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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

## DEERSLAYERS ARE FINED.

Last week Sheriff Rader went to Trail creek to serve warrants issued for the arrest of a number of residents of that section for illegal killing of deer. He returned Friday evening, having in custody Frank and Schuyler Hammond, Loris Martin and Pat and George Walker, charged with killing and having deer meat and untagged hides in their possession. The two Hammonds plead guilty on Saturday and were fined \$100 each. Martin, who was accused of buying hides from these parties, was let off with a fine of \$35 and costs. The Walkers stood trial.

It is reported that there was another party implicated who escaped, and that he was the ringleader of the gang which has been systematically killing deer out of season all winter. It is also rumored that a regular tannery has been established in the wilds of Trail creek, where the unmarketable green hides were converted into marketable bookskins.

That traffic in venison has been going on continually is an open secret, and the provision of the law creating a penalty for purchasing it, has been the cause of more or less uneasiness among the customers of the deer slayers.

At the preliminary examination held at Jacksonville the Walker brothers were bound over to appear at the next term of circuit court with bonds fixed at \$100 each. A second charge was preferred against the Hammonds and they were bound over in a like amount. The bonds were furnished.

W. C. T. U. Items.

On February 22d the Union opened on time to a good attendance with the president reading the 37th Psalm, which was followed by prayer by Mrs. Fialder. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Thirty minutes were then devoted to business. Committee reported several visits made to the sick. A letter was received from Mrs. Allen, of Ashland, county corresponding secretary, stating that February 28th was the day appointed for the county executive meeting to be held in Medford. Mrs. Dodge read an article in regard to Sunday closing of saloons. Mrs. Buck read Gov. Folke's, of Missouri, letter in regard to Sunday closing of saloons. Some of his remarks are: "There have been Sunday laws in every civilized nation of the world since the days of Constantine, nearly 1,600 years ago. Only once during this period has any nation been without a law distinguishing Sunday from other days; that was during the revolution in France, when God and Sunday was abolished by law. The morals of the people degenerated so rapidly and debauchery increased at such an alarming rate that one of the first acts of Napoleon, when he came into power, was to restore the Sabbath. The time in which there was no Sabbath in France is known to this day as the 'Reign of Terror.'" Gov. John M. Patterson, of Ohio, says in his address: "While the disobeying of any law is demoralizing and degrading to a citizen or a community, the disobeying of the Sunday laws is doubly so. Hence the Sunday laws should be obeyed and enforced not only in the country and in small villages, but in large towns and cities as well." The Union was dismissed by Mrs. Fialder, to meet at the home of Mrs. Dodge, March 1st, Mothers' day. All are asked to come.

PRESS SUPT.

## Will Expend Fifty Millions in Oregon.

An expenditure of \$50,000,000 in the development of portions of Eastern Oregon, of which \$15,000,000 is to be devoted to the construction of a railway from the Willamette Valley to Ontario, is contemplated by the Co-operative Christian Federation. Dr. H. S. Wallace, founder of the organization, expects a town will be established in the valley that in five years will have a population of 50,000. According to plans under contemplation several towns will be built in Eastern Oregon.

Dr. Wallace, who has just returned from New York, says millions of dollars are available there for legitimate investment here. He is confident the road will be in operation within two years, but the time of commencing work has not been given out. He will return to New York about March 10th, and expects at that time to complete the contract with a trust company for taking over the bonds of the Federation.

To the Pastors of Medford.

In making up our special edition we need some statistical information regarding the churches, and would appreciate it if the pastors will hand in, if possible by Saturday morning, the following information: Date of establishment of church in Medford; date of building. Membership; organization. Present membership.

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## STAGE LINE TO BLUE LEDGE

Several Medford business men, E. N. Warner, A. H. Platt, Dr. J. F. Raddy, H. M. Coss and Mr. Clark, made a trip to the Blue Ledge last week, with a view to establishing a private stage line running direct from Medford to the copper mines. They found the roads in fairly good condition considering the time of year and upon their return Mr. Coss took up the matter of starting the stage line and on Wednesday the first stage on the new line left Medford. Four horses will be used on the stages whenever necessary. The establishment of this line will not only prove a source of convenience to those wishing to go to or come from the mine, but it should be a paying investment for its promoters. The line will run through Jacksonville, following the old Applegate road, and regular tri-weekly trips will be made carrying passengers and freight. There will likely be a great amount of travel between Medford and the Blue Ledge this year and there is no doubt but that the new line will do a good business.

At the Blue Ledge the party found work being pushed as rapidly as possible. Some sixty men are now employed—as many as there is bunk room for. Additional men will be employed as soon as more bunk houses can be erected for their accommodation.

