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OREGON LEADS

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

The Grand Sale of EMBROIDERIES

NOW IN FULL BLAST

Of course you are going to need more or less embroideries before the summer is over. Now is the time, not only to see the finest and Largest Assortment ever brought to Southern Oregon, but the one time to Save Money on your purchases. We bought these embroideries long months ago especially for this sale, bought them at the lowest market prices and at import, so that we saved about 20 per cent on every yard purchased. We are going to give our friends and patrons the benefit of our careful buying and for ONE WEEK you can buy embroideries at a clean saving of 20c on the dollar.

EDGING in all widths up to 26 inches and in all grades up from 5c
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WAITINGS range from 38c to \$2.98
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We Sell the White Goods and Muslins for Less, Too

New Spring Suits



No need for any woman or miss to worry over making a spring suit. We have over 195 new spring styles to show you and the suit made up ready-to-wear will cost but a fraction more than you would ordinarily pay for the goods. Come and see what we are offering—we won't urge you to buy, but we will try to show you that we can save you time, worry and money and you will look better dressed too. Prices low.

\$8
and up to
\$50.00

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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 "TALE OF THE WEST"

By James D. Fay.
Once in a while a story writer from the east evolves from his imagination and from the legends told him by facetious "oldest inhabitants" a tale that makes people who have lived in the locality where the scenes portrayed are supposed to have occurred to sit up and take notice, and wonder where they were when the occurrences took place.

An instance in point is the story told by A. P. Terhune in the New York World (and quoted in a local paper) which will cause a smile of derision among the many survivors of the still remembered Modoc war. Mr. Terhune gives a short, garbled mention of the Ben Wright massacre—this massacre, by the way was not entirely unjustifiable, under the then conditions. It was really a case of who hit first, but Mr. Terhune intimates that the real enemy of the Modoc tribe toward the whites, dated from that day. Such is not the case, however. The writer of this article has heard the story of the Modoc war told by the campfire of cowboy camps by actual participants in not only the battles of the war but in the events which led up to the cornering of Captain Jack and his band by the United troops and the volunteers, the capture of Jack and his band and the execution of the principals in the murder of the peace commission.

When the first emigrant trains in 1846 and 1847 came over the south road to Oregon, in order to avoid the passage of The Dalles of the Columbia—where the first immigration of 1843 led by my grandfather, Jesse Applegate, lost several of its members and many goods—came to the territory of the Modoc and Pitt river Indians, they found a hostile, implacable foe confronting them. From the tules on the lake shore and from the bluffs above at "Bloody Point," arrows and bullets inflicted the ranks of the advance guard of civilization pressing toward the west and many were the scenes of bloodshed as noted in the shadows of "Bloody Point." This was before the advent of Ben Wright and his avengers, whose slaying of the Indians was but in retribution for crimes committed before.

Capt. Jack was not a "noble red man," he wasn't even respected by his own band and was despised by the chiefs of his tribe. He didn't have even the quality of physical courage—for at the massacre of the peace commission Jack was in the back ground while Soar, Paed, Charley and Black Jim did the work. So with the final act of the tragedy at Fort Klamath Jack at the last moment brought clemency and endeavored to secure an "immunity bath."

Mr. Terhune tells of how a "body of United States soldiers, together with hundreds of armed settlers marched against Captain Jack" in his camp on Lost river and how Jack by "clever generalship beat the assault back with great loss." As a matter of fact it was the pig-headedness of the commander of the company of forty regular soldiers, guided by the man who told me the story, and unaccompanied by a single settler, that led to the escape of the Indians—as they were camped on a bend in Lost river with their squaws and children and were not expecting a fight. The troops, guided by the man who told the story to me crept down through the Lost river Valley that November night and just at day light reached the camp of the Indians. The camp was pitched in a bend of the river where steep banks rose thirty feet above the water. Instead of forming their line from bank to bank inside the curve of the river, thus holding the Indians between them and the stream, the troops marched between the hostiles and the river and formed across the narrow point of land with their backs to the stream and the savages in front of them. Then came the fight, in which several soldiers were killed and wounded and the most of the Indians escaped to the thick brush. The squaws and children were captured and the commander with mistaken philanthropy sent them out into the brush to bring the warriors in. They never came back, of course. Instead, while the troops were making the long detour to the natural bridge to cross the stream the Indians returned, crossed the river in canoes and fell upon the settlers of Tule lake. The Tule lake settlers followed and Jack shut himself up in the stronghold in the lava beds, whence it took an army of soldiers, volunteers and Warm Spring Indians to dislodge him.

