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## STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

J. E. Bodge, by letter from Klamath Falls:—"Inclosed please find, etc. I am doing well here—better than I did in Medford. Hope you are doing a good business. Wife and baby are feeling fine. Please send Medford Mail to me here—want every issue of it."

Frank Hull:—"I had a letter this week from Chester Tinker. He used to live here, but is now finishing his college course at Neleigh, Nebraska. He is figuring on coming back to Medford and I am offering all inducement possible to get him here. He is a fine young fellow, a splendid musician and when here made a great many friends, who will all be glad of his return."

Will Barnum:—"You can say that the new motor car will be here by about May 1st. Then we will be ready to carry passengers between Medford and Jacksonville at any hour, day or night. Two regular trips will be made, one morning trip, leaving Jacksonville at 7:30 and Medford at 8; and one evening trip, leaving Jacksonville at 7 and Medford at 9. The car can be chartered at any time for \$1.50 per trip. The fare on regular trips will be the same as train fare."

Vic McCray:—"Here, Bliton, is a bottle of California's best grape brandy. I know you do not drink, but this you may set aside for use for medical purpose. You never get sick? Well, it will pay you to get sick just for an excuse for trying the flavor of the contents of that bottle. Wm. Palmat, one of the stockholders in the Fish Lake Ditch Company, sent me a case of sweet wines and grape brandy. Why? Oh, I just guess because I am a good fellow. Mr. Palmat, besides being interested in several other enterprises, is also president of the Farmers & Merchants bank, of Hollister, Calif., where he lives."

S. Childers:—"I haven't time to talk to you, really. I'm trying to build houses, mold brick, finish up buildings already started and figure on future work, all at the same time. We have started work in our brick yard and are having trouble in getting good brick-moulders. In the meantime the Childers boys are scattered over a good part of this vicinity finishing small jobs so that we can concentrate our forces on the big ones which are to come. Will there be much building here this season? You can assure yourself that there will be. Count the new buildings three months from now and tell me if I'm not right."

H. B. Nye:—"Yes, I am content to stay in Medford now. I have traveled during the past few months over nearly all the mining country of the northwest and I haven't found anything that suited me so well as this country does. I think I'll go out and see if I can't find another Bill Nye mine. First I went to Sand Point, Idaho, then to Missoula, Mont., then to Helena, then to Salt Lake City. I visited Reno, Nev., Goldfields and other places, but found nothing better than Southern Oregon. I tell you, when a man who has lived in this section gets into a country where there is neither wood nor water it makes him homesick. Those barren countries may be all right for people who don't know any better, but they don't suit me."

### M. & C. L. Progress.

The grading between the starting point and the west bank of Bear creek has been nearly completed by Contractor Ewing. In fact part of the force is working on the east side of the stream and everything looks favorable for the completion of the first stretch of the road in a good many days before the specified time.

Manager R. H. Whitehead returned Sunday from a trip to Portland, and while he was in the city only twenty-four hours, he did three days work. He closed contracts for the furnishing of the steel for the road, made primary arrangements for rolling stock, etc., and incidentally did some talking for Southern Oregon in general.

### May Day Ball at Gold Hill.

A May Day ball will be given in the new opera house at Gold Hill on Friday, May 1, 1905. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Prof. Ford's orchestra. A good time is assured.

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## GRAINS AND SMALL FRUITS.

Some of the Capabilities of Jackson County for the Raising of these Products.

As a region in which diversified farming may be profitably followed, Jackson county, on account of its climate and the variety of its soil, scarcely has an equal and no superior.

All the cereals grow to perfection and produce abundant crops. Jackson county is the only section of the northwest where corn reaches full perfection in size and quality. Corn is raised in this valley almost, if not quite equal, to that of the great corn growing states. It ripens perfectly and its quality is first-class. Many farmers are turning their attention more and more to corn. None of it is shipped, but is fed on the farm to stock.

