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**MORE GOOD
ROADS TALK.**

EDITOR MEDFORD MAIL:—
With your permission I desire a few lines upon a subject that must be near to the heart of every property owner or prospective buyer in Southern Oregon. In my judgment, and I may say I voice the opinion of nearly every new comer in Jackson county, the subject of better public roads is by far the greatest question today before the people of this community. Compared to it, politics is a bagatelle. It overshadows everything, excepting the salvation of the soul—and as for that, a man who travels to and from his farm and the nearest market over the present-day roads in Southern Oregon for a few years is going to have a hard time convincing St. Peter that his language is fit for the society he seeks in Paradise.

There is hardly a man of us who is not directly affected financially, as well as from the viewpoint of physical comfort, in the radical improvement of the main roads that lead from Medford up into the surrounding hills, whose rich and fertile soil is to furnish the sinews that must build up this community's material wealth. The merchant needs good roads over which trade must come to his store; the railway company needs good roads in order that the country's products may be brought in good condition to market, as well as to increase the value of its vast holdings in the hills; the ivoryman needs good roads so that his horses and vehicles may accomplish twice the results with half the wear and tear each year; the farmer, and particularly the fruitgrower, must have good roads if he is to get his splendid fruits to market at a profit. This good road idea is not a theory nor a hobby. It is a cold-blooded fact that confronts every man who is endeavoring to earn his livelihood in this county—indeed, in the whole state, for it is a state-wide question.

Admitting its importance as all of us must, should we not then act and talk as one man toward the end of securing a betterment of our conditions? I, for one, who have become a citizen of this county with a view to devoting my energies to the development of a fruit farm, am ready to say without hesitation that the improvement of the roads in Jackson county is of more importance than all other questions combined. With good roads thousands of acres of fine hill land that today lie idle will be taken by men who will make them productive. With this increase of population and activity the lands of the county will rise in value, and the county will take its true position as the banner fruit county of Oregon and the United States, and whose grand hills will become the most desirable residence property anywhere to be found by the homeseeker.

You may say that the improvement of the roads at this time, when the hill population is not numerous, would be too dear a proposition for those who are here. I reply that those who are here got their land so cheaply that they can afford to spend a good deal of money to make good roads; for those who come later will have to pay higher prices for the land and will thus pay their just proportion of the expense of the roads that have been made. It is in short the same proposition that confronts the buyer of real estate in the city. If he buys a lot that abuts on a paved street, he has to pay a larger price than he would pay for a lot on a mud street—and thus he pays for the paving that has gone before, and the man who first paid for paving assessment is reimbursed. In no possible way can a farmer or a citizen lose by putting money into the judicious improvement of the roads. Let the people of Jackson county prove their sound judgment and progressiveness by taking the lead in road building. It will do more than any other thing to enrich the land owner in the hills and valley, and the business man in our town and cities.

C. M. HYSKELL.

Shooting Affray in Klamath.

Klamath Falls, June 17.—As the result of a drunken dispute between mountaineers, near Picard, Calif., last night and a misunderstanding as the cause of the quarrel, one man was killed, another wounded and a third will be placed under arrest before tonight. The crime as reported here today is an unusual one. Jack Snyder, George Potter, Donald McKay and Charles McMannus were all drinking in Snyder's cabin, six miles from Picard, Calif., last night, when a quarrel ensued about the ownership of the cabin.

Snyder, who was considerably under the influence of liquor, as lying on his cot partially asleep. The angry voices

of the other occupants aroused him from his somnolence, and surmising that their intention was to take his cabin from him, he suddenly jumped to his feet and, shot Potter through the heart, killing him instantly. He then turned his weapon on Donald McKay and fired, the bullet striking him in the jaw, inflicting a serious wound.

The other participant, terrified by the shooting and thinking that Snyder had suddenly become insane, fled from the cabin and reported the shooting.

Details are meager, but the latest information from the seat of trouble says that Snyder was sitting up with the corpse of Potter and that no arrests had been made. Officers left for the scene and it is not thought any trouble will be made in making arrests.

How He Gets It.

Some weeks ago The Mail gave an illustration of "How Nickell Gets the News," citing an article he had stolen from this paper, errors and all. "Chawles" stated publicly that he intended to chastise the editor of The Mail for exposing him—but he hasn't done it yet. Last week the combination of the writer, compositor and proofreader made a reception which extended from 3 o'clock to 6, read from 5 to 9 in The Mail. In the next issue of "Nickell's" paper an "original" account of the reception appeared and the same error in the hour occurred as had been made in The Mail. "Like thoughts occur to great minds," but it is seldom that two minds will "think" the same error. Did "Nick" get that item like he does all his news, by swiping it, or did he "think" the same error that we made? Take your choice.

