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**Mine, Saw Lumber,
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STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our
Citizens—Serious and
Otherwise.

H. B. Nye: "What am I doing? Why, I'm working to be sure. Working in the Bertha mine, on Galls creek, driving a tunnel to tap the ledge below the old workings. I've worked nineteen days, taken off nineteen pounds of flesh, but I don't think I'll lose much more. I'm as hard as nails, eat like a bear and sleep like a top. I've only eighteen feet further to go in order to tap the ledge. Say, I must forget, send The Mail to Draper, can't get along very well without it."

S. W. Boyd: "I wish you would call the attention of the people—it doesn't appear to do any good to notify the state fish warden—to the condition of affairs at the Golden Drift dam this side of Grants Pass, where the fish cannot pass to the upper river. As a consequence of there being no fishway there the fishing in the upper river has been practically ruined. Thousands of fish congregate below this dam and from sixty to one hundred men are engaged in taking them every night. The law prohibiting fishing within 100 feet of a fishway is not violated for the reason that there is no fishway. Tons of fish are shipped north from Grants Pass every week and those of us who like to take a day's outing on the river and perchance catch a few with hook and line are deprived of our sport. Protest upon protest has been made concerning the matter, but it doesn't seem to do any good. The state fish warden has ample authority to enforce the regulations, but for some reason he does not do so, why I do not know. It is up to the people of this community to take action in this matter and endeavor to bring proper pressure to bear, so that the fish may be given an opportunity to pass this dam and proceed to their natural spawning places in the upper river."

Medford Loses Game.

With a bunch of players, some of whom hadn't touched a ball in weeks, Medford went up against the Jacksonville nine Tuesday and, of course, lost. When an amateur team goes against that aggregation of Donagans and other Irish in Jacksonville, they want to play ball and play hard to win. Jacksonville piled up six runs in the first inning, one in the second and three in the third. The score was then ten to one and it stayed that way all the rest of the game. Johnnie Wilkinson replaced Hutton on the slab for Medford in the third, and the manner in which he fooled those heavy hitting blue's look foolish was amazing. He fielded his position in grand style, having to his credit two unassisted put outs on ground balls. After that third inning nobody scored. Lester and Patterson, the regular Jacksonville battery, struck for higher wages just before the game and Eddie Donagan went into the pitch with young Davidson behind the bat. Both youngsters covered themselves with glory.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Preaching at 11 a. m. next Sunday. Subject, "Shall the Recording Angel write your name?" Preaching also at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4 p. m. and Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. These services are for you.
W. F. SHIELDS, Pastor.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Services at the usual hours next Sunday.
R. C. BLACKWELL, Pastor.
BAPTIST CHURCH.
Services at the Baptist church for Sunday, July 9th, are as follows: 10:00 a. m., Sunday school; 11:00 a. m., preaching, sermon text, "Ye are the Light of the World;" 7:00 p. m., Young People's service, subject, "The Indwelling Christ;" Col. 2:6-10; 8:30-10:00 p. m., leader, 8:00 p. m. preaching, subject, "Forgiveness." All unforgiving, malice-holding, back-biting, quarrelsome persons especially invited. Front seats reserved, if you desire. At any rate, come. Some plain things will be said. All are welcome.
F. W. CARSTENS, Pastor.

Will It Ever Get Back.

The following from the Tillamook Herald causes one to wonder what will be the cost of returning the exhibit after the fair is over:
"The school exhibit from this county was taken out by the steamer Elmore from this city to Astoria free of charge; from Astoria to Portland it cost 13 cents; and from the Portland depot to the fair grounds cost 82."

Secure Rooms Now.

To the people of Medford and vicinity: If you should want rooms during the Lewis and Clark fair call on Mrs. L. T. Pierce, formerly of Medford. Terms, \$1.00 and \$1.50 per day; residence 504 East Oak street, corner 10th, Portland, Oregon. 20c

NEW EXHIBITS.

