

WHY JACKSON IS NOT ADVERTISED.

Jackson county does not appear in a recent report of the mining resources of Oregon, although its output of gold has been well up toward the head of the list for years.

We beg to differ from the gentleman. Let him pick up any newspaper published in Jackson county, of any date, and he will of a certainty find mining items therein.

But these items are hard to get. Jackson county miners and mining writers are not endeavoring to fill space with products of vivid imaginations, but content themselves with mere statements of facts.

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City Council Proceedings.

At the special meeting of the city council, held Tuesday night, the following were present: Mayor Wilson; Councilmen, Willeke, York, Pickel, Wilson, King, Mitchell.

J. W. Mitchell appearing and taking oath of office was duly installed as councilman from the First ward, vice, Elwood, and was assigned places on committees formerly occupied by the latter.

Petitions of J. F. Eads and others for sidewalk from the S. P. track to C street on 11th street, and by E. B. Pickel and others for sidewalk on 7th street from I street to the M. E. church south were granted.

Petition of F. Sack and others for street light denied.

Petition of White & Thomas for permission to erect corrugated iron building on lots 15 and 16, blk 45, granted.

Petition of J. F. Eads and others for street light at railroad crossing on 11th street referred to water and light committee.

Same action on petition of Marion Tryer and others for light at corner of G and 3rd streets.

The council on motion resolved that \$100 per month be charged to the general fund and credited to the light and water fund for keeping up street, lights and fire hydrants, and the city attorney was ordered to draw an ordinance to that effect.

The committee on streets and alleys

was given authority to act in the matter of changing the course of the waste water ditch now flowing by the Medford Machine shops.

The matter of submitting the proposition of giving authority to the council to sell the electric light and water plants to the highest bidder to the people at the coming municipal election, was discussed at length, but the council adjourned without action in the premises.

"Under Two Flags."

Almost the largest audience that ever assembled in Wilson's opera house greeted the rising of the curtain on the first act of "Under Two Flags," on Saturday night, and they were repaid by an excellent performance of the play.

A special train came down from Jacksonville, and there were thirty-six people from Ashland.

The story of the play is too well-known to require a synopsis, and THE MAIL will confine itself to short mentions of the characters. First, of course, comes Wm. Edgar Graham, as Bertie Cecil. Mr. Graham's experience on the stage and in this part enabled him to give a more finished performance than the amateurs supporting him.

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Enjoyed Themselves.

The citizens of Bend, getting tired of the monotony of everyday life, got up some excitement over the church organ last week, and the results were that arrests were made for taking and removing property not their own.

After the trial was over, judge jury and spectators repaired to the outside and in near proximity to where it is proposed sometime—if the world stands long enough—for the rippling waters of the Deschutes to flow in the canal of the Pilot Butte Development Co., and there indulged in the pleasures of a series of fist fights that produced bloody noses and blackened eyes.

The bill of Dr. J. S. Herndon of \$200 for medical and hospital care of Percy McDonald, a non-resident indigent, has been allowed by the City Council, and the claim of the city for that amount will be presented to the County Commissioner's court.

The later will refer to the matter to the state of Oregon, which will ultimately reimburse the county and city. A state law provides for the payment, in cases like the present, for the care of non-resident indigents.

Horse Thieves in Josephine.

Horse thieves are operating in the mountains of northern Josephine county. Several horses were stolen from the range and from the ranchers on Grave Creek a few days ago.

Part of the stolen animals were found at Merlin, near Grants Pass, and it was evident that the thieves were attempting to drive the horses southward, probably into California.

YOU CAN PAY NOW.

The subscription papers in the matter of the subsidy to the Iowa Lumber Company have been turned over to the secretary of the Medford Board of Trade, Mr. J. W. Lawton. These subscriptions are due on the 20th of this month, but you can pay before that time if you wish to do so. Mr. Lawton will issue receipts for the amounts paid.

