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OREGON LEADS

In the production of Fine Fruit
The Rogue River Valley
 Leads Oregon and Medford,
 its metropolis and trade center,
 is best represented by
THE MEDFORD MAIL
 SEND IT TO YOUR EASTERN FRIENDS

Announcement

Realizing the NEED in Medford of a first-class up-to-date ready-to-wear goods store for ladies, we came here and put in such a store with results most gratifying—doing double the business we expected to do. In looking around for other goods which we needed and which we did not carry, we found very poor assortment and very high prices, and in view of these facts we have decided to enlarge our quarters, taking in the big room just north of our present quarters, and will shortly install a first-class Ladies and Childrens ready-to-wear goods store, and will also add a fine line of PATTERN MILLINERY. ALSO COTTON PIECE GOODS. OUR ABILITY TO LOWER PRICES WILL BE DEMONSTRATED LATER.

Pike Peeps Free

With every dollar's worth of goods bought at this store during the month of February we will give FREE a set of six of the famous "PIKE PEEPS," being the finest reproduction of St. John's famous paintings exhibited at the World's Fair at St. Louis. This will, in all probability, be the last opportunity you will ever have to secure these beautiful pastels.

Wash Silk Waists

Just Arrived by Express

We are showing a superb line of fine wash silk waists just received direct from the manufacturers in New York. The prices cannot be duplicated and you will say so when you see them. Guaranteed to wear and wash like lawn or your money back.

Prices Run

\$2.75 AND UP TO \$4.75

Dry Goods and all the words imply

Baker-Hutchason Company
 First Room North of Jackson County Bank

ONE MORE CHANGE ONLY

To get a good-sized tract of
 Good Land Near Medford
 Cheap—Only \$75 per acre.

Many are looking for TRACTS to DIVIDE. This is by far the best chance at the RIGHT PRICE. Don't wait until some other fellow buys this and then scold your wife because you did not

Seize the Opportunity

FOR SALE BY

G. H. Pierce & Son, Medford

... We Want Your ...

CHICKENS



Wortman & Gore

Try an "Ad." in The Mail.

INTER-STATE EXCURSION

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the inter state excursion, comprising eight carloads of excursionists from Washington, Northern Oregon and Idaho, will arrive at Medford and will remain here for thirty minutes. This is the longest stop the train will make at any station outside of Portland in the state, and is especially granted to Medford in recognition of its status as a "live town."

The Commercial Club at its meeting Monday night recommended that all owners of automobiles have their machines in readiness at the time of the arrival of the train so that, if the weather is favorable, as many of the visitors, as can be accommodated may be given a short automobile ride through the valley, meeting the train against Ashland. Should Jupiter Pluvius prove obdurate a reception will be arranged for the visitors of which the ladies of the Greater Medford club will have charge. In any event several boxes of prime Newtown apples will be distributed among the excursionists, together with literature bearing upon Southern Oregon and its advantages. President Colvig, of the Commercial club will deliver a short address.

It is desired by the Commercial Club that as many as possible of the residents of Medford assemble at the depot when this train comes in so that the excursionists may be duly impressed with the number of our people and the good looks of the same.

The Del Rio Rancho

In all my travels up and down the S. P. road from Portland to San Francisco, and over other roads through the state of California I have seen no finer site for a country place than the Del Rio ranch at Rock Point, owned by our genial townsmen, Messrs. Duval and Weeks. You need no introduction to these gentlemen, and when I say I spent two days at their Del Rio ranch in company with Mr. Alf Weeks you will know my time was not lost. When these gentlemen purchased this ranch there was no doubt to them having an eye for the artistic. A more beautiful spot could not be imagined, admirably situated on the banks of Rogue River, and penned in on all sides by lofty mountains, an abundance of trout and salmon in the river and the mountains alive with game, what more could a person wish. The Del Rio ranch consists of 750 acres of fine, deep soil, with a gentle slope to the Rogue river, and every fact can be put in cultivation. Notwithstanding these gentlemen purchased this ranch in November, under the management of Mr. I. T. Galligan and ably assisted by Mr. M. Quackenbush, they have at present about three thousand pear and apple trees and about fifteen acres of vineyard planted, not to speak of acres of brush grabbed and burned, and miles of old cross fence torn down.