The Blue Ledge Sold.

The famous Blue Ledge copper mine in the Elliott creek section, has been sold to a syndicate of eastern capitalists, headed by John R. Allen, of New York.

The price for which the property is bargained is \$250,000—there, or thereabouts. One-sixth interest in the group of claims has been bought outright and Mr. Allen and his associates hold an option on four of the remaining five-sixths. The original owners of the claims, Messrs. Neuber and Prim, of Jacksonville, and Dr. J. F. Reddy, retain a one-sixth interest.

As was related in The Mail a couple of months ago, the Blue Ledge has been steadily prospected during all the season. The results have been such that the necessary funds for the opening and development of the property are now practically assured. The opening of this mine in itself would prove of great benefit to Southern Oregon in general and to Rogue river valley in particular, even if it extended no farther. But the development of this property necessitates the building of a railroad for the transportation of the product of the mines to a junction with the Southern Pacific—the natural junction is Medford. Then again the mines of the upper Applegate have always been handicapped by the lack of transportation facilities. That difficulty will now be overcome. In fact the above-mentioned deal will result in the development of the resources of the southwestern portion of the county and in making it one of the richest and most prosperous sections of Jackson county, and no one is better pleased with the prospect than The Mail.

A Grants Pass Unfortunate.

Mrs. Jessie Riebel, of Grants Pass, was committed to the state insane asylum last week. She is 35 years of age married and a native of Iowa. Her mental infirmities started several years ago when she had impulses to commit suicide. During her most recent attacks of the malady she has become violent, sometimes threatening to kill herself as well as children. She is said to wander about, singing loudly and discoursing at length on religious subjects.

W. C. T. U. Items.

After devotional exercises with the President in chair, the Union devoted a few minutes to business. It being mothers' day quiet a number were present. All listened to readings by Mrs. Fielder and Mrs. Hubbs. The Union was pleased to have Mrs. Hoag with us and listened to her interesting talk. Select reading, "A Mother's Reproof," by Mrs. Buck. Light refreshments were served, after which they adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Gilbert, June 23d, at 2 p. m.

—Wanted—Three or four men for saw-mill work. Inquire of O. E. Gorsline, Medford.

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CIRCULATION

PURELY PERSONAL.

Jas. McNulty, of Ruch, was a Medford visitor Wednesday.
Mrs. J. A. Smith visited Ashland friends a few days this week.
Wm. Donoff, of Jacksonville, was a Medford visitor Wednesday.
Chris Keegan, the Ashland marble worker, was in the city Monday.
J. R. Stowell, the Gold Hill saw mill man, was in our city Tuesday.
Wm. Mendenhall, of Gold Hill, was in Medford on business Wednesday.
Miss Melvina Kenney, of Jacksonville, left Monday for Dunsmuir on a visit.
Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McCown are camping on Big Butte, for a couple of weeks.
Misses Ethel and Bessie Jordan are visiting Grandpa Britton, at Talent, this week.
G. Merriam is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Dodge, of Ashland, this week.
Hon. Theo. Cameron, of Jacksonville, returned from a business trip to Portland Monday.
Miss Maude Stone, of Astoria, visited her friend, Miss Carrie George, Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagner and little son, of Wagner Springs, spent Tuesday in Medford.
I. J. Estes, of Central Point, present, was in Medford attending to business matters Wednesday.
Mrs. D. I. Phipps left this week for a few weeks' visit with her parents at the Deswick hot springs.
Manager Edgar Hafer returned Tuesday from his two weeks' business visit to Council Bluffs, Iowa.
Mrs. A. E. Reames, of Jacksonville, returned Monday from a visit to her old home at Hillsboro, Oregon.
Mrs. Arthur Weeks and children, of Oakland, Calif., are in Medford upon a visit to relatives and friends.
Mrs. G. H. Gay, of Central Point, spent Wednesday in Medford, the guest of her son, Chas. Gay, and wife.
E. G. Lee, of the firm of Lee Bros., saw mill men, of Wimer, Oregon, spent the day in Medford Wednesday on banking business.
Mrs. W. C. Hale and daughter, Miss Jessie, of Grants Pass, arrived Monday on a visit to Mrs. Hales' parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Langell.
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Arnold, of Portland, who have been stopping in Medford for a few days, have gone to Talent, where they will reside.
Andrew Reed, better known among his many friends as "Andy," left on Tuesday evening's train for Lelant to look after mining interests in that section.
E. W. Leming, of the firm of Haskins & Leming, fruit and vegetable dealers of Gold Hill, spent Wednesday in this city, attending to business interests.
Mrs. W. S. Jones and daughter, Miss Maud, left last week for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Iowa. They may visit the St. Louis fair also.
Elmer Bashford and little son arrived in Medford Saturday on a few days' visit to Elmer's father, G. W. Bashford. They returned to Roseburg Tuesday evening.
Mrs. Emma Hibbard took Wednesday morning's train for Ashland, in response to a telephone call saying her daughter, Mrs. Al. Norman, of that city was very ill.
Dr. J. F. Reddy, of the "Blue Ledge" copper mine went as far as Grants Pass Tuesday, to meet his family who arrived on Tuesday morning's overland from Spokane.
J. M. Wagner, the Siskiyou mineral water man, was down from Ashland Tuesday. The object of his visit was to have his ten-year-old son treated for enlarged tonsils. The tonsils were successfully removed by Dr. Pickel.
Capt. Voorhies came down from Portland on Tuesday morning's train and went at once to the ranch, where he will remain for a few days recreating and looking after business interests.
S. Richardson, of Sams Valley, was in Medford Wednesday, on a trading expedition. Mr. Richardson reports a fine hay crop in his section and that hay making is just now at its busiest stage.
Hon. Geo. W. Dunn, county judge elect, was in Medford Monday, on his way home to Ashland from Jacksonville, where he had been making arrangements to take up his residence at the county seat for the next four years.

