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READER, IF YOU WANT TO
Raise Fruit, Grow Stock
Mine or Lumber.
Or engage in any occupation in
this portion of a land of
almost unlimited opportunity.
THE MEDFORD MAIL
WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT

The Famous W. B. Corsets

Modeled After the Finest Models

In point of sales, the W. B. corsets have a record that is hard to beat. Once a woman finds the style of corset that is best suited to her figure, she immediately adopts the W. B., and will have no other. They are built along the same lines as the famous French corsets but cost a fraction of what other corsets cost.

From 50c up to \$3

The New Hosiery

Ladies, Misses and Children

We can certainly please you in hosiery. We have complete assortments of stockings, and ladies' and children's and white, and the latest and most beautiful styles. Any pair of hose bought at this store, does not give satisfaction will be replaced with a new pair of your money refunded. This applies only to the feet and not to the loss of the hose. Even an extra pair of socks is included.

10c to \$1.75 per pair

The Lawn Waists

Exceptional Values

Think of it! Five separate and distinct lines of lawn waists to select from. We buy from many well-known manufacturers, and we are able to give you just what you want and at a very low price. We have a large stock of these waists, and you will find them literally true of our sales over \$200. Come and see the beautiful styles and low values. You will find that every one is right.

From \$1 to \$1.5



Values in Petticoats

Big Assortments

Low Prices

Do you like to buy anything where they show you one style of price? We don't and we won't. If a manufacturer comes to us with a half dozen samples we turn him down and buy from the other man with the big assortment because we can have our choice. In our line of petticoats we offer you a wide range of styles from two to five styles of a price. We feel that we are offering you values you could not get in Southern Oregon. All we ask is for you to look at them, for the skirts speak for themselves.

Wash Skirts from 75c to \$1.25
Mercerized Skirts \$1 to \$3

Heatherbloom Skirts \$1.65 to \$3.50

Medford's Modern Ladies Store

Baker-Hutchason Company
First Room North of Jackson County Bank

ONE MORE CHANCE 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

C. H. Pierce & Son, Medford

... We Want Your ... CHICKENS



Wortman & Gore

Try an "Ad." in The Mail.

A CANNERY PROJECTED

That a fruit and vegetable cannery will be installed this season in the old Medford distillery building at the north end of O street, can be almost authoritatively stated. Negotiations to that end have been going on for some time, and it is simply a question with those behind the movement of the purchase of machinery at a reasonable price and installing the same. One of the projectors of the cannery in talking with a Mail reporter Wednesday, declined to commit himself further than to say that such an institution was needed, indeed was almost a necessity here, and that he and his associates were working to that end. He would give out no particulars at this time, as the plans had not been fully matured, but was of the opinion that in a very few days matters would be so far advanced that full details could be given out.

That a cannery of a goodly capacity would be not only a good thing for the country but a paying business for the owners, goes without saying. In a section growing as much fruit as does this part of the Rogue River Valley, and the amount will increase as the years go by, there is always a surplus of fruit, and it is always a matter of some difficulty to dispose of it, not such as to bring the top market price. This fruit could be handled by a cannery to the advantage of the grower and the cannery man. Besides the vegetable growing possibilities of the valley have not even been partially extended. The Bear creek bottom is capable of growing all kinds of vegetables suitable for canning, and with a certain market many more would be grown.

["We Don't Need Him.

The following from the Wenatchee Republic under the caption of "No Medford for Him," shows one point where a considerable improvement could be made, but as Mr. Chapin was not here six months, he is not capable of passing a criticism on the duration of the time of bad roads. We have to admit our roads are bad, but they are being improved and will be more improved later:

"H. A. Chapin returned Tuesday from a trip to the Medford and Hood River countries. He is better satisfied now than ever with this valley. He said that a great many of the roads leading out of Medford are impossible now on account of the mud and are in that condition six months in the year. As far as the fruit condition is concerned he says that they raise fine fruit there but the yield from a five acre orchard here will more than equal that from a fifteen acre orchard in the Medford country. Mr. Chapin put in a few days at Hood River, and, as he expressed it, "I would not live there under any circumstances."

Now about that fruit yield proposition. Have there been any eight-acre orchards in the Wenatchee country lately that have produced \$16,000 worth of Newtown apples in one season? We haven't heard of them. If there are such, yet we can "show the goods" in the A. D. Helms orchard, near Ashland.

Got any place up there that have paid for themselves in two years from the fruit grow upon them? We are listening for the answer. One and three-fourths acres of Spitzenburgs in 1906 produced 587 boxes. Have you any tracts of the same size in Wenatchee that will turn off 1761 boxes? Have you any three acre tracts of Newtowns turning off 2360 boxes? We have them going 780.

