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**STREET ECHOES**

**Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.**

A. E. Whitman:—"Have I been attending Prof. Ford's dancing school? Yes, I have, along with a dozen or more others, and I am free to state that the teacher understands his business. He keeps us all in order and knows how to impart his knowledge of the art to his pupils."

J. W. Lawton:—"I wish we could get the members of the Driving Association out during this fine weather. The track is in good condition and we could have quite a little fun if the boys would turn out. I am afraid however, that the Medford & Crater Lake road is going to spoil our track partially, as their grade stakes run along the north stretch, but we hope to be able to make suitable arrangements with the company."

D. T. Lawton:—"While I was in Portland the other day, I secured settings of eggs from three different pens of prize winning Plymouth Rocks, and I expect to raise some fine chickens therefrom. I have already some very fine hens. Hens that will compare favorably with the best. I have been making a specialty of barred Plymouth Rocks for the past several years and have been quite successful with them. All you said about chickens in your last issue I can endorse heartily, for I know personally that all the statements about Southern Oregon's adaptability to poultry raising can be substantiated."

Recorder Toft:—"There has been considerable improvement in the electric light and water business of late from a financial standpoint, at least. During the month of February, the first month under the new rate, the city will clear something in the neighborhood of \$250. We expect to do as well, if not better in the future owing to the increased business done under a reasonable rate. As soon as the new pump is installed and operated by electric power the plant then will practically run itself, and the superintendent and one helper can do all the outside work. This will make a saving of between \$40 and \$50 a month and enable the city to clear between \$240 and \$300 a year, to be applied upon our indebtedness. Under circumstances like these it will not be many years until the indebtedness of the city will be reduced to a normal figure."

R. U. McClenahan, traveling salesman for Por and Cigar Co.:—"Say, Mr. Newspaperman, don't you know that you have the liveliest little city in Oregon? There's something doing here every minute. In my travels up and down through Oregon I visit every town in it and nowhere do I find the amount of push and enterprise that Medford is displaying just now. It hasn't always been this way, although the people of this city have been pretty lively in the past, but this year they seemed to have fully awakened to the possibility of future greatness, which the resources of the country and the geographical location of the town seem to guarantee, and are taking full advantage of it. You can feel assured that Medford is not an unknown spot any more and that people are commencing to find out about the great Rogue river valley. I am asked every day for information about this valley, whenever people learn that I know something about it, and you can bet your hat it doesn't get any black eyes from me."

R. T. Blackwood:—"Speaking about horseradish—I want to say to you that the growing of that root is profitable. I raised six tons last year, but I ought to have had ten. The season was too dry or I would have had that amount. Funny thing about horseradish—you positively must not irrigate it. When you put water on it by artificial means small roots and prongs form and shoot out from the main root in all directions. This impairs the value of the root. The roots must go straight down and be smooth to make them saleable. When nature supplies moisture the extra roots do not form. Don't ask me why. I don't know—just another of those conditions which no one can explain. I am going to put out this year double the amount of land I had last season. Only last week I received an order for 1000 pounds from San Francisco—and I could not fill it—radishes all sold. I shipped over four tons to coast cities last season and worked up for the home trade about two tons."

A Citizen:—"I was in Ashland a

short time since and in one of the display windows of a business house were exhibited a number of articles of food, each labeled, as to its kind and the section from which it hailed. On one platter was a piece of sole leather which was marked 'Medford Beef.' Of course, that sort of thing doesn't cut any figure with people who are acquainted with conditions and know that the beef supply for both towns is drawn from practically the same section of the valley, and that sole leather beef would be just as plentiful in one town as in the other. In retaliation for this slander against our city, I might, if I wanted to, tell of how my daughter broke one of her teeth the other day while trying to masticate a piece of Ashland beefsteak; it is true, but I wouldn't say anything about it for worlds. A man who is well acquainted with the Granite city remarked in my hearing the other day that there were fifteen vacant houses for rent in that town. You can't find even one in this town and property is changing hands so fast that people who live in rented houses are liable to be compelled to move at any time, owing to the transfer of the property to some new-comer who wants to buy a home. Property owners will hardly talk to you about lease for a term of years or even months. This indicates the relative conditions in the two cities, as to increase in population."