**MEDFORD IN
SECOND PLACE.**

Standing of the Teams.

	WON	LOST	PERCENT
Ashland	6	2	750
Medford	4	4	500
Jacksonville	3	5	375
Gold Hill	3	5	375

The race for the pennant of the Rogue River Valley League is becoming interesting. Ashland is still leading, with Medford a good second. Jacksonville and Gold Hill by losing Sunday's games are tied for last place.

The attendance at the games has not been what it should be for the kind of ball the boys are putting up, but it will likely be better for this on Saturday's game at Medford was a great one up to the eighth canto, Jacksonville having three runs and Medford the same number. The two the "Pippins" had were due to the sticking of "Silvers" Henley, who had lifted the ball over left field fence twice. In the eighth the "Pippins" fell upon Lester's curves and made the "Gold Bricks" look like the real bowery article after the purchaser gets it home. The final score was 6 to 2.

At Ashland the same day the "Peachblows" and the "Nuggets" played one of those old-fashioned games, wherein the score keeper is compelled to use up a lot of white paper. After the dust and cuss words had cleared away it was found that Gold Hill had won—16 to 14. Now what d'ye think of that?
Sunday the "Peachblows" rubbed some more of the gliding off the "Gold Bricks"—14 to 2. The boys who play for Billy Hulin batted most all Neuber's pitchers out of the box, while the "Bricks" couldn't seem to locate Martin's offerings.
But the real game was at Gold Hill on Sunday. The grounds are not much wider than an ordinary city street and over-the-fence-hits were confidently looked for. They didn't come, however. The ball was hit quite frequently, but there was usually a felder's mit somewhere near where the sphere landed.
Miller robbed Rothermal of a beautiful single in the second by a running catch that made the spectators know they were watching ball players.
At the close of the eighth spasm Mique No. 2, was looking pretty serious, the score at that time being 3 to 2 in favor of Beeman's hired men. In the ninth, Isaacs, who has mislaid his batting eye, picked out four bad ones and got a "comp" to first. Before this Patterson had made the initial on cushion on error of Miller. Ramsdell shoved Isaacs to second on a safe hit, scoring "Red," and Rothermal scored Isaacs with a line drive over second. Homer came in on Hutton's "Texas Leaguer" and Billy and Moore scored while Thomma and Miles were getting out. That made three out as Northup, who was first up, had picked up a stick that refused to connect with the ball. It totaled six runs that chapter and made the final score 8 to 3.

Hutton and Lorimer both pitched good ball, but ragged support in the ninth for the latter made the score so large. It should have been 4 to 3.

SCORE BY INNINGS:
Gold Hill—Runs, 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0—3
Hits, 0 1 0 0 7 0 1 2 0—13
Medford—Runs, 2 0 0 0 6 0 0 0 0—8
Hits, 2 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 4—9
Summary—Struck out by Lorimer; by Hutton 4, bases on balls, of Hutton 1 of Lorimer 2. Three base hit, Rothermal; double play Hutton to Thomma. Steien bases Miller, Moore, Miles 2, Northrup, Patterson, Ramsdell.

