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JACKSON COUNTY

Will boom in 1905

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Will keep you posted on passing events. We don't claim to publish the "only" news paper in Southern Oregon, but we are not far from the head of the class when it comes to "the best."

JACKSON COUNTY.

The county court has contracted for two grading machines, to add to the road machinery already owned by the county.

J. H. Ring, of Gold Hill, recently unearthed an Indian grave on Rogue river, some two miles above that town. In the grave he found a skull, in a preserved condition, a handful of silver coins, bearing stamps of the United States, Mexico and Peru, several long knives, beads, buttons, an army coat, a bear trap and several other articles. Some of the relics were purchased by W. A. Carter and they will be on exhibition at the Lewis and Clark fair.

Harry Grant, of the firm of Welch & Grant, a business house of Gold Hill, unceremoniously left that town, leaving some unpaid bills. His partner, Albert Welch, has shipped the goods of the firm, paying all the bills against it, and has closed the store. Grant was married at Jacksonville on February 24th to Miss May Curry, and had made many friends in Gold Hill. As he did not dissipate in any way the people are at a loss to account for his strange disappearance.

May Miller, a fourteen-year-old girl, who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Price Fowler, of Ashland, was abducted Sunday, presumably by her father, J. H. Miller, who resides in Benton county. The girl's parents were divorced, and the girl was legally adopted by Mrs. F. P. Moran, of Corvallis, who later allowed Mr. and Mrs. Fowler to take her. This is the second foster child that Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have lost by being abducted within a year.

Edwin Williams, of Ashland, who was taken to the insane asylum at Salem last year, died at that place Tuesday, aged thirty-seven years. Deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Holland Williams, and has spent the better part of his life in Ashland and the state of Oregon, being employed until his fatal illness as lineman for the telephone and telegraph company. His affliction was caused from injuries received in the discharge of his duties as a lineman.

Frank Cress and a vicious horse, which he was riding, created some excitement in Ashland last week. The animal plunged and horse and rider finally landed in a heap on the sidewalk, much to the relief of the spectators who were sure the animal was bound to crush through the big windows into the Gem Cigar Store. Cress, who was somewhat bruised in the mixup, is experienced in the accident line. A few months ago while "gigging" salmon he managed to impale the spear in the calf of his leg instead of a fish and a surgeon and a blacksmith had to be called to extract the barbs from his flesh.

May Extend Ditch.

When Messrs. Clark, Belser, Palm-tag and Williams, of the Jackson County Improvement Co., were here last week, a directors meeting was had and it was decided to make a proposition to the people of the valley for the extension of the ditch from its present terminus on the company's farm. The proposition, briefly stated, is this: That if the farmers will guarantee 5000 acres of land for irrigation the company will build the ditch to the west side of Bear creek, crossing the creek near the northern boundary of the city and covering much of the land between here and Central Point. This would bring a large acreage into productivity, which is now producing little or nothing.

On the other hand the company, if this proposition is not accepted, intend to cut up their holdings in forty and eighty acre tracts and induce people to come in and buy these tracts. This was the intention of the directors when they came up here, but seeing that the country was waking up and upon the verge of a boom concluded to make the first proposition to the people. A committee of citizens will probably be appointed to wait upon the farmers and interest them in the scheme.

Entertainment at Central Point.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will give a bazaar in the afternoon and evening of Friday, April 21st, at the town hall. Everyone is cordially invited to come and purchase whatever you want, as there will be articles to please old and young. One of the most pleasing features of the evening will be the fish pond and another will be the supper. Come one! Come all! MRS. J. E. BOSWELL, Sec'y.

MEDFORD & CRATER LAKE ROAD

ITS CONSTRUCTION NOW ASSURED. TO BE COMPLETED TO EAGLE POINT BY OCTOBER 10th

The \$25,000 Subscription fully Made Up by the Citizens of Medford, the Bond Signed and Contracts Let.

Monday forenoon the final negotiations were completed which insures the construction of the Medford and Crater Lake Railroad. The full sum of \$25,000 in stock asked for by the company has been subscribed by our citizens and within a very few days the work of construction will be commenced.

