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STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens-Serious and Otherwise.

H. B. Nye, by letter. - "We arrived in Sand Point, Idaho, all O. K., and found the weather fine, the same as in Oregon when we left. I was somewhat disappointed in the property I went to see, so we left for Montans, where we will be for some time to come We are well and enjoying ourselves much. But say, Bliton, we miss the Medford Mail very much, so we enclose check on Medford Bank for one year's subscription for same, which please send to our address at Helena, Montana."

C. W. Vance, Wardner, Idaho, by letter.—"Enclosed herewith find 50 cents for which please send The Mail. I purpose visiting your country in three or four months with a view of buying a small fruit farm near a good railroad town, and I am sure that if I like your country as well as the sample copy of your paper sent me, I shall experience no difficulty in being satisfied. The copy you sent me contained the first of a series of articles you are just beginning to publish on your city and country and productions. I wish to receive the second article sure."

Will Warner:- "Two accidents out on Rural Route No. 1, this week. Monday some Ashland parties were driving a band of horses, which they bad purchased, along the road, when one of the band, a fine, large, gray horse, ran into a barbed wire feuce, on the DeHart place, and cut himself severely-severed two arteries. The men bandaged the wounds and they started with him for Ashland, but I don't see how they can save him. J. M. Lofland lost a good horse also this week. The animal had its leg broken by being kicked and Mr. Lofland was compelled to kill it."

J. F. Cook :- "How's the harness business, you ask? I haven't had time since the firm of Whiteside & Cook opened up business to think about it. Ed was a little bit afraid that we wouldn't do anything for awhile, as we were on a side street and just opening up. But after putting in from ten to sixteen hours every day and being still behind on clusion that if we want any spare had all the work we could do and that way, but we are doing all we expected to do and more"

R. W. Gray :- "Do you know how many new buildings have been put up in Medford during the past six in Medford during the past six months? Don't know, eh! Do 1? Well—let's see. I'll have to confess 1 out of the ordinary in the pear line by Electioneer, he by Hamiltonian out of the ordinary in the pear line by Electioneer, he by Hamiltonian and should be a profitable fruit to 10. Their first dam is by Almont don't know either. But there has been a lot of them. My planing mill is working on the finishings of the fourth since New Years. All the ordinary in the pear line and should be a profitable fruit to raise.—Ed.)

Alonzo P. White, Winters, Calif.—by Hample of the fourth since New Years. All the ordinary in the pear line and should be a profitable fruit to the fourth since New Years. All the ordinary in the pear line de by Electioneer, he by Hamiltonian 10. Their first dam is by Almont Medium, he by Hample of the by Hamiltonian. The second dam is by Ingram, he by Colunteer, by Hamiltonian 10. The second dam is Gault said to you about sash weights last week. There's more coming. will need several hundred pounds of interpose between myself and the sun. those things in my own building op- In coming up here I fell into convererations soon, so that the Medford

L. F. Lozier:-"I don't know the name of those pears 1 brought you last week. Some have called them Winter Bartletts, but they are not Bartletts. The tree does not grow like a Bartlett, neither does the fruit resemble that variety when green. The tree and the green fruit looks more like the Winter Nellis, but the flavor is not the same. Clint Stewart told me what they were when I first bought my place and he also told me that they weren't of any account, but I have forgotten the name be gave the pear. From what he said I judged there was no use in fooling the trees, so neglected them. Last fall, having a stack time, I had o'clock on the railroad plaza.

Medford Mail.

MEDFORD, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1905

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POULTRY IN ROGUE RIVER VALLEY.