State G. A. R. Officers.

At the state encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., held at Hood river last week the following officers were elected for the state organization: B. F. Pike, of Wasco, commander; T. P. Canning, of Hood river, past commander; E. Swan, of Portland, past junior commander; J. Barr, medical director; G. W. Rigby, of Pendleton, chaplain. The following were elected to the council of administration: C. A. Williams, of Oregon City; P. J. Neuburg, of Portland; E. Hoops, of Forest Grove; D. Webster, Salem; H. H. Winslow, Sheridan. Delegates to the national encampment are: P. Pferdner, of Portland; Z. N. Parvin, of Salem; O. L. Stranahan, of Hood river. The next encampment will be at Oregon City.

WOMENS' RELIEF CORPS.

The W. R. C. elected the following officers: Mrs. Bertie Smith, of Portland, department president; Mrs. A. S. Blowers, of Hood river, senior vice-president; Mrs. Rose Weidman, of Grants Pass, junior vice-president; Mrs. Kathryn Cameron, of Union,

chaplain; Mrs. Ida Hardman, of Portland, treasurer; Mrs. Pritchard, of Portland, secretary; Mrs. Helen N. Packard, of Portland, patriotic instructor. Executive board, Mrs. Nettie Bay, of Oregon City; Lizzie Smith, of Salem; Lizzie Wood, Portland; Mrs. Mary Leach, Oregon City; Helen Southwick.

Rev. Carstens' Lecture.

The lecture given Tuesday evening at the Baptist church by Rev. Frederick W. Carstens, entitled, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," was one of the ablest efforts of its kind ever made in this city. The audience was not large, but was a highly appreciative one and many were the expressions of praise from those who listened to this excellent lecture.

The following program was given in full:
Lisa Mertes—Vivata Hamilton—Paul Wacker
Invocation—Rev. W. F. Shields
Rock of Ages—Ashford
Lecture—"Beyond the Alps Lies Italy"
The Three Visions—Geibel
The Last Hope—Gottschalk
Flora Gray
Every number was well rendered, "The Three Visions," the solo by Mrs. Etta Bates, being worthy of much more than passing notice. Rev. Carstens has been urged by many to repeat this lecture at some future time and it is hoped he will consent to do so. The proceeds of the evening's entertainment netted over \$30.

Mark Twain Can't Come.

ST. LOUIS, June 13.—A characteristic letter from Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) written before his wife's death, was received by President Francis at the World's Fair today. In part it follows:
"Villa di Quarto, Firenze, May 26, 1904.—

Dear Governor Francis:—It has been a dear wish of mine to exhibit myself at the great fair, but circumstances beyond my control have interfered, and I must remain in Florence. Although I have never taken prizes anywhere else, I used to take them in school in Missouri half a century ago, and I ought to be able to repeat them now, if I could have a chance. I used to get the medal for good spelling every week, and I could have had the medal for good conduct, if there had not been so much corruption in Missouri in those days; still, I got it several times by trading medals and giving boot. I am willing to give boot now, if—however, those days are forever gone by, now and perhaps it is better so. Nothing ever stays the way it was in this changeable world.
"Although I cannot be at the fair, I am going to be represented there, anyway, by a portrait by Prof. Glielli. You will find it excellent. Good judges say it is better than the original. They say it has all the merits of the original and keeps still, besides. It sounds like flattery, but it is just true."

Lost His Home by Fire.

W. P. Farlow, living on the south fork of Little Butte creek, lost his home on June 9th by fire. The fire is supposed to have caught from a defective fuse, or woodrats may have ignited matches. The loss is a severe one to this aged couple as they saved only a very few of their household effects, and there was no insurance either upon house or contents. The loss will probably reach \$500.

W. T. Kinney, a neighbor of Mr. Farlow, was in Medford Tuesday, and unbeknown to Mr. Farlow circulated a subscription among our town-people and secured over \$60 in money and merchandise.

