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GREAT IRRIGATION ENTERPRISE

The Rogue River Valley to Become a Net Work of Pipe Lines Conveying Water for Irrigation Purposes

The Condor Water & Power Company announces its purpose to pump water from the Rogue river for irrigation and other purposes.

Their big ditch at Prospect is nearly completed, and their dam at that point across Rogue river will be completed November 1st, this year. This gives them a head of water of 600 feet and will develop 100,000 horse power.

Work to be rushed and a portion of their pipe line system of irrigation to be in operation next summer.

Pumping from Rogue river, the cheapest and most practicable way of irrigating in the Rogue river valley. Water can be conveyed to all elevations cheaply and economically by the cheap and unlimited water power now being developed by the Condor Co.

Estimated cost of pipe line from the Rogue river to Medford to irrigate 5000 acres is \$50,000.

Contracts and rates for water to be very reasonable, based upon the purpose for which the water is to be used, irrigation for alfalfa requiring a great deal more water than that for orchards.

Ample water assured consumers for all purposes and just when wanted; elevation of lands no drawback, as water can be pumped to any elevation.

This means the enhancement in value of our hillside farms from ten to one hundredfold. Lands now practically worthless made to produce crops justifying a valuation of \$100, and upwards per acre.

With water, ten acres, enough for any man to make a comfortable living, who, without water would starve to death on 160 acres of similar lands without water. This means the cutting up into smaller tracts of our large farms and the quadrupling of the population of the Rogue river valley within the next few years.

Far sighted men buying lands in the Rogue river valley who will soon reap their reward in large advances. Although lands have had a steady increase in value during the last few years, its advances from now on will be by leaps and bounds.

The pumping of water for irrigation is not an experiment. It is a demonstrated and proven fact the world over. It is cheaper and more practical than ditches, where cheap water power is so abundant as here. It has been in use in Southern California for years. Water is pumped for irrigation in the Hawaiian islands to a height of 1000 feet profitably.

The Rogue river valley will soon become the garden spot of the Pacific coast, with a climate and soil unequalled; all that has been needed is water for irrigation and that now is assured. With the enormous increase in population, next will follow a network of electric railroads, bringing to the farmer's door all the conveniences and comforts of the most advanced civilization.

The Experts and the Booster Club.

The following taken from the Sportsman's Review, the leading sporting paper of the country, shows how the shooters who attended the tournament given last month, appreciated the reception tendered them by the people of Medford. This city may not have been on the map for most of the visitors before, but it is safe to say that from now on Medford will be happily remembered.

Medford? Yes, Medford, Ore., a thriving little town of 4,000 people, situated in the Rogue river valley. Noted for what? my Eastern friends ask; as a city enjoying the greatest future possibilities and undeveloped advantages of any town on the Pacific coast. Thousands of acres of virgin timber land adjacent, finest fruit farms in the world bound the city in every direction; mineral lands galore within easy access. The population is made up of hustlers, who use as their slogan the one word "Medford." They all pull together, which ultimately means but one conclusion, success.

The aggregation of "globe trotters," through the efforts of Enyart and Hafer, dropped into this little city of Medford Thursday last week for the purpose of attending a two days' tournament.

We came from San Francisco, where we had been participating in the tournament given by the Interstate Manufacturers' Association, and landed in Medford about 6 p. m. There we were met by a committee of ladies and gentlemen, the ladies each wearing a neat badge bearing the inscription, "Ladies' Booster Club of Med-

ford."

We were escorted to the Hotel Nash, especial attention being accorded Mrs. Marshall and Miss Maude, who are with Tom on this western tour. The evening was devoted to social enjoyment.

Friday morning opened up bright and clear and about sixty trap devotees reported for action, and promptly at 9 o'clock Squad No. 1 was called to the score. Crosby, Hirschy, Holkes, Gilbert and Marshall responded, and when the squad were in action the regularity of the shooting was a source of entertainment to the spectators. Three sets of traps, Sargent system, were in use, and while this was the initiatory shoot in Medford, it was handled by Messrs. Enyart and Hafer as though they were veterans at the business.

As the noon hour approached, tables in the shape of a hollow square were made suddenly to appear on the side, and in less time than one can imagine the "Booster Club" had a dinner fit for a king spread under the arms of some large sheltering oaks. The tables were banked with roses, chrysanthemums, carnations and flowers of every kind and description, artistically arranged by the "Boosters," and the repast, never has there been such a dinner spread upon a shooting ground. Especial mention will I give to the fruit, as it appeared in lavish quantity, and of every kind and description. At this point, in a very happily worded speech, Mr. Enyart welcomed the team of shooters in conjunction with visiting sportsmen to their city.