**Good Roads Meeting.**

The Southern Oregon district convention of the Oregon Good Roads Association convened in Grants Pass Monday afternoon. There was a large attendance of delegates and members from all sections of the state, and the convention was one of the most successful ever held in the history of the Oregon Good Roads Association.

The first meeting was called to order at the opera house by Judge J. O. Booth, of Josephine. The address of welcome on the part of the Grants Pass Miners' Association was given by President C. L. Mangum, and an address in behalf of Grants Pass and Josephine was given by D. H. Stovall. A response, in which was incalculated the entire plan of work the Good Roads Association has under way, was given by J. H. Scott, county judge of Marion, and president of the Good Roads Association. Ex-governor T. T. Geer also spoke.

A feature of the evening's session was a lecture by Professor J. B. Hyde, of the University of Oregon, illustrated by stereopticon views. Music was furnished by a male quartet, by soloists from the Grants Pass Woman's Club and by the Grants Pass band. After the session closed the visiting delegates and members were shown about the city, and were entertained by the Grants Pass Miners' Association and by the local Woman's Club.

The Portland Commercial Club was largely represented, both by members and delegates appointed by that body. The Oregon Development League was also well represented, among those in attendance being E. L. Smith, of Hood River, president of the league. W. E. Coman represented the Southern Pacific, Dr. Withycombe, the Oregon Agricultural College and Professor Hyde, the State University.

A number of county judges were in attendance, among them being Judge L. R. Webster, of Multnomah; Judge John H. Scott, of Marion; Judge T. F. Ryan, of Clackamas; Judge C. J. Tronchard, of Clatsop; Judge M. D. Thompson, of Douglas; Judge G. W. Dunn, of Jackson, and Judge B. Daly, of Lake county. Judge Daly had made a 200-mile stage ride in order to get there.

The Medford Commercial Club and other organizations of Jackson county sent large delegations.

**Killed by Log Jam.**

Chas. Lippie, engaged upon a log drive, consigned to the Booth-Kelly company, was instantly killed one day last week. The logs had reached a point in the McKenzie river above the mouth of the Mohawk when a small jam hung several logs up against the bank. With other drivers Lippie was engaged in releasing the logs and from the location of his injuries the unfortunate man must have been in front of the jam and leaning forward for when the logs were released he was unable to escape out of harms way and his head and jaws were frightfully crushed. Death must have been instantaneous.

**For Rent.**

Rich garden lands on shares or for cash rent. Address, M, in Care Mail, 9-4t

**OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE LOST.**

The opportunity presented to the citizens of Medford to increase the population of the city, enhance the value of their property and double the volume of business presented by the Medford and Crater Lake Railroad company, is one which they should not lose by being afraid to expend a little money.

The committee in charge of soliciting subscriptions for stock are practically at the "end of their rope." They have labored long and faithfully, have given their time—taken away from their own business—freely. They have done all that is possible for them to do. Now the matter rests entirely with Medford's citizens, whether they will have a railroad to the big timber or not. The railroad company has done its part. The survey has been made and rights of way secured for nearly the whole distance from Medford to Butte Falls. A large sum of money has been expended in these operations.

The company is prepared to let contracts and commence grading just as soon as the amount of stock they have asked the citizens to subscribe has been secured—and that amount must be secured within the next few days, or something else must be done.

The company has been waiting on this subscription matter so that they might close certain deals, and have been compelled to put the matter off from time to time. Now they cannot hold the other parties much longer, so that its up to the people of Medford.

Wednesday, W. E. Coman, general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company in Oregon, was in Medford all day, in consultation with the M. & C. L. officials. He went over the plans and surveys made by the company and expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the practicability of the scheme and of its great prospective benefit to Jackson county.

That the Southern Pacific Company believes in the future of the road the fact that that corporation has granted the M. & C. L. Co., right of way alongside its tracks from the terminal grounds of the new corporation to the Southern Pacific depot in Medford, shows plainly. Such a franchise would not be given were the Southern Pacific people not pretty well satisfied that the new road would be a permanent one and paying one. Besides this the new road will be assisted by the older one in the way of securing steel for its tracks, to be afterward paid for in timber and ties.