In his capacity as superintendent Mr. Galligan, in less than three months time, has transformed a run down delapidated stage station into a neat, well kept appealing ranch, which in four or five years from now, will be without an exception, the finest country place between here and Portland.

I have had about twelve years experience with grapes of different varieties, and have seen grapes grow in all kinds of climates and under all kinds of conditions, soil, etc., and will truly say, I have never seen a country or state, where there is such a fine prospect for grape culture as in the Rogue River Valley and no place in the Rogue River Valley more admirably adapted, soil, situation, etc., considered, than the fifty acre tract which Messrs. Duval and Weeks will eventually set to table grapes on their Del Rio ranch. This vineyard will be mostly Flame Tokay, and Empcor, and probably some Malaga, the latter, everything considered, being the best paying table grape on the market today. Besides pear, apple and grapes, this ranch will have a sprinkling of cherries, berries and other small fruits. The house and all out buildings will be remodeled, nice wide drive ways, flanked on either side by large shade trees, will run in all directions through the ranch, and trains stopping every day will give their passengers an opportunity to view a ranch of which its owners can justly be proud.

G. F. Linxwiler.

Some Business Opportunities.

C. H. Pierce & Son have splendid openings in the following lines:
 General merchandise and store building \$3500.
 Stock of hardware and second hand goods, \$1000.
 Fine laundry business, \$5250.
 If you are interested in any of these lines call and see us at once.

WHY NOT HAVE THIS ROAD?

Last week an item in this paper stated the fact that W. M. Hudson, the automobile man, had been in Klamath county, looking over the situation with a view to establishing an automobile stage line from the terminus of the California & Northwestern road, building into Klamath county, to Crater lake.

Right now is the time for Medford to get busy on this tourist traffic to Crater lake. This is the nearest point from which to leave the Southern Pacific main line for the lake, and there is but one obstacle to the establishment of an automobile line, running on a regular schedule line between here and the lake, and that is known as the Florence Rock grade. Mr. Hudson said to a Mail reporter in discussing the matter: "If that hill was placed in good condition, by a change of route so that a machine could be gotten over it easily, there is nothing to prevent a successful auto line being run from here to the lake. The government has agreed to put the road in shape as far as Prospect, the border of the forest reserve, and if this bill is fixed I will put on an auto section gang to do the minor repairs. This would give Medford the advantage of the majority of the tourist traffic to the lake and unless something of the nature is done the traffic will start by way of Klamath Falls and it will stay there. If it starts from here it will likewise stay here, as even when the railroad runs through Klamath and within twenty miles of the lake, a good road from this side, together with the many scenic attractions along the line will induce the majority of the tourists to start from this side. It would cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000 to eliminate that Florence Rock grade, but there would be more than that amount spent in the county the first year by parties visiting Crater lake. The visitors will be greater than ever in number this year, and most of these people have money and know how to spend it."

"No," said Mr. Hudson "I am not considering the proposition of leaving Medford. If I start the eastern line it will be merely a side line, but I would much rather start from this side."

J. G. M. Visits School.

I felt pretty despondent, sick, blue and lonesome Tuesday of last week so I hiked away for new scenery and a brief visit with Mrs. Logan, the popular teacher and her forty clean, bright, promising, industrious pupils of the 6th grade of our North school, but I must confess on the start I have neither space nor language at command to express the pleasure and satisfaction enjoyed in that brief space of time. I was surprised at the magnificent order kept by this teacher with so little effort and friction, and I became much interested while there listening to the methods of teaching many class exercises and would briefly suggest to the parents and guardians of the training and educational development of their children's future to pause for a moment in their busy lives and say I will give a couple of hours to mingle socially and inquiringly with the departments and learn the progress of my children in their various studies in this bright, clean, cheerful place of learning, and should you have any of the many symptoms your humble writer was afflicted with Tuesday they will quickly be dispelled and should you be so fortunate as to be in a healthy, happy mood you will still be made happier by your presence and a kind cheerful word of encouragement to teachers and pupils which we think is a plain duty we justly owe to our city schools.

