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DANIELS'
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REALTY BUSINESS CONTINUES BRISK

Business along realty lines continues brisk, a goodly number of sales being reported. Twenty lots in the West Medford addition changed hands during the week, aside from a large acreage of fruit land.

H. C. Best, of Glibby, N. D., purchased through W. T. York & Co., 15 acres of land from George Flake, the consideration being \$6250, or \$350 an acre for land set to 2-year-old pears. The land sold is part of the Morrison tract near the Griffin creek school house.

F. A. Barber of East Aurora, N. Y., purchased 31 acres of land on the north fork of Griffin creek for \$3200, or a little over \$100 an acre. W. T. York & Co. handled the property for W. A. Witeher. Mr. Barber intends to plant the land entirely to fruit.

H. C. Stoddard exchanged 10 acres of orchard land near Eagle Point to Henry Humphrey for 20 lots in the West Medford Addition. Mr. Stoddard contemplates building upon a portion of the lots and will place the remainder upon the market.

H. T. McCullom, of Glibby, N. D., purchased 15 acres set to pears near the place purchased by Mr. Best, the price paid being \$4,000. W. T. York & Co., conducted the business for D. D. Sage.

The H. T. Hull orchard southwest of Medford consisting of 20 acres was sold to C. W. Potter and G. G. Gould of St. Johns, Oregon, the consideration being \$16,500 or \$825 an acre, the highest price ever paid for young orchard land in the Rogue River Valley. The orchard is a very fine one consisting of Newtown and Spitzenberg apples and D'Anjou and Howell pears. The property was purchased from J. E. Watt last autumn by H. T. Hull, the consideration being \$14,000. Aside from these large sales a considerable number of smaller holdings changed hands. The real estate men continue optimistic over the conditions of business.

The property south of Medford known as the Bell place has been sold through the agency of Rogue River Land Company to Charles M. English, formerly of Grand Forks county, North Dakota, the consideration being \$15,000. W. W. Glasgow will manage the property for Mr. English. It consists of 32 acres of Spitzenberg and Newtown apples and 9 acres of pastureland, 43 acres in all.

The Crater Lake Lumber Company better known to residents of this valley as the Iowa Lumber & Box Company, purchased another lumber tract in the Big Butte district during the past week paying in the neighborhood of \$50,000 for 1040 acres.

The property is known as the Swift Lumber tract and consists of sugar and yellow pine. It was owned by Hutchinson & Lumden of this city. The deal has been contemplated for some time and was closed during the past week.

Planning to Entertain Visitors.
The committee appointed by the Commercial Club to arrange for the entertainment of the Portland business men who plan to visit Medford and the Rogue River Valley about the middle of next month, is already at work on their plans which give promise of an elaborate entertainment of the visitors. Every automobile that the committee can possibly obtain is to be pressed into service. They are meeting with considerable success along this line, a number of machines being offered already.

THE WATER QUESTION

On last Saturday a committee consisting of Messrs. Perry, Page and Jarrett from the Commercial Club and Council men Wortman, Elfert and Merriek, together with City Engineer, T. W. Osgood, left for a trip to the Butte creek district to examine the proposed sources of a water supply for Medford. The committee returned on Tuesday evening after visiting the head waters of Big Butte, Little Butte creeks and a number of other places in that section.

Neither committee has as yet made a report to their respective bodies, but it is understood that they favor the Little Butte Creek against the Big Butte. To obtain water from the latter place it will necessitate the construction of a tunnel through a range of mountains and a circuitous route for the pipe line. The approximate cost would be in the neighborhood of \$500,000 which is considered by the members of the council to be prohibitive. On the other hand, the water from the Little Butte creek can be supplied to Medford for an approximate cost of \$300,000, which amount can be obtained for such an undertaking.

It is understood that there is a third proposition that is favored by the members of the party but the gentlemen refuse to state where the water is to be obtained, until after they settle one or two water rights and make their report to their respective bodies.

Medford Boy Killed by Car.

