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If you want to Mine, Saw Lumber, Raise Fruit, Grow Stock or do most anything else you will find your opportunity here THE MAIL tells about it

TRACKLAYING COMMENCED

Jos. F. Kelly, superintendent of construction for the Medford & Crater Lake railroad, commenced laying track Tuesday and will continue to push the work forward as fast as possible. The tracks in the terminal yards will first be finished, so that material can be unloaded upon the company's own ground. The Southern Pacific Company now has some sixteen miles of rails ready for delivery to the Medford & Crater Lake Company, so that there will be no shortage of material in that line.

A system of progression bets on this railroad proposition would have been a winner from an optimistic standpoint. One could have made wagers: first, that the amount asked to be subscribed would not be subscribed; second that there wouldn't be any grading done; third, that the bridges over the two streams between here and Eagle Point would not be built; third, that there never would be a rail laid on the line. The subscription was raised, the grade has been completed to Eagle Point; one bridge is completed and the other nearly so, and rails are being laid. Now it's up to some one—one of the kind who rides backward in the cars and never sees anything until it goes by—to tell you that he knew the thing would go all along.

Grasshoppers in California.

From the Yreka Journal: The hoppers are still a great pest in Shasta Valley, but the ranchers fight them off to frequent the dry, uncultivated plains, where they clean up the weeds and stunted grass in short order. They are worse than the large crickets which can be driven and kept out of small enclosures by tight fences or devoured by hogs, having no wings to fly over fences or up into trees like the hoppers.

The hoppers prefer the vegetable gardens to the fields, and are prevented from doing much damage by resort to drumming them away with tin pans and driving like little chickens.

Out at Julien, south of Montague, a Chinaman corralled some eight hundred pounds of the hoppers in a net and scalded them to death, but there were plenty of the hoppers left. Around Montague and along Shasta river for quite a distance the grasshoppers have swiped the second crop of alfalfa to make the ground as bare of vegetation as a ball room floor, which will prove a great loss to several ranches. The dry open fields of withered grass makes poor feeding after leaving alfalfa patches, hence they get starved out to a great extent on leaving the river or watered sections.

The cooler weather of past week or so has made the hoppers less active in incursions and as the hot summer days will end in a few weeks, the prospects of their riddance is encouraging to farmers, who may be able to save some of their second crop of alfalfa. They do not seem to attack the grain crop like grass and vegetables, especially where ripe or nearly ready for harvesting.

Many Observations.

BY J. G. MARTIN. MR. EDITOR:—I made a hurried circuit of about forty miles Wednesday through the heat and dust, over the most productive, beautiful and interesting portion of Rogue river valley. Progress, improvement and prosperity was to be seen on the right, left, front and rear in every section I passed. The grain is out and the fields are dotted with agricultural wealth. The meadow fields are dotted with stocks of green alfalfa and orchards are bending with red-checked apples, pears and plums. I took notice of no sun burnt fruit. The corn fields appear larger, more numerous and with larger ears than usual. I found the roads badly clogged, as travel seems to be immense. I met many teamsters bound for the queen city of the valley, Medford, with lumber for the Iowa Lumber & Box factory, wheat, wood, fruit and melons for Medford merchants, all wearing a broad smile of contentment and happiness. I briefly touched at Central Point, Agate, Table Rock, Sams Valley, Gold Hill and Tolo. We crossed Rogue river on the centennial bridge built by Mr. Michael Chavner in the year 1876. Mr. C. was a pioneer, progressive citizen in the early development of the county and state. All the above-named places seem to be making slow, permanent improvements. Gold Hill seems to lead in hustle, bustle, life and activity in trade. I am not quite positive but pretty certain I got a glimpse of

