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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

## JACKSON COUNTY.

A. L. Irwin has been appointed chief of police of Ashland, vice G. F. Eglon, resigned.

The Ashland branch of the Y. M. C. A. is dead. The demise of the organization was brought about by the failure of its members to pay their dues.

Mrs. Ella Lovelace died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Dusenbury, near Gold Hill last week, aged eighty-four years. The interment was made in Jacksonville cemetery.

The Gold Hill Canal Company received two carloads of machinery from the east last week. It consisted of dynamo and generators for the electric light plant, and a turbine wheel to develop the necessary power.

George Colain, an employe a mine on Sardinia creek, was bitten on the hand by a rattlesnake while prospecting one day last week. With great presence of mind he bandaged his arm tightly enough to stop the circulation of the blood and opened the wound, then went to Gold Hill for treatment, a distance of several miles. At least accounts he was recovering from the effects of the poison.

Bud Scribner, who took charge of the Ashland House as landlord last week, disappeared mysteriously early last Friday morning and nothing was heard of him until Monday, when his wife received a letter from him dated Red Bluff, Calif. In company with Luke Scribner, she left Monday night for Red Bluff, where no trace could be found of him. They returned to Ashland yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Scribner goes to Scott Valley, Calif., today, to settle up his business affairs there, where he had a farm leased. Luke Scribner thinks they will hear from Bud again by letter soon.—Valley Record.

The Tidings tells a pathetic incident which occurred at the Ashland depot last week. A family which had recently come from Chicago were about to depart for Portland. They had two dogs, a Newfoundland and a Russian blood hound, both magnificent specimens, which they had raised from puppies. Their finances were in such a state that it was impossible to take both dogs and the bloodhound to E. C. Barron. Each member of the family took an affectionate leave of the animal, which seemed to realize that it was to be left behind. The last to bid good bye to the dog was a twelve-year-old boy, whose especial property the animal had been, and as the youngster was led sobbing away from his old friend the sympathy of the crowd was with him.

The Ashland preserving plant began operations for the season of 1905 on the 28th of August and since then has been humming along at a merry clip, with a large force of employes. Manager C. H. Pierce gives a sample of one of their busy days—and all days at the plant are busy. Yesterday the force canned and sealed six tons of tomatoes in just four and one-quarter hours and then in the afternoon shipped seven tons of canned goods. Mr. Pierce states that the supply of pears and peaches this year was rather short and consequently their output of those goods will not be up to that of last year, but they will have a record run on tomatoes, canning more than twice that of last year. Tomatoes this year are better than they have been for five years, both in size and quality. The plant this year is handling only pears, peaches and tomatoes—the three staples—and Mr. Pierce thinks that the year, all things considered, will be a very successful one.

### Agricultural Awards for Jackson.

Jackson county won a number of medals at the Lewis and Clark exposition in the agricultural department for superiority in grains and grasses. When the fruit awards are made there will be more gold medals coming this way.

Following is a list of the medals won for farm products:

Gold medals—S. M. Robinson, corn; Benjamin Beall, corn; J. C. Pendleton, German millet; J. S. Smith, Australian club wheat; E. Britt, orchard grass and blue grass; W. P. Byron, French winter wheat; A. Lucke, yellow and white corn; M. Marshall, wheat and barley; F. W. Streets, wheat; Mrs. Magruder, barley; A. S. Furry, oats peeler; W. C. Daley, popcorn; J. Thornton, corn in stock; Edward Wilder, popcorn in stock; J. W. Frenal, oats in straw; J. A. McFall, wheat; E. R. Peck, winter rye; Joseph Taylor, wheat; F. A. Peil, wheat; Gordon Voorhies, corn; Dennis Dugan, barley; Benjamin Beall, barley; Fred Rapp, beard-less barley; J. P. McFall, barley 1905 corn; Horace Pelton, alfalfa, hay, wheat, sweet corn; E. B. Barron, little club and golden chaff wheat; same, oats, timothy seed; William Myer, beans; J. W. Smith, wheat.

Silver medal—J. W. Smith, Cavalier barley; William Myers, peas; E. B. Barron, blue stem wheat and rye; Horace Pelton, English rye grass, Shadland oats, Pride of North corn,

white pearl corn, grasses; John Arnold, Rankin's corn; Henry Peck, corn; R. G. Brown, timothy; A. R. Phipps, yellow dent corn; William Cochran, white rye, nine foot; G. F. Billings & Son, blue barley; Clay & Meader almonds; J. H. Spidler, alfalfa growth.

Bronze medals—Four.

Honorable mention—Five.