This was responded to by Tom Marshall, in which talk he introduced each member of the team personally, giving their records and incidentally relating personal reminiscences of the bunch. This made a hit with the crowd, especially his story of Fred Gilbert's "cracker jack dinner." At the conclusion of the shoot all visiting sportsmen were made the guests of the Medford Gun Club at an entertainment given by the Andrews Opera Company, in "Martha." This was followed later by a dance in which all participated and voted both the opera and dance howling successes.

The second day was a repetition of the first, and we left for Portland at 5:30 in the evening. Many of the ladies of the Booster Club and Medford Gun Club accompanied us to the station and we left Medford among cheers, God speeds and safe journeys. May we never see Medford, is the hope of the "Globe Trotters," and it can't be too soon.

We are for Medford and our friends therein, first, last and all the time. It is to be remembered that all entertainment furnished by the Boosters and was without money and without price, and was so graciously done that you did not feel under obligations, but the good cheer was so spontaneous that you felt you were a part and parcel of Medford, and as the little city disappeared in the distance, the universal expression was "the best we ever met."

The Booster Club has increased by five members—Clarence Haight, Fred Gilbert, Chan, Powers, Jack Fanning and Tom Marshall. They were properly initiated the last day now full-fledged members. The initiation was an iron-clad obligation, taken with left hand placed over heart, the right upon a mammoth watermelon; then the watermelon was carved, and with a chunk of ice in each hand, each candidate was required to eat the slice of melon without touching any of his hands. It was certainly a scene for an artist, and as the candidates dashed their faces into their slice of melon, it was like throwing a brick into a cistern.

Just prior to our arrival in Medford, Miss Hazel Enyart, whose picture appeared in this issue, and who is a daughter of Mr. J. E. Enyart, a banker of Medford, located a cinnamon bear in the timber of the Rogue river, and returning to her home she reported to her father and together they returned to find the bear very near the point where first seen. With a .30-30, a rifle to which she is very much devoted, she grazed ruin with the first shot, and as a compliment to visiting shooters regaled us with bear meat during our sojourn in her city. Miss Hazel is a young lady of fifteen, endowed with an abundance of courage, accomplished and athletic, and was a universal favorite with the shooters.

Brother Confesses.

Jasper Jennings, confined in the Josephine county jail for complicity in the murder of his father, has made a confession of his knowledge of the crime. He accuses his sister, Dora, of having fired the fatal shot. He states that the girl crept into his cabin in the night and stole the rifle with which the deed was committed. Jennings' story is to the effect that his sister had a supreme contempt and loathing for their father and intimates that she had good reason to entertain such a feeling.

Sealed Verdict Returned.

Four of the Greeks concerned at the disturbance at Glenbrook, Douglas county, have been indicted for participation in a riot, and they are being tried this week. The grand jury failed to find a bill in the case of the killing of Mrs. Peterstein, but returned a sealed verdict, which will not be made public until the person implicated has been arrested.

In the investigation it was developed that none of the guns found among the Greek workmen carried a bullet corresponding with the size of the one found in the dead woman's head.

The Macey Concert Co. is next, February 22d. The company is composed of Eva Hartlett Macey, entertainer; Eleanor Piper, cornetist; Robert DeArmond, basso cantante; and Ora Averitt DeArmond, accompanist.

WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT IT.

Section 6 of the city charter as passed by the legislature assembly of the state of Oregon in 1901 reads as follows:

Section 6. The city council shall consist of not less than six councilmen, two from each ward, who shall be elected and hold office for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Provided that the first election hold under this act one of said councilmen from each ward shall be elected and hold office for one year only, and thereafter there shall be one councilman elected in each ward each year; and provided, further, that the city council may increase the number of wards in said city, and each additional ward shall be represented by two councilmen, elected in the manner and for the term above provided.

As will be seen, the above section provides for a councilman from each ward to hold over each year, and this was a wise provision, as each year the council would have three members of the old board to hold over, who, being familiar with the city's conditions, would be able to advise the new members elected each year, and thus avoid ignominy and confusion under these conditions, from taking steps that would be likely to produce conditions that would not be for the best interests of the city; as has been done in many instances.