Mr. T. J. Miller, the new editor of the Gold Hill News. He was in his shirt sleeves, pencils behind each ear and pockets full of sample copies of his much improved paper. I am told the financial venture is proving a success. On my trip—in my gazing about for something attractive aside from the happy and contented farmer surroundings—my attention was riveted on two or three district school houses and other surroundings. Out near Agate, over in the Table Rock and in Sams Valley proper, some school houses are built in favored places of natural, shady groves. We all know district schools frequently stand, small and weather-beaten beside the county road and many of them look about as they did twenty-five or fifty years ago, although some of them, but not all, have a flag pole above them now, which was not there when the men of today were children. How familiar the grounds and surroundings about the buildings! They consist of about a quarter or one acre of land, selected probably because it was good for nothing else and not a tree to offer a hand's breath of shade for a measly grasshopper, jackrabbit or coyote about the school house, not a vine or shrub to be seen. The school houses above mentioned are models of cleanliness and are an honor to any community, but we think a little improvement could be added to make the house and surroundings doubly attractive. We would suggest these: The fencing of your school grounds, the planting of trees, vines and shrubbery—some kinds of quick growth—don't wait for Arbor Day in particular, because it is set apart for that purpose, but make use of any available time. The children should be directly interested in this public work. Then, children, prevail on your parents, teacher and citizens of the whole district to assist in beautifying your district school grounds. A few rows of green, shady trees would add much to the cheerfulness and attractiveness of the house and play grounds. In the care of planting and attention to their growth this early training in childhood would certainly reward you and be a step forward for the betterment, not alone while you are attending school, but to those that may come after you.

JACKSON COUNTY.

D. C. Herrin, formerly of Ashland, and Miss Lida Ruser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ruser, of that city, were married last Thursday at Portland. They will make their home there.

Jesse Thrasher, of Jacksonville, was severely hurt at the Jackson County Lumber Co.'s mill one day last week, by the breaking of a chain used in handling heavy logs. The chain struck the young man in the back.

Mrs. Josephine Kasten, who has been living in Ashland for the past year, was adjudged insane last week and sent to the asylum at Salem. She came from Minnesota and has a son aged twelve year, who will be sent to relatives in that state.

L. L. Muilt and Miss Gertrude McCallen were married a Ashland Thursday evening. Mr. Muilt is cashier of the first National bank of Ashland and his bride is the daughter of A. McCallen, president of the bank. They are spending the honeymoon at the Portland exposition.

A Southern Pacific freight car came into the Ashland yards unsealed Monday and it was found that thieves had entered and stolen therefrom a number of articles, including some ladies' underwear consigned to an Ashland firm and some groceries billed to the S. P. wrecking train.

The municipality of Ashland and the electric light company have locked horns over the use of the water in Ashland creek. Last week the electric company's employes diverted the water from the Anderson ditch, owned by the city, into the light company's ditch. The city water commissioner turned the water back and had the employes arrested. That night the city was, without lights. The fight still goes on, both parties claiming the water. The employes of the electric light Co., who diverted the water were bound over to appear before the circuit court.

The Valley Record says: T. S. Henderson, of San Francisco, who worked the flag trading stamp scheme upon a number of our merchants, was here a few days ago and left the matter of settlement with Attorney C. H. Dalrymple. Henderson wants the parties concerned to buy his unused trading stamps, finish the contest and award the flag to whoever the winner may be. The merchants found that the interest in the matter proved of short life and duration, and they are prepared to go ahead with the enterprise if Mr. Henderson will wake up the enthusiasm. The same scheme was started in Medford, but the enthusiasm soon dwindled to nothing and the flag is "still there," waiting for somebody to win it.

Fire at Grants Pass.

From Rogue River Courier: Wednesday night at 1:30 a. m. an alarm was turned in that brought the fire department to a fire that had started in the Eagle brewery and ice works. As the brewery was located outside of the city limits, on the stage road south of the Rogue river bridge, there was no water supply at hand and the buildings were quickly consumed. When the fire reached the ice plant the ammonia tanks exploded, one of which with terrific force as to demolish what little there was left of the building, and to hurl pieces of timber and iron all about, some of the pieces of iron falling an eighth of a mile from the building. Many bystanders had narrow escapes, but no one was hurt. The shock was so great as to jar buildings in all parts of the city and sounded like a heavy dissonant of dynamite.