Climatic Conditions Conducive to Chicken Culture. Prices and Markets Always Good.

been paid by the people of Southern adapted to this climate and are the Oregon, although it has proved profit- best layers possible to get. From No-

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its best. This country offers every at \$10 per dozen or \$1.00 each in less inducement that Petaluma, Calif., the numbers. great chicken producing section of A lady living in the suburbs of Med-the coast, has and in many ways leads ford, from seven April pullets which it. The prolific growth of alfalfa in began laying in October, had received this section furnishes green feed the up to March 1st 385 eggs, most of year round, and the comparatively which she disposed of at regular warm, dry winters is very conductive thoroughbred rates for settings. The

of the poultry. man favors March or April, as the dozen for two-pound friers, pullets arrive at laying age just at the Beside the local market this valley time eggs are at the best price, while supplies nearly all, if not all, of the if hatched earlier they would have fresh ranch eggs and chickens used laid their first clutch and be moult- on the Southern Pacific diners, being at the time of high prices. In tween Portland and San Francisco, January and February eggs are usual- and usually the supply is not by ly both scarce and high. Then is when any means equal to the demand.

is such that few if any eggs are ever the valley, shipped to the cities. The mines and From the lumber camps of Northern California the poultry business is one capable of John Branton was arrested for the and Southern Oregon absorb the surgest possibilities. It might be con-plus eggs and a great quantity of the sidered practically in its infancy; but on the morning of March 9th, chickens, and as good if not better with the infusion of thoroughbred Whether Branton will prove to be a than the Portland price paid for eggs blood of standard breeds, for both Hock on a small scale depends upon

poultry raisers shows what can be important ones of the valley and a George M. Brown. done. I. A. Merriman, of Medford, source of considerable revenue. done. I. A. Merriman, of Medford, source of considerable revenue.

Emanton, who is languishing in the source and ordinarily the price some 350 hens—thoroughbred Brown drops to 10 cents per dozen for a few heas lead a blushing bride to the Leghorns. He finds the thorough-weeks. This year, however, the price breds the best, both on account of has not fallen below 12½ cents, and their superior laying qualities and dealers feel certain that it will not go the contained all that was the extraction of the street laying the best of the street layi

my boys pick some of the pears and our orders, he has come to the con- lay them away. The other day I happened to think of them and was much surprised upon examining of the fact that for the past several them to find the fruit in such perfect months there have been two horses time we'll have to move out in the much surprised upon examining country and hide. Seriously speak- them to find the fruit in such perfect ing, however, we have had a run of business since we started up that has been a surprise to me. We have bad all the model are these pears bed all the model are the said to fall lineage which might be said to business since we started up that had kept from the time they were had all the model are the prophet are the then some. Our full stock had not of business. I am going to pay more brought here by him last fall There arrived when we opened, so that we attention to those pear trees in the arrived when we opened, so that we attention to those pear trees in the arrived when we opened, so that we attention to those pear trees in the arrived when we opened, and interest the solution of the stallions, and full brothers, so that one pedigree that way, but we are doing all we ex- eatable pears in the spring." (Sev. eatable pears in the spring." (Sevby Mrs. Lozier last week. They were fresh and solid and the flavor was de the strain comes from both sides.

came up here unless it would be that worked out in 2:35 as a three-year-I the latter might have been handy to old. Mr. Purdy expects to remain Foundry can figure on casting sash-weights at every 'heat' for some time with a view to investing in a home. He found a 19-acre tract in Santa sation with a Salem, Oregon, mer-chant, who had been in California, He found a 10-acre tract in Santa Clara valley which suited him to a dot, but the price, \$750 per acre, was too much for him, although he said no doubt the land was worth it. But during the conversation he said that it was a great mistake that the California boundary line was not at 7.30 o'clock.

MATRIE Illumination.

Next Wednesday evening, March 22d, is regular meeting night of the said night. There is quite an amount of work for the order before the social can be taken up, and all members of the order are therefore requested to be present at lodge hall at 7.30 o'clock. California boundary line was not north of the Rogue river valley, as this valley was the best part of Cali-fornia in climate, diversified re-

The business of poultry raising is setting and hens for stock purposes, one to which no especial attention has The Leghorn, he figures, is admirably able wherever scientifically carried vember, 1902, to November, 1903, each on. hen Mr. Merriman had netted him The climatic conditions of Rogue \$1.48, this, of course, including sales river valley are almost ideal for the of eggs for setting at \$1.00 per setting, production of early friers and fresh incubator lots at 50 cents per dozen, eggs at the time when the price is at and hens sold for breeding purposes

to the general health and prolificacy hens were of the Buff Leghorn breed.