The full amount of the stock has not yet been subscribed. There are a number of people who should have subscribed liberally, but have not done so. These people ought, in our opinion, to be convinced in some way of their nearsightedness in this matter. It would really be too bad if the project should fail for lack of support.

**A Jackson County Exhibit.**

The largest and most representative committee of citizens of Jackson county ever gathered for a public purpose was the one which meet at the rooms of the Commercial Club Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing ways and means for making an exhibit at the Lewis & Clark fair.

Every precinct in the county nearly was represented by one or more prominent citizens and the enthusiasm was marked.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Dunn and he was unanimously chosen to preside. W. R. Coleman, of Phoenix, was elected secretary.

Judge Dunn then stated briefly the object of the meeting. He explained that the county court desired to take such action in the matter of making an exhibit at the fair, as would be considered wise and expedient by the taxpayers of the county, hence the calling together of this committee.

E. D. Briggs, of Ashland, moved that the county make a suitable exhibit at the fair. This motion carried. W. I. Vawter then moved that the expenditure be limited to \$3000. This precipitated a general discussion in which many of the committee members participated, which brought out a universal sentiment that the matter of expenditure should be left to the judgment of the county court. It seemed to be the sense of the committee that the exhibit must be a creditable one or should not be made at all. W. H. Bradshaw brought out the point that it was impossible to fix

any definite sum and favored giving the county court large discretionary powers.

The motion to limit the expense to \$3000 had by this time become engulfed in the stream of oratory and piles of amendments, and a new motion to raise the limit to \$8000 was passed.

Commissioner Brown announced that the court had selected Hon. John D. Olwell to look after the matter of gathering and forwarding the exhibit. Mr. Olwell in a few brief remarks told of his experience in gathering fruit for the St. Louis exhibit and appealed to the committee to give him all the aid possible in his work. It was decided to appoint a committee in each precinct in the county to co-operate with Mr. Olwell in securing the exhibit. Judge Dunn said that he would retain the present committee and would add to it in precincts that did not have sufficient representation in the present body. When the judge emphasized the fact that this was to be a county exhibit for the whole county and not for any particular section he was roundly applauded.

One thing was very apparent in this meeting and that was the enthusiastic support given the idea of making a showing of our resources. Every member of the committee was in favor of it and the main idea seemed to be to do it right or not at all.

During the discussion a Mr. Born, of Wisconsin, a recent arrival here, was called upon and made a short address in which he expressed his admiration and surprise at our wonderful timber resources. Mr. Born had been a lumberman in Wisconsin for twenty years but had never seen anything anywhere nearly equal to our timber.

Those present were: Judge G. W. Dunn, Commissioners J. Patterson and George Brown, E. K. Anderson, of Talent, H. Von der Helten, of Wellen, W. R. Coleman, of Phoenix, G. F. Billings, Ralph Billings, E. D. Briggs, D. H. Jackson, C. A. Simons, F. D. Wagner, of Ashland, T. J. Williamson, of Jacksonville, L. Charley, of Brownsboro, W. H. Bradshaw, Marion Stewart, D. H. Miller, William I. Vawter, Dr. J. F. Reddy, I. L. Hamilton, J. D. Fay, H. Withington, J. E. Enyart, S. S. Pentz, J. W. Perkins, of Medford, W. Beeson, of Talent, S. Van Dyke, John Hoekersmith, of Phoenix, H. D. Kubli, of Applegate, S. S. Aiken, of Proscopet, Miles Cantrell, of Ruch, R. T. Blackwood, of Phoenix, C. C. Pursell, of Watkins, Eben Rhodes, of Talent, Frank Amy, of Central Point, B. R. Porter, of Table Rock, Al Sturgis, of Medford, J. D. Olwell, of Medford, C. C. Taylor, of Roxy, H. G. Nicholson, of Medford, J. G. Hurt, of Ashland, and others.

**Jacksonville, 7; Medford, 4.**

The heading shows the result of the ball game at the association grounds Sunday between Medford and Jacksonville teams; but it doesn't give much of an idea of the good ball playing both sides did. Ten innings were required to settle the matter. At the end of the ninth the score was 4 to 4. In their half of the tenth, Jacksonville, by a combination of errors, good luck and a two-base swat by Eddie Donegan, managed to get three men across the pan.

