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THIEVES BREAK INTO SMOKE HOUSE
Thieves broke into the Smoke House on West Main street Tuesday evening and secured about \$10 in cash and a considerable quantity of cigars. Entrance was effected through a rear window.

MAYOR'S CABINET SLOW IN FORMING
The mayor's cabinet as outlined in the mayor's first message to the city council seems to be very slow in forming. To date but two organizations asked to name a representative have responded, and they have not yet chosen a representative.

PUBLIC DRILL OF ARTILLERY CORPS
The local company of the Coast Artillery Corps, Captain A. W. Deane, commanding, will give a public drill, full equipment, at the Natatorium this evening. Invitations to the city officials and public have been extended.

BASKET BALL TEAMS CLASH ON THURSDAY
Two strong basketball teams will struggle for the city title Thursday evening when the Chosen Friends meet the High School. Each team has a long list of victories to its credit and each has its following of confident fans.

Christian Church
At the Christian church last night Mr. Paries gave an interesting sermon on "Ideals." He showed that God's ideal of man was a very different type to that admired by men.

Last Meetings in Hall
The evangelistic meetings being held in the hall on Grape street will be brought to a close after the following three subjects are presented: Tonight, Bible Baptism, Thursday, The Call Out of Spiritual Babylon, Friday evening, Obedience.

John A. Perl Undertaker
28 S. BARTLETT
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Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

THE HIDDEN HAND.

SOME people are so crooked that they think everyone else has a kink of some kind. For the benefit of this class, the Mail Tribune wishes to state, once and for all, that it has no ulterior motive in its effort to keep the public market conducted as at present, that a change in methods or system cannot effect the paper save as it affects the entire community, and that its energies have been inspired solely with the altruistic motive of lowering the high cost of living in Medford, benefitting both producer and consumer, and attracting the country trade that had drifted elsewhere.

Before the market was established, grocers sold California produce while local produce rotted in the field for lack of purchasers. Farmers unable to market their truck, refused in turn to purchase their supplies here. Lack of a market made it impossible to give diversified farming the needed stimulus.

The fight against the market has come from interested trades-people with whom it, to a certain extent competes. These have fought it from the start, and are encouraging the effort to wreck its efficiency and effectiveness by making it a political football, because it has lessened profits and lowered the cost of living.

Bluntly, without the meat stalls, there would not be inducement sufficient to attract purchasers sufficient to sustain the market. If the meat stalls are abolished to please the butchers, then the vegetable and fruit stalls should be abolished to please the grocer and fruit dealer, and the market be closed altogether. But the needs of the people as a whole, are greater than the needs of any one class, and class protective legislation must give way to legislation for the whole people.

It is because the Mail Tribune has taken this broad view, and because, when a conflict arises between a few advertisers, who help support it, and the many subscribers, who also help support it, the interest of its subscribers must be paramount, that it has endured boycott and abuse and probably will continue to.

The Mail Tribune has no interest in city politics and doesn't care who draws the salaries, providing efficient service is rendered. But it realizes that back of the effort to remove the present market master, whose efficiency is not in question, is a sinister desire to cripple the market and destroy its efficiency.

WHAT WATER COSTS ELSEWHERE.

THE San Diego Sun of recent date contains notice of an application made by the Sweetwater Water Company, which supplies the territory south of San Diego with irrigation water, to the state railroad commission for permission to increase the rates charged water users 250 per cent. Says the Sun:

On the acreage plan, consumers are now paying at a rate of \$7 per acre, with a minimum of 250,000 gallons to the acre, and 2 cents a thousand gallons for all water in excess of the minimum amount. A majority use over the minimum, and the average amount expended an acre is now about \$7.50. If the increase proposed by the water company is granted to give them "reasonable returns," the consumers say they would be forced to pay \$24.50 for the 350,000 gallons, or would average about \$25 or \$26 per acre per year, if the same amount of water is consumed that they are now using.

When it is considered that the users of this water all paid a large sum either for a water right, or for the land with the privilege of securing water, in addition to the high annual maintenance cost, it will be seen that water is a very valuable commodity in southern California.

The Rogue River Canal company's offer of \$50 per acre with an annual maintenance fee of \$2.50 looks extremely reasonable in comparison with charges elsewhere.

In submitting the name of George Tranna to the city council for reappointment as superintendent of the water department, Mayor Eifert made a move which will meet with instant approval on the part of the public. Mr. Tranna as water superintendent has placed his department upon a firm basis of efficiency, and is well qualified to handle the job. In short he has made good, and his retention is wise.

Efficiency Needed, not Politics

To the Editor:
The people of Medford, as citizens, and members of one municipal family, irrespective of politics, party, sex or occupation, are chiefly concerned, in the installation, maintenance and operation of all public utilities and services, from the point of view of economy and efficiency of operation.

That is their first interest, the middle and the last. There is no room anywhere for any public concern over the good or ill fortunes, politically, of any mayor's administration, or of any council clique. Efficiency of service and economy of operation cannot be maintained at their highest point if positions in our civil service are made the biennial reward of mere political activity.

Whatever sins of omission or commission in this respect may lie in the shadows of past years, the present administration has before a golden opportunity to distinguish its regime by establishing the civil service of Medford upon a lasting foundation of merit, and merit alone. That foundation once laid, no future administration with any hope or expectation of public favor would ever dare do otherwise than to build solidly upon it; and the public interest in the structure so reared should remain sufficiently keen to guarantee a recall campaign against any mayor who would then attempt to make the public service a football of politics, or a feeding ground for his personal favorites.