A suit of clothes used to be some odd pieces of cloth, hitched together by thread and stuck promiscuously over with buttons. Not so now. Why? Ask Bill!

—For sale—An excellent quality of brick—in any quantity. G. W. Friday, Medford, Oregon.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening all members were present except Councilman Olwell.

A committee composed of Mrs. M. L. Alford, Mrs. W. I. Vawter and Mrs. N. N. Warner appeared on behalf of the Greater Medford club, and asked for the use of the council chamber in the new city hall for library purposes and also an appropriation from the city to assist in maintaining the library. On motion the use of the council chamber was granted, and an appropriation of \$150 was also made.

Mrs. J. E. Enyart appeared before the council and complained of the unhealthfulness of the old building on 5th street opposite the Iowa Lumber & Box Co.'s office and requested that steps be taken for its removal. The complaint was referred to the chief of the fire department with orders to report.

The bids for the \$40,000 issue of water bonds were opened. Not being satisfactory, all were rejected and new advertisements ordered.

F. W. Washburn was granted a license to sell liquor for six months. There was some little discussion as to the right of the council to grant this license, as the charter provides that the proportion of saloons shall not be more than one to every 500 population. The late school census indicates a population of 5,100 in the school district, but this district covers considerable more ground than does the corporation. On call of the roll—Birt, Hafer and Trowbridge voted aye, Merrick and Wortman voted no.

The appointment of L. L. Damon as street commissioner was confirmed. The petition asking the council to require the removal of the oil tank was referred to the building committee.

A petition of property owners on the east side asking for the extension of water mains north to the city limits was referred to the water committee. The report of the committee to look over the septic tank was to the effect that the tank was all right, with the exception of minor imperfections, and was accomplishing the work. The bondsmen of the contractor were ordered released from further liability.

In the matter of securing power for crushing rock and rock to crush for paving purposes, the committee, through its chairman, Mr. Trowbridge, made a partial report and the matter was referred back to the committee with instructions to act. The city engineer and Councilman Hafer were instructed to investigate a probable source for suitable rock near Eagle Point.

The matter of a franchise for a right of way for the Pacific & Eastern railway was discussed at some length informally. Councilman Siefert thought that the company should present a petition from the property holders the value of whose property would be affected by proposed route up O street, and did not believe the council should grant a franchise which was likely to damage property owners. Mayor Reddy took the position that it was the duty of the council to look out for the "greatest good for the greatest number," and that the bringing in of the road would more than balance in good results whatever damage might be done. Mr. Hafer speaking for the management of the road said that it was simply up to the people. If they wanted the road and would grant a franchise the road would come in. Otherwise it would not. Only passenger traffic and local freight would be handled over the line into town. The through traffic being handled at the junction. The council wanted the road to come in, but didn't want anyone injured. Finally it was agreed that the council would go over the ground Wednesday afternoon and make a decision one way or the other.

At the meeting Wednesday afternoon resolutions were passed calling a special election to be held March 17th for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of \$25,000 additional bonds for the purpose of extending the water system.

No action was taken on the matter of a franchise for the P. & E., nor in the matter of paving material for the streets.

Lecture on Dante's Inferno.

A lecture on Dante's Inferno illustrated with over eighty five pictures taken from paintings by Dore will be given in the House Monday, March 24, at 8 o'clock. This is the third lecture in the course by the Rev. F. C. Williams. Reserved seats 50 cents, general admission 25 cents. Course tickets entitle the bearer to reserved seats.

AN ELECTRIC BELT LINE

A further step toward the making of Rogue River Valley what it should be was taken this week when the Oregon Rapid Transit and Power Co. was incorporated with the following gentlemen as incorporators: J. E. Watt, F. E. Merrick, F. E. Page, A. S. Bilton, S. A. Nye and F. L. Evans.

The object of the corporation is to construct and maintain an electric railway covering the entire Rogue River Valley, ultimately to connect every town in the valley, one with another by direct lines.

The present plans contemplate the construction of a line with its southern terminus at Ashland and its northern one at Grants Pass. Running south from Grants Pass the line will take in Woodville, Gold Hill, Tolo, Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, Talent, Ashland, Jacksonville and Eagle Point. There will be a belt line encircling the whole valley in the foot hills, as well as a central line, so that farmers can step aboard a car at any hour in the day and in a few moments reach the city markets with their products. The establishment of this line will result in a rapid increase of population in the valley and is a more intensified system of agriculture. It will mean the building up of a big city in the center of the valley, devoted to business purposes alone. It will mean lots of things for the future of this commonwealth.