J. G. Martin.

Sale of Water Bonds.

Sealed proposals will be received by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at the office of the city recorder, of said city, until Tuesday, February 18, 1908, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the purchase of \$40,000 of ten year, 5 1/2 per cent coupon bonds of said city, in denominations of \$500 each, interest payable semi-annually. Said bonds to be dated February 1, 1908, and to be due February 1, 1918. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount of such bid, payable to the city of Medford, and said city council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, January 30, 1908.
 BENJ. M. COLLINS,
 City Recorder.

Plants For Sale.

I have a limited amount of Mammoth Blackberry and Loganberry plants for sale at \$2.50 per hundred. H. C. Maury, on Jacksonville and Central Point roads. Phone 885. 6-24

PRUNE CROP FOP 1907.

The Rogue River Valley is not a prune growing section, principally because other crops more valuable are grown. Nevertheless some few prunes are grown here, more would be grown, were it not for the above reason. When apples and pears, peaches and berries are bringing a good income without the expense of drying and the market is always certain, the humble prune is likely to be neglected. Yet the prune growers have added this year a tidy sum to the aggregate fruit income of the valley.

The prune crop of the valley for 1907, aggregated over 579,265 pounds, that is that amount was purchased, and shipped by L. F. Lozier, acting as agent for Ellison & Co., of Salem. There were a few insignificant shipments—but just how much it is difficult to learn. There were not many, however. The prunes averaged \$3.47 per hundred, making the total receipts \$20,102.63. This is not a large sum, compared to the income from the other fruits, but it helps some anyway.

Mrs. A. Merriman.

Portland Oregonian:
 Although 78 years of age and the mother of 16 children, 12 of whom are living, Mrs. Merriman is still strong and active as many women 30 years younger. She is the daughter of William H. Riddle after whom the town of Riddle, in Douglas county, was named. The family crossed the plains in 1851 and settled at Riddle. There they remained for six years, participating in the Umpqua Indian war of 1855 and 1856. In 1857 the Merrimans moved to Jackson county, and the old home place near Medford, Oregon, is still owned by one of the Merriman sons. Following are the living children of Mrs. Merriman, all of whom are now the heads of families, J. W. Chapman, Montana, Mrs. T. T. Prather, Montana, George F. Merriman, Medford, Mrs. L. A. Bradley, Portland, Mrs. S. L. Bennett, Medford, Mrs. J. C. Clark, Myrtle Point, I. A. Merriman, Medford, Mrs. M. M. Houston, Portland, Mrs. C. K. Frank, Albany, Mrs. J. C. Hill, Seattle, Mrs. John Beck, Seattle, W. H. Merriman, Portland, Mrs. Merriman says her grandchildren now number 33 and her great grandchildren 5.

Will Aid Honest Settlers

The annual report of Secretary Garfield shows an intention of the interior department to assist rather than obstruct every honest entryman in his endeavor to acquire government land. Secretary Garfield holds that, so long as the law is not abused, he intends that the entryman shall enjoy its provisions, and that in his endeavor to establish a home on the public domain, so long as he acts in good faith, he shall have the encouragement and aid of the government representatives. A portion of Mr. Garfield's report follows:

Registers and receivers and special agents have been instructed that it is quite as much their duty to aid the honest entryman as to detect and punish the dishonest entryman. Fortunately, most honest entries are honestly made, but in many instances, through carelessness or ignorance, mistakes are made which may defeat an entry. It is therefore necessary that the utmost care be exercised by the local land officers, and it is upon these officers that the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the Secretary must rely for obtaining the facts and settling that justice is done. It is the duty of the special agents to aid the local officers in all of these cases, and to assist the appropriation is large enough to employ the kind of men and the number of men needed, it is inevitable that there will be serious delays in the congested districts. The fact that delays exist does not warrant the local officers or the special agents in passing or rejecting any entry without proper examination. The purpose of the public land law is not to get rid of the public land, but to provide a method under which lands may be obtained by those who intend to use them legally and honestly. The highest use of the lands is the making of homes. The utmost care should thus be taken to prevent the taking for other purposes of lands capable of being entered under the homestead act, on the other hand, we must not permit that law to be used as a device to obtain valuable mineral or timber land.