The following from the Portland Oregonian gives the facts of the death of Vernon Fansher last Thursday afternoon:
Vernon Fansher, 18 years of age, whose home was in Medford, Oregon, was run down and killed by a street car yesterday afternoon, a few minutes after 5 o'clock, at the corner of Second and Main streets. The young man walked in front of the car in some manner yet to be explained, and although the police have taken into custody Moterman R. G. Reed, who was in charge of the car, to hold him pending the verdict of the coroner's jury, which will investigate, there seems to be much evidence to show that the young man's carelessness contributed more to his death than any other cause.

Fansher, according to the stories told by ten eye-witnesses, was crossing the street, walking from the west to the east. He left the sidewalk about 30 feet from the crossing, going around a truck that was going south. The car, No. 310, on the Fulton line, was going north at perhaps a little more than average speed.

The truck behind which Fansher walked was hooded and hid him from the sight of the motorman. Fansher was on his way to his lodgings, which are close by, at 205 Main street, where he resided with his brother, Wilbur, E. Fansher, who is a cook in the Grotto restaurant on Yamhill street, between Third and fourth. On the northeast corner there is an excavation being made in a vacant lot, where the contractors are operating a steam derrick. This derrick must have attracted Fansher's attention for, from accounts, he was looking at it at the time he was crossing the street.

He walked in a northerly direction and away from the car, but diagonally across the track. He passed a fatal fraction of a second on the north-bound track and there the car struck him. He was knocked down, his head struck the ground with great violence, fracturing the skull and at the base of the brain and breaking the neck at its junction with the skull. The car step caught him and rolled and dragged him for perhaps 20 or 30 feet. People on the sidewalk and those in the front part of the car who had witnessed the accident shouted with horror and the motorman brought his car to a sudden stop about 40 feet from where the prostrate man was found. Passengers and pedestrians rushed to the youth's assistance and volunteers quickly carried him to the drug store of Graddon & Kohler, corner of Main and First streets. He was still alive, but Dr. Lloyd Irvine, of Third and Madison streets, found that he was beyond medical aid. Within 15 minutes the young man was dead.

Young Fansher was a son of L. W. Fansher, of Central Point, and was formerly a student in the Medford High School. The remains were brought to Medford Sunday and were interred in the family plot in Phoenix cemetery. Services were held at the Presbyterian church of Rev. G. L. Hall, of the Medford Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fansher have the deepest heart felt sympathy of their many friends in this community in this affliction.

—For Sale—A few good horses and different kinds of wagons and rigs. Call at West Side Brick Stable. 7-12.

INCREASE IN ORCHARD LANDS

An increase of 2000 per cent in ten years in value, or at the rate of 200 per cent a year, is the record shown by orchard land in the Rogue River Valley. And this has been shown by the actual selling price of the land and is not a dream; neither is it what is to happen. It is an actual statement of the truth, as shown by the sale, during the past week of the property known as the Hull orchard one mile south of Medford situated next to the famous Hill orchard for which \$1000 an acre was refused last fall.

The Hill property was sold a little less than ten years ago by the original owner, F. T. Good, to Frank Paine for \$10 an acre. Mr. Paine set out an orchard consisting of apples and pears and four years ago sold it for \$50 an acre to a Mr. Sterritt. Mr. Sterritt decided to part with the property about two years ago and sold to J. E. Watt for \$225 an acre. Three months ago Mr. Watt sold the property which had consisted of 40 acres to Hull & Parker. Mr. Hull took the north half of the forty together with the buildings, paying \$14,000 or \$700 an acre. He has just sold his holding for \$16,500 or \$825 an acre, the highest price ever paid for orchard land in the Rogue River Valley. C. W. Potter and G. G. Gould, of St. Johns, Oregon, near the famous Hood River fruit district, are the purchasers.

Thus the increase in value from \$40 an acre a little less than ten years ago to \$825 at the present time shows an increase of over 20 times the first value, or an increase of over 2000 per cent.

W. T. York & Co., who handled the business for Mr. Watt asked the purchasers if they could place the property on the market at \$1000 an acre and were told that they could not. The present owners refuse to consider selling at any price.

Last year the owner of the Hill orchard situated next to the Hill property received an offer of \$60,000 for 60 acres of the pear orchard but refused to sell. The Hill orchard last year paid over 20 per cent on the investment.

Amusements.

The "Dixie Jubilee Singers" Saturday night was one of the best attractions of the kind that has appeared here this season and was entitled to a much larger house than they drew. However, the Sunday evening concert brought out an audience that packed the opera house to the doors, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. As singers the people of the company are hard to beat.

