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The Mazamas—Who They Are.

Last week we mentioned the organization of a Mazama club in Medford, but we did not go into details as to who the Mazamas are and what their purpose is.

The Mazama is a mountain goat, but those of that name with which we have to deal at this time are not goats, but being mountain climbers they have taken the mountain climbing goat's name. The objects of the club are various. Prominent among them, as we understand, are to make famous, the world over, the Cascade mountain range, and upon this occasion more particularly one of the greatest wonders of the world—Crater lake—to have a summer outing, a good time and see the greatest scenery the whole coast affords.

It is expected that from 500 to 1000 people will join the club at points in Washington and Northern Oregon and visit the lake in a body. At the lake, when all have congregated, a few week's session of various amusements and business will be had. These people will require hotel accommodations at the point where they leave the railroad and team hire to carry their camping outfits and themselves to the lake.

Some time ago mention was made in THE MAIL of a letter addressed to Postmaster Howard, signed by W. G. Steel, president of the "Mazamas," of Portland, making inquiries regarding the feasibility of the Mazama club visiting Crater lake next summer. Mr. Steel closes his letter by saying that if thought advisable he would come to Medford and look the grounds over. Accordingly Mr. Steel came to Medford; he passed right on, however, and stopped at Ashland, where he succeeded in organizing a Crater lake club.

He was met by Mr. Howard, of this city, in Ashland and by him induced to stop in Medford and talk the matter over with our people. As a result of his visit a club was organized in this city, and Mr. Steel seemed well pleased with the outlook.

We notice that the Ashland papers in noting the organization of a club in that city give out that Ashland is "plainly the point of departure for the lake."

In view of the fact that these people will in all probability visit Crater lake the coming summer, a few figures regarding the best "point of departure for the lake," will be of interest. In the beginning let us quote Mr. Steel's own language from his report of Crater lake, in "Resources of Southern Oregon," published by the Southern Oregon State Board of Agriculture. In locating Crater lake Mr. Steel says:

"It is situated in the northwest portion of Klamath county, Oregon, twenty-two miles west of Fort Klamath, and about eighty miles northeast of Medford, which is the best point to leave the Oregon & California railroad. The Jacksonville and Fort Klamath military road passes the lake within three miles, and the road to the very walls of it is an exceptionally good one for a mountainous country."

The above statement was made by Mr. Steel in his reports of the soundings of the lake made by himself and a number of others during the summer of 1886.

The distance to Crater lake from Ashland by the Dead Indian road is about 100 miles. The distance by Fort Klamath is as follows: Ashland to Klamath Falls, 62 miles; Klamath Falls to Fort Klamath, 37 miles; Fort Klamath to Crater lake road, 12 miles; from there to the lake it is about two miles, making a total of 122 miles.

The exact distance from the court house in Jacksonville to Crater lake is 28 miles, and from Medford it is four miles nearer. Prospect postoffice is within twenty miles of the lake and the entire country on this side of the mountain is settled to within fifteen miles of the lake.

The scenery along the route from Medford cannot be excelled for grandeur. The route follows Rogue river for a long distance, Florence rock, one of the many wonders of nature, is passed early in the trip. The famous Rogue river falls, Castle creek canyon, with its wonderful towering rock, Union peak and the big timber belt are all on this route. The facilities for camping are unsurpassed.

It is hardly probable that 500 or 1000 people wishing to visit Crater lake would care to travel the extra distance from Ashland to Medford even should they choose the Rogue river route.

There is no reason why Ashland should be a preferable place of departure, even if distance should cut no figure at all. And, as far as distance to the lake goes, Ashland has no show for argument whatever.

It has been suggested that perhaps these tourists would like to go to the lake one way and return the other. This might be their idea and it would perhaps be a good one, but when Medford is given the cold shake altogether and Ashland designated as THE point of departure, this paper, in justice to its townspeople, enters a protest.

Among the freight receipts this week was 5000 pounds of soap, for Lumsden & Berlin, the grocers.

Lumber has been placed on the ground for repairing the depot platform. The repairs are not coming any too soon.

That tall pine tree which stood by the shortline depot has been cut down. The commissioners thought there was danger of its falling on the depot.

The locomotive which pulled No. 15 Saturday morning met with an accident in some way after leaving Ashland and another had to be taken from Grants Pass to take No. 15 to Roseburg.

Here Are Four Bargains. Eighty acres of timber land; seven miles from railroad, for \$600. A house and two lots in this city for \$275. Twenty acres partly improved fruit land—one mile from railroad station, \$550. Good house and lot in Medford—in good location, \$800. Inquire at MAIL office.

Encampment Notes.

The fourth annual encampment of the Old Soldiers and Sailors, at Ashland, last week was indeed one of the best ever held in this end of the state. The old vets all report a good time.