The contracts for construction, which had been held in abeyance during the time the subscription was being made up, were signed up. Chas. Ewing is awarded the contract for grading between Medford and Eagle Point, and A. Hooks, of Jacksonville, the contract to furnish piles for the bridge across Bear creek, near Medford. Contracts for other bridges will be let later.

The time which has been looked forward to for many years by our most progressive citizens has at last arrived. The vast forests of the Cascades are to be reached by a railroad, and the immense timber wealth, which has been going to waste for the past two decades, is to be utilized and become part of the varied resources of Southern Oregon.

To the city of Medford, as the starting point of this railroad, will come the trade of the extensive region through which the road passes—trade which is now often diverted to other towns—and this city will within the next few years fulfill her manifest destiny as the largest and most prosperous municipality in Southern Oregon.

The agreement entered into by the subscribers is given below. The company has executed a bond, which has been accepted by the committee of citizens that solicited the subscriptions, by which the company binds itself to construct the road as far as Eagle Point by October 10, 1905, but it is their expectation to reach that point by July 15th. Construction, according to the agreement, is to commence on or before April 10th; but the chances are favorable for work to commence during the coming week.

The bond is for the sum of \$50,000 and is signed by the officers of the company, and by its terms they agree to faithfully fulfill the provisions thereof and to complete the road to Eagle Point, or further, within the time specified above.

Monday morning considerable machinery in the way of scrapers, etc., was received by Mitchell Lewis & Staver Co.'s branch house in Medford to be used on the new road.

This article would not be complete without a special reference to the committee of citizens through whose efforts the subscription was raised, and whose work has been so successfully performed. The good work they have done is appreciated and will be more so as the benefits this city will derive from the construction of the road become apparent. The committee consisted of Geo. L. Davis, D. H. Miller, I. L. Hamilton, J. F. Reddy, J. E. Enyart and Hon. John D. Olwell.

Below will be found the agreement entered into, followed by a list of the subscribers to the stock. In connection with the subjoined list in justice to the committee we would say that before commencing their canvass they had agreed upon the approximate amount which each property owner and business man in the city could be fairly asked to contribute. In some instances they failed to secure the amount they deemed they should, and this is the cause of apparently inequitable assessments in some cases.

The sums opposite each name represents the number of shares taken, as well as the sum paid for the same in dollars.

THE AGREEMENT

Medford, Oregon, March 13, 1905.

We, the undersigned, hereby subscribe for the number of shares of the capital stock of "Medford and Crater Lake Railroad Company," as set opposite our respective names, and agree to pay for the same in the following manner, to-wit: Thirty-three and one-third cents per share on April 1st, 1905, and thirty-three and one-third cents per share on May 1st, 1905, and thirty-three and one-third cents per share on June 1st, 1905; said stock to be of the par value of one dollar per share and to be fully paid up and non-assessable and to be issued and delivered to the subscriber on payment of the last installment.

This subscription is made with the understanding that the Medford and Crater Lake Railroad Company shall and does hereby obligate itself, its successors and assigns, to the undersigned subscribers to the capital stock of said company in the full sum of fifty thousand dollars that in consideration of a subscription by the undersigned citizens of Medford and vicinity in the sum of not less than \$25,000.00 it, the said Medford and

Crater Lake Railroad Company, will guarantee to begin construction of said road to Eagle Point or some suitable point equally distant from Medford without any unnecessary delay or interruption, said construction to be begun not later than April 10th, 1905; and the said Medford and Crater Lake Railroad Company hereby obligates itself, its successors and assigns, to furnish and execute in favor of said undersigned subscribers to said capital stock of a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$50,000.00 for the said construction and building of the railroad.

This article is in consideration of the aforesaid subscription and is otherwise not to be binding or of effect; otherwise to be of full force and effect.

(The Medford and Crater Lake Railroad Company hereby assents to all the terms and conditions of the above subscriptions.)

