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WEST SIDE NEW BUILDINGS.

Mr. T. H. Moore is turning himself loose on building construction on the west side, and the plans he has now mapped out, upon which work has actually commenced, will prove a great boost for business in that part of town.

Last week these columns told that he was to erect a 60x80, two-story brick building on lots he owns adjoining the White-Thomas building. At the time this mention was made arrangements were not advanced far enough to warrant a detailed account. At this time, however, we are prepared to state that this building will positively be erected, as before stated; that it will be 60x80 feet in size; that a 20x80 foot store building will be part of the new structure, and that a 30x80 livery stable office and carriage room will be the rest of it. The stables for horses will be at the rear of these buildings, upon lots which Mr. Moore recently purchased from G. W. Balford. Excavation for the foundation of this building is now being made.

These are not the only buildings Mr. Moore is going to erect. Across the alley from the building above mentioned he will put up a 42x70 foot building, three stories high. The first story will be used as a restaurant and office, while the two upper stories will be made into sleeping apartments. Work on this has already commenced. As a matter of fact this structure is but the commencement of what will eventually be a large three-story hotel on the corner, where, in days ago, stood the old wooden structure, the "Clarendon" hotel. This hotel proposition, however, is not definitely determined upon and Mr. Moore is not saying just when it will take shape, but that it will eventually be built, he says, there is no doubt. This much may be said, however, that when built it will be a structure which will do credit to the prominent corner which it will occupy—and there will be a space left at the front for a cool, shady lawn.

W. C. T. U. Items.

The Union was called to order by the president on July 27th at the Christian church with a good attendance. There was scripture reading by Mrs. Smith, prayers by Mesdames Fielder and Burchell, gong, "I will follow Jesus." Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Thirty minutes were then devoted to business. It being "business day," all the month's work was put in order. Mrs. Dodge read a splendid article on "Suffrage." Mrs. Buck read a plea for mothers to be more truthful to their little ones. The Union was dismissed by Mrs. Hubbard, to meet, through invitation, at Mrs. Hamlin's, "Mothers' Day," also it will be the day for election of officers. All the members must come and choose the officers. Mrs. Fielder, the leader, always has something to tell us which is both instructive and interesting. On the night of July 30th the Union had the pleasure of hearing the temperance cause placed before the public in listening to the lecture at the Baptist church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Rev. Austin's address was all that any one could wish, he being in such great earnest for he has had some of his most intimate friends ruined by drink, caused by open saloons. Miss Nola Redden's recitation was grand. Those failing to hear it missed a treat. Rev. Brown presided in his own pleasing way. The Union expresses thanks to all who assisted. The house being well filled, all passed off with enthusiasm.

PRESS SUPT.

Bad Roads Versus Good Roads.

EDITOR MAIL:—After a lapse of silence on the good roads question and waiting, hoping, longing, swearing and praying for and about good roads, I have at last come to the conclusion that our county is only twenty miles long and one mile wide, or the net distance from Ashland to Gold Hill. Do you ask why this conclusion? Well, I may say that this reason would be sufficient, viz: All the road work that has been done is being done now, or was done on the road from Ashland to Gold Hill, while the road running northeast from Medford through big sticky, across the Deser and Antelope creek, through the Riley and Bradshaw lanes is entirely neglected. Not even a culvert or a bridge plank in a broken and dangerous condition has been repaired or replaced. We who pay taxes in this part of the county do not ask or beg the county board, to give us anything. We demand that at least one-fourth of the work being done on the above-described road. We pay our taxes and demand our proportionate share of road improvement. We have farms that yield large crops of grain, we have orchards that are yielding big crops of fruit, our road is well-nigh impassible in places even now when the ground is dry; but with one rain we would be shut off from hauling

any load to Medford. But while this condition exists on this road, the road from Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Medford and Central Point is being made a macadamized road, where the automobile and the pleasure carriages can spin at any and all times. Now that is right. I have no kick on that; but I for one want and demand our share; no more, no less. Now the question rises will the county board be just and fair, and send the road making machinery to our part of the county, or will we be compelled to wait for four years to get what really belongs to us, viz: our proportionate share of road work.

T. J. WEST.

The Good Old Times.