In berries and small fruits generally this valley cannot be beaten, and many farmers have made money by the raising of this class of fruit for the local market. So far the local demand has been sufficient to take all of the crop nearly, but more and more shipments are being made every year to the city markets.

The watermelons of Jackson county are famous for their size, flavor and richness. When the Jackson county melon arrives in the city markets melons from other sections go begging for purchasers. They would make a Georgia darkey think of home.

The culture of almonds is becoming one of the prominent pursuits, and some success has already been had with the raising of them.

On the foothills on the western side of the valley are hundreds of acres of land admirably adapted to the raising of grapes, and there are al-

ready a number of fine, flourishing vineyards there.

A few instances of successful farming of the kind above mentioned will not be out of place here. J. P. Hoagland, living near Medford, received \$833 from the sale of watermelons from a six-acre tract in 1903.

J. E. Nute picked 305 crates of apricots from half an acre of orchard and sold them for \$481.

Clay & Meador, of Medford, received \$2,000 for 20,000 pounds of almonds from trees just coming into bearing.

Roberts Bros., of Phoenix, harvested five tons of onions from half an acre of ground.

One farm that the writer has in mind was heavily mortgaged ten years ago, when the owner commenced diversified farming and market gardening. Today the farm is nearly clear of debt, new buildings have been erected and it presents a thrifty, prosperous appearance.

There are numberless other instances which might be mentioned, where active, intelligent effort has brought its due reward.

Another product not often mentioned, heretofore, but still coming into prominence, is the cultivation of beans. The Applegate section for a good many years has been supplying the local market to a considerable extent, but many foreign shipments had been made. Monday of this week a full carload—33,000 pounds—of "Mexican Reds," were shipped from Medford. All these beans were grown on Applegate.

### Birthday Party.

On Thursday evening of last week, Mrs. C. I. Hutchison gave a birthday party to Miss Estella Duclos, at her pleasant home in West Medford, and to do honor to the occasion fourteen of Miss Duclos' young lady friends were invited to be present—thirteen of whom were present—an unlucky number, but as neither the hostess or any of the guests are superstitious this fact detracted not a particle from the "good time" occasion. The most amusing and interesting feature of the evening was the fact that Mrs. Hutchison had given Miss Duclos to understand that upon the date above mentioned she expected to entertain a number of her sister Eastern Star officers, and during the preparation for a proper entertainment of these Star officers, Miss Duclos lent a helping hand—and incidentally, during this preparation, the young lady found occasion to express her opinion of what she termed "hen" parties—and Mrs. Hutchison found occasion to communicate this opinion to the young lady guests during the evening.

The guests assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redden and went in a body to the Hutchison home, where Miss Estella was awaiting the arrival of the Eastern Star ladies and not until all had assembled did she know that it was her party which was being given.

The evening was very pleasantly spent in various amusements, among which was the all-absorbing game of Sherlock Holmes. Instrumental music was furnished by Misses Fern Hutchison and Hazel Davis and vocal music by Miss Edna Eifert. Of course there was much repartee, but The Mail is not going to attempt to particularize as to subjects discussed, but it would be safe to intimate that there may have been some remarks touching upon ages—and there may have been some declarations made—playfully, of course, which may not have been wholly within the confines of absolute truth, but as the dear girls, like wine of rare vintage, grow better with age, who's a kicking—they're sweeter at twenty than at sixteen, anyhow.

Refreshments of salads, sandwiches and coffee and ice cream, cake and salted almonds were served, during which several graphophone selections were rendered.

Miss Duclos was the recipient of a beautiful gold brooch and an elegant jewel case.

Those present were: Blanch Toft, Jessie Cole, Edna and Jessie Eifert, Julia and Rose Fielder, Myrtle and Grace Lawton, Nola and Ida Redden, May Phipps, Miss Talbert and Miss Kern.

### Federal Grand Jury Adjourns.

The United States grand jury at Portland has been dismissed, although all the matters coming before it had not been acted upon. Several indictments were carried over to be considered by the next grand jury.