It appears plain to the writer that no man dealing with public affairs, save the very dullest and most obstinately ignorant, can fail to perceive

Favors School Supervisors

To the Editor:
With all due respect for our honorable county judge and ye editor, I should like to write a few lines in answer to the communication of Mr. Sturgess in regard to our school supervision. Of course, every one has a right to his own opinion but forming too hasty an opinion is a fault every one should avoid.

To judge the work of supervisors by the notes read at the Parent-Teachers meeting would be as unfair as to judge the merits of a lecture by the notes jotted down by some auditor as in both cases the notes were brief and to be used simply as reminders of the fuller and more complete work.

Surely, no one would think that children were of less value than fruit trees or roads, yet we have fruit inspectors and road supervisors so why not have school supervisors? No one would think of letting an inexperienced person go to work on their place without watching and instructing them, so why should we allow inexperienced teachers to go into our school rooms and gain experience at the expense of our children, when by intelligent school supervision, the supervisor, who has been a successful teacher, could correct their mistakes before any damage was done and give them valuable hints which prove of value to both teacher and pupil. Then, too, he sees that each district receives the benefits of the O. A. C. literature and U. S. Department of Agriculture bulletins without any expense or loss of time.

Would Mr. Sturgess, who is or was a road supervisor, hire some stranger to work on his road and pay him wages without going to see how much or how well the work was done? No! He would simply laugh at the idea. Does he infer that his

children are of less importance than his roads?

To be sure, as Mr. Sturgess observed, we should all know enough to save our children's drinking cups scalded with lye water because none of us would wish our children to drink after children who have skin or blood trouble but as far as that is concerned, a man knows he should work well to draw good wages but will they all do so if they know that no one will know whether they work or not? It is the same with a teacher. When a teacher knows that the directors seldom if ever visit her school or inspect her work, what is to prevent her becoming lazy or careless?

Mr. Sturgess says pictures do not bring in any money but if you are simply looking at monetary values, neither does music nor many of the other studies but who would wish to live without music, art and literature? As I understand education, it is the means by which a person is fitted to go into the world, mingle with people and be able to converse intelligently on all subjects of common interest. Could he do so did he not know, at least, a few of the world's most noted artists and their work? Who would wish to have their children to be dumb and embarrassed in a company of persons who were speaking on subjects every one should be familiar with and have them realize they might have been conversant with the subjects had their parents or school directors allowed these subjects to be taught when the supervisor advised the better method by which they might be taught. I can not see why any one who has thoroughly investigated the matter, should in any way object to our system of school supervision.

GLADYS E. MILLER, Central Point, Ore.

HOMESTEAD CONTESTS BEFORE COMMISSIONER

Two homestead contest cases are engaging the attention of W. H. Cannon, United States land commissioner. The first was heard Tuesday, the second being heard today.

The United States is contesting the claim of Percy Stratton of Ashland, who asks a patent to land in the Dead Indian country. Non-residence and insufficient cultivation is charged.

The case of the United States vs. Clinton Texter is being heard today. Uncle Sam alleges that Texter has not established a residence on his homestead in the Squaw Lake country, that he has failed to improve or cultivate it.

THREE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY EIFERT

Three appointments were made by Mayor Eifert at Tuesday evening's session of the city council, the three being confirmed by the city council.

The first one was that of George Tranna as water superintendent. Mr. Tranna has filled this place the past year and had made good.

Harry Pierce was appointed plumbing inspector, the plan to combine this with electrical inspector having failed.

Olan Arnsperger, city engineer was appointed electrical inspector. His reappointment as city engineer was not made, but this move indicates that he will be so appointed.

CIVIL SERVICE FOR TEACHERS OF PORTLAND

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—A bill giving the school teachers of Portland a system of civil service has today passed the house. The measure provides that the school board shall dismiss a teacher who has been employed for two years without giving the reasons and without granting such teacher a hearing. Charges must be filed in writing and full testimony must be publicly taken.

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WANTS SINKING FUND TO RETIRE WATER BONDS

Mayor Eifert called the attention of the city council Tuesday evening to the fact that no sinking fund for the retirement of the water improvement bonds had been created as provided by law and asked that this be done at once. After a short discussion it was referred to the finance committee for report.

The proposition of building three storm sewers in the city at once came before the council from George H. Millar. The finance and street committees together with the city engineer were put at work on it.

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Auction Sale of Acreage

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Since my sale last March much improvement has been done in this locality, positive evidence that this is the preferable location for building suburban homes.

Two nice homes and a number of smaller ones have been built this past summer and fall. Building is now going on in this neighborhood; a new free rural delivery now passes through the Pierce Subdivision. An electric power and light line has recently been constructed. With good roads, free soil and city water, a home here is a little ranch in the city.

For particulars and terms write me. C. H. PIERCE 628 E. Main Street, Medford

PRESIDENT FERRIN RESIGNS FROM PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—The resignation of President W. N. Ferrin of Pacific university, Forest Grove, Ore., has today been accepted unanimously by the board of trustees. The resignation becomes effective at the end of the present school year.

President Ferrin's action was caused, it is said, by divided support of his administration by the trustees.

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