Henry Watterson in the Louisville Courier-Journal. I take no stock in the lamentation of the sentimentalists about what they call "the good old times." There is a deal of stuff and nonsense trolled of on this text. Every man over fifty who is not precisely a bore is described as "a gentleman of the old school." We need not turn to the English satirists from Fielding to Thackeray to learn that all the essential ingredients of Vanity Fair had their existence one or two hundred years ago. In the proportion that there were more nature and coarser fibre there were livelier doings. In proportion that there were fewer dramatic personae upon the stage there was better play for the individual. I confess that I like a little blood in mine. Sincerely even in wickedness has a flavor quite its own. But he who fails to see the world as it is and refuses to take it as he finds it, falls inevitably betwixt the three-legged stool of a very false philosophy and the high-backed chair of a very ill-judged perversity with consequences sometimes serious and always humiliating.

Sunday Evening Union Services.

Four of the pastors of four of the churches of Medford have agreed among themselves to hold union services every Sunday evening for the next two months. The program as arranged follows: August 6th, Presbyterian church, Rev. F. W. Carstens. August 13th, Baptist church, Rev. H. C. Brown. August 20th, M. E. Church, South, Rev. R. C. Blackwell. August 27th, M. E. church, Rev. W. F. Shields. September 3d, Presbyterian church, Rev. R. C. Blackwell. September 10th, Baptist church, Rev. W. F. Shields. September 17th, M. E. church, South, Rev. F. W. Carstens. September 24th, M. E. church, Rev. H. C. Brown.

H. C. BROWN, Sec. Min. Association.

In the above program it will be noted that Rev. F. W. Carstens is booked to preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night. The program, as to that one date, has been changed and Rev. Evan P. Hughes, of Ashland, will take Rev. Carstens' place, and Rev. Carstens will preach in the Chautauque building, Ashland, Sunday evening.

Death of Dr. Kendall.

Rev. Reese P. Kendall, formerly of Medford, died at Ashland, last Wednesday; aged seventy-six years. Dr. Kendall was a native of Ohio and a man of broad and liberal education, and has published several works of considerable literary merit, among them being "Pacific Trails and Campfires," which contains much valuable historical information. He graduated as a physician from Miami Medical College and served through the civil war as a surgeon, during which service he was captured and imprisoned in Libby prison. After the war he became a clergyman in the Episcopal church and was for some time stationed in Eastern Oregon. He leaves a widow and four children: Mrs. Ann Andrews, of Medford; Geo. Kendall, of Idaho, and Miss Abbie Kendall and Mrs. Josephine Foley, of Ashland.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Services at the Baptist church for Sunday, August 6th, are as follows: 10:00 a. m., preaching by the pastor, 7:00 p. m., Young People's service; subject: "First Fruits for God." No preaching service at this church in the evening on account of union service at Presbyterian church. A cordial invitation is extended. FREDERICK W. CARSTENS, Pastor. The pastor, Weston F. Shields, is off on his vacation for the month of August. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday; J. C. E. at 4 p. m. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Next Sunday, August 6th, union service in the Presbyterian church at 8 p. m. W. F. SHIELDS, Pastor. 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 524 East Oak street, corner 10th, Portland Oregon. 20-t

STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

E. W. Carder:—"I had a letter from father this week. He is at Los Gatos, Calif., and he tells me that for several days in July the thermometer stood 113 in the shade."

F. W. Gaines:—"This is 'The Land of Red and Yellow Apples' all right, but I wish you would tell me where the early apples—for use at this season of the year—are grown. I have been all over this man's town and I have not been able to locate any on the market. It strikes me that some of the orchardists would be doing about the right thing if they were to give this matter a little attention."

E. C. Gaddis:—"I returned this week from several days' stay at the fair at Portland. Jackson county may have been a little bit shy in its exhibit during the first few weeks of the fair, but I am telling you she is bumping 'em all pretty hard now and if she does not come under the wire at the finish 'way ahead the indicator at this time is pointing in the wrong direction. I was really, and truly proud of the fact that my home is in Medford and that Medford is in Jackson county."

A Misleading Statement.