Seven indictments were returned, and included in the list are State Senator R. A. Rooth, J. H. Booth, ex-receiver, of the Roseburg land office.

The story has it that the senator used his brother as a tool in the forwarding of his plans for the acquirement of valuable timber land and that on this account it has been a hard matter to land him in the embrace of the law. The crime for which he is indicted is in the case of the claim filed upon by L. Thomas Agee. Agee never at any time fulfilled the law as regards the establishment of a homestead, never cultivated the land he held upon or settled upon or observed any of the requirements of the law. The money which he paid for the claim had been furnished by R. A. Booth. Agee had taken the claim, had then allowed it to lapse, so it is said, and then finished his proof in order that the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company might have title to the land, which was secured for \$300 paid to Agee.

James Henry Booth was charged, by the same statute under which Senator Mitchell was indicted, with having received \$800 from Frederick A. Kribs for having furnished advance information to him upon which he could file scrip entries. This statute is one which provides that no one in the employ of the government shall receive any money for work done while in the service of the government which is not in accordance with the rules of the department in which the employee is working.

Willard H. Jones, Thaddeus S. Dotter, H. L. Sisler, Daniel Clark and Ira Wade were indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government of land situated in the Siletz reservation by means of false proofs of homestead entry and false affidavit of settlement and cultivation.

In this indictment the testimony and evidence of the government brings Senator Charles W. Fulton into the land fraud arena by means of letters which he had written in support of the claims filed by Jones and his partners. The letters urge the passage of the claims to patent after they had been held up by report of Special Agent A. J. Hobbs, who had recommended to the department not only cancellation, but criminal prosecution by those who filed upon the lands. However it is stated upon good authority that Senator Fulton had no knowledge of the fact that fraud was

being perpetrated when these letters were written.

Frank E. Alley, A. R. Downs, Edward R. Downs, Stephen Turnell and John Doe were indicted for conspiracy to secure lands in the Roseburg district by means of false affidavits.

James Benson was indicted for perjury in giving testimony in the Booth case before the grand jury, at which time he swore not to have had any arrangement with Jones as to money he was to receive for a claim which he had filed upon.

### Medford Wins One.

For seven innings the baseball game at Jacksonville last Sunday made the fans sit up and take notice. Nobody paid attention to the temperature of the zephyrs (?) that twanged telephone and telegraph wires, raised clouds of dust and wafted fair hits into foul territory while they were watching the two teams playing ball—ball—in spite of the cold weather and the short attendance. There was some ball played on the Jacksonville ground Sunday, up to the seventh inning, then Medford seemed to get its eye on the ball. Lester's support blew up and Lester himself seemed to have lost the location of the plate. The consequence was four runs for Medford, which made the score 11 to 5. Neither side could do anything in the succeeding innings.

The features of the game were Anderson's speedy pick up of Pat Dougan's drive over first and the retirement of Pat at the initial bag, in the third inning, and the throw from the right hand corner of the field of Barlow's long hit by Anderson to Bruse, from Bruse to Patterson, catching Barlow at third.

The play brought the grand stand—what there was of it—to its feet. Barlow had sent a seemingly safe three-bagger to the corner of the field. By the time Anderson had reached the ball the runner was at second and still going. "Pansy" whipped the ball over the 200 or more feet of space to "Tobe" and like a flash the latter relayed it to "Red," catching Barlow easily at third. Miles, the short, threw almost a perfect game. Lester pitched his usual steady game, but support failed him at critical times, while the Medford boys were "on their toes" always.

Henry Orth officiated with the indicator.

### Death of Emory E. Gore.

At Lawrence, Kansas, on Friday, April 7th, occurred the death of Emory E. Gore, aged eighty-eight years, ten months and two days.

Mr. Gore was the twin brother of Emerson E. Gore, the well-known pioneer resident of Medford. The deceased visited Rogue river valley last year and so near alike were the two brothers that people who had known Emerson Gore for years frequently mistook his brother for him. The two gentlemen enjoyed the mystification of their friends concerning their identity and engaged in schemes to further deepen the mystery with all the zest of boys.