Section 6 of the city charter, as passed by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon in 1905 reads as follows:

Section 6. The city council shall consist of not less than six councilmen, two from each ward, who shall be elected and hold office for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, provided that the city council may increase the number of wards in said city, and each additional ward shall be represented by two councilmen, elected in the manner and for the term above provided.

It will be seen that the section last quoted makes no provision for any of the councilmen of the city to hold over, and we will be back to the old condition of electing a full board of councilmen for the entire city; as it would seem that this provision of the old charter is repealed by implication in this section of the new, but to make the matter doubly sure section 8 of the new charter reads as follows:

Section 8. All elective officers of the TOWN of Medford shall remain in office and shall hold the same offices in the CITY of Medford until the third Tuesday in January, 1906, or until their successors are elected and qualified, except the marshal, who shall hold his office at the pleasure of the city council.

The question arises that as there was no TOWN of Medford at the time of the passing of this last charter, have we any officers that are holding their offices legally in accordance with the provisions of the charter? Another point is, how are we going to evade the provision of the new charter that says they shall hold only until the third Tuesday in January, 1906? In case it is decided for part of the old council to hold over, who shall decide who shall remain and who go out? It will be well for our people to ponder over these matters and decide what shall be done in the matter.

M. PURDIN,
City Attorney.

High School Entertainment Course.

We are now able to present a more complete description of the personnel of the very excellent course of entertainment with which the people of Medford are to be favored this winter.

The first number is Frank C. Brown, of Chicago, November 29th. He is a master of oratory and combines eloquence, humor and pathos in an inimitable manner," says the Ottawa, Kan., Daily Republican. "His painting of word pictures was marvelous to an extreme, many of them being as realistic as life."—Springfield Monitor.

The next number will be Hon. G. A. Gearhart, December 11th. A number of Medford citizens have heard him and all pronounce him fine. The Atlanta (Ga.) News says: "We have yet to come in contact with any Lyceum course in America, where Mr. Gearhart has appeared that does not remember him with pleasure and speak of him with terms of enthusiastic admiration."

The third number is Mr. Elous Day and Mrs. Oranne Trutt Day, chorocutenists, January 9th. "Mr. Day has been for the past eight years on of the three leading entertainers in his line. Absolutely original and unique, he has gained his well-earned reputation solely by his artistic worth."

The Dubouque (La.) Herald says of him: "Mr. Day was easily the star. His impersonations and character sketches are the best ever given in the city. He is the master of the art of acting."

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Miss Macey is a dramatic reader of rare ability and a pianist and banjoist she is a thorough artist.—Waukesha (Wis.) Democrat.

Miss Eleanor Piper, cornetist, was given many encores.—Rhinelander, (Wis.) New North.

DeArmond was the hit of the evening. He has a fine voice and his rendering of "Baudolero" brought forth tremendous applause.—Dallas (Texas) News.

The course will close with the Dixie Jubilee Singers April 11th. The Dixie male quartette have for several seasons stood at the head of the list of colored male quartettes in America. The members of the company are all stars selected from other like organizations—and they are easily the leading colored concert company of America."

If three hundred season tickets can be sold the whole course may be offered for \$2, including the privilege of reserved seats.

Students will be admitted at half price. The proceeds will be used to purchase some much needed reference books for the library in the high school and to provide the beginnings of libraries in each of the grades suited to their respective needs. See Prof. Signs about a season ticket.

More About that Change of Route.

From Portland Journal:

While its purpose has been carefully concealed, because of the possible effect on two or three Southern Oregon towns, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company has for some months been engaged in a strenuous effort to find an easier route across the Siskiyou mountains. Through an interview with a member of the inspection engineering parties, and the inspection photographs taken, it has been learned by a Journal representative that the company has succeeded beyond its most sanguine expectations, in locating a feasible route, with a greatly reduced grade, and a tunnel only half the length of that of the shortest tunnel route heretofore discovered.

A number of surveying parties have been employed in the work and the most exhaustive reconnaissance campaign ever carried on in the Siskiyou region is nearly completed. The engineers have found a route that will give them a two per cent grade, and shorten the road fifteen miles at its most difficult reaches between Portland and San Francisco, which will reduce the running time of overland trains by about three hours. The changes of the route occur between Medford and the Klamath river. The present grade is 3.85 per cent.

The new route makes it possible to eliminate the many loops by which the Southern Pacific now reaches the summit of the Siskiyou. It will enable the road to get through the summit with a tunnel two miles long, while to secure an equally easy grade by the present route it would be necessary to dig four miles of tunnel. The proposed new tunnel is to be under the southeast spur of Ashland butte, and nearly 1000 feet below the crest of the ridge. From the summit the road would run by Wagner creek divide, on easy grades, and intersect the present line of the Southern Pacific at a point between Talent and Phoenix.