Medford and Crater Lake Railroad Company, By A. A. DAVIS, President. J. M. Keene, Secretary. (Davis, Vawter and Howard hereby

agree to subscribe \$6000 toward the building and construction of the Medford & Crater Lake Railroad, and hereby agree to take stock for the same; but said subscription is to be in addition to the \$25,000 taken by the citizens of Medford and vicinity and said money to be used in construction of the road beyond Eagle Point.

DAVIS, VAWTER and HOWARD.)

THE LIST

Table listing subscribers and amounts: The Medford Bank \$1000, Jackson County Bank 1000, J. F. Reddy 1000, J. T. C. Nash 1000, Thos. McAndrew 1000, Young & Hall 500, Hutchison & Lumsden 500, F. K. Deuel 500, A. M. Short 500, Geo. F. King 500, Mrs. A. R. Phipps 500, Fred Barneburg 400, E. Wilkinson 400, Warner & Davis 300, Karnea & Ritter 300, H. E. Boyden 300, Medford Furniture Co. 300, L. B. Brown 300, D. T. Lawton 300, E. R. Van Dyke 300, Hubbard Bros. 300, A. W. Stergis 300, J. W. Cox 300, Joseph C. Smith 300, Angle & Plmale 300, F. L. Cranfill 300, E. B. Pickel 300, L. Neidermeyer 300, C. W. Palm 250, J. F. White 250, Chas. Ewing 250, J. R. Wilson 250, Keene & Bundy 200, F. M. Stewart 200, A. M. Helms 200, Chas. Strang 200, L. B. Hogan 200, J. A. Perry 200, B. P. Thavis 200, W. A. Hutton & Co. 200, Selby & McGill 200, Kapnick & Kenedy 200, W. H. Barr 200, Collins & Nichols 200, W. S. Clay 200, Chas. B. Hazlrigg 200, Nicholson & Plat 200, John Arnold 200, W. S. Jones 150, Weeks & Baker 150, W. H. Meeker & Co. 150, G. H. Haskins 150, G. L. Schermerhorn 150, Cockerline Bros. 150, O. D. Owen 150, Wortman & Gore 150, I. L. Hamilton 150, A. S. Bliton 100, H. C. Garnett 100, Total \$24,600

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lected look everywhere is pitiful. Many poor, deluded people have come out here and sunk their all in a lemon grove, and are now tied to it. They cannot sell on any terms nor can they make a living on the land. Many have abandoned their places and have sought work here in town. Others struggle on hopelessly."

J. R. Erford, by letter from Canton, Ill.—"Enclosed find P. O. order for \$1.50 for which give me credit, for it seems that we cannot get along without The Mail. Think you made a good change when you cut and pasted the leaves, it saves a whole lot of trouble in turning the pages. It seems to me that the citizens of Medford and vicinity ought to be alive to their best interests with reference to the railroad now under consideration, and put their shoulder to the wheel and assure the proposed road. If they do not feel able to subscribe for stock they ought to do all in their power otherwise to aid the road. I don't think the benefits to Medford and vicinity can be estimated."

D. H. Miller:—"I had a conversation with Capt. Nash the other day—just as we were closing up the railroad subscription—which shows how he feels about the matter. The captain, when the subject of a subscription was first touched to him, would have none of it; but after thinking the matter over subscribed his \$1000. In this conversation mentioned he stated that he was now perfectly satisfied as to the road being a paying one in the future and that he would not now accept 10 per cent premium on his investment. I believe he is right and I wouldn't take that for my shares. There are over five billion feet of timber to come out of that country, not counting that on the forest reserve, which will ultimately be cut under the government regulation. That's enough to keep the road busy for a good many years, and if it didn't carry a pound of other freight or a single passenger I am confident its stockholders will realize from 15 to 25 per cent on their investment."

Movements in Real Estate.