Specimens of Jackson county black alder, Oregon ash, sugar pine and Oregon maple were awarded silver medals in the state forestry exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

### Central Point School Report.

Report of the public school for the month ending October 8, 1905:

Number of days taught, 20; days attendance, 3264; days absent—boys, 59; girls, 31; total, 90; tardy—boys, 18; girls, 18, total, 36; number enrolled on register—boys, 80; girls, 90; new pupils—boys, 80; girls, 96; total 185; average daily attendance, 163; per cent of attendance, 97; number of visitors, 3; number of cases of corporal punishment, 1; number of pupils neither tardy nor absent, 109.

The enrollment is thirty-three more than for the corresponding month last year and the average daily attendance is twenty-one greater.

The following is the enrollment in the various departments:

Principal's, 43; grammar, 30; intermediate, 43; primary, 60.

The object of the public school is to give such training to the young that they may become self-reliant, independent in character and well fitted to assume all the rights and duties of true citizenship.

That this object may be realized the teacher and parent must co-operate with each other in securing the interest, the correct deportment and proper effort of the pupil.

The best results are rarely secured if this co-operation does not exist. We respectfully ask it of each parent.

We are pleased to have the parents visit the school at any time. Your presence will encourage and stimulate the pupils to a better work.

A. J. HANBY,  
Principal.

### Must Have License.

The commission of internal revenue at Washington, D. C., recently rendered a decision that will seriously affect a number of patent medicines composed largely of distilled liquors. He has reversed a ruling of his department made many years ago, and now decides that manufacturers of these medicines must take out licenses as rectifiers and liquor dealers, and that druggists and others handling them will have to pay the usual retail liquor dealers' license. The commissioner in a letter of instructions to collectors of internal revenue says there are a number of compounds on the market going under the names of medicine that are composed chiefly of distilled spirits, without the addition of drugs or medicines in sufficient quantities to change materially the character of the whiskey. He authorized collectors to impose the special tax on manufacturers of every compound composed of distilled spirits, even though drugs have been declared to have been added thereto, "when their presence is not discoverable by chemical analysis, or it is found that the quantity of drug in the preparation is so small as to have no appreciable effect on the liquor."

### A Prize Box of Pears.

From Portland Journal: In the Jackson county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition is a half box of Comice pears, fourteen in number, that are exciting the wonder and admiration of eastern people. The fourteen pears completely fill the box. They weigh sixteen pounds and two ounces net.

They were grown in Snowy Butte orchard, the famous Olwell fruit farm at Central Point, now owned by F. H. Hopkins, of Portland, and are a showing what can be done in horticulture in Southern Oregon. The soil of Jackson county seems to be particularly adapted to the growing of fine Comice pears. Two carloads of the fruit were shipped this year from Jackson county. It is said there are only fourteen cars of Comice pears produced in the entire United States. They bring \$5.50 to \$4 at the farm. Mr. Hopkins has 500 trees in bearing and this year planted 1,000 new trees. The Comice is produced in other Jackson county orchards. It is expected a large number of acres will be planted in this variety of fruit in the next few years in Jackson county.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to those of our friends who were so kind and helpful to us during our recent sad bereavement.

BETTA SHIELDS,  
MR. and MRS. JAS. SHIELDS,  
Central Point, October 12th.

### For Rent.

Dwelling house, nearly new, seven rooms, lawn and free water. Four blocks from post office. Enquire of City Recorder.

## FANCY ROGUE RIVER PEARS.

### A Carload of Comice Pears Shipped by J. W. Perkins Breaks the New York Record for Prices=Value of Fancy Packing.

Mr. J. W. Perkins, owner of Hillcrest orchard, located two miles east of the city of Medford, Ore., which is in the center of the famous Rogue River Valley, received a telegram dated October 8th, from Messrs. Sgobel & Day, one of the oldest and largest fruit commission houses of New York City, reading as follows: "Your car No. 5562 sold today at auction \$7.70 to \$8.10 per box, average for car \$6.80 per box, gross for car \$3429.00. Highest sale ever made in New York City."

(A car consists of 500 full size boxes or 1000 half boxes.) The above telegram refers to a car of Comice pears shipped by Mr. Perkins to be sold at auction on its merits in the New York market, and means much, not only to the fruit growers of Rogue River Valley, but to every fruit grower and every resident of the state of Oregon.

It means that Rogue River Valley, in competition with the renowned pear producing sections of the King of all fruit states, California; in competition with choice fruit of Idaho, which carried off honors last year; and in competition with all the fruit producing sections of the entire United States HAS BEEN PAID THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR HER PEARS, thereby having WON HIGHEST HONORS FOR QUALITY AND TAKEN FIRST PLACE AS A PRODUCER OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF FANCY PEARS.