Notice.

The Medford Sash & Door Company have dissolved partnership. All bills against the firm will be paid by J. E. Day. All accounts owing to the firm should be paid to J. E. Day or left at the shop, with P. C. Hansen, Medford Sash & Door Co.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A session of the city council was held January 30th. Mayor Eddy, Recorder Collins, Councilmen Hafer, Merrick, Trowbridge, Olwell, Wortman and Eifert present.

Petitions for grading East Seventh street, and for sidewalk on same, also for grading and graveling P street, for sidewalk in Beatty's addition were referred to city engineer. Petition for sidewalk on N street was presented and the city engineer was directed to give property owners the street grade.

Upon motion Councilmen Merrick, Wortman and Eifert were appointed a committee to investigate the matter of securing a supply of water for the city and the installation of a system for handling same—with power to act—in so far as that power is given the council by the citizens.

The plat of King's addition to Medford was placed on file in the recorder's office.

The recorder was directed to order the remainder of the cast iron water pipe necessary to complete the original order—to the amount of \$40,000. The recorder was also directed to advertise for bids for the sale of \$40,000 worth of water bonds—to be opened on February 18th.

Councilman Trowbridge and Citizen F. C. Page were appointed a committee to go to Portland and ascertain the best paving material now in use in that city. This information is required at this time for use in determining the material to be used in paving Seventh street west from Bear creek bridge to the city park.

The recorder was directed to advertise for bids for excavating trenches for laying the new water pipe, and for laying the pipe.

Another meeting of the city council was held on February 31 at which time all councilmen were present except Hafer.

Petitions for a liquor license were presented by W. M. Kennedy, J. H. Harrington and H. O. Wilkinson. The Kennedy petition was granted, the Harrington petition was held up for investigation, and the Wilkinson petition was laid over until the next meeting—Mr. Wilkinson not being present with certain required documents.

Councilmen Trowbridge, Olwell and Hafer were appointed a committee to effect, if possible, a compromise in the matter of settlement of the claim of \$447 which Frank C. Kelsey now alleges is due him as a balance for services rendered the city in preparing plans and specifications on the water system. Suit is now pending in the circuit court. Mr. Kelsey has already been paid \$637.50 for his services.

Chief of Police Tarpin presented a bill for services for serving trunk notices for the school district which bill was disallowed.

A petition was presented for the opening of Liberty street; also petition for street lights in the German church locality.

An ordinance was passed licensing real estate agents and brokers, which provides that each person who shall negotiate or solicit the sale or purchase of real property belonging to others for hire or commission, or other compensation, shall pay into the city treasurer an annual fee of \$50 and shall be issued therefor a license for the conduct of such business. The penalty shall be a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment of one day in the city jail for each \$2 thereof. The object of this ordinance is to protect the interests of those persons who are legitimately engaged in the business, which persons are those who are continuously paying out money for advertising the country, but when the purchasers arrive here they stand no better show to do business than do those who pay not a cent for advertising or advancing the country and community.

A motion was made by Merrick and seconded by Eifert that the office of street commissioner be declared vacant and the city engineer be empowered to take charge of the street work and to appoint a competent man, if found necessary, to oversee the work, paying therefor a salary not to exceed \$60 per month.

On motion by Wortman, seconded by Merrick, a committee of three was appointed to investigate charges made against the chief of police. Wortman, Merrick and Olwell were appointed as such committee.

A motion was made that a committee of three be appointed to arrange a system of street work.

Upon motion the city treasurer's bond was raised from \$5000 to \$25,000.