Nickell, in his paper last week, made a number of misleading statements regarding the fruit box business, the animus of which is plain. After boosting the box factory recently started up at Grants Pass—after lying idle for several years—for the express purpose, presumably, of competing with the Iowa Lumber & Box Co., he states that Mr. Hockett, the agent for the California Pine Box & Lumber Co., had secured a large number of contracts for fruit boxes in the valley at a price lower than they had ever been sold before. It's a pretty hard matter to see where these contracts come from. The five largest growers in the valley—E. J. DeHart, Gordon Voorhies, E. E. Hopkins, H. C. Lewis and J. W. Perkins—had previously entered into a three-year contract with the Iowa Lumber & Box Co., for their fruit boxes at a price a cent more than asked by the Grants Pass people. While here Mr. Hockett tried to secure a contract from the Fruit Growers' Union, controlling a large number of boxes, but although he offered boxes for a cent less than the local concern, and even offered Manager Perry a commission of 12 1/2 per cent on the sale, he couldn't land it, and Saturday the Union entered into an agreement, by unanimous vote, with the Iowa Lumber & Box Co., for three years to furnish boxes needed by the organization at the regular price with no bonus attached. The reason for this is that the Iowa Lumber & Box Company put out a first-class box, one that can be depended upon and fruit men know this. These contracts cover nearly every large block of boxes in the valley and as a consequence we can't see where Mr. Hockett got his large contracts. Nickell's little "knock" didn't work well that time.

It is told, by Nickell, that he was paid for printing the item. If that be true, he is placed in a worse light than had he printed it as a news item. Nickell will "knock" any enterprise in Medford any time for a price and then go smiling to the promoters of the enterprise or members of a firm and beg for its business. He made a grievous mistake, however, when he attempted to "knock" the Iowa Lumber & Box Co., and his attempt should be resented by every business man and resident of the city, who is a friend to this big lumber company—and there are few, if any, here who are not its friends. An in-

stitution which has on its pay-roll two hundred men and which puts directly, or indirectly, into the hands of our business men and citizens monthly \$8,000 for help alone, and which pays each month, during the months of June, July, August and September, \$40,000 for help and lumber, is not an institution to be "knocked" by a local publication in order that a four-bit piece may come within touch of its grasping publisher. Every business man in Medford ought to have a kindly feeling for the Iowa Lumber & Box Company, and there are few of them who would not put themselves out to extend a courtesy or proffer an accommodation. These are the men who ought—and will—resent Nickell's attempt to "knock."

An Agent Who Was Not Up-To-Date.

"Talk about new and wonderful trees and plants and seeds," said the enthusiastic Mr. H. "I've got a list of novelties no enterprising, wide-awake farmer can afford to do without."

"Have ye?" asked the honest tiller of the soil, as a strange glitter crept into his eyes.

"Yes, sir; I can sell you a pie plant from which you can grow mince, oatmeal, lemon, cream or any other kind of pie while you wait. It is a mighty convenient plant to have around, because one never knows what minute a lot of unexpected company may come and even the best of families are sometimes caught without a pie in the house."

"I guess you are right," said the farmer.

"And I have here an illustration showing a new and wonderful variety of strawberry plants, the pollen of which has been crossed with the finest grades of pulverized sugar and winter wheat flour, thus producing the completed short cake, all ready for the table. The picture, as you see, is very attractive, but it does the subject nowhere near justice."

"Have ye got a sample of the cake with ye?" asked the confiding farmer.

PURE MOUNTAIN WATER FROM BUTTE CREEK FOR MEDFORD

A Project now Being Promoted which Will Supply Medford with Abundance of Big Butte Creek Water

A. W. Shearer has located a water right on Big Butte creek, at a point where that stream passes through the south half of the southwest quarter of section fourteen, in township thirty-four south, of range one east. This right gives Mr. Shearer the privilege of taking 15,000 miner's inches of water from Big Butte creek, or practically all the water that flows in the stream at this season of the year; but even though all the water is taken out no person will be injured, as there are no riparian rights between that point and where the stream empties into Rogue river.

The above bit of news would not, under ordinary circumstances, create any particular or especial interest among Medford people, but when we say further that it is the intention of certain Medford persons, and others not of Medford, to bring that Big Butte creek water to Medford in a pipe, laid underground, we at once get interested.

In a nut-shell the proposition is this: A. W. Shearer, John F. White and B. J. Trowbridge and a couple or more parties, who live in Portland, have organized themselves into a company, the sole purpose of which will be to supply Medford, Central Point and Phoenix with pure mountain water, and so sanguine are they of the success of the project that they have said this:—"You may say to your readers that this is no hot air proposition. It is based upon good, sound business calculations of the demands of a now densely populated community, and the still greater demands which are sure to follow. It is barely possible that we may not be able to carry out the plans in every detail, but so feasible is the project that it will not be a difficult matter to secure aid when it is needed."