Miles pitched for Medford and played a consistent, heady game. He struck out ten men and gave free transportation to one. He allowed only six safe hits, and hit two men.

Lester for Jacksonville struck out thirteen, walked five and allowed seven hits and hit one man.

The hitting was pretty free and fast fielding nipped many a base-hit during the game. It was a good, lively game from start to finish.

Score by innings:  
Medford 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Jacksonville 0 1 0 3 0 0 0 0 4 3-7

**Married—Gray—Wrisley.**

Last Friday evening, March 17th, a quiet wedding occurred at the Baptist parsonage, the contracting parties being E. Gray and Miss Grace Rachel Wrisley, Rev. Frederick W. Carstens performing the marriage ceremony.

The wedding was witnessed only by the immediate families of the couple. The bride and groom have taken their departure for Olsen's mill, on Butte creek, where they will remain during the summer months.

**Probate Court.**

Estate and guardianship of Carl R. Beeson, a minor. Order appointing Washington Rawlings guardian.

Estate of John Woolsoncroft, deceased. Inventory filed and estate valued at \$1355.

Estate and guardianship of O. R. Myer. Order for sale of realty.

**JACKSON COUNTY.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Cray, of Ashland, died at that place last Friday evening in the seventy-first year of her age. Mrs. Cray has been a resident of Ashland since 1888.

Mrs. Emma Howard, wife of Harvey Howard, of Ashland, died in that city last Friday night, of pneumonia; aged twenty-seven years. She leaves a husband and two children.

Ed. Owens, an employe of the Ashland Manufacturing Co., at Ayer's spur, was standing close to the boiler of the planing mill a few days since, when the trolley valve busted. Owen was struck by flying pieces of iron and also was badly scalded.

George W. Swinden, who died near Murphy, Josephine county, March 13th, was a native of Jackson county, where he was born November 24, 1863. A large circle of friends and relatives are left to mourn his demise. The interment was made in the Missouri Flat cemetery in this county.

J. C. Dunn, of Grants Pass, was drowned a mile above the ferry, while descending Rogue river in a small boat in company with J. M. Stanford, also of Grants Pass. At the first bend above Devils Gate, twenty-five miles below Grants Pass, the boat swamped and in an instant both men were in the water struggling for their lives. Sanford, who is an old man, reached the shore by great effort. Dunn, though much younger and a strong swimmer, failed.

Ashland lodge No. 944, B. P. O. E., was instituted at Ashland last Thursday evening. The lodge starts out with a good-sized membership. The following officers were elected: At 6 p. m. the officers of the new lodge, known as Ashland Lodge No. 944, B. P. O. E., were elected as follows: Exalted Ruler, E. V. Carter; Esteemed Leading Knight, C. H. Pierce; Esteemed Loyal Knight, G. A. Knoblauch; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, H. S. Evans; secretary, Geo. F. Wilson; treasurer, L. L. Muitt; Tyler, Amos Nininger.

Little Ruth Chappell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chappell, of Ashland, who had her cheek so frightfully torn about two months ago, the result of being attacked by the family cow, will have scarcely a scar remaining to tell the story of the fearful onfet in which the infuriated animal ran her horn into the child's mouth and ripped the cheek wide open. Mrs. Chappell took the little one to Portland at once to give her the advantage of the very best surgical attention and appliances to be had, and returned home with her only two weeks ago. At Portland the little darling of the Chappell family was under the care of Dr. R. C. Coffey, of the North Pacific sanitarium, and so skillfully did he care for the wounds that there is every promise that not a vestige of the little girl's wound will remain and her face be as natural as it was before her terrifying impalement upon the horns of the family cow.

**To Explore Caves.**

W. S. Mayberry, of Milton, who is now principal of the public school at Antelope, Wasco county, expects to visit the caves of Crook county, Oregon, this summer, on an exploring trip. Mr. Mayberry spent two years in that portion of the state some years ago, and while there visited the lava beds and caves on the Des Chutes river and will return to more fully examine this wonderful region which has been explored but superficially.