The singers participated in the services at the different churches on Sunday, volunteering to assist in the music. In the morning they sang at the Presbyterian and Baptist churches and in the evening at the Christian and M. E. churches. The singing was thoroughly enjoyed by the congregations.

—William F. Cullen presented "The Burgomaster" at the opera house of Tuesday evening to a large and appreciative audience. And he deserved to meet with success for it was one of the finest musical comedies staged in Medford for some time. Gus Weinberg, well known to old theater goers, was seen in the part of Peter Stuyvesant, the governor of New Amsterdam, and age has but improved his art. It will be remembered that he was the first man to appear in this role—in fact it was due to his efforts that "The Burgomaster" was named a success by the critics—and his continued success now that the play has recently been revived, speaks well of the merits of the man. He kept his audience well in hand during Tuesday night's performance and pleased all. Ruth White as Willie Van Astorbilt was a great success. In fact the entire cast was good and the applause showed that a Medford audience appreciates ability.

Prominent Man Drowned.

A. F. Johnston, a prominent merchant of Santa Monica, Calif., and the owner of the Virgin mines in Josephine county was drowned in the Illinois river Monday.

It is understood that Johnston and two companions started to cross the Illinois river, which at this time of the year is very high and rapid, and once in the middle of the stream the small boat they were in capsized and threw its occupants out.

SCHOOL PLANS DECIDED UPON

The board of school directors have decided to accept the plans for the new school house submitted by Charles Burgraf, of Albany. The cost of erection according to the plans will be in the neighborhood of \$27,000.

The directors tried in every way possible to favor local architects, but they were unable to do so and still do their duty to the school district. The plans submitted to the board by Mr. Burgraf were superior in many ways to the plans submitted by local architects. The plans submitted to the board by Mr. Burgraf were superior in many ways to the plans submitted by local architects. The plans have been returned to Albany for the detail work and as soon as this is completed by the architect they will be returned to the board here and the bids for the contracting will be called for. The board wants the contract to go to local contractors.

The plans as adopted are for a three story school building containing twelve large class rooms. In the attic a gymnasium is to be constructed and in the basement will be the tuncen rooms, bicycle rooms and the like. The building is to be constructed of brick with granite trimmings. The assembly hall is to be modern in all respects and will contain a balcony. The heating plant is to be carefully constructed, minimizing the chances of fire. The rooms are to be ventilated thoroughly so that the windows are not depended upon for ventilation.

The architect has been ordered to finish the detailing of the plans as rapidly as possible so that the bids can be called for. The board wants the building completed in time for the next term of school and they realize that they must hurry the work along in order to have it completed.

May Develop Cement Property.

During the past week there has been a persistent rumor about town to the effect that a number of capitalists are considering the advisability of developing the cement lands over on the Applegate. The fuel question has been a drawback previous to the present time but now it is claimed that with the coal mine in operation this question will have been solved. With a sufficient amount of fuel to be obtained and a property that will furnish a high grade of cement, certainly it will not be long before steps are taken to develop the property.

J. A. DeLay, of this city, has been considering for sometime the prospects of such a manufacturing concern. He has had a considerable amount of experience in the manufacturing of cement and he has made plans to thoroughly look into the matter for certain Portland parties who have signified a desire to take hold of the proposition. Mr. DeLay, however, has not done a great deal as yet in connection with the matter owing to the fact that he has not been able to obtain the necessary amount of fuel for the kilns.

Some time ago a government expert visited the property in question and after a careful analysis of the material proclaimed that it would produce a superior grade of Portland cement. Now that the fuel question is said to be settled the matter will probably be taken up in earnest.

Small Boys Touch Off Powder.

Harold Riddle and the little son of Mr. Flay were quite severely burned last Wednesday by the explosion of a small quantity of gun powder to which they touched a match. The little fellows were playing over near the slaughter pen when they found a thumb stall filled with powder, which had been thrown away by Jim Hart, who had used it as a poultice for a felon on his thumb. Pouring out the powder on the ground the boys crowded around it to see it "go off" when they touched a match to it. Both of the boys were burned about the face more or less, but little Harold Riddle was so severely burned that he has been confined to bed during the week, under the care of Dr. Long. The skin was burned off of his face in large patches, and within a few moments after the explosion his eyes were entirely closed by the swelling and his companions had to lead him back to town. It was feared that his eyes were injured, but when the swelling was reduced it was found that only the exterior of the lids was burned. The little fellow boy was also burned quite severely, but his injuries were not serious enough to confine him to his bed.—Madras, Crook county, Pioneer.