This is true, not alone of the Comice pear, but applies equally well to any and all pears of commercial value. To illustrate which is the sale by Capt. Gordon Voorhies of a car of Bartlett's, which averaged \$4.90 per box. Also a car of Beurre d'Anjou from the orchard of E. J. DeHart, located south of Medford, which brought an average of \$5.35 per box at auction sale.

This shows conclusively that the Rogue river valley is peculiarly adapted in altitude, climate and the nature of its soil, to the production of perfect pears in size, color, flavor and keeping qualities; pears which in their perfection excel those grown in any other known district.

Mr. Perkins, in packing his fruit for market, departed somewhat from the usual methods in use. He used only half boxes, holding twenty-six pounds of fruit, and made from clear No. 1 lumber. He also used a lithographed paper end label on the boxes, fancy lace paper border and lithographed top mat. This method of packing is quite a little more expensive than the regular pack, but in connection with fancy high grade pears, fully justified the additional expense.

Mr. Fred Page, of Page & Son, fruit commission merchants of Portland, Ore., was in Medford when the car was being loaded and examined the fruit and the pack very carefully. At that time he made the statement that "it is the fanciest car of fruit, every thing considered, that ever went out of the state of Oregon."

Secretary Shepherd, of the Hood River Fruit Growers' Union, who inspected a box of these pears at Portland, was very elaborate in his praise. Hon. J. D. Olwell, an experienced fruit grower and buyer of Medford, stated that this car of pears would be the finest ever sent into New York City—and the results have proven him to be a true prophet. Rogue river valley is capable of setting the pace for fancy pears and FANCY PRICES. The fruit growers in this valley are beginning to realize what is within their grasp and to more fully appreciate the meaning of the words of Mr. Horace Day, senior member of Sgobel & Day—a veteran in the fruit business—whose sole advice to fruit growers has always been three words—"QUALITY, QUALITY, QUALITY"—and that above all is what can be obtained in the growing of pears in Rogue river valley.

### School Notes.

#### GENERAL.

The tests for the first month decided several things: Who had worked off conditions; what pupils from other schools should go on in the grade to which they were assigned and who were able to do higher work. When these changes are made the school will have settled into orderly routine, which will not be broken until the close of the year. Many new pupils enrolled Monday. The matter of excuses for tardiness and absence seems not to be generally understood by the parents. The only valid excuses are:

- Sickness of pupil or family.
- Necessary work.
- Exposure to health.
- Some urgent case rendering punctuality impossible or extremely inconvenient.

The excuse must contain a reason under one of the four heads. The same rule applies to cases where a pupil is wanted at home before the close of the session. Pupils may not write their own excuses and any one who forges the name of a parent may be suspended or punished.

Prof. Sigas has begun the canvass to ascertain the extent of the support of the high school entertainment course.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Prof. Carlock visited the high school last Thursday morning. The monthly tests were given last Friday. Allen Guy Mickey and F. Wilson Wait were high school visitors last Friday. Mabel Coss has returned to school, after a few days' absence. Hazel Enayart and Geraldine Theiss are enjoying the sights at the Lewis and Clark fair.

Alfred Flynn has taken up work in the high school.

The boys of the foot ball team have decided to let the girls choose the colors for the team. A game is scheduled between Medford high school and Ashland high school for Saturday, October 14th. For particulars see bills.

#### EIGHTH GRADE.

Charles Shearer, one of our pupils, is visiting the fair. The examinations for the first month were taken last week. Miss Venita Hamilton, who has been at the fair, has returned.

#### FIFTH GRADE.

Orpha Stevens, Marion Cox, Lucille York, Vera Merriman, Edna Demmer, Margaret Brumbe, Laura Pryor, Bessie Bain, Edna Gore, Leona Magill, Howard Wins, Roscoe Sage, Tommie Barr, Roy Pryor, Adelbert Snyder, Houston Ling, Roy McKeever, Harold Trowbridge, Jessie Hodges, Dinah Flynn, Paul Donnelly, Walter Vincent, Horace Hopkins, Ivan Shearer, Frank Smith.

#### FOURTH GRADE.

Caroline Andrews, Walter Brown, Mildred Hilton, Nellie Corum, Marie Elfert, Chester Gault, Henry Gault, Earl Hubbard, Dora Jurgens, Julia King, Rosamond Kennedy, Mabel Kelzer, Marie Klumpp, Lorraine Lawton, Theo. Moore, Dean Moore, Blanch Maulle, Iva Martin, Edith Robinson, Ebel Smith, Golda Taylor, Fred Tice, Frances York.