The new route lies through a magnificent body of pine timber, and it is said great development of sawmill interests at and southwest of Medford would follow its construction. It also would lead to the construction of a branch line into the extensive copper country to which Dr. J. F. Reddy and others are now giving attention.

There are known to be immense cinnabar deposits in the regions of the Northern California line, not far from the proposed route, and these would also be tapped. The opening of these rich districts and the construction of the Medford & Crater Lake road into the great sugar pine belt on upper Rogue river will, it is said, make Medford one of the principal cities of western Oregon, and one of the leading lumber markets.

It is reported that Medford the Southern Pacific has secured an option on one hundred acres of land north of that place for roundhouse and division point facilities, and that included in its plan is a pipe line from Butte creek to Medford by which an ample supply of pure mountain water may be secured. The city council of Medford has been approached for a franchise and contract to supply the city with water, which is a public convenience much desired by citizens, as the present city water is not used for drinking purposes.

It is said that President Barnum, of the Medford & Jacksonville road, is trying to get an option from the Southern Pacific on the old line between Medford and Ashland.

The Mail does not vouch for the correctness of the above, still it is in line with the rumors which have been prevalent for the past several months. That the plan outlined for shortening the road and reducing the grade is a feasible one, goes without saying, and in time it will undoubtedly be done. There is nothing improbable about it.

The last paragraph in the excerpt from the Journal referring to the purchase of the Southern Pacific road between here and Ashland, would, perhaps, better be taken "cum grano salis," as, besides the policy of the Southern Pacific being to hang onto anything it has once acquired, Mr. Barnum has no desire to extend his road in that direction.

Suspend Work for Season.

The operations of the Gold Hill Canal Co., at the head of the big ditch near Prospect, have been suspended for the season, owing to the fact that the winter storms at that altitude were likely to commence at any time. For the past several months the company has been working between twenty and thirty men, under the direction of J. H. Thorn-

dike, the veteran miner, preparing to take the water out of the river. The work done has been on the "head works," that is building a race for the purpose of taking out the water. The ditch is fourteen feet wide on the bottom and six feet deep and at the point of diversion is cut through solid rock, every foot of which must be blasted. The difficulties to be surmounted were some what greater than expected, so that the building of the dam, which the company expected to construct this year, has been postponed until next season.

This year, however, a crib eighteen feet wide and from six to twelve feet high, has been built and everything is in readiness for active operations next season. The undertaking has been more fully described in these columns before. It is an immense one and will require a large sum of money to bring it to full completion, but when the undertaking has been accomplished it will be of great and lasting benefit to the whole of Rogue river valley, as it will enable thousands of acres of land now valueless to become fruitful through irrigation, open many mining claim now idle because of lack of water, and furnish immense power for all purposes.

A Prosperous Year.

The past year has been a prosperous one for the Jackson county farmer. His barns and bins are filled to overflowing with hay and grain, his stock is fat and ready for market and altogether the husbandman has a general air of satisfaction with himself and with the world at large.

The fruit crop was not as large as it has been in former years, but prices, especially for peaches, are good, so that the shortage has been in some measure made up.

There is perhaps no more healthy, prosperous, contented community in the United States than the Rogue river valley contains. We have everything to be wished for. A salubrious climate, fertile soil, pleasant surroundings, bountiful crops and the assurance that conditions are not going to change in time to come, what more could we wish?

We are not in danger of being frozen to death in winter or wiped out by cyclones in summer. The Mail has said something of this same tenor several times before, but we believe it will bear repetition. Fact is, we never get tired of sounding the praises of Jackson county and Southern Oregon. We know what we are talking about. We have been frozen in blizzards and blown up by cyclones and one who has passed through these experiences can appreciate a country where such things do not occur.

Fugitives Sent Back.

Monday evening the first chapter in the Logan-Cox kidnapping case closed when H. A. Logan stepped upon a southbound train in charge of Capt. A. Wilson, of the Oakland police force.

Last Friday, Mrs. Norman Ross, the grief-stricken mother of Ethel Cox, arrived from Oakland, bearing an order from Chief of Police Hodgkins, of that city, that the girl should be delivered to her, and accordingly she departed for her home Saturday evening, accompanied by her recovered daughter. Chief Hodgkins, in his letter to Chief Angle, of Medford, announcing the coming of Mrs. Ross, took occasion to compliment the local officer. He said: "Please accept my sincere thanks for the efficient and valuable service you have rendered in this case. We were very anxious to apprehend Logan and have you to thank for his capture."

