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RESIDENCE IS FIRED; IS SAVED BY QUICK WORK

Prompt work on the part of the fire boys Saturday evening foiled the attempt of a firebug to destroy the residence of F. M. Broker on West Clark street, the flames being subdued before they had damaged the building to any great extent.

WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1913, MEDFORD

Table with columns: Date, Max. Min. Inches, Rainfall. Rows for days 1 through 31.

Maximum 46 degrees; Mean of maximum 38.5; Normal mean maximum 45; Minimum 10; Mean of minimum 27.3.

Although low records in temperature were recorded, (low for this district) the period over which minimum temperatures occurred was so short that no damage occurred, excepting in the case of some apples in storage which were not protected.

P. J. O'GARA, Special Meteorological Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE DESTROYS SAVANNAH DOCKS

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 3.—One million five hundred thousand dollars is the damage estimated today from a fire destroying the wharves of the Merchants and Miners Transportation company. No lives were lost.

THE PAJARO VALLEY—AN OBJECT LESSON

WATSONVILLE, California, is the metropolis of a small region known as the Pajaro valley, about ten miles long and eight miles wide, which furnishes an object lesson to the world in fruit and diversified production.

The past year, six thousand carloads of apples—mostly Newtowns and Bellefleurs—were shipped from Watsonville, more than the combined apple production of Oregon and Washington.

But apples do not absorb all the energies of the Pajaro growers. Strawberries run a close second. During 1912, one hundred and forty thousand chests of strawberries were shipped and the surplus earned—a new industry that in the first year sent six carloads of canned strawberries to the eastern markets.

The Pajaro valley is also famous for its apricots, possessing the largest apricot orchards in the world and both the green and dried product yield a substantial revenue.

There is nothing grown in the Pajaro valley that cannot be grown better in the Rogue River valley. There is no reason why the Rogue River valley should not grow and ship much more than the Pajaro valley ships.

With irrigation will come the subdivision of farms, with water will come intensified farming and diversified production. With water will come population and prosperity.

"Because He Needed the Office"

Such was Mayor Eifer's plea for appointing another man to succeed Market Master Ruyard. Now let us analyze this matter. No doubt the mayor was right when he said the man needed the office.

Regarding School Supervision

To the editor: I have just been reading the controversy between Judge Tou Velle and the county educational board and would like to say this on the subject: I have been serving on the board of directors of our district for the last four years, and have done all I could to increase the efficiency of our district school.

SOCIALISTS DEMAND LOWER RENTS FOR BUSINESS HOUSES

A move for lower rents for Medford business houses was inaugurated Sunday when resolutions were passed favoring the formation of a rent-payers league and endorsing the sentiments of an editorial in the socialist dodger entitled "A Practical Move to Reduce the High Cost of Living—Bring Down the Rents in the Business District."

The resolution reads as follows: "Be it resolved that it is the sense of the meeting that the merchants of Medford, and through them the people who are their patrons, and whose purchases of the necessities of life are dependent upon said merchants to furnish the funds with which to meet the expenses of their various businesses—that these two classes of Medford citizens are entitled to the reasonable relief set forth in the article, and the members of this local hereby pledge their hearty support of such merchants as will themselves sustain a movement to obtain that relief.

Resolved, further, that this resolution be ordered spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that copies thereof be furnished to the two daily papers printed in this city, and to the socialist councilman, George H. Millar, for presentation to the city council, and also to the Greater Medford Club, the Medford Merchants Association, the commercial club, and the various labor bodies of this city."

Rent Payers League

The article reads in part as follows: "We have heard rumors of a movement that should prove a practical one in the way of easing up a little on the high cost of living right here—a Medford—at least, it would ease out part of the tribute which the rest of the people here are giving up every day of their lives to their landlords."

"Without going into details, the rents which are asked for these store rooms are said to be away out of all fair proportion to the value of the buildings themselves, or the real estate, or the business opportunities afforded and the business to be done. Even under the capitalistic system, with all its inequities and absurdities, there is still usually a reason and a more or less reasonable way of accounting for things done, and in a roughly accurate way rents for business property are supposed to be figured in modern cities on the basis of the number of people who go by any given business man's door on an average business day.

People Pay the Rent

"Those are the people, roughly speaking, whom any business man may have a chance to do business with; and that proportion of those people going by who actually enter his doors and purchase his wares are the people, and the only people, who pay his rent. That is where we come in, we consumers, on this business man's rent proposition—he makes the contract with his landlord, and we foot the bill when we buy his goods. We pay the rent for Medford merchants, who are trying to do the business of supplying our wants under the conditions described. Any reduction in their rents will enable them to reduce the prices on their goods. Is there anything else to it, as far as we are concerned? Whose interest, then, is the first interest to us? Do you, each one of you readers think more of the landlords' rent-book? Just "go into the silence," as the mind readers say, and ask yourself these questions.

"All hail, then, to the 'Rent Payers' League' if the business men affected have the moral backbone to combine and refuse to pay any rent whatever until all the high rents in the district mentioned have been reduced at least 25 to 40 per cent. That is what we understand has been put forth as a tentative proposition, and it ought to meet with practically unanimous approval—even the long headed ones among the landlords should realize they had better take what they can get and not kill the business goose which has been laying their golden rent eggs during the past flush years."

John A. Perl Undertaker 28 S. BARTLETT Phone M. 471 and 473 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

The Daily Hint from Paris.



Miss Lorraine... the first... model...

SUBSCRIPTION LIST TO BRING NORDICA HERE

Subscription lists are being circulated for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of interest Medford people will take in a concert by Mme. Nordica. A large guarantee is necessary in order to procure this celebrated singer and her excellent company.

NOTICE

An energetic membership campaign is about to be undertaken by the local lodge of the Fraternal Brotherhood the big Pacific coast fraternal society which recently went to legal rates and the membership hopes to double the local membership within the next few weeks.

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CONSTRUCTION OF STORM SEWERS IS URGED BY MILLAR

In order that many of the unemployed in the city may have work, George H. Millar, councilman from the third ward, is advocating the immediate passage of an issue of 20-year city improvement bonds for the purpose of constructing storm sewers throughout the city.

"At this season of the year" states Mr. Millar, "when there is little work in the orchard districts, there is naturally a number of men unemployed. To meet this condition I believe the city should proceed at once on the work of laying storm sewers which must be constructed before another winter."

Mr. Millar's plan is meeting with much support among the business men of the city.

COMMITTEE TO TAKE ROCKEFELLER'S TESTIMONY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The tentative arrangements to take testimony of Wm. Rockefeller at Jekyll Island have been completed today.

"COLDS"

It is a well known fact that when a person is run-down, stomach out of order, or the system overloaded with waste matter, vital resistance is lowered and colds and coughs are easily contracted.

Mr. Albert Porter of Richmond III, L. E. says: "All winter I had a bad cold and a cough which I could not get rid of, and was badly run-down besides. Vinol was the one remedy which cured my cough and made me well in every way."

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TWO DEAD, MANY HURT FIRE PANIC IN THEATRE

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Trampled under foot in a panic among 4000 patrons of the Houston Hippodrome Moving Picture theatre, after a film in the operating room had become ignited, two unidentified women are dead and eleven men, women and children probably fatally injured today.

REAL TARIFF MAKING BEGUN BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Real tariff making began today when the house ways and means committee went into executive session to draft a tariff measure. The bill will be reported to congress as soon as the special session opens.