The new specimens coming into the Medford exhibit building nowadays are principally of grains and grasses, but it will be but a little while until the fruit specimens will take their place.

During the past week quite a number of fruit specimens have been contributed. Dave Pence sends down from Elk creek some alfalfa and native grass that would be hard to excel anywhere.

Wm. Freel, of Central Point, contributes some 6-foot oats.

Mrs. Reynolds of Talent, sent in a freak growth of mustard—and the guesses as to the identity of the plant were widely at variance.

E. P. Bennett, of East Medford, exhibits a heavily loaded limb of pears, showing the growth which Southern Oregon soil is capable of producing.

J. S. Hamrick, of Central Point, exhibits a sheaf of Australi n, club wheat, which cannot be excelled anywhere.

Bird Johnston, of Devening, shows two varieties of fine wheat, also some exceedingly good oats.

Col. Washburn, of Table Rock, has some Jackson county timothy that is strictly up to the standard.

S. S. Stevens, of Talent, holds the belt for a fine exhibit of 1905 potatoes.

L. L. Love has added this week to his former good exhibit of grains and grasses.

Dr. W. S. Jones shows some Royal Ann and Black Republican cherries, which justify his precaution in putting them in a glass case.

Branded as "Faker."

For branding the word, "faker," on an immigrant who had been taken to Governor's hospital in a serious condition, Dr. Dubois Hunt had been summarily discharged by Dr. Gregory, acting superintendent of the Bellevue allied hospital. Isaac Chaves, the sailor who was branded, was taken to the hospital suffering from hysteria.

For some reason best known to Dr. Hunt a treatment long since abandoned in general practice was adopted—that of thermal cautery, which is supposed to serve as a counter irritant and lessen a man's nervous tension.

When the iron was brought to a white heat and Dr. Hunt was ready to apply it, he became convinced by the man's actions that he was shamming to a great extent, and, according to his confession to Dr. Gregory, instead of applying the iron in curves and straight lines, proceeded to trace on the sailor's arm with the sizzling iron the word which he believed applicable to the man's lean condition.

With the word, "faker," standing out boldly on his scurred arm, the sailor was soon discharged and hurried to the immigration authorities and told his story.

Treed by a Bear.

BEARMOUTH, Mont., June 30.—T. G. Denton, a well-known Missoula mining man, in charge of the H. H. gold mines, near Bonita, had a close call within an hour of his death yesterday, and but for his quick presence of mind in climbing a tree to escape the claws of the animal.

Denton started from camp to do a little prospecting, and when some distance from home saw a small cub bear just ahead of him, which he started to capture alive. The mother bear appeared suddenly on the scene, and Denton was compelled to climb a pine tree, with the bear close after him. When Denton did not show up at home at the expected time the family became uneasy and late in the afternoon left in the direction Denton had taken, and found him still in the tree, with the mother bear and cub on guard.

Mr. Denton's 15-year-old daughter Ethel, had taken along a small high-power rifle, when leaving home. Realizing at once her father's position, she drew a bead on the mother bear and killed her. The cub looked too cute to kill, so she dropped the rifle and had little difficulty in capturing the cub, which she carried in triumph home. Miss Denton is a member of the Missoula basketball team and is well known for athletic prowess.

Klamath County Wins Tax Fight.

Although located within the Klamath Indian reservation and not in use by the owners, the attorney-general holds that 100,000 acres of private land, owned by the California & Oregon Land Company, is subject to taxation under the laws of the state, the same as any other private property.

The lands under consideration were granted to Oregon by an act of congress of 1861 to aid in building a wagon road from Eugene to the eastern boundary of the state, and by an act of the legislature of 1891 were transferred to the Oregon Central Military Road Company, which com-

JACKSON COUNTY.

The salary of Assistant Postmaster McGee, of Ashland, has been increased to \$800 per year.

Miss K. Ritzer has been selected to take charge of the Ashland exhibit building while passenger trains are there.

