends for the execution of the Americans, which it is morally certain was carried out today.

LOS ANGELES TO OFFER JAPANESE GREAT RECEPTION

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 18.—Every commercial and civic organization of Los Angeles has combined in plans for the entertainment of the Japanese trade envoys, who will arrive on their special train at noon tomorrow.

TELEPHONE COMPANY BUYS SITE FOR HOME

New Building to Be Erected on Corner of Sixth and Holly—Work Starts in January.

The home of the new telephone system in Medford, for which a franchise was recently granted E. C. Sharpe, will be on the corner of Sixth and Holly, where Mr. Sharpe has purchased a lot 100x150. Work on the plans and specifications of the building are already under way and active construction work on the building will be under way by January 15.

Lists of material needed for the construction of the new system are being compiled at present, and by the first of the year much of this will have arrived.

Mr. Sharpe has made an application for a franchise in Ashland, and it will be acted upon by the council there next Monday evening. The new company plans to extend its lines throughout the valley and give Medford an up-to-date and efficient service.

BINGER HERMAN UP FIRST, SAYS FRANCIS HENEY

Prosecutor Leaves San Francisco Tonight for Portland to Take Up His Duties as Assistant to Attorney-General.

WILL RUSH CASES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

All of Continued Land Fraud Cases Are to Be Tried Again, According to the Prosecutor.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 18.—Francis J. Heney, former prosecutor in the local graft cases, will start tonight for Portland, Or., where he will immediately take up the Oregon land fraud cases, under his reappointment as special deputy attorney on behalf of the government.

Heney will endeavor to bring the case of former Congressman Binger Herman to trial first and will have it set for trial at the earliest possible date.

He expects to take up all the cases at once and said today that it will be his purpose to dispose of all the cases as quickly as possible.

SIXTH MAN FROM AKRON INVESTS IN ROGUE VALLEY

Wm. A. Johnson, president of the Rubber Product Co., of Akron, Ohio, was in Medford the first of this week, having stopped here on a visit to Mr. Dodge of the Oregon Orchards Syndicate.

Without having any intentions of making an investment in the Rogue River valley, Mr. Johnson was so impressed by the evident prosperity of the community and its future opportunities for progress, that he concluded to identify himself with Southern Oregon, and to that end purchased a 20-acre tract in the Crestbrook orchards.

Mr. Johnson is the sixth investor from Akron during the past five months.

MRS. STETSON IS KICKED OUT BY MOTHER CHURCH

(United Press Leased Wire.) BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Augusta Stetson was excommunicated today from the Christian Science church for alleged malpractice of Christian Science.

A few more acres of land are to be opened to irrigation in the Umatilla project.

INSPECTORS TO ENTER COAL MINE

Making Preparations to Take Bodies From Cherry Mine—Special Cage Arranged.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 18.—Preparations are being made for the descent this afternoon of Mine Inspectors Taylor and Ross into the St. Paul mine, where several hundred miners are buried under the hundreds of tons of earth.

The special cage will be sent down the airshaft with the two inspectors, who hope to be able to recover some bodies.

"We will conquer this fire today or it will conquer us." This was the statement made by Taylor as he busied himself with preparations for the flight.

President Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad left here today in his private car. His destination is unknown.

Earling's sudden departure is said to be the result of threats made against his life.