Within the next few months there will be a couple of hundred men in the camp. Four horse stages will leave Medford on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, and oftener if the business of the line makes it necessary. Good time will be made each way.

Wednesday morning the first stage line left Medford, carrying seven passengers and a considerable amount of baggage and freight.

## Gold Blades Sharper than Steel.

An industry of very great importance in its probable effect upon the demand for copper has been started in Los Angeles, as a result of the discovery by Z. F. Vaughn of means of tempering gold, silver and copper.

Gold surgical instruments, such as knives, hypodermic and suture needles are now being manufactured here in quantity. The delicate gold blades are as keen as the sharpest razor. Thrown point downwards they will stick into a hard table top and stand there quivering.

The Mining Review has made a careful investigation of the plant and the results attained. Samples of tempered gold and copper have been submitted to assayers and by thorough tests have been proven to be gold and copper.

Samples of tempered gold, silver and copper have been submitted to Dr. Julius Koenig, of the Los Angeles Chemical and Metallurgical laboratories. He finds that the claims made by Mr. Vaughn for these tempered metals are fully sustained by the results.

Mr. Vaughn began his investigations in 1888 and has been steadily at it ever since. He does not claim to have discovered a lost art, but to have invented means whereby gold, silver and copper, either separately or in alloy, can be taken through the various degrees of crystallization which correspond to the several temper known in the arts.

By the process used, these ductile metals are not only hardened but their density and homogeneity are brought to such practical perfection that a cutting edge is effective because of its absolute and microscopic fineness and smoothness. It does not tear—it divides; and for surgical purposes instruments of tempered gold are said to be superior to those of steel because of this keener edge, and because no microscopic speck of rust can harbor dangerous germs.

Interesting and important as the tempering of gold is from metallurgical and surgical points of view, the great commercial value of the discovery lies in its application to copper, and the widely extended use of that metal which is thereby promised.

## "The Taming of the Shrew."

The well-known Shakespearean actor, Chas. B. Hanford, assisted by Miss Marie Droufae, and an excellent supporting company, will present to the people of Medford this (Friday) evening, one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies, "The Taming of the Shrew." The appearance of Mr. Hanford and his company at Medford is due to the unremitting efforts of Manager Davis, of the opera house, and it was only by guaranteeing a certain amount that the people of Medford will have the opportunity of witnessing this great production, and they should show their appreciation by giving the company a big house. They will have their reward in seeing a great play rendered by competent artists.

—Another carload of the celebrated "Byers' Best" flour at E. N. Warner's 47-1/2

## MEDFORD BANK WILL BUILD.

The demolition of the old brick building at the northwest corner of 7th and C streets was commenced Monday of this week. The building was purchased nearly a year ago by the Medford Bank with a view to ultimately building a permanent home for the bank upon the site. The time has now come for the fulfilling of the plans of the officers and stock holders of the bank, by the erection of a modern structure for banking purposes second to none in Oregon outside of Portland. The old building will be entirely removed and it will be at least thirty days before construction will commence, as it will take nearly that length of time to take away the debris of the old structure and prepare for the erection of the new one. The plans have been drawn and accepted, but are not ready to be given out as yet. However, it is safe to say that the new home of the Medford Bank, when completed, will be a building which will be an ornament to the city, besides being specially constructed with a view to convenience for the purpose for which it is to be used. Later on The Mail will give a full description of the building as well as when finished, together with full information regarding it.

## Want a Bridge Near Woodville.

Several times the matter has been agitated of a bridge across Rogue river at or near Woodville, for the convenience of people living in that vicinity and now the matter is being taken up again. Since the establishment of the Champlin dredge at the mouth of Fooths creek the need of such a bridge has become every day more apparent. The old bridge at Rock Point is regarded as unsafe for the transportation of heavy machinery, and as the Champlin and other mining companies have been bringing in a great deal of heavy machinery lately besides transporting large quantities of supplies, the necessity for a safe and convenient way of crossing Rogue river is apparent.

Another thing which makes the people of Fooths creek and vicinity anxious to have the bridge is the matter of mail delivery. There are a whole lot of people residing in that vicinity who are compelled to rely upon "somebody going to the office" in order to get their mail. This is irregular and of course unsatisfactory, and they want a free rural delivery and have enough patrons of the route for its establishment if this bridge were put in so that a route could be arranged from Woodville, covering both sides of the river without "doubling."

It is stated that several thousand dollars will be required to put the Rock Point bridge in safe and serviceable condition for the carrying of heavy traffic. That it would mean a practical renewal of the bridge and that to build a new bridge near Woodville would cost but little more and be more convenient for the people.

The residents of that section are ready and willing to aid in the building of the bridge. The Champlin Co. will contribute \$1000 toward such a bridge, A. D. Helms offers \$500, and there is no doubt but that a big portion of the amount required to erect the structure can be secured by subscription, making the cost to the county very low.