It is reported that Judge T. J. Howell and others are preparing to join the construction of the new sewer at Ashland, on the ground that the assessment was not equitably made.

The new Ashland foundry took off its first heat Saturday afternoon. The foundry and machine shops will soon be complete in every detail, and when completed the plant will be up to date in every particular.

Jack True and his road-grading crew are at work a short distance beyond Central Point cemetery, on the Eagle Point road. It is proposed to make a good graded road from Bear creek to Agate postoffice, a reach of country that needs it.

D. H. Jackson, superintendent of the Jackson county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair, reports that the booth is filling up with fine specimens of Jackson county products and that now there is no reason for anyone to be ashamed of the Jackson county exhibit.

Work has commenced on the Gold Hill canal. About seventy-five men are at work at the head of the canal preparing for the steam shovels. A force of men is also engaged in enlarging the race at Honeck's mill. The company will put in a big electric plant.

A magnificent collection of gold specimens has been added to the Jackson county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland within the past week. It comprises some of the finest and largest of the chunks secured in the recent strike in the Opp mine near Jacksonville, and also the beautiful collections of specimens owned by Hon. C. C. Beckman, of Jacksonville. The specimens are valued at thousands of dollars and attract great attention from visitors at the fair.

A daughter of A. D. Ferguson, the stone-mason, aged ten years, met with a frightful accident Tuesday morning of last week at the Braunon brick manufactory, near Ashland, which it seems almost miraculous was not instantly fatal. The little girl was playing about the engine when in some manner her clothing caught in the rapidly revolving belt and she was gathered up and whirled about the shaft until her clothing was torn from her body. She was rendered unconscious, and remained so for thirty or forty minutes, when Dr. Shaw who was called immediately, found that no bones were broken, although there were numerous severe bruises about the body and injuries to the head.

On Saturday Judge Hanna decided in favor of the city of Ashland denying the motion of the Ashland Power and Light Company for an order of the court to dissolve the preliminary injunction issued by the court June 26th, which forbids them setting electric light poles within the city limits without the permission of the city council. The case was argued Thursday by City Attorney C. B. Watson for the city and by A. C. Hough, of Grants Pass, for the Electric Light Co. Reames & Reames and Mr. Hough are the attorneys for the company in these proceedings. Although the hearing of the arguments was in vacation after the March term of the court, it was agreed that the status of the argument in the case should be as if in regular term and unless something new is introduced by the defendant company, the decision of the court in the September term will be in line with the court's order on the prayer of the defendant for a dissolution of the injunction.

California Land Frauds.

From Yerkes Journal.
State Mineralogist Aubrey charges that thousands of acres of valuable land in Butte, Plumas and Siskiyou counties, Calif., have been secured through fraud, and he has placed information in support of his charges in the hands of Francis J. Heney, the attorney who is acting as special prosecutor for the government in the Oregon land fraud cases. Specifically, the state mineralogist alleges that H. H. Yard, who represents the Western Pacific railroad in the matter of securing rights of way, and T. B. Walker, the millionaire lumberman, of Minnesota, have both illegally fled on lands located in the northern counties.

In a recent interview Mr. Aubrey said:

"The department of the interior has been supplied with all the facts concerning the illegal location of mineral lands in this state. It is quietly investigating in those sections of the state where valuable timber lands exist, and I have every reason to believe that within the next year there will be important developments and prominent people will be implicated in the illegal entry of these lands."

Originally I have received about 125 complaints from miners in the northern sections of the state. I

found T. B. Walker, the millionaire timber man, had fled with a mining claim in Siskiyou county, claiming the acreage to be timber lands. The lands had really been mined from three to fifteen years and on some of them were stamp mills. Walker's men made affidavit that the lands were not in character. I called Walker's attention to the mineral lands he had taken up, and he stated that it was not his object to take up mineral lands, but he wished to secure valuable timber holdings for his children. He stated that he was willing to deed back the lands to the miners, but did not explain why he or his representatives had taken oath that the lands were non-mineral in character.