Harold Riddle is the son of Mrs. K. H. Riddle, formerly Miss Mamie Isaacs, of Medford. Mrs. Riddle's many friends in this city will be pleased to learn that young Harold is not seriously hurt.

HAFER BUYS LEWIS INTEREST

It is reported that Edgar Hafer has purchased the interest of C. H. Lewis in the Pacific & Eastern railroad. The terms and conditions of the sale cannot as yet be determined as Mr. Hafer is absent from the city on a trip to the timber country on Big Butte.

The first report was to the effect that the interest of Mr. Lewis had been acquired by Mayor Reddy, but the Mayor stated to a reporter of The Mail that it was not he that had purchased the interest, but Mr. Hafer. The reason of Mr. Lewis in selling out cannot be determined before the return of Mr. Hafer. The latter now controls about two-thirds of the capital stock of the company is now owned or controlled by local men, add real estate.

Council Talks Pavement.

The city council met on Wednesday evening and passed an ordinance providing that they should call for bids for the paving of Seventh street. The specifications for the pavement and preliminary grading were adopted as offered to the council by the City Engineer.

Seventh street is to be properly graded before any pavement is placed thereon. All soft spots are to be filled with rock which is to be rolled and thoroughly packed so that there will be no sagging of the pavement. The bituminous material is to be thoroughly cover the rolled street and the surface is to be free from any roughness or honeycomb effect when the pavement is finished.

A representative of Walker Brothers, of Portland, who will bid on the contract, was present at the meeting and discussed with the council the phases of the work. He claims that after the grading is completed that his company can pave at the rate of a block a day. Six weeks is the time that he roughly estimated will be the time required for the filling, grading and laying of the pavement.

He stated to the council that his company had authorized him to state positively that if they obtained the contract that they would put in the paving this summer ahead of two other towns whose streets they are figuring on, Grants Pass and Ashland.

The council amended an ordinance passed by them last week preventing female persons from entering saloons, or other premises in which liquor is sold, by excepting the public dining room of any hotel. The way the ordinance read at first it would be unlawful for any woman to enter the dining room of a hotel in the city where liquor is served.

The water committee failed to make a report, but it is expected that they will do so at the next meeting of the council.

Wheeling's Ex-Mayor to Locate.

J. M. McDonald of Wheeling, West Virginia, and formerly mayor of that city, has been in the valley during the past month looking over values with a view of locating permanently. Mr. McDonald is a retired capitalist and has been traveling on the Pacific coast for some time seeking a suitable location for a fruit ranch where he can settle and spend his remaining days as he puts it, "far from the vigorous climate of the Eastern States." He has expressed himself highly pleased with the climate and resources of the Rogue River Valley and he has determined to locate in the vicinity of Medford. To a representative of The Mail Mr. McDonald expressed himself as follows:

"I feel like the pioneers did when they discovered gold in California. I want to get upon a homestead and about to the world, 'Eureka—I have found it.' The Rogue River Valley is what I have been looking for a considerable time. And I say this after I have traveled over the entire Pacific coast looking for a place to locate. I have long wanted to retire from a active business and acquire a fruit ranch which could be placed on a paying basis and where the climate would not be too rigorous. And I have found the place of my dreams in the vicinity of Medford.

"I am very highly pleased with the conditions which prevail in this section. Your climate is splendid and I am sure that I can find a place where I can raise fruit like others in this valley do. I am proud that I found Medford and this valley by myself and not through the agency of any person or persons. I dropped out at Medford with nothing particular in view, other than I wanted to see what you had here. But instead of staying for the day as I had intended, I am here yet and I am going to stay. A trip home to get my family and my travels will be over."

Mr. McDonald was for eight years the mayor of the city of Wheeling and is the type of man that the valley should be proud in having obtained as a citizen.