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STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

A California Friend:—"Glad to see the improvements made in The Mail. It has been a great factor in building up Medford."

C. C. Taylor:—"Yes, I'm just back from the fair. Why did I come back so soon?—If you could get an X-ray on my pocket book, you wouldn't be asking fool questions like that. All us fellows came back for the same reason. All but George Merriman. He had 15 cents when he reached home, and so far as I can find out he's the only man from Southern Oregon that brought anything home with him, except souvenirs and experience."

George F. Merriman:—"The blacksmith's association simply met and adjourned until April, at which time the regular annual meeting will be held from now on. The change was made partially through my suggestion, on account of convenience to the members of the association, and also for the benefit of the organization. It is easier to get men interested at the beginning of the season for work than it is at the end. One reason why we adjourned was that everybody wanted to see the fair Portland day. Did they have the 100,000 admissions? I couldn't swear to that, but there was over 65,000 at 2 o'clock and they kept coming all the time. I know one thing and that is that there were more people in one bunch than I ever saw before. There were enough of them for all practical purposes, I should judge."

B. N. Butler:—"Yes, I am back now in the same building where I first opened my shop in Medford, nearly fourteen years ago. I have moved my place of business around some during that time, but not very far at a time and I've managed to keep on Seventh street within a radius of two blocks all the time. I first opened my shop in the building where I am now, G. W. White owned it then. I moved from here up the street to a wooden building on the site of the present Palm-Neldermeyer block. They tore the building down to make room for the brick and I moved to the corner of C and Seventh. That building was sold out from under me and I moved to the Medford Furniture Co.'s store. Now I have come back to my original starting point, and I think I'll stay here awhile. I'm the only one left of the original jewelers in the town. The rest of them have died or moved away, but you can't lose me."

F. W. Hutchison:—"It's fifteen years ago last February since I first came to Medford. I didn't permanently locate then, just stayed a few months and went away to return later. At that time there were only three brick buildings in the town. I came near buying one of them, but thought it looked too shaky. I had just come from the east, where you must build solid and then anchor the structure down. That building is standing yet and looks as good as it did fifteen years ago. It would be a great surprise to a man who had visited Medford at that time, and hadn't seen the town since, to return here. He wouldn't know the place. We are growing right along. Comparatively slowly to be sure, but none the less surely. Fifteen—yes ten or less years ago—the Hutchison residence was out of town. Now we feel that we are close to the center of town, because so many people live farther out than we do."

G. L. Sobermerhorn:—"Say, don't go spinning any fairy tales or pipe dreams at me right now. I am too busy keeping cases on the several gangs of workmen I have going to listen. Go hunt the chief of police and fill him up. What? Well, when you get to talking about fruit trees and frost I'm right with you. You have noticed how those English walnut trees in front of my place have grown during the past five years? Frost for several years during their early existence used to crop off a couple or three inches of the first foliage every spring. It don't do it any more. How did I fix 'em? Well, I'll tell you. During late fall, or early winter, I mulch them heavily with coarse straw and manure. When the winter's rains come this is thoroughly soaked and the ground underneath naturally gets pretty wet and the few cold, frosty nights we have chill it to quite an extent. This mulching I leave around the trees until all danger from frost has passed in the spring. When it is taken away the sun soon warms the earth and the foliage appears—but not early enough to be caught by the frost. Having discovered that this scheme works so well with my trees I have wondered if it would not be a valuable means of protecting the fruit trees from frost."

Lands Forfeited to State. SALEM, Or., Sept. 6.—Certificates of sale for a total of 30,000 acres of

state school land have been canceled in the last few weeks, because of lapse in the payment of installments within the required time. Of this aggregate amount of land, 7000 acres is in the limit of the proposed Blue mountain forest reserve and, according to the rulings of the department of the interior, the state will be able to use the land as base for the selection of lieu land.

The original purchasers of the land have forfeited the payments made, amounting probably to \$10,000 or more, and the state has the land to sell again. Much of the land outside the reserve will probably not be salable for some time, as the state has raised the price to \$2.50 an acre. The 7000 acres inside the reserve should find a market as base for lieu land, at \$5 an acre. A large proportion of the certificates that have been canceled were among those secured by violation of the law governing the purchase of state school land. Prosecution of land-fraud cases has scared many of the holders of certificates fraudulently secured, and they have thought best quietly to drop the whole transaction, forfeit what they have paid and let the state keep the land.