## Mining News.

The Golden Drift Mining Co., near Grants Pass, temporarily shut down their mine and are now engaged in building retaining walls for the deepings from the mine, it is the intention of the company to commence dumping on their own ground instead of the river, as heretofore. They are also preparing to widen the tail race, and increase its depth. This will necessitate the building of a steam dredger, the machinery for which is now on the road. They also have two more turbines of 400 horse power each on the way. These will be installed immediately and another complete unit and pump will be installed early this summer.

Electric power has been attached to the 20-stamp mill at Granite Hill and the mine is now running on full time. A. C. Hooper, general manager of the Mt. Pitt Hydraulic and Quartz Mining Company, returned last week from San Francisco, where he went to purchase air compressor drills and stamp mill for their mine on Jump-off-Joe. They have opened up a fine property, but to work it economically it was necessary to install machines drills and put on a mill. The machinery has arrived at Merino and is being installed at the mine.

## Removal Notice.

We have moved our woodworking and wagonmaking shop from our old quarters to Merriman's blacksmith shop, where we will be glad to see our customers, both old and new.

MITCHELL & BOECK.

## LOCAL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A most interesting session of teachers and patrons of Medford and vicinity was held at the high school building February 22d. It was the most successful meeting of its kind that Jackson county has known. This was largely due to the fact that the patrons responded nobly in furnishing a delightful lunch at the building at noon, that several of them took part in the program, that special music was prepared by the committee and delightfully rendered by students in the grades and that the high school girls aided in serving lunch at noon. The program was especially strong. Miss Gowland presented a paper on "Practical Physiology," suggesting some interesting experiments and urging the comparison of, say the rabbit, with the human body in order to emphasize the physiological functions. An interesting discussion followed, led by Prof. Sigus.

Mrs. H. C. Stoddard read a strong paper on "The Value of the Fundamental Principles of Art," emphasizing the fact that such knowledge would bear fruit in architecture and in beautifying our homes and surroundings.

The audience was then favored by a violin duet by Misses Zela White and Ione Flynn, accompanied by Mrs. J. F. White on the organ.

Miss Roberts presented in her paper some very helpful "Language Devices." A vigorous discussion, led by J. C. Barnard and R. H. Jonas, followed.

"Practical Nature Work" was the topic of a paper by Miss Fialder, touching upon the value of such study its relation to elementary agriculture and the best methods of presenting the subject.

A plea for "The Rural Schools" was made by J. R. Fyrell, who advocated better conditions, more interest in this important adjunct of our public school system.

Principal S. P. Robbins, of Jacksonville, illustrated by concrete examples several important points in "Arithmetic."

A delightful social hour began at twelve o'clock. After a half hour's visit, the gong sounded and soon lunch was served on the desks. The high school girls, assisted by a few from the grades and some of the teachers, served the delicious viands prepared by the ladies of Medford. They have our most hearty thanks for their co-operation.

At one o'clock the institute was called to order by Supt. Daily and the afternoon program began with singing, led by Miss Gowland.

The first was a paper on "The Higher Aims of Teaching," by Miss Olive Huffer, presenting as the chief aims to teach self-control and build character, and discussing methods of attaining these ends.

J. C. Barnard, of Talent, talked on the subject of "Grammar," presenting the phases of the subject most neglected.

The teachers present were the recipients of some very helpful suggestions from Dr. Pickett in his paper on "Public School Sanitation." More especially did he dwell upon the early detection of disease presenting the symptoms of many of the common diseases clearly and simply.

Following Dr. Pickett, Hon. Walter L. Tooze, of Woodburn, spoke for fifteen minutes.

After a short recess, the audience was favored with a violin solo by Dorothy Armstrong. This was encored, after which a paper full of suggestion, deep thought and sympathy was read by Mrs. M. Armstrong on "What We Wish for Our Children in the Schools." Every teacher carried away higher ideals and a resolve to be more helpful to the children entrusted to their care.

The last paper was one along the lines that is agitating the school world at the present time, "Elementary Agriculture." How the first step might be taken was the thought presented by R. H. Jonas, of Independence.

At the close of the institute the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, The patrons have responded lavishly with delicacies for the lunch at the building, and others have aided in the program, therefore be it RESOLVED: That the institute extend to them a vote of thanks. Whereas the purpose of the school law in regard to libraries is to apply every school with an adequate library, and whereas, the minimum tax suggested by the law is not sufficient to furnish more than two books to some districts; therefore be it RESOLVED: That a larger tax than the minimum should be levied and levied separately from the general school tax. Whereas, Oregon's irreducible school fund is small. The basis of the fund is the state school lands which are nearly all sold; therefore grow less and less in proportion to the increase of children, unless some provision be made. And the public money now received by a large number of smaller districts

## JACKSON COUNTY.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rissue, of Phoenix, died Wednesday last week from swallowing a marble with which she was playing.