The only difference between the brothers—as was noted by a Lawrence, (Ky.)—paper was that one was a Baptist in religion and the other a Presbyterian. That didn't make any difference, however, with them as men. Emory E. Gore stood as high in the estimation of his friends in Kansas, as Emerson E. Gore stands with the people of the Rogue river valley, and that is high.

Mr. Gore was ill but a short time, and his death was due to complications arising from a severe cold he had contracted and his advanced age.

### Teachers Election.

At a meeting of the directors for Medford school district held Monday the following teachers were elected for the ensuing year:

J. K. M. Berry, North Yakima, Wash., principal; Miss Beale Hill, vice-principal; Mrs. H. C. Stoddard, Medford; Miss Olive Huffer, Jacksonville; Miss Mary E. Talbert, Oregon City; Miss Minnie Gowland, Ashland; Misses Julia Fielder, Gertrude Wilson, Fannie Haskins, Medford; Miss Ethel Hurley, Talent; Miss Echo Nason, Ashland; Miss Lottie Ulrich.

There are three changes in the corps of teachers, viz: the principal, Prof. Berry, and Miss Nason and Ulrich. Miss Ulrich is not a stranger here, having taught in the Medford schools three years ago.

Next week, for one day only—Saturday, April 22—Dr. Lowe, the well-known oculo-optician, who has been coming to Medford for over fifteen years, will be at Hotel Nash.

## NEW BANK ORGANIZED.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, of Medford, held on Friday evening last, the following board of directors was elected: F. K. Deuel, W. S. Crowell, Chas. Strang, of Medford, George W. Dunn, E. V. Carter, of Ashland.

The officers are: W. S. Crowell, president; F. K. Deuel, vice-president and M. L. Alford, cashier.

The principal stockholders in the new bank and the officers are all residents of Medford and comprise some of our most successful business men.

The bank is capitalized at \$25,000 and all this stock has been taken up. Indeed, since the announcement that the application of the organizers had been approved by the comptroller of currency was made there have been applications for stock in the institution which would have easily enabled the bank to start with double the capitalization—and it would have been all paid up.

The directors, however, decided that under the circumstances a capitalization of \$25,000 would be sufficient for the time, at least.

Under the national banking law each stockholder is liable for twice the amount of the stock he owns, as a protection to the depositors and customers of the bank, thus the First National Bank of Medford has practically a capitalization of \$50,000.

The permanent home of the bank will be in the Howard building on 7th street, between C and D, that property having been purchased Monday from J. W. Cox for a consideration of \$7,500. However, the lease held by Geo. F. King has fourteen months yet to run before its expiration, so that it is probable that the bank will establish temporary quarters elsewhere. In fact the management has a five-year lease on the Phipps' property at the corner of B and 7th streets, now occupied by Mrs. C. L. Corwin, the milliner, and the probabilities are that this will be the place where the bank will first transact business.

It will be between forty and sixty days before the First National Bank will be ready for business, as there is considerable work—both physical and mental—to be done before things will be in running order. As stated in last week's Mail this bank will be a Medford institution, pure and simple. The great majority of the stock is held by Medford people—and people who have been active in building up the city—the officers are all Medford men and the First National Bank of Medford marks another milestone in the progress of the city, destined to be, greatest and richest city in Southern Oregon.

### Trials to Commence.

The trials of those indicted by the Federal grand jury will soon be commenced. That is, the arraignment of the several defendants will be made and the date of trial set this week.

Senator Mitchell was arraigned on Tuesday upon the indictment returned against him on February 1st, in which he is charged separately and alone with having violated section 1782 of the revised statutes of the United States in having received compensation for his services while United States senator, before a department of the United States government. This is the case in which it is alleged that Senator Mitchell used his influence in passing to patent several claims which had been held up in the general land office for investigation, which claims were the property, or were to be, of Frederick A. Kribs, who had retained the firm of Mitchell & Tanner to represent him. In securing the patenting of his lands, it is alleged in the indictment that the firm of Mitchell & Tanner received the sum of \$1750 for passing these claims to patent, exclusive of other sums which were paid for different services.