No, Mr. Chapin, the three to one proposition won't work. It may be true that the Wenatchee country may produce more to the acre than Rogue River, but not three times as much. We haven't noticed that Wenatchee has been carrying off any unusual price records, but ours have climbed so high that we don't dare mention them unless we have the documents to show. Wenatchee is undoubtedly a great fruit growing section. No one can deny that fact, but so is the Rogue River Valley. Mr. Chapin's opinion to the contrary, notwithstanding, but we don't like to have such things as the above clipping published about us because there might be some people who would believe it.

—We save you money on American prints at 5c. Dress gingham, all standard brands, at 25c, 30c, 12c, 15c and 20c. 36 inch Percales at 12c and 15c. Best bleached Pique shirting, 8-4 for 30c, 9-4 for 35c, 10-4 for 50c. Fine 36-inch bleached muslin at 7c, 8c, 10c, 12c and 15c. Broad muslin, 5c, 7c, 7c, 8c and 10c.

Baker-Hutchason Co.

Taxes Now Payable

The assessment roll for 1907 was turned over to the sheriff for collection Saturday evening. Sheriff Jackson is now charged as sheriff with taxes amounting to \$271,704.07, divided as follows:
State and county tax \$141,394.55
Special school tax \$95,854.56
Road tax \$21,000.00
Special City tax \$10,000.00
Street and sewer liens \$67,450.97

GRANITE COMPANY INCORPORATED

The Oregon Granite Company, of this city, Hicks and Kershaw, proprietors, has been incorporated under the laws of Oregon for \$30,000. The newly incorporated company proposes to start work developing their properties at once. New facilities are to be installed both in the quarry and in the shops, and a large force of mechanics put to work.

The Oregon Granite Company was instituted in 1900 by E. A. Hicks and A. H. Walker, both granite cutters. Although handicapped by a lack of funds the two young men succeeded in doing a business the first year of over \$3,000. Since that time the business has constantly grown, although a lack of funds has kept it confined to a retail trade. P. M. Kershaw purchased Mr. Walker's interest in 1905, and has devoted his time since then exclusively to sales.

A new company had little difficulty in disposing of their stock to local capital. Mr. Hicks will continue to superintend the practical side of the business while Mr. Kershaw will devote his attention to sales. The company owns 80 acres of quarry land four miles west of this city. The granite is blue grey, resembling Barre, the famous Eastern product, although darker. The spar and quartz comes up readily, taking a high gloss with little difficulty. Eastern experts have pronounced the local granite the finest found west of the Mississippi and no less than five wholesale dealers have sent their representatives to this city, in the past, to try and make arrangements for the handling of the product of the local company. The company, however, has been forced to confine their attention to the retail trade and have not been able to cover this as they would have liked. With more capital at their disposal this field will be entered and both building and monumental stone will be supplied to dealers.

During 1907 the company erected a new building for their shops on their property at the corner of Sixth and D streets. They installed considerable new machinery, including an air compressor and pneumatic drills, a Right polishing machine and other necessary implements. Their quarry was developed to a considerable extent. A traveling crane, a steam hoist and power derrick are to be installed at once and work started. Oregon granite will be extensively advertised as another unexcelled product of the Rogue River Valley. The location of this city and the ease with which the granite may be placed on the market, makes it possible for the local company to furnish building and monumental stone to dealers from San Francisco to Seattle. The future is bright for the new corporation.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the city councilmen was held Tuesday evening at which there were present Mayor Reddy, Councilmen Trowbridge, Elfert, Merriam and Wortman and Recorder Collins.

Four bids were received for the purchase of the \$40,000 water bonds. A. J. Hood & Co., of Detroit, Michigan, offered a premium of \$510; Morris Brothers of Portland, Oregon, \$455; John Nusen, of Chicago, \$404; Otis & Hough, of Cleveland, \$111. Action was deferred until the next meeting of council.

Recorder Collins was directed to request the Telephone Company and the Condon Water & Power Company to paint the poles used in carrying their lines about the city. This to be done as soon as possible.

The city scavenger, G. M. Jones, was directed to be regularly sworn in as a special policeman—with all authority and power of a policeman.

The \$25,000 general fund bonds were sold to E. H. Rawlings & Son, of Chicago, at a premium of \$1200. Petition of T. W. Waschauer for license to sell liquors was laid over until an investigation could be made as to whether or not the issuance to him of a license would not be in conflict with an ordinance now in force limiting the number of saloons to one to each 500 population. There are now ten saloons, but when this ordinance was passed there were two applications pending and these two applicants having fitted up their places of business and deposited their license fee the councilmen amended the ordinance fixing a date upon which it would become operative later than the date of these applications. The ordinance, limiting the number as above stated, is now in force, and by it no further licenses can be issued until the city's population shall have reached 5,000 unless some of the licenses now in force should be invalidated.

—Clarence D. Kellogg, instructor on piano. Lessons, 75 cents. W.