At places in the lava formation on the Des Chutes holes are found which lead to subterranean caverns of unknown depth and in many places water can be heard running underneath the floors of the caverns on a still lower chamber. The caves vary in height and width. In some places it is necessary to crawl through the small opening between the dark chambers, and on other places the caves widen out into spaciuous rooms, filled to overflowing with bats and reptiles. It is said that one of these underground chamber has been explored for a distance of over a mile without evidence of a termination of its wonderful suites of subterranean rooms. Ahe formation is lava and the caves open into side chambers and smaller rooms innumerable. At places openings are found reaching out to the surface at varying depths and the entire country is underlaid with a system of these lava caves.

The principal opening by which the caves are entered is at a place on the Des Chutes river, where a round hole

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has been formed in the surface of the ground, by a section of the earth's crust about thirty feet in diameter sinking to a depth of thirty feet, forming a circular hole thirty feet across and thirty feet deep, from which the cave opens and by which exploring parties enter.

Mr. Mayberry will take a companion with him and make a complete exploration of the caves this spring, if possible. It is thought that a wonderful system of underground caverns may be discovered adding a new and thrilling attraction to Oregon's thousand wonders.

**AMONG THE CHURCHES.**

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Regular services next Sunday, at the usual hour. This is Rev. Carsten's first anniversary as pastor of this church and his sermon will be in reference thereto, he having chosen the following subject:—"Present Pastor of the Medford Baptist Church in Retrospect and Prospect." In the evening his subject will be, "Lot's Foolish Choice." A cordial invitation to all to attend is extended.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**  
Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning services at 11, subject "Where do you belong?" Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Women's Foreign Mission Society at 7:30. Thanks Offering service. The following program will be rendered: Singing. Reading of Scriptures. Prayer. Recitation..... Mabel Keizer Solo..... Rose Fletcher Recitation..... Helen Blackwell Selection..... Miss Talbert Solo..... Clarence Hooker Recitation..... Mary Orr Duets..... Ethel and Marie Elbert Recitation..... Boyd Keizer Selection..... May Phillips Recitation..... Glen Nichols Gathering of Thanks Offering envelopes. Prayers by the Pastor. Doxology and Benediction.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Preaching next Sabbath at 11 a. m. Subject, "Why am I a Christian?" and administration of the Lord's supper. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "A Conversation at the Pool of Bethesda." Other services at the usual hours.

**W. F. SHIELDS, Pastor.**  
**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH**  
All are cordially invited to attend the services at the M. E. church, South, Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A subject of interest to all will be discussed by the pastor at 11 a. m.  
**H. C. BROWN, Pastor.**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH.**  
Services will be held Sunday in the Catholic church in Medford at 11:30 a. m., by Rev. Father Daytis, of Grants Pass.

**No More Extensions This Year.**  
The Fish Lake Ditch will not be extended any further toward Medford for the present, at least. This decision was reached after Messrs. Clark, Belser, Williams and Palmag had gone over the ground, with Supt. McCray, and is due principally to the lack of interest the people have taken in the matter of irrigation so far. The company has expended in the neighborhood of \$200,000 in this enterprise, and do not intend to make any further extension of the ditch until they have substantial assurance of encouragement.

An example of what water will do is shown at the company's farm on the edge of the desert. Where formerly nothing would grow there are now thirty acres of alfalfa, not quite a year old, and standing a foot high.

The members of the company are all men of wealth, they do not owe a dollar on their ditch and are content to wait, using such water as they need on their own holdings until people wake up to the fact that water will double the productive area of their lands and increase their crops.

**Married—Daily—Weiss.**

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Jacksonville Thursday, March 23d, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the residence of P. H. Daily, county school superintendent, the contracting parties being M. L. Daily, the well-known stockman, and Miss Effie Weiss, one Jackson county's brightest school teachers. Rev. Armstrong, of the M. E. church, officiated in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Daily left at once for their stock farm, just east of Medford, amid showers of rice and best wishes of their many friends.

**Wanted.**

We want 2-pound chickens. Will pay \$5 per dozen for them for the next ten days. Warner & Davis.