The matter of power for the line has not been fully decided as yet. There are two sources from which this power can be derived, from already established enterprises, and the company might establish their power plant, but are now considering the advisability of making arrangements with parties already in the field.

One thing can be said and that positively, that the road is an assured fact. The election of officers will be held the last of this week and as soon as the permanent organization is perfected engineers will be placed in the field and the line laid out and work will be commenced at once.

The capitalization of the corporation will be \$3,000,000, divided into 300,000 shares of a par value of \$10 each, one-third of which will be placed on the market at once, and these shares will be sold at par and at par only.

It is felt by those back of the proposition that the investment is in itself a sufficient inducement, as the possibilities of the scheme are manifest to anyone who will take the trouble to investigate the conditions. Every farmer, whose land the line touches will find not only that he is greatly overvalued thereby, that he saves time and expense through the rapid and easy transit afforded him, but that he can market his produce to better advantage by being practically on the ground and that his property has increased in value. The headquarters of the company will be at Jacksonville.

Revival Meetings.

Successful revival meetings are now in progress at the above church, under the leadership of Rev. Van Marter, of Iowa, and Prof. Gray, of Chicago. Last Sabbath was a glorious day. The Sabbath school ran up to 174.

After a very interesting and edifying sermon on "The Good Samaritan," six persons united with the church. At 3 p. m. the evangelist addressed 150-200 men at Angle's Opera House taking for his subject "The Pure Life." At night he preached again at the church on "Hell." After showing that Christ and his apostles taught the doctrine of hell, he affirmed that the tortures of the lost would consist: (1) in a tormenting memory (2) in the craving of unattained desires, (3) in vicious companionship, (4) in shame (5) in the hopelessness of their conditions. Preaching every night this week. Three services at the church next Sabbath at 11 a. m. 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school 10 a. m. All are invited.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the directors of school District No. 16, Jackson county Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the construction of a school house for said district. Plans and specifications may be seen at R. W. Gray's office in Medford, or at the residence of the clerk, Harvey Richardson, one mile south of Bybee bridge.

A certified check of \$25 must accompany each bid. Bids will be opened on March 21, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Harvey Richardson.

—Come and get our special prices on China ware. Aisen & Keegan.

P. & E. RAILROAD MATTERS

Matters with the Pacific & Eastern railroad are moving along steadily and according to statements made by Edgar Hafer, vice-president of the road, to a reporter of The Mail the regular passenger train will be running in the course of two weeks. The interesting time will be necessary for the repairing of the engine, which is being entirely overhauled and placed in good condition. Negotiations with the Southern Pacific railroad are underway, for the obtaining of a lease so that the train will be able to run into town, instead of stopping at the junction.

At present there is a force of surveyors engaged in mapping out the road beyond Eagle Point. These surveyors will probably put in the greater portion of the summer at the work. As soon as ten miles of the road is surveyed the matter of obtaining right-of-way will be taken up. Mr. Hafer does not anticipate any trouble in this regard. As to the time of putting out construction crews Mr. Hafer is as yet unable to make a statement, as much preliminary work is to be done.

There have been no new developments during the past week in regard to the obtaining of a franchise for bringing the line into town from the junction. The committee appointed by the Commercial club to look into the matter as yet not having made a report. If the franchise cannot be obtained the road will be operated from the junction.

Three carloads of machinery were shipped to Eagle Point during the past week by the Crater Lake Lumber Company, it being the machinery for one of the saw mills to be erected on Butte creek. This mill is one that the Iowa Lumber & Box Company have had stored for some time. A force of men has been sent up to erect the mill. Mr. Hafer purchased a new mill in Portland last week and this one is expected to arrive within ten days and will be shipped immediately to Eagle Point, from there to be hauled to the company's property on Butte creek. The boiler for the first mill started from Eagle Point on Monday, requiring ten horses to move it. The two mills are to be erected some distance from the rail road and the lumber hauled out. They will each have a capacity of 30,000 feet a day.

Later the company expects to erect a large mill and haul the logs to it. This mill will be reached by the P. & E. The mill formerly owned by the company at Jacksonville has been sold.

It will probably be a month before logging starts. Supplies are being shipped in at present and as soon as arrangements can be made the work will start.

In spite of the persistent rumors that have been about town for some time Mr. Hafer says that the Iowa Lumber & Box Company does not contemplate at present, the erection of a large box factory on the thirty acre tract at the junction of the P. & E. The present factory is to be remodeled, to what extent Mr. Hafer declined to state.

With the affairs of the new company in the hands of Mr. Hafer the people of Medford may be assured that matters will not be allowed to drag and that the new company will do what they have set about, as expeditiously as possible.