#### SIXTH GRADE.

Peter Kilgory, Edna McTimmonds, Benah McKeever, Gladys McMillan, Mollie Merriman, Harry Porter, Jessie Purdy, Jesse Roberts, Frank Ray, Mary Stevenson, Carl Bennett, Meda Blah, Carey Bundy, Clem Childris, Ethel Elfert, Ione Flynn, Vera Henderson, Mabel Gargens, Lettie Jackson, Bessie Jordan.

#### SEVENTH GRADE.

Ethel de Coudres, Lorraine Bliton, Mary Gore, Wallace Guberson, Edgar Jones, Belle Phipps, Maud Ling, Clarence Kelzer.

#### EIGHTH GRADE.

Phoebe Armstrong, Hattie Allen, Jeuness Butler, Pansy Carney, Gladys Foss, Fern Hutchison, Freida Hooker, Agnes Isaacs, Mabel Jones, Bessie Lewis, Myrtle Roberts, Esther Smith, Luoy Shearer, Eva Norman, May Corum, Marie Ferguson, Earle Armstrong, Teddy Hodges, Walter Heritage, John Leslie, Roy Martin, Wilber Swagerty, Charles Shearer, Clyde Roberts, Geo. Henderson.

## VINEGAR FACTORY READY FOR APPLES.

### The Ingham Vinegar Company is now ready to receive apples. The machinery is about all in place and it is expected that the grinding of apples will commence Monday next.

This plant is up-to-date in every respect, and comprises a press with a capacity of from 200 to 300 barrels per day, and tanks capable of holding the juice of thousands of bushels of apples. It is the intention of the company to utilize all the cull apples of a section of Southern Oregon reaching from Grants Pass to Ashland and the factory is built with the idea of handling the crop, no matter how large it may be. The storage room is in the basement and from there the apples are taken by a series of elevators to the upper floor, where they are ground and dropped into the huge press before mentioned.

On the basement floor are to be placed three large tanks, each with a capacity of 600 barrels, or ten carloads, in which the juice of the apple will be stored until ready for market. The company is prepared to buy all kinds of apples now.

A feature in the establishment of this factory in Southern Oregon, which has hitherto been overlooked to some extent, is that it offers a market for apple which are generally allowed to go to waste—that is, fruit which has fallen from the trees and decays upon the ground. A certain percentage of this fruit is infected with codlin moth. Its removal from the ground and destruction by means of an eldor mill makes that many less moths to combat next year, whereas if the apples had been allowed to remain upon the ground, the moths would have many of them—survived. Nor does the crushing of the infected apples affect the cleanliness or wholesomeness of the product of the factory. It is all filtered, refined and re-refined until nothing is left except the pure apple oil, so that this institution may be considered to fill a two-fold office, that of a user of fruit heretofore of no value whatever and a destroyer of that arch enemy of the apple grower, the codlin moth. The experience of orchardmen in the vicinity of Eugene, Lane county, where the Ingham Company has been operating for the past three years, has been that the close selling of cull apples to the vinegar factory has resulted in a decided diminution of the moth crop the next year.

The total number of tardy marks is forty-four. We want less than twenty-five next month. The best record comes from the sixth and eighth grades, neither having a tardy mark. The fifth is next with but one. We want every grade to show a like record next month.

It is a significant fact that above the primary the best per cent of attendance appears in the high school. Evidently the students are interested. The eighth grade isn't far behind—only one-tenth of one per cent.

Now, let every pupil say "I will not be absent or tardy," and let every parent say "I will not allow my child to be absent or tardy" and see what a little determination will do to help out the attendance.

### W. C. T. U. Items.

The Union met at the home of Mrs. Day October 5th with all officers present. After devotional exercises, scripture reading by Mrs. Vogell, prayer by Mrs. Adkins, singing by all, the Union devoted some time to business. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The committee showed seven visits made to the sick with substantial aid. Quite a discussion arose in regard to the Phoenix picnic in which the county executive meeting will be held. Three delegates were elected to attend. Mrs. Coleman, an influential temperance worker, was spoken of in greatest sympathy and her passing on was recorded in the county minutes. A few of the ladies attended the county executive meeting held at Phoenix. One object was to elect a county recording secretary. Mrs. Banky was chosen by ballot to serve the rest of the year. Other business was attended to, then the executive meeting dispersed, to meet in Ashland the second week in September. The Medford Union will meet at the Christian church October 12th. All members are expected to be present. PRESS SUPT.