The meeting between the mother and daughter was very affecting, and when it was proven to the girl the great danger which she had escaped, her regard for Logan changed and she expressed the wish never to see him again.

Logan's case will come up soon for trial and the matter will hinge upon whether Ethel Cox accompanied him voluntarily or not.

W. C. T. U. Items.

The Union met at the Christian church October 19th with president in chair. It being Bible reading day, Mrs. Fielder was well prepared and a pleasant and instructive hour was spent. Mrs. Rounds, the speaker who has been announced, arrived on the 11 o'clock train. At 2:30 she met the ladies at the M. E. church and gave an interesting talk, her subject being the model mother, which the Bible so forcibly tells in Proverbs XXI chapter. She filled the M. E. church pulpit Sunday morning, October 22d, and lectured to a full house. Mrs. Atkins invited all the ladies that she could see and it was announced in the pulpits to come to her house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Rounds gave a good talk, telling how to obtain members. On Sunday at 2:30 Mrs. Rounds gave a temperance lecture, taking her text from the Bible. Her arguments were forcible and mixed with wit. The house was crowded and all listened with rapt attention to the words that fell from the lips of this consecrated woman. The local Union will meet at the Christian church October 26th. Rev. Carstens has invited the Medford Union to meet at the Baptist church next Sunday evening at 7:30. He will preach the fifth Sunday sermon for the effort. All must make an extra effort to come. His subject will be "The Relation of the Saloons to the Church." PRESS SUPT.

JACKSON COUNTY.

A hobo was found in the ice chest of a Pullman car at Ashland last week. Ashland epicures have been feasting on bear steak from a 100 pound brown bear killed by S. A. Parker at Grizzly prairie.

Wm. Moore, of Evans creek, has raised 2,000 pounds of onions this year, for which he finds a ready market at two cents per pound.

A contract has been entered into by the Gold Hill Canal Co. to furnish the Millionaire mine in Blackwell district with electric power and work on the line has already been commenced.

The leaves have been turning rapidly during the past few days and the surrounding foothills give evidence of the approach of an early winter as it ever gets to be in Southern Oregon.

The Gold Hill Canal Co. has closed down work at the head of the ditch near Prospect. Some work is still being done at Gold Hill, where the company is making some improvements in its local power plant.

Mrs. Mary Way died at Gold Hill October 18th, aged ninety years. Mrs. Way was a native of Ohio and came to Oregon with her late husband in 1850. She has lived in this county since 1855.

Duck hunters from the valley who have visited the Klamath lake region lately report that the game is not as plentiful as in former years, still there is little difficulty in shooting the limit.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Bates, of Gold Hill, fell from a wagon one day last week and the vehicle and another immediately behind passed over her. In some miraculous manner she escaped serious injury and outside of a few bruises is unharmed.

A. G. Reynolds, of Ashland, came near being drowned in his own cellar one day last week. Workmen had been employed in the cellar, raising the building and in the course of their operations had dug a pit some seven feet in depth, which filled with water. Mr. Reynolds was not aware of this and going into the cellar without a light, stepped into the pit and was almost drowned when rescued.

A wreck occurred at tunnel 9 last week, which delayed passenger trains a few hours. An engine and caboose were traveling at a good rate of speed when the tender jumped the track, tearing up the rails for a considerable distance. The conductor was thrown from one end of the caboose to the other and pretty severely bruised. A brakeman was projected through the window of the lookout and landed twenty-five feet away—unhurt.



The charm of old Kentucky pervades every act and scene of "Honest Hearts," whose four acts and four admirable glimpses of the old, honest life among farmers in that state, Marty, the uneducated, but beautiful of the remote country side, has seldom been equaled as a central figure of the kind for a romantic comedy. Humor brightens every act and no pains have been spared to embellish the play with wit and pictures elaborately true to life. The great demands of comedy, pathos, revenge and character drawing are fully met by the excellent company. Wilson's opera house, October 31st.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

Willett vs. Garnet, Jr. Decree in favor of plaintiff.

B. R. Norris vs. the Singer Sewing Machine Co. Decree for plaintiff. Lower court reversed and property ordered restored to Norris.

Foster vs. Foster; divorce. Dismissed.

Clark vs. Hoosey. Set for November 15th, at 9 a. m.