Medford real estate has been changing hands pretty rapidly during the past few days, and a number of good sales have been recorded. There is nothing in the nature of a "boom" in the common acceptance of the term, about it, being merely the natural outcome of the growth of the city. W. T. Kane sold his residence property, on North A street, to H. C. Garnett, of the hardware firm of Roberts & Garnett, for a consideration of \$1500. T. C. Gaines sold to Chas. E. Gay a house and lot in West Medford for \$700. This sale was made through the agency of W. T. York. C. W. Palm reports the sale, through his agency, of a number of lots in Durin second addition. Two lots to M. E. Alford, consideration \$250. Two lots to Charles Cranfill for \$250. Two lots to G. W. Howland for \$250. Four lots to A. L. Miller for \$350. One lot each to Orin Murphy, E. R. Van Dyke and W. F. Isaacs, for \$175 each. The purchasers of the above properties soon expect to build upon them. Mrs. C. L. Corwin sold to Mrs. Mary B. Orr one hundred feet square facing on South A street for a consideration of \$250. This was purchased as a residence property and the new owner will have a dwelling constructed thereon. Mrs. A. A. Kellogg, of Portland, sold to Miss Carrie E. George, the property at the north east corner of C and 9th streets for a consideration of \$1500. This property has one hundred and twenty-five feet front on C and one hundred feet on 9th street. Most of these purchases have been made for the purpose of establishing a home, and indicate solid growth. No one of them was made for speculative purposes, and the record of sales shows the confidence of our citizens in the future of our city.

Besides local sales several sales of outside property have been made. White & Trowbridge report the sale of two hundred acres in Sams Valley, township 36, 2 west, to Ezra Monroe and Gamril Miller, for a consideration of \$9000. These gentlemen are from Texas and are purchasing the land with a view to cutting it up into smaller tracts. D. R. Hindman has sold to Jas. Kello ten acres in the Orchard Home tract for \$500. This sale was made through the agency of F. M. Stewart.

Oregon City Land Office Removed.

President Roosevelt has signed an order directing the removal of the land office at Oregon City to Portland. The date of the removal is left to the discretion of the commissioner of the general land office, who states that July 1st probably will be selected for the date of the change.

STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

Cockerline Bros.:—"No, we haven't sold out our livery business yet. The fact is we are not particularly anxious to sell; but we are those kind of people who believe in selling anything of a property nature we have when the right man with the right price comes along. Messrs. Walker and Rowland, of Eugene, have been here looking over the situation, but no definite conclusion has been reached yet."

Chas. B. Gay:—"I've bought back my meat market in Central Point. Why? Well, I sold out several weeks ago and then chased around trying to find another business to go into; but couldn't find anything that exactly suited me. Finally I concluded that I had better be making a little money running that business than spending a whole lot running around. I will rent the property I bought in Medford and live at Central Point until something better turns up."

B. N. Butler:—"I have an idea that my daughter, Jenness, will be home within a few weeks—as soon as the present term expires at the school she is attending. She has been making great progress in her music and her musical instructor is trying to per-

suade us to let her stay. But Mrs. Butler and I are considerable lonesome without her and besides that she has been studying hard for nearly a year, so that I don't believe a rest will hurt her. I don't believe in giving a girl of her age too much exciting work, and music is one of the most exacting of studies."

F. M. Stewart:—"I have just received a letter from Judge D. R. Hindman, of Boone, Iowa, acknowledging receipt of draft for the purchase price of his ten-acre tract in the Orchard Home. In the letter the judge takes occasion to thank me for my efforts in his behalf and to praise my course in the handling of the business. A man shouldn't take credit to himself for being square, because it's the proper thing to do; but when a fellow gets a letter like that from a man of the standing of Judge Hindman, it makes him feel pretty good anyway."

Mrs. J. C. Pendleton:—"I have just received a letter from a friend of mine at San Diego, which gives one an insight into the conditions prevailing in Southern California. She says: 'Rob and I started about one o'clock this afternoon to drive to an orange grove, some miles distant, in order to replenish our exhausted stock. It was a large and flourishing grove, but has this year been abandoned to nature, and the fruit is going to waste. There are many acres, hundreds of trees and exceptionally fine fruit. It is too bad. But the history of most ranches here is identical. No water, exorbitant freight—a tragedy in four words. The neg-