The certificates were issued to "dummies" or middlemen and the records do not show who the real purchasers were, but it is understood among those familiar with public land affairs that some of the men who have been indicted in the Federal land-fraud cases engineered the deals by which the lands covered by these certificates were secured. Payment of 25 cents to 75 cents an acre had been made.

The department of the interior has announced that it will not permit individuals who bought the schools lands inside the reserve to use them for the selection of other lands. Their greatest value to the purchasers was, therefore, gone, and for that reason the holders of the certificates were ready to back out of a bad deal.

Fatal Accident at Central Point. Thomas M. Shields, a line man in the employ of the Condor Water & Power Co., was instantly killed Monday at Central Point by coming in contact with a live wire. Shields was engaged in disconnecting the wires at the old sub-station, and had cut the wires and descended from the pole to the ground. Mr. Adams, the foreman, had stepped inside the station building and young Shields commenced rolling up the wire he had cut loose. It is not known just how the accident occurred, but the supposition is that in pulling the wire through the wall of the station, the end struck the high tension wire and 20,000 volts passed through the unfortunate man's body. Death was instantaneous, the current going in at the right hand and passing out through the left foot. The grass upon which he was standing was set on fire. The employees of the company made every effort to resuscitate him, but without avail. It was a case of pure accident and no blame can be attached either to the company or its employees.

The funeral took place Tuesday at 3 o'clock p. m., the interment being made in the Central Point cemetery. Rev. T. M. Jones conducted the services.

Entertainment Course.

A high school entertainment course has been arranged by Prof. Signs. It consists of the best talent which will tour the coast this season. Every city along the line has most of the numbers, which are as follows:

Frank C. Brainer, humorous lecturer, November 29th.

Hon. G. A. Gearhart, lecturer, December 1st.

Elias Day, characterist, January 9th.

Maceo Concert Co., February 22d.

Dixie Jubilee Co., April 19th.

Season tickets with the privilege of reserved seats for the season will be offered at a reasonable figure to the general public. The liberality of the response will determine the price of admission to be asked of school children. Prof. Signs wishes to offer them a ticket as cheaply as possible. The proceeds will be used to increase the school library and to establish special libraries in each of the grades.

A Pioneer Citizen.

Peter Britt, of Jacksonville, one of the first settlers in Southern Oregon, died at his home at the county seat, Tuesday, in the eighty-seventh year of his age. Mr. Britt was a native of Switzerland and came to the United States in 1845. In 1852 he crossed the plains and located in Jacksonville, where he has resided since. He first engaged in freighting from Crescent City and in 1856 brought the first photographic outfit to Southern Oregon. He enjoyed the distinction of having taken the first photograph in the state of Oregon. This much valued print is still in existence, the property of the deceased at the time of his death. It is a portrait of Judge Moser and was taken in 1858. In 1856 he married Amelia Grob who died in 1871. Two children were born to the union, Emile and Amelia D., both of whom survive him.

JACKSON COUNTY.

Ashland's chief of police, Geo. F. Eglin, has given notice that he will resign. He contemplates moving away from the Granite city.

The Ashland Preserving Company has canned 100 per cent more tomatoes than at this time last year. The peach and pear output will be about one-third of last year.

J. S. Herrin, of Ashland, the well-known sheep grower, purchased six fine buck sheep at the Portland fair recently. The sheep are pure bred French Merino, and all registered stock.

Prof. G. R. Carlock has resigned his position as principal of the grammar department of the Ashland high school to take a position as district manager of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The mysterious disappearance of Bud Scribner is agitating Ashland. Scribner had leased the Ashland hotel and Friday morning last arose at 5:30 o'clock. An hour later he was seen entering the rear of the hotel and since that time no trace has been found of him. Trainmen, who are all well acquainted with him claim that he didn't get out on any freight or passenger train and there is suspicion that he has met with foul play.

The suit of A. R. Grieve against the S. P. Co. to recover \$20,000 damages for personal injuries last March while in the employ of the company as a brakeman, has been dismissed from the Jackson county court for lack of jurisdiction, but it is reported that a new suit will be filed in the courts at Portland. Grieve was thrown from the rear of a moving passenger train at Shaasta Springs and received injuries which threaten to permanently disable him. The accident it is charged was due to a defective gate on the Portland of the car.