CRUSHED ROCK FOR SIDE STREETS

Speaking about "coming through" and "making good," can anyone see anything wrong with the kinks the present councilmen are taking out of Medford's progress chain?

Now what do you think of this? Several years ago our city bought a rock crusher, but after it was purchased the discovery was made that they had no rock to crush—and since then nary a rock has that rock crusher crushed—but it has caused more heated arguments and crushed more hopes for peace and joy in the world beyond than any piece of machinery ever purchased by the city—but it remained for the present city council to make its purchase a blessing. Here is how it is all going to work out. The city needs crushed rock on some of its streets—got a crusher, but no rock; down at Gold Bay there are mountains of rock, the crusher is to be taken to that point; the Condon Water & Power Company's electric plant will furnish the power and crushed rock will roll from that crusher onto Southern Pacific flat cars; these will be hauled to Medford and teams will convey the rock first to O street and when this is completed other streets, save Seventh, which is to be paved, will be similarly treated. Now, that works out all right—and looks easy—and it is easy when one considers that the S. P. Company has agreed to haul this rock to Medford for twenty cents a ton, or about \$4 a carload—and there is no limit to the amount they will haul at these figures.

Now these are not shadows, or pipe dreams, but the city councilmen have the project under consideration and will undoubtedly carry out the plans as above outlined.

THINK THEY HAVE A SURE WINNER

The "Berkeley Ormonds" is the name given by the new owners to the old DeFobos ranch, four miles from Medford, which was purchased by George Osgood and others several months ago, and they are commencing operations which in time will make the same good. In a talk with a Mail representative City Engineer Osgood, one of the owners, said:

"We will set out this year 1500 Newtown apple trees, and next year will plant a block of Spitzenburgs, and pears. This year we are just commencing to shape up things for the future, and are seeding 100 acres to alfalfa and wheat.

"Ultimately we intend planting the whole farm to fruits, and expect to make it one of the best properties in the valley. We believe we have a winner in that farm, and one reason I think so is that within a few weeks after we bought we were offered \$5,000 for our bargain. We have every thing we need to make an ideal orchard—soil, location, water, timber—what more do you want.

Approves Medford's Course.

W. H. Shipman, writing to H. T. Hull from New York has this to say concerning business conditions here and of what he has heard of Medford's progress.

"Business does not seem to improve much, and I am afraid that it will remain in about this condition until after the presidential election in November, although I am in hopes that it will improve.

"I see by your paper that they were to have a meeting in the Opera House at Medford, to try and quit knocking and help to boost, and I have told this story to a number of people and everyone seems to think that it is a fine idea to quit knocking and start boosting, and if everyone would do that of course business would improve at once."

A Former Medford Boy.

A. A. Wigle, a Spanish-American war veteran and a native of Oregon, was killed in an explosion in a coal mine near Hawk's Nest, Va., last week, according to advice received by his father, J. L. Wigle, of this city, from the postmaster at that place. Young Wigle was a member of the Second Oregon Volunteers and served with that regiment in the Philippines. On his return home he fell soon after to go to Pennsylvania and there secured employment in the mines. A short time ago he went to West Virginia, where he met his death. The body will probably be brought to this city for burial.—Portland Oregonian.

The young man was formerly a resident of Medford, and had here several years ago.

WILL BUILD TWO NEW SAW MILLS

When Edgar Hafer, manager of the Iowa Lumber & Box Company, mixed himself up with the Pacific & Eastern railroad, a few weeks ago this paper said in "long type" that things were shaping themselves for a successful termination in railroad and lumber matters in this neck of tall Sugar pine vastness, and we were correct in our deductions.

Listen to this:—Mr. Hafer is now in Portland arranging for an extension of the Pacific & Eastern to the timber belt; the Iowa Lumber & Box Company has two sawmill plants now en route to their timber interests, near Derby; several wagon loads of carpenter's and laborers left this week for that locality to put up the buildings necessary for properly equipped logging camps, and surveys on the railroad extension will soon be in the field.

One of the saw mills to be put to use in the Butte creek country is the one the company previously operated near Jacksonville, and the other is an entirely new outfit, shipped directly from Portland. These will be located about five miles south and east from Derby. It may be given out, with reasonable assurance, that the railroad will reach this point this coming season and that next winter the lumber sawed by these mills will be brought to Medford by rail. The capacity of these mills is 30,000 feet each per day.

Good Roads.

"How are your roads in California?" That was about the first question that I was asked when I arrived in Medford a few days ago, by a prominent citizen, who was viewing the Main street of Medford. My answer was, "I have run my auto all winter." He said, "You would have a nice time running it here," I agreed with him.

It looks to me as if the road question in Jackson county should be the paramount issue in your coming county election.

In comparing Jackson county to Humboldt county, Calif., you have no roads except a few miles that have been built the last two years.