This case is the one the investigation of which caused the indictment of Judge A. H. Tanner for perjury, caused the sensational confession of Tanner to save his son from indictment, cost Harry C. Robertson his job as confidential secretary to Mitchell, and marked the climax of the land fraud investigations.

Binger Hermann, John H. Mitchell, S. A. D. Pater, H. G. McKinley, Emma L. Watson, Dan W. Tarpley, Elbert K. Brown, Mrs. Nellie Brown, Henry A. Young, Frank H. Wolgamott, Clark E. Loomis and Salmon B. Ormsby will appear before the

## JACKSON COUNTY THE MAIL

Will boom in 1905

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

court for arraignment on Monday, April 24th.

The indictment under which these defendants will be arraigned is the one returned on January 31st, in which a conspiracy is alleged to defraud the government of lands by means of false and fictitious affidavits. Senator Mitchell is accused of having used his influence with the land office to secure the passage of various claims to patent, while Hermann is alleged to have passed the lands in his official capacity as commissioner of the general land office.

### Grand Jury Report.

The report of the grand jury at the present term of circuit court is rather a voluminous document, as the jury wished to explain several matters of general interest. The body was in session nine days and returned ten true bills out of twenty charges investigated.

The report says that the jury was hampered in its investigations by what they considered in many cases to be perjured testimony and by efforts of parties interested in criminal cases to tamper with witnesses.

A special mention of the case of the State vs. Robinson, charged with criminal libel, in accusing Mayor Evans, of Ashland, of being interested in a "blind pig" in that city, "not a true bill" was returned, the jury in its report explains that in their opinion that it would be impossible to secure a conviction before a trial jury, owing to the fact that the members might feel that the defendant honestly believed the statement made by him to be the truth. The report goes on to say that in the opinion of the jury there was no foundation for the accusation against Evans and that he should be exonerated on the charge of being connected with "blind pigs."

The various offices were found in good condition, the books neatly kept and the officials all obliging and courteous. The county poor house was found in good shape and the inmates well taken care of.

The jury recommended some minor repairs about the court house and jail, the addition of racks for records in the recorder's and sheriff's offices, a book typewriter for the clerk and an office chair for the school superintendent.

### Breaks the Record.

The Dunsmuir News editor has found a horse—a common livery horse—which certainly wins the pennant for equine intelligence. The paragraph below refers to the killing of Miss Anna E. Miller, a school teacher, at Mont, Calif., by Henry Gregory, and explains itself:

"The News man was the first to visit the scene except those in the immediate vicinity; for soon as he was notified by wire of the deed committed a fast livery horse was mounted and sped to Mont, five miles distant, and was soon on the grounds, viewing the horrible sight, gathering information, returned to his office, wrote up the account, and had extras distributed on the street within two hours."

### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

#### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services will be held in the Episcopal church Monday evening, April 17th, at 7:30 by the Rev. F. C. Williams. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A sermon next Sunday at 11 a. m., subject, "Hear Them! What are They Saying of Jesus?" Preaching also at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. W. F. SHIELDS, Pastor.

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. M. Morris, of the state of Washington, will preach on the evening of 19th April, 7:30 p. m. Be sure and do not miss this service.

Rev. T. M. Jones will preach every Sunday at 11 a. m. and Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to these services.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

There will be the usual services in the Methodist Episcopal church morning and evening. Everything looks toward Easter now. The Sunday school is making extensive preparations for proper Easter celebration on Sunday evening, April 23d. Announcement of the program will be made next week.

The only change to be noted is that the Epworth League will meet at 7 p. m. and the church service at 8 o'clock.

#### R. C. BLACKWELL, Pastor.

#### Wool and Mohair.

Highest cash price paid. T. E. POTTINGER.