The Gold Hill News says a telegram was received here last Monday that Geo. H. McDonald, whose home is in Gold Hill, was killed in his mine at McCabe, Ariz. McDonald had just struck a very rich body of ore in his mine and had written to his wife, apprising her of the fact. He also sent her a fine specimen of the ore which is almost half gold. The letter and specimens were received by his daughter the same day that he was killed. Mrs. McDonald was not at home at the time, she having gone to Portland, where she was intending to visit the fair. McDonald was employed formerly at the Ashland mine when his brother was foreman of the mine.

No Vacancy Exists.

The second congressional district will probably be without a congressman when the national legislative body meets in December. J. N. Williamson has not yet taken his seat in pursuance of his last election and probably will not attempt to do so while a conviction of crime hangs over him. Should he offer to take the oath of office and occupy his seat in the house of representatives an objection would probably be made. It has been thought by some that the conviction of Williamson before he has taken the oath of office creates a vacancy which should be filled by a special election to be called by the governor. Governor Chamberlain is not of that opinion. When asked regarding the matter tonight he said:

"Each house in congress is the judge of the qualifications of its members. The house of representatives can seat Mr. Williamson if it wishes, so it is apparent that the conviction does not ipso facto create a vacancy. Even though he should not offer to take his seat, or to be sworn in at the opening of congress, I am of the opinion that no vacancy would exist. He might take the oath of office later. The conviction is not final until the time for appeal has expired or the judgment has been affirmed on appeal. I do not see, therefore, that a vacancy will exist in the office of congressman at the opening of the next session."

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APPOINTMENTS DELAYED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—President Roosevelt will not appoint a Federal judge for Oregon, or a register and receiver for the Roseburg land office until congress assembles next December. It is not definitely announced that there will be this further delay, but that is the intimation which the president gave Senator Fulton today when the latter called to urge the Roseburg land office appointments. The senator told the president that he and Secretary Hitchcock had agreed upon B. L. Eddy for register, but had been unable to reach an understanding as to the receiver. The president informed Mr. Fulton that Mr. Hitchcock now objects to the appointment of G. B. Hegardt as receiver, having become convinced, after inquiry, that Mr. Hegardt was not a proper man for the place. He did not state the grounds of objection. To offset this objection, Mr. Fulton handed to the president very strong letters from the acting chief of army engineers, and Major W. C. Langitt, speaking in the highest terms of Mr. Hegardt, who for seventeen years has been in direct charge of government work at the mouth of the Columbia river under the army engineer corps. The indorsements, which are official, seemed to offset the objections raised by Mr. Hitchcock and the president kept them, promising to take the matter up with the secretary at once. The president brought up the subject of the judgeship and told the senator he was not ready to act, especially as the attorney-general has not yet reached Washington. He wants to further confer with him and intimated that, inasmuch as there is no special need of haste, he may not immediately select a judge. The Roseburg land office matter may be taken up at the cabinet meeting tomorrow, but unless the attorney-general returns before then, the judgeship will have to go over.

Grand Jury Thanks Heney.

The federal grand jury, prior to its adjournment Saturday morning, prepared a letter which was unanimously signed by the members of the jury and presented to Mr. Heney. The letter was a surprise to the district attorney and is prized by him as showing the appreciation with which his efforts for the purification of the state from land fraud are being received by those who are best qualified from experience and observation to judge of them. The text of the letter follows:

Portland, Or., Sept. 29, 1905. Francis J. Heney, Esq., United States Attorney, Portland, Oregon. Sir: We, the undersigned members of the Federal grand jury, District of Oregon, beg to express to you our thanks for your uniform courtesy and consideration during the weeks that this jury has been in session. We also wish to congratulate you upon your successful efforts to purge Oregon of the corruption in high places under which the state has been suffering for years, and to assure you that you have our hearty sympathy in your struggle to bring about better conditions throughout the United States.