The distance from Medford to the point where the water right has been filed is twenty-seven miles, two and one-half miles up Big Butte creek from its confluence with Rogue river.

The elevation at this point is 325 feet above Medford, but as the water does not flow swiftly right at this place, it is proposed to build an open ditch for a distance of six or seven miles along a mountain side, where a drop of 200 feet may be had, thus giving a velocity to the water that otherwise could not be given it. Here a bulkhead will be put in and the water will enter a five foot pipe. This pipe will be laid under ground and the water will travel all the distance to Medford through this buried pipe, thus avoiding the danger of frosts in winter, the unpleasantness of warm water in the summer and the nuisance such a pipe would be if laid above ground.

It is proposed to run two lateral pipes from the main line, one each to Central Point and Phoenix. The water will reach Medford with 150 foot pressure. This pipe line complete will cost approximately \$1,000,000. From a point five miles above Eagle Point the pipe will be laid in an air line to Medford. About ten miles of the distance traversed by the pipe will be over an arid tract of land and it is not thought that a right-of-way over this orchard land will be difficult to secure. While it is true that for a few miles this water will run in an open ditch it is the intention of the company to fence the ditch and before the water enters the pipe it will be put through a filter.

The need of better water for use in Medford has always been a subject of much comment, and this season the need of more water, such as it is, has been apparent. Bear creek, our only source of supply, is nearly dry, while the well from which water is pumped for city use has been emptied a number of times this season and the pumps have been compelled to shut down until it filled again. The especially good feature of this pipe line is that it gets water absolutely pure and direct from the mountains—such as every person could and would want to use for domestic purposes.

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Meeting of City Council.

Tuesday evening was regular meeting night of the city council. There were present Mayor E. B. Pickel, Councilmen Karnes, Willeke, Scott and Pottenger.

An ordinance was read giving the Southern Pacific railroad company permission to extend its "oil tank" spur track south on E street and there connect the south end of said spur with the main line, thus making the spur a complete siding. The ordinance was laid on the table until the next meeting to give time for an inspection.

A resolution was passed, ordering and requiring that a cement sidewalk be put down in front of the Miles block and the Jackson County Bank, on Seventh street; also that a cement sidewalk be put down on the west side of South C street, from Seventh street to the alley near the postoffice. Thirty days time was given within which these walks must be put down.

An ordinance had been prepared and was presented in which the Jackson County Bank is given a privilege to put in a basement and erect thereon a two-story brick structure. This ordinance was laid over until the next meeting or until plans and specifications for the building may be secured for exhibition. The building to be erected at the corner of Seventh and North C street.

The resignation of J. E. Tott as city recorder was presented and read, but the councilmen refused to act upon it.

Closes Long Service.

On August 1st Jos. F. Kelly resigned his position as foreman of the Medford section on the Southern Pacific railroad, and will take charge of the track laying for the Medford & Crater Lake road.

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The same article also contains the information that "J. W. Siemens seemed to enjoy the trip in his quiet way dressed in a long lion duster and helmet."

total, 43. Number holding first grade certificates: Male, 6; female, 23; total, 29. Number holding second grade certificates: Male, 2; female, 28; total, 30. Number holding third grade certificates: Male, 1; female, 11; total, 12. Number holding primary certificates: Male, 0; female, 4; total, 4. Number holding permits: Male, 4; female, 4; total, 8.

ATTENDANCE. Number of persons between four and twenty years of age not attending school: Male, 817; female, 614; total, 1431.

Whole number days attendance during the year, 361,200. Average daily attendance, 3,225. Number of organized districts, 89. Number of legal voters, 3,000.

MISCELLANEOUS. Average number of months school taught during the year, 5.6. Number of schools visited by county school superintendent, 100. Average time spent at each visit, one hour.

Number of miles traveled in performance of official duties during the year, 5,000.

LIBRARIES. Total number of library books on hand, 7,000. Total number of library books purchased during the year, 1,000.

P. H. DAILY, Supt. of Schools.

JACKSON COUNTY.

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