TO MEET IN PORTLAND.

The meetings of the National Livestock, the National Wool Growers Association and the Fruit Growers of the Pacific Northwest, will be held at Portland, January 12 to 15, 1904, inclusive.

The three bodies will meet simultaneously to devise ways and means the advancement of their several interests, and to discuss measures the remedies of evils that exist.

Each stockman's association is entitled to one delegate for each 10,000 head of stock owned by members. Counties, where there is no organization, are entitled to a delegate. Each chamber of commerce is entitled to one.

It is expected that the simultaneous meetings of the three organizations will bring about a combination, which will be powerful enough to bring many needed reforms.

A Visit to the Ashland Normal.

The people of Southern Oregon have good reasons for being proud of their State Normal, under the able management of President B. F. Mulkey, formerly of the chair of mathematics in the State Normal at Monmouth.

Here we meet pupils from all parts of the state, who are fitting themselves for their life-work as doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers etc., each one, seemingly, trying to outdo the other and not even quitting when four o'clock comes, but going on with regular work after that hour, in order that they may accomplish the desired end.

The recitations to which we listened were intensely interesting and instructive, especially the ones in psychology and commercial law. Both the attention and interest were simply perfect, and all seem by their acts to say "We are here for knowledge."

We were informed by the teachers that those who had done but ordinary work last year, were this year doing excellent work, which shows that both interest and enthusiasm are growing.

The new building is nearing completion, and its fine arrangements as to light, board, room, etc., are points to be noticed and admired, as it is certainly up-to-date in every particular.

The gymnasium has recently been completed, and furnishes an excellent place of amusement as well as physical culture.

The excellent department for the training of teachers, the splendid work in both vocal and instrumental music, the crowds of bright boys and girls, the faculty, composed of noted teachers from this and other states, all force us to the conclusion that this is one of the best, if not the best school in the state of Oregon.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

TALISMAN LODGE, K. O. F. At the regular meeting of Talisman Lodge No. 31, held Monday evening the following officers were elected: W. I. Vawter, C. C.; J. A. Perry, V. C.;

Martin Hoge, prelate; W. H. McGowan, M. of W.; Fred Luy, M. of E.; W. F. Isaacs, M. of F.; M. Purdin, K. of R. and S.; G. L. Schermerhorn, M. at A.; B. J. Trowbridge, I. G.; M. S. McGowan, O. G.; F. M. Wilson, trustee.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(Special)—At the annual football mass meeting today, John G. Prall, 1905, science, was elected manager of Columbia eleven, after a close contest with William A. Tilt, the independent nominee. The graduate directors chosen were: Edward B. Bruce and R. S. Smith, of Klamath, Or. Five men were awarded the varsity initial for the first time. They were Tom Thorpe, "Johnny" Thorpe, Metzenthin, Bishop and Hones. Bishop and Johnny Thorpe are freshmen. A silver loving-cup has been presented to ex-Captain Richard Smith, of Oregon. Smith is a graduate of the U. of O., and has been winning great distinction on easter grittrons.

Jesse Carr Dying.

Jesse D. Carr, one of the best-known citizens of the coast, who celebrated his 89th birthday last June, suddenly collapsed Monday and is reported as sinking rapidly, with no hopes of recovery. He is semi-conscious and is aroused with difficulty. Mr. Carr was one of the pioneer star route contractors west of the Mississippi. He has large land interests in California and Oregon. Mr. Carr was one of the first to bring blooded stock into Lake and Klamath counties, Oregon, Lake and Modoc counties, California, and is still one of the largest stock-raisers in those countries. Mr. Carr is now in the hospital at San Francisco.

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PURELY PERSONAL.

J. E. Nye was up from Gold Hill, Thursday. J. B. Hair, of Woodville, was a Medford visitor on Monday.

R. E. Gordon, of Trall, was a Medford visitor this week.

Miss Jo. Orth, of Jacksonville, visited her sister, Mrs. E. Wilkison.