The establishment belonged to August Fetsch and consisted of a brewery, ice plant and a saloon. Mr. Fetsch is in San Francisco, having gone there last week to seek a partner for the brewery, and I expected home this Friday evening. His loss is supposed to be about \$10,000 and he is reported to have \$5000 insurance on the properties. It is unknown as to how the fire originated. Whether he will rebuild will be decided by Mr. Fetsch when he returns.

The destruction of this saloon eliminates for the time being, a controversy as to whether a saloon shall be run in the suburbs of Grants Pass outside of the city limits. Mr. Fetsch applied for a license at the July term of county court, but was denied by a remonstrance. Since then the saloon has been run without a county license.

As a sequence to the burning of Fetsch's establishment Frank Smith, his bar tender, was arrested Thursday night by Constable Handle, as he was attempting to board the south bound train, on a charge of arson.

Mr. Fetsch has been very unfortunate in the matter of fires, having been burned out once while in business in Medford and once before this time in Grants Pass.

Commissioner's Court

In re the application of C. W. Palm, I. L. Hamilton, George S. Farnsworth for the approval of the plat of Palm's addition to the city of

Medford; order made and approving same.

In re the resignation of Chas. M. Warren, justice of peace for Woodville precinct; order made accepting resignation and he is discharged from further duties or responsibilities as said justice.

In the matter of an extension of time for the completion of assessment; order made extending time to complete the assessment until October 2d, 1905.

It appearing that the bills for printing and composing the county write-up for the Lewis and Clark fair will be due before the next regular meeting of the county court, the county judge is hereby authorized to settle said accounts and on his order the county clerk will draw warrants up on the general fund for the amounts due the parties respectively.

In the matter of the road petitioned for by M. M. Clark et al; order made disallowing, for the reason there was presented a remonstrance with much larger number of signers of freeholders residing in the road district than there were signers on the petition.

In the matter of the petition of Ed. Scott et al; order made disallowing for the reason that the road is not of enough importance to justify the expense of building and in the opinion of the court a better route could be selected.

Order appointing Willie DeRooban fire warden for section 4, tp 40 s. r 2 w.

Order appointing J. H. Bagley fire warden for secs 12, 14, 15, tp 36 s. r 4 w.

Order appointing Walter H. Parson fire warden for the district consisting of the terminal grounds and right of way of the Medford & Crater Lake Railroad Co.

It is ordered that John Bliss be appointed ferryman for Rogue river for one year, at \$200 per year.

The following bills were allowed: Current expense for July, 1905, \$906 02; Road supervisors, 102 50; Justice and constable fee, 34 69; Commissioners' fees and judge 140 00; Road expense, 129 05; Rebate of tax, 1 78; Sheriff, 333 33; Clerk, 250 00; Recorder, 128 79; Treasurer, 83 33; School Supt., 138 00; Assessment with deputy hire, 497 00; Ferryman, 16 66; Court house, 27 00; Jail, 77 77; Health officer, 18 75.

Total \$3480 92

CIRCUS PROGRESS.

A NUMBER OF NOVEL IMPROVEMENTS TO BE SEEN AT THE BARNUM & BAILEY SHOW

In this age of progress nothing need surprise anyone. Improvement is certainly the order of the hour. It is looked for in every branch of science and commerce, but it is not expected so much in the way of entertainment. Amusements to entertain, however, shows the same general tendency to betterment for its patrons in all parts of the world. The circus, one of the most popular forms of entertainment, the circus, one concern has always led the way and it is continuing to do so. Reference is made to the Barnum & Bailey Great-est Show on Earth. It is needless to recount the many and substantial reasons for its unvarying pre-eminence, they are so varied and so well known. This great concern is this season paying extraordinary attention to the comfort of its patrons. Among the items in this direction is the generous provision of a comfortable foot-rest for every patron in all parts of the amphitheatre. This one provision creates the necessity for twice as much room for seating arrangements as has heretofore been necessary, and other necessities require so much more that the size of the great pavilion has just doubled. This enormous increase in the size of the tent was made necessary because the placing of a foot-rest before every seat demands more space, more paraphernalia, and consequently larger canvas cover.