Hopeing that your satisfaction in a duty well performed will be augmented by further honors at the hands of the people, are, very sincerely yours, A. C. Alexander, John Shannon, M. H. Wilds, J. R. Pearl, Jackson A. Bilyeu, W. A. Jolly, George W. Bridwell, C. E. Starnard, John Atter, W. J. Fullerton, Walter K. Taylor, Albert P. Vail, George E. Hargreaves, Charles A. Morden, Frank W. Durbin, T. H. Fearley, J. W. Bailey, H. Russell Albee.

Body Found in Ashes.

REDDING, Calif., Sept. 29.—The name of Mrs. Ida Bowen, of Scott Valley, four miles from Etna, was burned early this morning. The charred remains of Mrs. Bowen were found in the ruins. Strange foot-prints and blood in the vicinity of the house, and signs that the body was dragged, led to the belief that the woman was murdered in her yard and her body dragged in the house, which was then set afire to cover over the crime. A. Bowen, formerly her husband, is suspected. He recently returned from Medford, Or., and is said to have made threats against her. Bowen was seen in Greenville, near her home, three days ago, but now cannot be found. The couple lived in Medford up to a few months ago.

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Dates and Events—Wilson's Opera House.

J. R. Wilson, owner and manager of the Wilson opera house, states that entertainments have been booked for the following dates: September 16th—"On the Bridge at Midnight." October 23d, for one week, the Georgia Harper Company in repertoire. October 31st—one night—the Alma Hearn Dramatic Company. November 10th, Dora Thurn. November 23d, "Hooligan's Troubles." "Peek's Bad Boy" is booked for a date in January, and the play, "At Cripple Creek," for February 1st. Aside from these are the five entertainments in the lecture course which Prof. Signs is handling, announcement of which is made elsewhere.

ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS IN MEDFORD SCHOOLS.

The principal and teachers desire, among other things to improve the schools, along two important main lines—attendance and tardiness. A pupil who is habitually late at school will always be just a little too late for the best things of life and the one who is in the habit of dropping out a half day each week lacks a prime element of success—application to business. The school law on this point says in Rule 50 that all cases of tardiness or absence must be excused by the parent, either in person or by note. Excuses are valid for sickness, exposure to health or necessary employment. Of all other cases the teacher is sole arbiter. Rule 51. "When the unexcused absences aggregate seven days, the pupil shall be reported to the school board and may be suspended. For this purpose an unexcused tardiness, equals a half day's absence."

Rule 56 (in part). "Every pupil must attend school punctually and regularly." Hence, truancy will not be allowed.

We look to the parents to aid in this movement. They can do so by not detaining pupils at home except for special reasons and by being prompt in the matter of excuses. This may seem a small matter to each individual, but it is very important to the success of the school and the formation of right habits in the child. CALENDAR OF SCHOOL YEAR. Thanksgiving recess, date fixed by proclamation of president. Friday, December 1st, first quarter ends. Friday, December 22d, to Tuesday, January 2d, holiday recess. Friday, January 19, 1906, first semester ends. Monday, January 22d, second semester begins. February 22d, Washington's birthday. Friday, March 2d, second quarter ends. May 21-25, final examinations. Promotion exercises and commencement. No pupils may enter beginning primary until the beginning of second semester owing to the crowded condition of the department.

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J. R. Wilson, owner and manager of the Wilson opera house, states that entertainments have been booked for the following dates: September 16th—"On the Bridge at Midnight." October 23d, for one week, the Georgia Harper Company in repertoire. October 31st—one night—the Alma Hearn Dramatic Company. November 10th, Dora Thurn. November 23d, "Hooligan's Troubles." "Peek's Bad Boy" is booked for a date in January, and the play, "At Cripple Creek," for February 1st. Aside from these are the five entertainments in the lecture course which Prof. Signs is handling, announcement of which is made elsewhere.

FOUR MORE INDICTMENTS.

The Federal grand jury returned Saturday morning an indictment against Charles A. Graves, Erwin N. Wakefield, Ora L. Parker and Robert B. Foster, charging them with conspiracy to defraud the government of its public land under the same section of the Federal statute upon which the Williamson indictment was founded. Graves, the surveyor of Crook county; Wakefield, the former partner of Williamson & Gesner, and Parker and Foster, two entrymen mentioned in the Williamson indictment, were four of the men most prominently interested in the conduct of the Williamson-Gesner-Biggs trial in the list of those who worked behind the scenes. Graves, it was repeatedly charged during the trial of the Williamson case, was