During the latter part of March and ed to the raising of chickens for table the first of April the weather condi- purposes. Many pens of fine Pymouth tions are ideal for hatching, although Rocks are to be found throughout the chickens can be reared successfully at valley and the demand for early friers any time in the year. But for the pro- is shown by an advertisement now duction of eggs the scientific poultry- running in this paper offering \$5 per

the thoughtful poultryman makes his Turkeys are raised to perfection, the criminal world another Johann money.

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Some Good Horses.

when all the rest of the pears are out erty of Mr. S. P. Purdy and were eral samples of the above mentioned flows in their veins is that of the pears were brought to The Mail office great Hamiltonian 10, the father of the trotting-breed of America, and

Alonzo P. White, Winters, Calif.:—by Ingram, he by Colunteer, by Ham"How do I like this country? Well,
I can tell you in very few words. I
is particularly strong in these two

among us and keep one of his horses

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fornia in climate, diversified resources and future possibilities that he had seen, and I don't doubt but that I agree with him. Chances are you will have that man as a resident one of these days."

—Band concert next Sunday at 2:30

o'clock on the railroad plaza.

From my place, in Medford, on Thursdey, March 9th, pair of grey smarres; weigh 10:50 and 1100 pounds; of real estate. Gnardianship of where collar goes over neck. Will pay liberal reward. Telephone information at my expense.

DR. J. G. GOBLE, paper hanging.

Med ord, Ore you.

Commercial Club Housewarming.

Tuesday night the rooms of the Commerical Club in the Hutchison & Lumsden building were formally opened to the public and a general invitation to the members of the club, their families and friends was extended-and a glance at the crowd which filled the rooms would indicate that a meeting last week. A banquet and the invitation had been generally acceptant good time was had. cepted. After several selections had been rendered by the Medford Band the meeting was called to order by the president, C. I. Hutchison, who introduced Hon. W. I. Vawter, who made a short speech of welcome to the guests of the club. Then the following program was given: Vocal solo by Mrs. Clarence Hafer; a vocal song by Miss Enid Hamilton, entitled, "Oregon's Tall Pines;" a speech by D. H. Miller; vocal solo by W. F. Isaacs; a solo by Mrs. C. M. Hazel-rigge—this last wasn't one solo but a series of them, as Mrs. Hazelrigg's voice and delivery enthused the audience so that they did not wish to let her go. After this there were instrumental selections upon the piano and pianola and graphophone, the latter part of the entertainment having been made possible through the courtesy of H. M. Coss. Then ensued a season of social good time during which time lemonade was served and the party dispersed with a full appreciation of the work done by the club since its organization. Misses Blanche Merriman, Elvira Hibbard and Mabel Ray presided over the lemonade booth.

Lane County's Sensation

Is Lane county going to give to The market for eggs and chickens uncommon sight in several sections of good citizens of Cottage Grove and s such that few if any eggs are ever the valley. From the above facts it is seen that ty have been asking themselves since is realized f. o. b. here. egg producing and table chickens, the the investigation that is bying con-The practical experience of a few industry will come to be one of the ducted now by District Attorney egg producing and table chickens, the the investigation that is being con-

Branton, who is languishing in the mortal of these three women.

Along the McKenzie river, and at the little town of Wallerville, where Branton married two of his wives, the people believe that Branton is guilty of having disposed of them. In Cottage Grove there a a strong suspicion that Branton had something to do with wife No 3's sudden death, which occurred during the Christmas holi-

Since the death of his first wife, years ago now, Branton has lived un-der a cloud. This cloud grew black and somber when his second wife died. It became a sinister thing when he became involved in trouble in the collection of \$2000 worth of life insurance held by this wife. There was in-surance on both wives. The first wife held a policy for \$1000, and the second wiffe was worth more, or would have been, at least, if Branton had by Hamiltonian. The second dam is it is alleged, to stave off an investigation.