Three years ago I reported the condition of affairs prevailing in Northern California to the department of the interior. Congressman Ringer Hermann, who was then commissioner of the general land office, sent a man out, who went back to Washington and whitewashed the whole affair. I later appealed to the president, and Special Agent S. G. Ruby was sent out and worked for three months in the northern districts. I do not know what he reported to Washington, but it is a significant fact that shortly afterward both Hermann and Burke, the man he had sent out, resigned."

Walker relinquished several locations in this county, close to the Oregon line, which were rocky and probably contains good mines, but no good for timber. Walker was after timber, not mines, and purchased several claims located in various sections of Siskiyou county.

Takilma Smelter Starts.

From Oregon Observer.

Last Friday forenoon the Takilma smelter was blown in again after being shut down during the winter season. They have a crew of about forty-five men at the smelter, fifteen at the Queen of Bronze mine and fifteen more teaming ore and also coke and merchandise. In all, about seventy-five men are employed there at the present time.

The smelter is a 150-ton every twenty-four hours blast furnace, with direct connection to a No. 4 Connersville blower. They have an 80-horsepower boiler and 200-horsepower dynamo. Their sampling mill has a 10x14 Blake Crusher, one set sample rolls and one sample grinder. Ten per cent of the ore is sampled before being put into the furnace. They have 3500 tons of ore in the bins, with several teams hauling from the mines. The ore smelts about 10 per cent copper and 84 per ton in gold, and owing to the long haul of coke, etc., costs near \$5 per ton to work. The plant was built and started up first last year. It cost \$80,000 besides the buying of mine and other properties.

The smelter is supplied with ore from several mines near by, principal among them being the Queen of Bronze. This mine is a mile east of the smelter and a good deal of development work has been done there. There is 1800 feet of tunnel work besides 400 feet of drift and a 125 foot shaft. This spring the mine foreman, C. J. Murphy, uncovered a large deposit of copper ore which has been opened from the surface with a deep cut. Two thousand tons have been taken out here and there is as much more in sight. Its extent is not yet determined. The deposit is twenty to thirty feet wide.

The Bond Election July 11th.

The call for the special bond election to be held in Ashland Tuesday, July 11th, to vote on the proposition as to whether the bonds of the city to the amount of \$50,000 shall be issued for the purchase and installation of a modern electric light and power plant to be operated by the city, states the proposition as follows:

"Shall the common council of the city of Ashland, in Jackson county, state of Oregon, for the purpose of purchasing and installing a modern electric light and power plant to be owned and operated by said city, issue the negotiable bonds of said city, issue to the amount in the aggregate of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be required; the said bonds to be dated on the date when the same shall be issued, in the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars each, with interest coupons attached thereon, payable to the bearer or purchaser thereof as follows: Five (5) of the said bonds of \$500.00 each payable September 1st, 1910, and five (5) of the said bonds of \$500.00 each payable on September 1st of each year thereafter; the principal thereof bearing interest after date at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. And shall the common council of the said city of Ashland borrow money on the said bonds by selling and disposing of the same as the council may provide, and appropriate the proceeds thereof, and expend the same in the purchase and installation of a modern electric power and light plant, which said electric power and light plant when purchased and installed shall be owned and operated by the said city?"

The ballots shall be prepared to read: (1) For electric light bonds not exceeding \$50,000, and (2) Against electric light bonds."

Farm for Sale.

100 acres—sixty acres of fine sub-irrigated bottom land under fence and cultivation. A million feet of fine timber. Hundreds of cords of hard wood. Near town and good grade and a fine road. Good, two-story dwelling with a well of splendid water at the door. Lots of fruit and berries of all kinds. County road and daily mail at the door. A splendid place for health and a pleasant home. Address Box 117, Woodville, Oregon.