The people and officials of Jackson county would gain valuable knowledge if they would go over the roads of California and note the rut that they are in at home. They would come home and be ashamed to look the public in the face until they had started a movement of such dimensions that you would have good roads inside of two years.

You have the richest and most prosperous community that I have visited and have the rottenest roads. It is not only in Jackson county, but the same conditions exist in every county in Oregon. Is it any wonder that the Oregonians are dubbed "Moosebacks"?

For instance you start from here and go to Crescent City and even though you do not have anyone in your party that has ever been over the road, you know when you come of the California line by the abruptness that the condition of the road changes—from rocks to smooth roadbed, with the rocks and stumps removed. In California the clearance of your car is of no moment, as all the obstructions in the center of the road have been removed. Humboldt county is a poor example of the average counties of California, as it is very thinly settled, being covered with heavy forests, but the roads of Humboldt county—even the roads such as the road to Butte Falls—are equally as good as the piece of road between Phoenix and Talent. But the county officials are not satisfied, but are now bonding the county for \$500,000 to build better roads. The law being such that the incorporated cities and towns pay an equal rate of taxation with the timber owners and farmers to the payment of bonds and interest. Now if Humboldt county with its small population and the good roads it now has can afford to bond itself for \$500,000 for better roads. What had Jackson county ought to be able to do, with the resources it has? This is a subject that the people of Jackson county should study, and when you come to name your county officials you should know what they propose to do to help you out of the mud. And if they will not commit themselves to give you the relief that you should have, then turn them down at the primaries.

I cannot see where it would be any great burden to carry, to bond your county and get your roads built in two years and have the use of them—which pays the interest—than it will to drag along and have a few miles each year and by the time the roads are built over the county, the present people who are paying the taxes now will be gone or dead, and a new people will reap the benefit of the burden that the tax payers are now

HAVE GONE HUNTING FOR WATER

Councilmen H. G. Wortman, W. W. Elfert and F. E. Merriam and City Engineer Osgood left Medford Wednesday morning for the Butte creek country to make a search for water for the city's use.

These councilmen were appointed a few weeks ago to investigate this matter of water supply—and they are making that investigation with a determination which will surely terminate in the city's securing the best water possible—and in quantity sufficient for all purposes—and for decades to come. The Mail has confidence in these gentlemen's judgment and we believe the people generally are equally as well satisfied that they will do the right thing, and this being the case when they shall have made their report we believe our people will accept it and at once decide to put into execution the plans which they will outline.

The Los Angeles Excursion.

The excursion which left here Sunday for Los Angeles and California points, carried forty residents of Medford and vicinity, who will enjoy a few weeks in Southern California. The excursion was in charge of Agent A. S. Rosenbaum, and the excursionists are all prepared to talk Southern Oregon at every opportunity and have the printed matter and facts at hand to back up their assertions.

The cars are decorated with bannering telling who the excursionists are and the object thereof and word comes back that they are making themselves known all along the line.

The list comprises: Lewis Warner, John F. White, Court Hall, Mr. McWilliams, C. Orr, A. Hopson, C. Mitchell, Mr. Francis, Mr. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Olwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hoover and son, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kahler, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Whited, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Rosenbaum, Mrs. Chas. Palm, Mrs. Godlove, Mrs. T. H. Moore and son, Mrs. A. Patrick.

Grants Pass Has New P. O.

The Grants Pass postoffice is "under new management" this week, G. W. Donnell having taken up the reins Monday morning. We do not look for any startling changes in the service, for the reason that the work of the office has been carried on in a satisfactory manner under Mr. Harman and his assistants. We shall naturally expect a continuance of this and an improvement if that is possible, under the management of Mr. Donnell, for he brings to the office not only an equipment of inbred courtesy, but of natural capability and long experience in executive work in the railway service. His friends in Grants Pass extend the glad hand, both because of his good fortune in securing the appointment and because this position insures the continued residence of himself and his estimable family in this city.—Pacific Outlook.

Special Sermon

The pastor of the Baptist church announces that on Sunday evening March 1st, he will deliver a sermon on, "Why I do not Play Cards." It might be of some interest to know the reasons for not doing this. The pastor does not preach this sermon for the purpose of public notice or newspaper notoriety, but because he has been asked by parents to do so. You are invited to come.

HAVE YOU ALL BEEN COUNTED?

The Mail has had men at work during the past two weeks taking a census of the city of Medford. We have endeavored to catch all of our townspeople. It is barely possible that some of them have been overlooked. The work will be completed this week and after that time should there be any persons in the city who has not been counted we would be pleased to have them call at this office. We have been very careful in making this enumeration and we do not think we have overlooked any—but if we have won't you please report.

Wake up and build roads which is the best advertisement you can get. Yours very truly,
George F. King.

—Head carefully the new real estate list of C. H. Pierce & Son, in this issue.