Another conspicuous improvement will be found in the menagerie tent which, by the way, has been greatly enlarged. In this big canvas, 350 feet long, a stage or elevated platform runs down the center nearly the entire length of the interior and upon this structure are placed curious performers, all of whom give exhibitions of various kinds. Cages of wild beast are arranged in the form of an ellipse surrounding the platform and at one end of the tent are three herds of elephants, and at the other a herd of giraffes, two droves of camels and other leath animals.

The main entrance, or marquee, as it is called, is a very pretentious affair with eight bright nickel-plated guideways through which visitors enter the menagerie tent, on their way other big top or tent where the regular performances take place. Altogether patrons of the circus will discover many improvements of different kinds both in and around the tents, and a great number of them in the character and arrangements of the acts and general performances, which, it is safe to say, are to be found with no other amusement institution. All will be here on Saturday, August 20th. One performance only.

Delegates Appointed.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Road Workers, to be held in Port Huron, Mich., August 29-31: County Judge C. H. Stewart, of Linn; John H. Scott, of Marion; T. F. Ryan, of Clackamas; George W. Dunn, of Jackson; and Henry J. Bean, of Umatilla.

STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

J. P. Moonaw:—"Things are moving these times out at Eagle Point. There is considerable real estate changing hands and business generally seems to be taking on new life. Yes, the railroad building, I fancy, has much to do with these conditions."

H. G. Nicholson:—"Whenever you people want to go fishing or hunting and are uncertain about the weather, come down to my store and I'll tell you all about it. I brought a barometer from Portland with me when I came back last week. It is the real thing, same kind of machine they have on ships to tell what kind of weather is coming and the kind that is used by the government."

J. L. Wilson:—"Crops are good out in the Griffin creek country. Yes, mine are first-class. I am cutting out general farming to quite an extent and am working into alfalfa and dairying. I have twenty-two acres of land now growing alfalfa and I am going to put out more of it. There is plenty of water on my place—and that insures a crop every season. I have five head of Jersey cows now and am going to get more of them. My farm, with all that water running over it, can be made an ideal dairy ranch."

Attorney W. E. Phipps:—"While out at Newport last week I met our mutual friend and old-time Medford citizen, Mr. D. S. Youngs. He is a legislarian at that place and is doing a splendid business. When on the bench one day I found a very pretty agate. I took the stone to Mr. Youngs and had it ground—and this is what he made of it—a very pretty and peculiarly shaded watch charm. I wish you would mention the above, just to let Mr. Youngs' friends know that he is still living; is as fat, fair and foxy as ever, and is doing well; and say as little about me as possible."

About Canada Thistles.

Medford, 8-12-'05. TO MEDFORD MAIL: Gentlemen:—I have read with interest your remarks concerning the prevalence of the Canada thistle here, and thought it would be proper to make a few remarks along this line. The Canada thistle is a very bad weed and is remarkable for its propensity to live under extreme difficulties.

All plant life must have roots under ground and leaves above ground to live any length of time, the roots to take nourishment and leaves as lungs to breath through and some are very easily killed by the destruction of the leaves or lung portions above ground and others are very difficult to kill by this mode of warfare and the Canada thistle is one of the very hardest plants to kill in any way. The best method for the destruction of this weed and the one most generally resorted to is to cut the thistle under ground and continue cutting them under ground, never allowing them a breath of life and they will finally be smothered.

I have had some experience with various bad weeds and I am very ready to notice any of them whenever they come before me, but I have seen no Canada thistle here yet, but I do not pretend to say it is not here. I have, however, found a small cockle bur known on the coast as the Chinese thistle (not the Chinese lettuce, but the Chinese thistle) which is a bad weed, but not hard to kill. It is an annual and can be disposed of by cutting just before the buds and seed are ripe enough to re-seed or germinate.

Very truly, F. W. GAINES.

Cinching Deer Killers.

From Yreka Journal: The officers down at Happy Camp have cinched parties for killing deer before the open season, four of whom were fined \$25 each, including the game warden, who ought to have been fined double, as he certainly could not claim ignorance of the law. Two others skipped out and belong to Colusa, but are to be brought back for ignoring the law. A poor lone Chinaman bought a deer head from an Indian for twenty-five cents and was fined \$25, just a dollar for each cent of his purchase. The Chinaman was fearfully disgusted about American law, of which he seemed to be totally ignorant, and has no desire to buy more deer heads at any price. Justice Brown of the Happy Camp court does not think any of the parties will appeal from the judgment, for fear of getting a heavier fine and include imprisonment.