Ashland was again chosen as the place for holding the reunion next year. M. S. Damon, of this city, was chosen commander of the reunion associates for the coming year.

Henry Vogel, W. K. Davis and P. Easter composed the battery who made the old cannon roar.

Mrs. W. K. Davis, of Medford, was chosen quartermaster for the coming year. This is the first time such honors have been bestowed upon a lady.

Miss Ethel Gregory, of Ashland, fired the sunset gun on Thursday evening. It is not every young lady who has the nerve to shoot a full grown cannon.

There were fifty tents at the grounds and they made quite a unique city. The tents were all filled to their fullest fullness and soldiers still kicking for admission.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mary Hanley, formerly Mary Love to Ella Hanley, divided in part in and to the e 1/4 of the nw 1/4 and sec 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 12 tp 37 s r 3 w. Subject to mortgage of \$1500.00. \$1500.00. Spencer Childers, Jr., Bertha S. Barham, property in Medford. 500

B. F. Atkins to Carrie L. Johnson, property in Medford. 300

W. H. Parker to Chas. E. Wolverson 13 3/4 acres, Medford. 2330

Alexander Young to J. J. Watts, the undivided 1/2 interest in and to 80 acres in Evans creek district, sec 17 tp 25 s 3 w Latham Garrett to R. K. Sutton, land in Ashland. 1000

R. K. Sutton to Margaret J. Engler 10 1/2 acres sec 8 tp 29 s r 1 e. 1600

Chas. Nickell to Janet Shone, lots 1 and 2 blk. 8, Medford. 150

E. F. DeHond to Leonard Fisher, 40 acres sec 16 tp 40 s r 1 w. 500

Maria F. J. Holst to Victor Fink, 80 acres sec 17 tp 37 s r 1 w. 800

J. Jay Sullivan to James Braden, the undivided 1/2 interest in the Chubey mine, Backwell mining district. 400

A. J. Hamlin to Julia Miles, undivided 1/2 interest in lots 2 and 3 blk. 20, Medford. 300

Sheriff of Jackson county, S. Patterson to E. B. DeHond, 10, 17 and 18 blk. 17, Medford. 21

Ashland Collegiate Institute to Ashland Normal school, college property in Ashland. 8000

Oscar Gainard to Lucinda Gainard, land in Ashland. 1

Geo. H. Andrews to Nils Ahlstrom, land in railroad add to Ashland. 80

Same to Same, lot 30 blk. E railroad add to Ashland. 80

C. E. Nitzs to Nils Ahlstrom, lots 18 and 19 blk. E railroad add to Ashland. 180

Oregon Transcontinental Co. to J. T. Wallace, lot 19 blk. G railroad add to Ashland. 80

J. J. Houck to O. Gainard, 164 1/2 acres all so right of way for mill race in Ashland sec 17 tp 37 s r 3 w. 1800

Bennett Millon to Oscar Gainard, 8 acres in Ashland. 1

Same to Lucinda Gainard, quit claim deed to 8 acres in Ashland. 1

Maria F. J. Holst to Victor Fink, 80 acres sec 17 tp 37 s r 1 w, subject to a mortgage of \$1500.00. 800

Carroll Swayne to T. J. Kenny, 180 acres sec 22 tp 39 s r 3 w also a 1/2 interest in a placer mining claim of 40 acres adjoining sec 22 tp 39 s r 3 w. 250

J. N. Hursh to Lamyra Hursh 2 1/2 1/2 acres sec 2 and 3 tp 37 s r 2 w. 1

Emma H. Reen to Nils Ahlstrom, lot 21 blk. railroad add to Ashland. 350

H. M. Roberts to O. Gainard, the south 81 feet of lots 11 and 12 railroad add to Ashland. 40

Court Proceedings.

James Helms vs. W. A. Owen and C. Magruder, action to recover money. Judgment for plain defendant. 100

Kinney & Provost vs. Ashland Mining Co., suit in equity to foreclose miners lien. Order of sheriff's sale. 100

T. J. Bolton vs. same, same order. 100

Lindley & Co. vs. N. H. Clayton and Walter Gore, action to recover money. Judgment for plaintiffs for \$26, interest etc., amounting to \$1680. 100

They Will Have to Disgorge.

Every member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, except those of Northern Light lodge, Fargo, North Dakota, rejoiced when they read in the telegrams of the daily papers the following report of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

The Fargo affair, which was one of the most important questions of the sessions, came up and was settled. The committee to which the matter was referred, reported that all of the representatives of the grand lodge on the Fargo difficulty were unhesitatingly endorsed. The committee also considered the report of the special committee of this body made last year and fully endorsed all of the report as being correct. It was made clear that the items of \$1500, \$800 and \$737.29 were not used or required for legitimate expense and the relief of destitute brothers and sisters, and the total amount of \$11,037.29 was ordered returned to the lodges in the different states from which it was received.