Dr. J. E. Shearer returned from his California trip on Sunday night.

Our good friend, Jap O'Harra, of Tolo, was among Medford people last week.

Geo. Reynolds and W. H. Simmons were at Ashland Tuesday, on business.

W. H. Moore left Sunday morning for California points, to be gone some time.

Wm. Jennings, the well known miner, was in from the Sterling mine on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Cooke, of Central Point, spent Tuesday night in Medford.

Judge Prim and W. E. Donoff, of Jacksonville, spent a few hours in Medford Saturday.

Mrs. E. Jennings visited her sister, Mrs. Rance Rouse, of Medford, for several days last week.

County Recorder Applegate and Lon Wimer, of Jacksonville, were in Medford Saturday on business.

W. H. Riskey returned Saturday evening from San Francisco, where he had been on a business trip.

Finis Mayfield, of Spikenard, one of THE MAIL'S good friends in that section, was in Medford on business Monday.

Miss Ora King left Wednesday for Chico and other California points, to be gone some time for the benefit of her health.

J. Owen, formerly of Medford, stopped off here Saturday for a few days' visit with his son, Merchant O. D. Owen, and family.

Ex-Mayor Crowell left Saturday for Klamath Falls, on a business trip of several days' duration, returning Wednesday.

Miss Kate Hanson, of San Francisco, is in Medford upon a visit to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Schermerhorn, and other Medford friends.

Miss Ina Ray, who has been attending school at St. Helen's Hall, Portland, is enjoying a vacation in Medford with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Ray.

Mrs. E. M. Lumsden left Saturday for San Jose, Calif., whence she will go, after a short visit, to Los Angeles to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Rose Charles.

Henry Pohman left Wednesday for San Jose, Calif., in response to a telegram announcing the death of his brother at that place which occurred the early part of this week.

Ralph Woodford left Saturday morning for Portland where he will take an examination before the state board of pharmacy, for admission to the ranks of the duly authorized pharmacists of the state.

Merchant H. G. Nicholson returned Sunday from his three weeks' stay in Portland, where he was juror before the United States district court. He was on the jury which acquitted Thomson, the receiver of the LeGrand land office.

Wm. Owens was in from Wallen Monday. He reports that all the farmers out his way have donned a happy smile and their plow boots—and are turning over wheat land at a pace that will be good for their well-being another year.

H. DeZang and others, who have the Buzzard mines, owned by Peter Applegate and associates, in the Elk creek country, under bond, are doing considerable development work on the property. They have completed quite a good bit of tunneling already.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scott and son, Ira, of Pendleton, stopped off in Medford this week for a few days' visit with J. A. Scott, another son, and his family. They left Thursday for Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter. Mr. Scott is an extensive grain grower, near Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Corey and children, of Howard Lake, Minnesota, arrived in Medford Monday and will undoubtedly remain here during the winter. The visit is made for the benefit of their daughter's health. Mr. Corey may invest in real estate or engage in mercantile business.

Miss Ora King, the trained nurse, has gone to San Francisco, where she has a good paying position as nurse. The young lady's health has not been first-class since she suffered a severe attack of diphtheria, last summer, and it was thought the change of climate to San Francisco might prove beneficial.

R. D. Maplesden returned Wednesday from a business trip to Salem, where he made his accustomed fall settlement with the Oregon Nursery Co., for which he is representative in Southern Oregon. The amount of work done for the company was very satisfactory to that institution and the size of the draft which Mr. Maplesden brought home ought to have a very satisfying effect upon him.

P. H. Mahen returned this week from near Prineville, Oregon, where he has been caring for sheep for the past four years. He reports that the cattle are not in very good shape, but that sheep are in good condition and sufficient feed on the range for them. Help is very scarce, in fact scarcely enough can be secured to properly care for the stock. He will return to that country after Christmas.