There was no insurance on the

has been mortgaged by Branton since the death of Wife No. 3.

Probate Court.

Estate of Mary Kime, deceased. Order appointing administrator and Schidler and Jas. McDonald appraisers. Estate valued at \$4500.

Estate of Rebecca H. Crump. Order permitting inventory to be filed. Estate of Henry Weyarman. Order appointing day of final settlement. Estate of Spencer Childers. Administratrix account filed.

W. T. York, administrator of the estate of Jacob M. Shudle, vs. Etta Shadle, et al; order confirming sale

Guardianship of Jeunie M. Pairs, a minor. Order for sale of real estate.

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Gold Hill will hold its municipal election April 3d.

Granite Tent, K. O. T. M., of Ash land, initiated thirty-five members at

Ashland last week. Her remains were taken to Wolf creek for burial beside those of her husband, who died some years ago. The Gold Hill News announces that

Clark fair. This will be "news" to the county board. A convention of Christian Endeav-

orers for the district composed of Jo-sephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties is to be held at Ashland the latter part of this month. Jackson county warrants have been

called up to October 2, 1902. The county therefore is only two years and five months behind in its obliga-tions. Quite a difference between this condition and that of just a few years

Petitions will be presented to the county court at its next term for per-mission to sell liquor at Talent and Eagle Point. The petitioners in each case are people who formerly conducted "blind pigs" in Ashland. Re-montrances are being circulated against both petitions.

the several counties of Oregon, the same being five per cent of the net the several counties of Oregon, the same being five per cent of the net proceeds of sales of public lands in Oregon during 1901 by the federal government which it is provided by government, which it is provided by Congress shall be used in the improvement of the public roads, being disment of the public rount, solds in proportion to their area. Jackson county received \$182.54, Josephine \$1164.54, D. H. Miller, G. L. Dayis and John County Reddy, I. L. Hamilton, J. E. Enyart, Physics and John County Reddy, I. L. Hamilton, J. E. Enyart, Reddy, I. L. Hamilton, J. E. Enyart, Reddy, I. L. Chiller, G. L. Dayis and John County Reddy, I. L. Chiller, G. L. Ch Klamath \$4145.69 and Lake, \$5433.60

Southern Oregon Mines.

had owned the Octopus claim would taking. It will be a hard slap to our probably have had a large additional amount of good ore available for extraction. There is, too, quite an amount of fine ore left in sight in the Ashland and some promising shoots yet unexplored, not to speak of the favorable possibilities of further sinking in the shaft, which looked good when work was suspendlooked good when work was suspended. The change referred to would set the Ashland in operation again as a producing mine as good as it has ever

The recent discovery of a rich gold-bearing ledge on Gold Ridge by Harry G. Siskron, is attracting considerable attention to a section that has lain dormant for so long. Gold Ridge lies 25 miles on a straight line and 45 vation above the sea above.

leading from Holland to the Briggs Bennett, Medford; discovery passes over this ridge and within 1000 feet of the recent rich find. Sucker and Boland creeks on the base of this ridge have been noted for years for their rich placer depos its, as have been Democrat and other appraisers. Nicholas W. Kime administrator, L. D. Minear, John guiches on the west slope of the ridge, while upon its very summit, Mr. Ticer has one of the best placer mines in this section. The latter is worked by Mr. Ticer when he can get water, which is only during the season of heavy rains or snow. The gold he bursements, amounting to \$5 and gots is rough, showing it to come from further ordered that lots Nos. 1 and quartz in close proximity to his 2, block 5, Medford, be sold to satisfy placer.

An Important Case.