The above affair had its origin about two years ago when the big fire occurred in that city and the Odd Fellows' hall was burned, together with many Odd Fellows' homes. At that time Northern Light lodge made an appeal to other lodges of the United States for assistance for their destitute members. A ready response followed and in a very short time they had an accumulated sum of money equal to \$14,000. Some of this was given to the destitute brothers, for whom it was asked, but a greater part of it was spent in the commencement of a large Odd Fellows' temple in that city, which was in direct violation to the sense of the appeal. Had this money been used for the purpose for which it was asked there would not have been a murmur of complaint, but the misappropriation of the funds, placed the order in a position which the Sovereign Grand Lodge could not sustain and be true to the teachings of Odd Fellowship. The Medford lodges—Subordinate and Rebekah contributed \$5 to the fund.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bonar, the boys, Misses May Earhart, Helen and Jennie Churchman, Messrs. John and George Churchman took their lunch baskets and climbed Foxy Ann. It was a beautiful day, and from the top of the mountain one could obtain a grand view of the whole surrounding country. After doing justice to the lunch baskets, they started home early in the afternoon. As Mr. and Mrs. Bonar neared their home they saw the doors wide open—the doors which they had locked so securely a few hours before. A little nearer and they saw the house had been taken possession of by their neighbors and friends, who had dinner all ready for them. The tables fairly groaned with good things. The picknickers did justice to a second dinner, and some to even a third one, but that was not half so bad as the gentleman carrying half a chicken home in his coat pocket, as one of the good neighbors was known to do. They all spent the afternoon in croquet, etc., going home in the evening feeling that they each had had a very pleasant day. X. N. X.

Medford Business College.

The term of 1895-6 of the Medford Business College will begin Monday, September 30th. The building has just been newly furnished, about \$250's worth of furniture having been added the past week. Between forty and fifty students from California points are expected to arrive this evening.

The opening exercises will take place at the college building Saturday evening, September 28th.

The coming term promises to be one of the most prosperous of any during the existence of the college. Much credit is due Prof. Rigby for his efforts in building up this institution.

Following is the program of the opening exercises:

Opening song, "The Old Church Key." Solo, selected, Miss Grace Foster. Address of welcome, Mrs. Dora Lynn. Response, Prof. P. H. Daily. Selection, "When the Birds Awake the Morn'." Ladies' Quartet. Address, Hon. W. L. Vawter. Address, W. H. Parker. Rev. Eli Fisher. Solo, selected, Mable Jones. Address, Miss S. Pentz. Austin Holt. Song, "The Choir." The Choir. Address, Rev. E. K. Thompson. Solo, "The Cuckoo." Mrs. O. R. Butler. Closing Remarks, M. E. Rigby. Song, "The Congregation." Rev. Russ. Miss Ollie R. Butler, leader of the choir. Mrs. Fisher, organist.

Three Klamath County Items.

From the Express.

The following changes have been made on the stage line. Two horse stage will be run out of Klamath Falls instead of four, changes will be made at Keno and Topsy instead of Chases'. Johnnie Campbell is driving from Klamath Falls.

Ivan D. Applegate and daughters, Alice and Edith, arrived from Dairy Thursday evening and left for Ashland Friday. Mr. Applegate will attend the Soldiers and Sailors Encampment there, and the young ladies will go to Mouth to attend the State Normal this winter. Miss Edith Crouch accompanied them as far as Medford.

W. F. Willits and wife, of Yainax, were in town Friday leaving Saturday for Ashland where they expect to reside for the winter. Mr. Willits, who was superintendent for several years at the Yainax agency, has been replaced by A. D. Harpole, from the Rosebud agency, South Dakota. He expects to return next spring and make this county his home.

A Gold Hill Elopement.

Our Kanes creek correspondent reports a sensation in the shape of an elopement at Gold Hill. The report in substance is this: "Quite a sensation was created at Gold Hill, recently, by the elopement of Mrs. Chas. Horn and her brother-in-law, D. Horn. Mrs. H. leaves a husband and Mr. H. a wife and seven or eight children." Where they went or in what direction correspondent does not state. D. Horn is a partner of Jas. Coeti in the saloon business at Gold Hill. It was he who found that rich pocket of gold in that locality a couple of years ago.

An Improved Farm For \$2000.

A fine eighty-acre farm, with house, barn and outbuildings; small family orchard; twenty-five acres of alfalfa. Land in good state of cultivation; five miles from railroad. This land is a bargain. Inquire at MAIL office.

Strayed or Stolen.

From my residence, one and one-half miles west of Medford, on Thursday or Friday, Sept. 12th or 13th, ten Polan china hogs. Marks: Smooth crop on left ear, swallow fork on right ear and under bit on right. Reward paid for information leading to recovery. J. R. HOWARD.