Medford is on a Hike.

There is something doing around here. There is a lot of life in the air. The people are coming from far and near. They are coming from the Atlantic, from Pecos and from Pike. And they'll pay them to stay off here. And watch our Medford Hike.

The roses are in bloom, ripe fruit is on the trees. The yellow grain is waving, a splendid sight to see. The corn is growing in the fields, the garden is full of beans.

And every one is smiling with money in his jeans. But this is no comparison I'm telling you all right. Just come along with me a bit and watch our Medford Hike.

Yes come to the exposition and see everything that's great. For money will entertain you, and take your money while you wait, when you've seen all the great exhibits and the crowd along the Pike. Just stop a bit, a you come back and watch our Medford Hike.

So come along, tumble along, don't be alarmed. For you can make money here to get you all a farm. You man from Oklahoma, just send for your old man. And tell him all about us if you like. And if he is overcome with fear and wonder, thinking that all that noise is thunder, just tell him that it is only our Medford on a Hike.

MUGGINS.

MITCHELL FOUND GUILTY.

Found guilty of violating the law in receiving fees for practicing before the government departments while serving as U. S. senator from Oregon, broken in health, stricken with age and above all with the knowledge that the reputation built up through his long years of public service had been swept away, John H. Mitchell stumbled from the U. S. court room in Portland Monday night, into the outer darkness, which was not any blacker than the future which looms before this discredited servant of the people.

Thousands of people in Oregon will grieve that the tolls of the law have been so closely bound around one whom they have been wont to look up to as the soul of honor and public integrity. A few—a very few, be it said for the credit of the people of Oregon—will rejoice, but their rejoicing will be prompted by private animosity rather than love of the country's weal.

It is to be regretted, deeply regretted, that after having risen to the high position he occupied in the regard of his constituents and his fellow senators that the senior senator from Oregon should be tempted and should fall, yet his guilt is even more reprehensible in view of the exalted position he held, and, having been decreed guilty by a jury of his peers, his punishment should follow. Judge DeHaven in his charge to the jury said:

"The indictment contains seven counts, each charging a violation of the Federal statutes forbidding either the direct or indirect receipt of money for services before departments in matters in which the government is interested. He may render services to his constituents, but he shall not take compensation therefor. "The government is not required to prove that the claims referred to in the count were fraudulent ones. If you are satisfied that Mitchell appeared and worked to expedite these claims and received money therefor, you will find the defendant guilty. The government is required to show that when the defendant received the money included in the monthly division of the firm fees from Kribs, he knew that the money was being paid for the services before the department."

When 10:30 was marked by the big clock in the courtroom a call came from the jurors for writing material. At 10:45 Judge DeHaven was sent word that the weighty words were ready.

It was a little before 11 when the Judge sat down in his high seat. Senator Mitchell was already in his seat. Beside him were seated Judge C. H. Carey, Judge Bennett, former senator, and Mrs. Thurston, while the courtroom was filled with friends and political adherents.

"Gentlemen, have you agreed on a verdict?" said Judge DeHaven.

Foreman J. Steiner, a Salem man, silently handed a sealed envelope to Captain Sladen, clerk of the court. The clerk passed the missive on to Judge DeHaven.

It was a most impressive moment in a courtroom in which was an overpowering feeling of sadness. The Judge broke the seal.

His face was as impassive as a death mask. He read the verdict silently and passed it to the clerk of the court. The clerk commenced to read; as he did so a great bomb burst on the street, drowning his voice. Again he started.

"Portland, Or., July 3, 1905.—We, the jury in the case of the United States vs. John H. Mitchell, find the defendant guilty."

A great sigh went up from the auditors. The clerk's voice droned on: "As charged in the indictment, and recommend him to the mercy of the court for leniency. J. Steiner, foreman."

Former Senator Thurston was quickly on his feet with a motion for a new trial. "He asked when he would be ready for argument Thurston hemmed and hawed and the Judge set the date for next Monday."