The attention of the circuit court has been occupied for the past week ease, in which Fred Rapp together with twenty-four other plaintiffs are seeking to restrain Harry S. Lynch next ten days. Warner & Davis. case, in which Fred Rapp together with twenty-four other plaintiffs are

JACKSON COUNTY

Will keep you posted on passing evert We don't claim to publish the "only a wemper" in Southern Oregon, but we not far from the nead of the class when it comes to "the best".

cogother with thirty-three other defendants from directing any of the vaters of Wagner creek above the head of plaintiffs' ditches. The evidence of the plaintiffs is to the effect that they are the owners of the Dav-enport ditch, the Rockefellow ditch, the Wagner & Thornton ditch and the Farmer's ditch, all of which were located over fifty years ago and any two of which will take all of the Mrs. Mary A. Bilderback died at waters of Wagner creek, at dry sea-shland last week. Her remains were sons of the year. That within the past ten years the water from the stream above the heads of the ditches to their injury. The evidence of the defense was very short and to the the county court has appropriated effect that their grantors more than 83000 for an exhibit at the Lewis and fifty years ago obtained patents to the lands which they are now irrigating and as riparian owners they have the right to the water.

Several pretty questions of importance are presented in the case and the outcome will be watched with great interest by those interested in irrigation.

Nearly fifty witnesses were examined during the course of the trial .- Sentinel.

Railroad Rumbling.

A committee of prominent citizens has been canvassing the city this week with a view to selling a certain amount of stock in the Medford & Crater Lake Railroad Co., and have met with reasonable success. It was not necessary to call attention to the benefits to be derived from the construction of this road. That ground Secretary of State Dunbar this week inistributed the sum of \$64,562,24 to he saveral counties of Oregon the subscribe their quota instead of waiting until the committee calls upon

W. Olwell. Of the \$25,000 in stock which Medford is expected to purchase only \$15,000 has so far been signed for and the committee is not There is likelihood that Bennett, as sanguine as to further results as Reynolds and Mattern, owners of the The Mail wishes it was. The com-Octopus claim, will again come into mittee has worked hard and achieved possession of the Ashland mine. It great success in many instances, is known that there has been some still they feel they have canvassed movement looking to that end and the about all the ground there is to gone circumstances and situation of the over and they are doubtful regarding two properties lend strong probability the other \$10,000. Many of our peoto the consummation of the deal if it ple have bought liberally and to them can be effected. It is known that the Canadian company, in working the dertaking—if it succeeds. Others who Ashland, extended its drifts in pay could well afford to buy stock have to the Octopus ground and if they refused flatly to assist in the underhad owned the Octopus claim would taking. It will be a hard slap to our

List of Jurors, March Term, 1905.

D. W. Beebe, Mound; Fred Thumberg, Lake Creek; Wm. Addison, Tal-ent; W. W. Eddington, Same Valley; ent; W. W. Eddington, Sams vaney; S. Mathes, Woodville; J. L. Rowe, Sams Valley; Poik Hall, Medford; Lee Watkins, Mound; Josh Neatham-mer, Wimer; F. K. Musty, Meadows; F M. Ferguson, Willow Springs; J. B. Welch, Mendows; Wm. Van Dyke, other builders are as busy as they can be, so that you can multiply that four by the number of contractors in the short of the actual number of new insurance of the catual number of new insurance of the third wife, but Branton is said to have tried to persuade her to take out some insurance. Mrs. Branton, the third, refused because of the ugly rumors and I find it a most satisfactory power. There isn't any dirt, gresse or danger of exist, any dirt, gresse or danger of exist, any dirt, gresse or danger of exist. It is in the year, I haven't found use for leading fine the mills and carries it in the year, I haven't found use for either overcast or umbrella since I Gault said to you about sash weights. W. F. Loomis, Ashland; J. D. Buckley, Union.

Circuit Court.

W. O. Danielon, et al, vs. P. B. O'Nell, et al; dismissed. R. R. Dunn vs. Theresa Prim;

suit to recover mozey.

Medford Furniture Co., vs. Earl

Van Antwerp. Ordered that plaintiff recover from defendant the sum of \$467, with interest, costs and dis

N. H. Lati ner and S. C. Ruble vs. dismissed and judgment for plaintiff for costs and disbursements.