William Smith was arrested at Ashland last Friday, charged with attempting to rob a man, who was asleep in the Ashland depot. He was convicted and sentenced to serve ninety days in the county jail.

Dr. G. W. McConnell, formerly of Baker City, a retired physician and surgeon, died at his residence at Ashland last week, after a short illness. He was fifty-six years of age and leaves a wife and three children.

Charles Carter, of Gold Hill, while working at the Melatire mine, on Sardine creek, last week, was struck by the stream from a giant and buried twelve feet through th air and against some heavy timbers. He was pretty badly bruised, but fortunately no bones were broken.

The rains of last week caused a sudden rise in Rogue river and some twenty-five feet of the canal at the power station of the Gold Hill Development Co. was washed out. The break was quickly repaired and the company's electrical service was not interrupted.

Chris Jens, of Watkins, died at Ashland, Monday morning, of heart disease. He had been in Ashland for several weeks under medical treatment and had so far recovered that he was contemplating his return home. He was aged about fifty years and leaves a son, Henry Jens, who resides at Watkins.

The organization of the Gold Hill Commercial Club was completed last week with the following officers: J. H. Beeman, president; E. C. Wells, vice-president; D. H. Cheney, secretary; J. L. Hammersly, treasurer; A. E. Kellogg, J. H. Beeman, C. F. Young, E. C. Wells and H. D. Reed, executive committee. The constitution and by-laws were adopted and many questions were discussed. The initiation fee was fixed at \$5 and the dues will be fifty cents per month. As soon as practical club rooms will be fitted up and an exhibition of minerals and other products will be collected and maintained.

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## HORTICULTURISTS ORGANIZE.

The attendance at the meeting held last Saturday for the purpose of organizing a Southern Oregon Horticultural Society to act with the state society, was not so large as it would have been, but for the inclement weather. However, the horticulturists made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers and a permanent organization was effected.

C. E. Hawkins, of Gold Hill, a member of the State Horticultural Society, who had been appointed by that body to organize affliating societies, addressed the meeting, as also did Hon. A. H. Carson, of Grants Pass, state fruit commissioner for this district.

The organization was completed by the election of S. L. Bennett, president; A. D. Helms and C. E. Hawkins, vice presidents; L. E. Brown, secretary; H. F. Meador, treasurer; F. L. Touvelle, S. W. Boyd and G. A. Hoyer, executive committee.

Twenty-four members were enrolled at the meeting and since that time the membership has been increased to fifty with still more members coming in.

Another meeting will be held next Saturday, March 3d, when complete arrangements for the establishment of a permanent society will be made. In June the meeting of the State Horticultural Society will be held in Medford, at which time horticulturists from all over Oregon will be in attendance and many subjects of interest will be discussed.

The Medford branch starts out under favorable auspices and should become one of the strongest societies of those affliating with the state organization.

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## TO HEAD OFF TAX DODGERS

From Albany comes the following report of a new law, to be introduced in the next legislature which it seems to us will make quite a difference in the revenues of the state:

To prevent modern Shylocks from exacting interest on money which they conceal from the tax collector, to force the money lender to turn in a correct statement of his personal property and to bear his portion of government expenses, as does the man whose entire estate consists of a few acres of tangible realty, is the purpose of a bill being considered for presentation to the Oregon legislature at its next session.

The proposed law provides a remedy which, it is thought, will prove efficacious. The assessor's stamp of "reported for taxation," is required to appear on the back of the note, if collection of the note is to be forced in the courts. The practical working of the proposed laws is something like this:

When the assessor is listing the property of the people, all notes reported will be stamped across the back by the assessor, with the date, and some statement conveying the information that the notes were reported and listed on the date given. The holder of the paper will, of course, then be required to pay taxes on the notes, as on other personal property.

The efficacy of the proposed law lies in the penalty for failure to so report all notes. Whenever a note is concealed, and the stamp of the assessor is not secured, to indicate that it has been reported for assessment, the proposed law will provide that collection of the note cannot be enforced in the courts.

The enforcement of such a law, if passed, would result in the assessment and taxation of hundreds of thousands of dollars in Oregon now escaping taxation. The provision of the proposed law which would indicate that it would be easy of enforcement, is that which provides that unless the assessor's stamp is upon a note as having been listed for assessment, no collection can be legally made, that is, it is optional with the maker of the note whether he pays it or not. The idea, it seems to us, is a good one and will work well when put into practical shape.

## Circuit Court.