Married at Reno, Nevada.

From Ashland Tidings: A news dispatch of Saturday last from Reno, Nevada, reports a marriage of local interest, the bride being a former resident of Ashland, who as Mrs. Chassee was divorced from her first husband, and the groom being a

well-known young man from Jackson county.

William T. Reames and Lulu C. Dame, giving their address as Portland, Oregon, were granted a marriage license in Reno this morning. It is understood they are prominent residents of that place. Every effort was made to keep the wedding a secret. The ceremony was performed at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Methodist church by Dr. Welch. Mrs. Welch and a friend were the only witnesses. The couple arrived here this morning and registered at the Riverside hotel. Tonight on the early train they left for California, having purchased tickets for San Francisco. "Yes, we are from Portland," Reames said to an inquirer at the hotel this evening. "We came to Nevada to get married because we wanted to. I do not see that it is anybody's business."

Doins' at Rabbitville.

Rabbitville correspondence to the Irrigon Irrigator: The Hon. Sim Dipp, the celebrated financier and statesman of Irrigon, was circulating around in our midst last Sunday. If Irrigon was up to snuff and had a good drug store like Rabbitville has, Sim would likely get drunk at home, instead of coming over here every Sunday to accumulate a jug. The ladies' aid society is about to pull off an ice cream social, which will be held at the Bunco House dining room. The affair is to wind up with a oyster supper and dance in the evening, and Peg Log Charley is to be brought in from the Peterson boys' ranch to do the fiddling and old man Bunco has promised to sober up and call the fiddlers. Peg Legg is a natural born fiddler by ear. Some folks say he is as good as Paddy Roosky, but we don't swindle that, for that Roosky chap could fiddle Ly notes. The ladies has agreed to pay Peg Leg one fifty and his expenses, which will be four bits. So it will be seen that the Rabbitville lads do not strut at expenses when it comes to a great event of this kind.

Brings Dead to Life.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 13.—Left for dead and stripped for post mortem examination, Louis Viele, an Italian, frightfully stabbed by a negro, astounded the hospital corps today by coming to life. The heart had ceased beating and respiration had ended when Dr. Wilbur Conkling inserted his hand in the wound which had been made by a razor, pinched the heart and waited developments. Suddenly a shudder passed over the frame of the patient. The pale face became suffused with a swift flush of blood and the veins and arteries began to pulsate. In five minutes the erstwhile dead was living and the physicians proceeded to sew the gaping wounds. Local doctors declare that this case has no parallel in the annals of medical science.

A Pathetic Incident.

from Albany Herald. The remains of the late Mrs. Maud Collins, who died in Medford Friday, were yesterday brought to this city and taken to Toledo on the noon train, where they will be buried. The parents of the deceased reside in Toledo. The remains were accompanied by the husband and three little children and the little ones did not realize that their mother was dead, but believed she would join them when they arrived at their destination. It was pathetic the way the little ones asked for their mother and expressed their impatience at the slowness of time that kept them away from their grandparents, where they hoped to find their mama again. The party left on the bay train for Toledo, and the little ones were jubilant, for they said they would soon reach their mother now.

Probate Court.

In re guardianship of Granville Soars, an incompetent. Order to show cause. In re estate of Christian F. Blake. Order appointing Monday, the 11th day of September, for final settlement. In re estate of Phil Gleave. Order appointing September 2, 1905, day for final settlement. In re estate and guardianship of Shilley Ross et al. Order confirming sale. In re estate of August Wulf, deceased. Order made to lease mining claim.

Articles of incorporation of the Chetko Copper Company, filed August 14, 1905. Capital stock one million dollars. The incorporators are: Thomas Gilham, Chas. W. Evans and Clyde Payne. The property is in Curry county and consists of seven-teen claims.

Married—Foster—Farnsworth.