G. E. S. Social Night

The regular reception night of the O. E. S. was observed Wednesday evening, February 26th, with the following committee in charge: Mesdames: E. D. Elwood, I. L. Hamilton, J. K. Woodford, Fred Luy, J. H. Butler, W. S. Jones, J. A. Perry and Messrs. J. A. Perry, A. L. Eisenhart, E. N. Warner, and E. D. Elwood.

An elaborate two course lunch was served and the following interesting musical program was heard: Song of the Triton Quartette Tenor Solo, selected Mr. Mitchell Comedy Monologue Ed Andrews Soprano Solo a—I Love You Truly b—Coming Thru the Rye Mrs Andrews selected

Piano solo, Miss Jeannette Butler selected

Dust, from "Iolanthe" Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews

Quartette Good Night Beloved Mrs. Andrews, Miss Grace Brown, Mr. Fish, Ed Andrews.

Over one hundred members and invited friends were present. The growth of the order has been so rapid that very soon the present accommodations of the lodge room will be altogether inadequate for its needs.

—A shirt was once called a "billed torment" and gripped your Adam's apple till you were fearful to breathe lest you would sprain its structure. You say not so now? Why? Ask Bill!

—Good, dry wood for sale. Call up phone 76, or E. N. Warner's grocery store.

BIG RETURNS FROM GARDENING

Messrs. Roberts and Son who do truck gardening at Phoenix, four miles south from Medford, have a pretty good figure to give out as to the cash receipts from their twenty acres of land, and the feature of the story which they tell is especially good because of the fact that their land is not for sale at any price—in fact they have positively declined to set a price on their land—and real estate agents have been told to spend no time on their premises.

Here is the record from April 10, 1907, to January 17, 1908: Amount of garden truck sold \$2250, alfalfa hay sold and now on hand \$220, and besides this they have \$100 worth of garden product now on hand and not sold. Besides this from two cows they have made eight pounds of butter each week which would add another \$100 to the aggregate, and again the family living has been made from the land but his is not counted in the receipts. The total receipts, not including the living of the family, is thus shown to be \$2570.

From eight acres of land they sold \$1000 worth of potatoes, and from three-fifths of an acre of land sold \$320 worth of onions, and from one-third of an acre of berries of different varieties they realized \$200 in cash.

MEDFORD MAY HAVE PAPER MILL

If the plans of a number of capitalists of Salt Lake City are carried out a large paper mill will be erected in the vicinity of Medford during the coming summer. Such is the information given to a reporter of the Mail by J. A. Reynolds, capitalist and financier of Salt Lake City, who has been in the valley for a number of days looking into the matter of finding a suitable location for such a mill. There is an abundance of material in the surrounding mountains that can be obtained at little cost and there is a sufficiency of power, according to Mr. Reynolds. In speaking of the matter Mr. Reynolds said:

"I am highly pleased with the result of my visit in the Rogue River Valley and can state positively that if the plans of the company, with whom I am associated, go through we will erect a large paper mill during the coming summer in or near Medford. I have decided upon Medford, the most progressive of the cities in the valley, and if the mill is erected it will be close enough to Medford to give that city the benefit afforded by an enterprise of this kind.

"There are but a very few mills of this kind in the West and I believe that there is a large field here to be covered. The company I am with owns five large mills in the middle west and we have had our eyes on the Northwest for considerable time.

I have been throughout the northwest during the past month and have found no more suitable place for such an undertaking, than in or near Medford. You have in this vicinity a large amount of material for the making of paper, and you have also power rights that can be acquired reasonably. I have talked to several people in the valley and am sure that I can do business here.

"I am to return now to Salt Lake City to make my report and expect to be back in the valley with the power to acquire the necessary property and water rights. We will install a modern mill and will give employment to at least 50 men. The mill will be situated, if possible, on or near the railroad line making it an easy matter to ship our production. I am confident that such a mill will be put in here by my company."

Mr. Reynolds is associated with the American Paper Export Association, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the United States.

Bishop Scadding in Medford

The Rev. Charles Scadding, Bishop of Oregon and Mrs. Scadding come to Medford February 29 and March 1 instead of March 4, as wrongly announced. A reception will be held in their honor Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kentner. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Bishop Scadding will administer the rite of confirmation at St. Mark's church. At this service the choir, under the direction of Mr. Chas. Handberg will sing special music including a beautiful Te Deum and Jubilate by Weston Childs.

—If you want fruit call on C. F. Cook, who deals in the highest grade nursery stock—call on stock guaranteed. Second door east of Hotel Moore.