All eyes were turned on the convicted senator. His emotions were

carefully concealed, with the exception of a nervous stroking of his patriarchal beard. After the jury was discharged he rose slowly to his feet and walked out into the night. As he walked he stumbled slightly and Mr. Thurston put a protecting arm over his shoulder.

Senator Mitchell was indicted and tried under section 1782 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which section relates to misdemeanors of certain officers of the government arising from taking compensation in matters to which the United States is a party. The section as it reads upon the statute books is as follows:

"Section 1782. No senator, representative or delegate, after his election and during his continuance in office, and no head of a department, or other officer or clerk in the employ of the government, shall receive or agree to receive any compensation whatever, directly or indirectly, for any services rendered, or to be rendered, to any person either by himself or another, in relation to any proceeding, contract, claim, controversy, charge accusation, arrest, or other matter or thing in which the United States is a party, or directly or indirectly interested, before any department, court-martial, bureau, officer, or any civil, military or naval commission whatever. Every person offending against this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be imprisoned not more than two years and fined not more than \$10,000, and shall, moreover, be convicted therefor, be rendered forever thereafter incapable of holding any office of honor, trust or profit under the government of the United States."

Fourth of July in the Valley.

The celebration of the nation's birthday throughout the valley were not as elaborate Tuesday as they have been in former years, however, good times were had at various points. Probably the largest crowd in the lower valley assembled at Central Point where a regulation celebration, with speaking, fire works and parade was held, followed by a dance in the evening.

People of Wagner creek gathered to observe the occasion near Talent and had a regulation, old-fashioned time.

At Ruch there was another celebration and at Eagle Point the people of that section turned out in full force and had one of the good times those people are noted for.

The celebration at Trail was marred by the prevalence of measles in the neighborhood, which was unfortunate, as great preparations had been made.

Medford people generally distributed themselves to different points in the valley. The only observance of the day being the parade by the juveniles, a full description of which appears elsewhere.

Jacksonville had a baseball game between Medford and Jacksonville teams and a grand ball in the evening.

Will Develop Hungry Creek.

For the past four decades north Hungry creek and Beaver creek, just across the line in California, have been worked by primitive methods with more or less success. The old miner with his log cabin, his few yards of sluice boxes and the old-fashioned rocker is a familiar sight on these streams. If he is able to wash out enough dust to supply his simple wants, in the way of bacon, beans and flour, and occasionally have a surplus sufficient to give him a "good time" for a few days at the nearby town, the old timer is content. But lately the spirit of the twentieth century has invaded the wilds of Hungry and Beaver creeks, and the roar of the hydraulic giant will soon waken the echoes in the primordial forest, where erstwhile the silence was unbroken save by the sounds of nature's own making. Messrs. A. R. Ross and Wm. Milnes have secured six claims on North Hungry and four on Beaver creek, and this week surveyors will be in the field, laying out a ditch to supply water for the giants, which will wash down the gravel banks of the streams and wrest from the bosom of the earth its auriferous treasure. Water there is in abundance, the ground offers little impediment to mining and that the gold is there has been proven time and time again by the experience of miners for forty and more years. The Beaver and Hungry creek mines will both be equipped in an up-to-date manner and will be in readiness for work by the commencement of the season. The head quarters of the company will be at Medford.

Fish Nets Seized.

From Grants Pass Herald.

Water Bailiff W. R. Williams, with an assistant, went up to the Golden Drift Company's dam Thursday night after the fishermen, who have their net set within six hundred feet of the fishway. Williams found two fishermen in a boat, but they kept out of reach by fast rowing, so he proceeded to gather in the nets and secured five, one being 22 feet long. The nets are worth on an average about \$40 each when new. Under the law the nets will be confiscated and sold after notice at public sale, if not claimed by the owners. Bailiff Williams will wait several days for the owners to put in their claim and is anxious to see them.