The Southern Oregon Equality Club met at the Christian church October 4th and re-organized. Mr. John Day acted as chairman. Miss Ora Adkins was elected president; Mrs. John Day, recording secretary and corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hammond, treasurer. A discussion arose to select a place for the club to meet. The Christian church was chosen for next Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m. Mr. Day read the program for next meeting. The club was dismissed by Mrs. Adkins at the Christian church October 11th. All who signed the petitions will be present. PRESS SUPT.

The depths to which men will descend for the sake of a few dollars was never more fully illustrated than in the trial of Jones, Potter and Wade in Portland last week. There was presented the spectacle of old soldiers—men who had given the best days of their youth to loyal, unselfish devotion to their country—confessing upon the witness stand that they had been party to an effort to defraud the government which they had given their blood to preserve. It was pitiable. Still these old men are more to be pitied than blamed. Most of them were poor, dependent upon the pension they drew for a livelihood, and the opportunity to secure a few dollars, which might help them in their declining years, was too strong to be resisted. Then again it was an old comrade—one who had served in the same great conflict—who assured them that there was nothing wrong in the transaction. One witness, an aged German, testified that, J. L. Wells, one of the defendants and the comrade before mentioned, had told him that he "need not go on the land and live, because by a special act of congress this was not necessary; he assured him they would have money to work on the claim. "I know it was wrong," wailed the witness, "but I thought of that \$200 and I was getting old and hard it would come in handy. And then, too, I thought that as I served in the war for three years and three months, I was entitled to it."

This old man was one of many who were deceived in the same way, and all in the interest of the men who are indicted for attempting to defraud the government.

Nowhere in the state, it is said, was the effort to get control of the public domain so tainted with fraud as in the Siletz district, where notorious fraudulent transactions have been carried on, and the government has been repeatedly victimized. The chief reason of this, it is explained, is the special law governing the Siletz whereby timber claims cannot be acquired within the reservation, and the land is open to homesteaders only. The country is heavily timbered, and compliance with the homestead law there is said by residents to be extremely difficult. To clear a part of a claim to raise agricultural products is a Herculean task which is seldom attempted. The almost tropical growth of all kinds of trees and underbrush makes travel difficult and the cutting of trails expensive.

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## STREET ECHOES

### Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

"Shorty" Hamilton:—"You must surely have been mistaken in your last issue when you said that F. B. Harrington, formerly of Medford, now of Portland, had secured a divorce from his wife. I saw Frank several times when in Portland last week and remember distinctly of hearing him speak of his wife. I think—in fact I know, it must have been some other person by the same name."

Ed. Phipps:—"I had a good bunch of fun a few nights ago with the construction crew on the Medford & Crater Lake railroad. They were camped near my place and a few evenings before the night of which I speak I took down a load of watermelons for them to do business with, and a few days later they got watermelon notions in their head again and sent an avant courier to get my permission. I gave it all right and the full force began action, but they had mistaken the field and had gotten into my pumpkin patch and before my man could get to the scene they had plugged about all the big pumpkins I had—hunting for ripe watermelons."

Thos. McAndrew:—"Oh, yes; that corn I brought in is pretty good corn—good enough for any country. If I'd sent it down to Portland would have won some prizes sure. But I've got hunting for big corn ears lately, since a fellow bet me a box of cigars a few years ago I couldn't find an ear of corn in this country a foot in length. I brought him several of them, and he stood me off with just three or four cigars. That corn there in the exhibit building, though, I'm not afraid to show with corn from any country. It's as good as any of it. Oh, we can raise corn in Southern Oregon."

John P. White:—"No, there isn't a great deal doing in the real estate line, although we have several things in prospect. When people from the east who came out to the fair have time to go home and begin to think of what they have seen out here, I believe the country will begin to reap results from that fair. As it is now they have seen so much that it doesn't impress them. However, I have been somewhat surprised of late at the number of people from other Southern Oregon towns who are trying to exchange their property in their present places of abode for Medford city property, or will take ranch property close to the city. What this movement means I am not prepared to say, but it looks as if a few farsighted people in those places had commenced to realize that Medford was the coming city."

Hon. John D. Olwell:—"I am glad to get back to Southern Oregon, Southern California, where I have been for the past two weeks, is a great—a grand—country, but it doesn't strike me so favorably as does the Rogue river valley. While I was in Redlands the thermometer ranged from 95 to 105 every day, excepting one day—when it was slightly cloudy it is the land of perpetual sunshine and that falls on a person after awhile. Here we have the weather mixed about right—sunshine and clouds, some rain, a little frost—the conditions which give spice to the atmosphere and make one know that life is worth the living. There is too much of a sameness about perpetual sunshine, just as there is about perpetual snow, to suit me, though people live in both extremes and seem to enjoy it. I may be somewhat prejudiced about this valley, but I find that I am not the only one who thinks the same way."

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