State vs. D. N. Davis; contempt. Defendant pleads not guilty. Tried and defendant fined \$20 and costs.

State vs. Jennings; Attorney Colvig asks for dismissal of habeas corpus and allows him to keep certified copy of information.

H. G. Nicholson vs. L. F. Lozier. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff. First National Bank vs. Geo. King. Motion to strike out from reply sustained.

—Guaranteed Forest Reserve scrip for sale, in large or small quantities, by Frank E. Alley, upstairs over Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Will place same for non-resident purchasers.

Ashland Stirred Up Again.

An article in the Portland Journal of last Saturday has raised the ire of the Ashland newspapers, just simply because a few nice things were said about Medford. The article appears in part in another column. The Tidings devotes nearly a column of its valuable space to a refutation of the dreadful inference that the Granite city should ever be sidetracked. A reference to the Blue Lodge copper mine in the Journal article attracted the eagle eye of the Tidings scribe and he forthwith proceeds to pour the vials of his wrath upon the devoted head of Dr. Reddy, and attributes to the genial doctor the article in question. Perhaps if the Tidings had stopped at that nothing would have been thought of the matter, but a reference is made to "Doc Reddy's mines—yet to be discovered" and it is told that the famous Blue Lodge copper mines are advertised at a sheriff's sale in Yreka, Calif. The last statement is partially true, the first is not true, as will be shown in the paragraphs following.

One-sixth of the twenty-six claims, comprising the Blue Lodge mines, are offered for sale at sheriff's sale—not because the owners are unable to meet the debts against the property, but because this was the quickest and best method of clearing the title to the claims.

The other eighteen claims have been bonded to a syndicate of English capitalists, represented by E. H. Hanley, who are to commence development work not later than December 1st. This mine, one of those "to be discovered" now has several hundred feet of tunnel driven, and in the lower tunnel a large body of rich copper ore has been struck. The Blue Lodge has been visited and examined by over 250 experts, representing the leading copper companies of the United States, and there has never been an unfavorable report made upon it yet.

Inquiries as to prices, options, etc., have come from everywhere regarding this proposition, and in the opinion of many leading copper experts it is one of the greatest propositions of the kind in the world. Why it has not been handled before has been principally on account of the magnitude of the undertaking, and the big operators were content to let it lie there, knowing that the financing of such an enterprise could only be accomplished in the great money centers. The company which has the present option is composed of English capitalists and mining men, and they have ample means to carry on the work of developing and working the mine.

Another one of Dr. Reddy's mines "yet to be discovered" is the Opp, which has turned out more of the yellow metal than any other quartz mine in Southern Oregon during the past year. It was through his efforts that the mine was developed and put upon a paying basis. The editor of the Tidings will have to guess again as to the originator of the Journal article.

About that railroad, though, we will all have to wear our hats off to Eugene, and if the report sent out from the university town is correct, all Southern Oregon and Northern California will be on a branch line soon. According to the Portland Oregonian of Tuesday a road is to be built across the Casadesa from Eugene, connecting with the Weed railroad—when it reaches Klamath Falls—and with the Southern Pacific at Weed, Calif. This makes—on paper—a straight line, and cuts out the Siskiyou mountains and the Cow creek canyon, also part of the Sacramento canyon. Let us mourn together, Bro. Wagner. Soon Southern Oregon will become as it was before the advent of the "Iron horse." Once more we will hearken for the "chuck-a-bruck" of the old stage coach, as it rolls through the valley, and there will be no rivalry or striving for place among the cities of Southern Oregon.

The flat has gone forth. There will be only two stations between Eugene and Sacramento—Klamath Falls and Weed. Let us make up our minds to the worst.

Death of F. M. Ball.

Francis M. Ball, a native of Ohio, died at his home on South B street, on Friday, October 20th; aged seventy-two years, three months and twenty-one days.

Mr. Ball is the father of Mrs. A. M. Helms and came to Medford from the east with his family several weeks ago. At the time of his arrival he was in poor health, and his advanced age together with his illness, brought about the fatal result.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Sunday at 2 o'clock, Rev. A. C. Casin officiating. Interment was made in Odd Fellows cemetery.

Piano and Voice Lessons.

Mrs. Helen M. Brown, voice teacher, voice placing and tone production, a specialty. Training of choral societies, church choirs, glee clubs, etc. Miss Irene Brown, teacher of piano and harmony.

Studio at residence, West Seventh street.

—Call at Ends' second hand store for good oak wood. \$2.25 per tier. 41-c