Upon motion by Merrick, seconded by Olwell, the city treasurer was instructed to deposit the city funds as nearly equal as possible between the three banks of the city. The city recorder's bond of \$2,000, with A. W. Walker and W. S. Jones as sureties, was accepted.

THINGS TOLD ON THE STREET

An Eastern Subscriber—"I received a notice from you that I owe \$3 on subscription to the Medford Mail, which is always welcome. I enclose \$5. Please continue the paper."

E. C. Gaddis—"I have received a letter from the adjutant general stating as soon as suitable quarters are secured for army purposes a company of the national guard will be mustered in here. Sufficient signatures to the petition for the establishment have already been secured and the company would have been mustered in some time ago had we been able to secure permanent quarters. We are now pretty well assured of an armory hall in the not distant future. General Finzer will be down here in a few weeks and will look over the ground personally."

Birthday Party

Received too late for last issue of the Mail.

The pretty pioneer farm house of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, Sr., in Mountain district, was made the scene of a most interesting and enjoyable time last Monday, the occasion being in honor of the eldest son, Wm. Jones, Jr., thirtieth birthday anniversary on the old farm. This pretty anniversary dinner given by these hospitable farmers in their pretty home in the northern part of the county was a complete success in every particular, and will long be cherished and remembered by the many old time neighbors and friends, who were honored with an invitation and gathered to partake and mingle sociably with this happy family on this special occasion. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. White, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. Thornbrun, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, Jr., Mrs. Chelgren, Mrs. Freddie Plisk, Messrs. I. J. Stacy, John Edington, Elbert Glass, Earl Case, Misses Millie and Beale Gordon and Lucy Roe, Olla, Mattie and Sammy Gordon, Flora and Adessa Stacy, Mollie Thornbrun, Grace, Hall and May Jones, Roy, Chester and Vern Jones, Francis and Charles Chelgren and George Stacy, Jr.

Commercial Club Elects

The annual election of the Medford Commercial Club was held Monday evening and officers for the ensuing year were elected. The following officers were elected: W. M. Colvig, president, F. C. Page, vice-president, A. H. Miller, secretary, F. Osenbruge, treasurer. Executive committee, J. D. Olwell, A. S. Rosenbaum, L. Bandy, J. E. Watt, T. W. Osgood. Directors: Messrs. Ray, Pierce, Rosenbaum, Garnett, Page, Campbell, Bandy, Watt, Findley, Colvig, Nye, Osenbruge, Osgood, Olwell and Miles.

The old administration closed with the club out of debt, and reported the expenditure of about \$4,000 during the past year. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers. In consideration of his efficient services as secretary M. Purdin was elected a life-honorary member.

The club appointed the following committee to co-operate with the city council in the matter of securing an adequate water supply for the city: Perry, Page and Garnett. Olwell, Rosen and Pierce were appointed a committee to take up the matter of securing a right of way for the Pacific & Eastern railroad into the city.

Robert Galloway Dangerously Ill.

Robert Galloway Dangerously Ill. The following from the Portland Telegram of February 31 will be read with interest by Galloway's many old-time and faithful friends in Medford:

That Deputy District Attorney Robert Galloway, who recently went to Southern California for his health, is very low, is the news received this morning by Attorney John F. Logan in a letter from Mrs. Galloway. The letter states that Mr. Galloway, familiarly known to all his friends as "Bob," is confined to his bed, and is so weak that he can scarcely speak. The physicians have given up hope of Mr. Galloway's recovery, says the letter. His mother will leave Portland for his bedside at once. For more than a year Mr. Galloway has fought hard against failing health, and went to California in the hope that he would regain his strength there. His wife considers his condition dangerous, and says he is not able to digest the food he needs to maintain his strength.

\$2500 buys 100 acres, well located, buildings, two acres of orchard, 10 acres cleared. Easy terms. See O. H. Pierce & Son.

as sureties, was accepted.

Pell's Elite Laundry was granted a special water rate of ten cents per 1000 gallons.

Meeting adjourned to meet Friday evening, February 11th.