J. E. Foster and Mrs. Jessie Langell Farnsworth were married at Grants Pass Sunday, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. C. Hale. The groom is a member of the firm of Foster & Gunnell, who have charge of the Oregon Belle and Opp mines. The bride is the youngest daughter of Iton, and Mrs. N. Langell and a native of Jackson county, where she has a host of friends.

TO IMPROVE THE ROADS

Harvey Richardson was in Medford Saturday on his way to Jacksonville to lay a proposition before Judge Dunn for the improvement of the road on the north and west side of Rogue river. The people living on the upper river realize the necessity of an improvement of this thoroughfare—one of the most important in the county, as it traverses a great agricultural section and the work being done by the Gold Hill Canal Co., and the Condor Water & Power Co., near Prospect, necessitates better transportation facilities than at present are available. There are three places on the road which will require extensive improvements: one at the head of upper Table Rock, through a stretch of "sticky," one on the Tucker hill and the other on the Rounce Rock grade. Each one of the places will require the expenditure of about \$1500 to put them in first-class shape. The following offer by the Condor Water & Power Co., explains the project:

PROSPECT, Oregon, Aug. 5, 1905. We agree to pay to the county judge of Jackson county \$1500 for use in improving the road between Bybee bridge and Prospect, Jackson county, Oregon, and on the north and west side of the river, provided the county of Jackson will give \$1500 for the same purpose, and provided that from the public of Jackson county will give \$1500, and further that all payments are made to the county judge within ninety days from date, and that the road improvements are made within twelve months from date. Provided, further, that the Condor Water & Power Co. shall choose one engineer, the county judge choose one engineer and the public one engineer. Said engineers to decide on improvements, same to be made and money expended under their and the county judge's supervision. CONDOR WATER & POWER CO., per Dr. Ray.

Obituary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges was born in Andrew county, Mo., January 24, 1830. In 1843 she crossed the plains and settled in Polk county, Oregon, where she was married on November 14, 1857. The union was blessed with twelve children—five boys and seven girls, three of whom, one boy and two girls, died some years ago.

In 1850 she gave her heart to God and united with the M. E. Church, South, of which she was ever a faithful and consistent member. Her daily walk and conversation was a continuous testimony of her love to God and devotion to His cause. Her life was consistent with her profession.

Shortly before her death she talked freely about dying and expressed herself as being fully prepared. She rejoiced in the hope that she would soon be at rest with her Savior. The only regret she expressed in dying was that she must leave her family, for her home and family were very dear to her; but aside from the pain of leaving her family, she was glad to go. Her dying request was that her children might meet her in heaven. This desire was always on her heart and she never ceased to pray that her children become christians. With only a part of her family about her bedside, the end came quietly and peacefully, August 8th, thus ending her earthly life of sixty-six years, six months and fifteen days. "She rests and her works do follow after her." X X

Hold Up at Eugene.

A highwayman, whose methods were something like those of the fellow who held up the Nash hotel a couple of weeks ago, attempted to rob the Hoffman house at Eugene Wednesday morning at 1:40 o'clock. The bandit came into the office, and ordered the night clerk to open the cash register. The clerk denied having a key and the robber, probably on account of other people approaching, left and ran down the street. The alarm was given and officers Croner and Farrington gave chase. Farrington caught eight of the bandit and ordered him to halt, whereupon three shots were fired by the officers, leg, incapacitating him from further locomotion and the hold up escaped.

New Suits Filed.

C. C. Beckman vs. Warren L. Cameron; action to recover money. Attorneys for plaintiff, Reames & Reames. Jas S. Ellison et al vs. Alton Smith; suit for damages. J. H. Middleton and A. E. Reames' attorneys for plaintiff.

W. H. Grant vs. W. E. Coul and M. M. Gault; action to recover money. Wm. I. Naylor attorney for plaintiff.

R. B. Matthews vs. J. D. Clark et al; suit to recover money. Coshaw & Rice attorneys for plaintiffs.

For Sale.

Four full blooded Poland Chinas, two boars and two girls, all April farrow. Could be registered. Nine dollars each. Two miles southwest of Medford. 23-24-25 E. E. MORRISON.