Following is a list of the contributors:
W. T. Kinney, \$2.50; Hutchison & Lumsden, \$2.50; H. G. Nicholson, \$5; Medford Furniture Co., \$5; D. H. Miller, \$5; Jackson County Bank, \$2.50; G. H. Howland, \$2; H. E. Boyden, \$5; Cash, \$1.50; Geo. Merriman, \$1.50; J. W. Cox, \$1.50; Hubbard Bros., \$2.50; Mitchell & Boeck, \$1; H. B. Nye, \$1; Cash, \$1; Chas. Strang, \$1; J. A. Perry, \$1; Brown & Crystal, \$1; J. G. Van Dyke & Co., \$1.50; Warner & Davis, \$2.50; W. L. Orr, \$5; W. H. Bradshaw, \$5; Medford Bank \$5; S. S. Swanning, \$5; Dr. E. B. Pickel, \$1; F. K. Denel & Co., \$2.50; Dr. L. Phipps, \$5.

Willamette Valley Chautauque Association.

The Willamette Valley Chautauque Association will meet at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, July 12th to 24th, 1904, inclusive. The Southern Pacific Co. will make reduced rates on the certificate plan for this occasion. Call on any Southern Pacific agent for advertising matter. 26-41

**THE NEW OREGON
LEGISLATURE.**

The next Oregon legislature will consist of 73 Republicans, 1 independent Republican and 16 Democrats, a gain of two Republicans over the legislature of 1903. The Senate will have 21 Republicans and six Democrats, and the House 50 Republicans and ten Democrats. The personnel of the Legislature of 1905 will be as follows:
SENATE—Republicans.

- Marion—Croisan, E. M. Farrar, Squire.
- Linn and Marion—Hobson, W. H. Lane—Kuykendall, Wm.
- Douglas, Josephine, Lane—Booth, R. A.
- Jackson—Carter, E. V.
- Crook, Klamath, Lake, Grant—Laylock, J. A.
- Lincoln, Tillamook, Yamhill—Wright, G. S.
- Polk—Laughery, U. S.
- Yamhill—Howe, W. A.
- Clackamas—Brownell, G. C.
- Washington—Haines, E. W.
- Columbia, Multnomah, Washington—Hodson, C. W.
- Clackamas, Multnomah—Holman, Herbert.
- Multnomah—Malarkey, D. J., Mays, F. P., Sichel, Sig., Nottingham, C. W., Ind. Rep., Coe, H. W.
- Clatsop—Tuttle, Jay.
- Wasco—Whealdon, N.
- Sehrman, Gilliam, Wheeler—Boworman, Jay.
- Union, Wallowa—McDonald, Peter. Baker, Harney, Malheur—Rand, John L.

SENATE—Democrats.

- Linn—Miller, M. A.
- Douglas—Coshaw, O. P.
- Cos. Curry—Sherwood, A. J.
- Benton—Avery, P.
- Morrow, Umatilla, Union—Pierce, Walter.
- Umatilla—Smith, C. J.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS.

- Marion—Kay, T. B., Richie, J. S., Stettlemoir, J. H., Calvert, Chas., Graham, J. G.
- Lane—Bingham, I. H., Griffin, G. W., Edwards, I. N.
- Douglas—Sonneman, H. G., Gray, J. S.
- Cos.—Hermann, S. B.
- Jackson—Jackson, D. H. Von der Hellen, H.
- Douglas, Jackson—Vawter W. I.
- Benton—Carter V. A.
- Polk—Key, D. L.
- Lincoln—Polk—Copper, J. S.
- Yamhill—Miles, B. C.
- Tillamook, Yamhill—West, W. T.
- Washington—Flint, A. B., Newell, W. K.
- Clackamas—Huntley, C. G., Jagger, Frank, Bramball, J. N.
- Clackamas, Multnomah—Holcomb, O. W., Jr.
- Multnomah—Bailey, A. A., Capron, A. J., Colwell, E. B., Craug, Thomas, Henderson, M. F., Hudson, W. R., Killingsworth, W. M., Lathicum, S. D., Meers, S. M., Mills, A. L., Muir, W. T., Welch, Madison, Columbia—Mayger, George.
- Klamath, Lake, Crook, Grant—Shook, J. S., Steiner, R. E. L.
- Umatilla, Morrow—Cole, W. G.
- Union, Wallowa—Dobbin, J. H.
- Union—McLeod, N. C.
- Baker—Smith, A. P.
- Harney, Malheur—Stitz, J. I.
- Shearman, Gilliam, Wheeler—Donnelly, R. N., Kuncy, C. C.
- Wasco—Burgess, J. N. Jayne, A. A.

HOUSE—Democrats.

- Linn—Cavender, A. B.
- Cos. Curry—Burns, Robert.
- Josephine—Smith, R. G.
- Yamhill—Calwell, F. H.
- Clatsop—Burns, J. V. Laws, J. N.
- Umatilla—Blakely, Wm., Chamberlain, W. D.

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