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RATE ON CEMENT IS LOWERED

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The Southern Pacific railroad announces that they have reduced the freight rate on cement from California to Southern Oregon from \$11.60 a ton to \$7.50 a ton. This has been done in order to encourage the large amount of building that is being done in the southern part of this state. The Southern Pacific officials realize that Southern Oregon is on the grow rapidly and they realize further that they can aid in the work by reducing the rate on cement.

About one year ago the company reduced the freight on lumber from approximately 17 cents a hundred to 10 cents a hundred for the same reason that they have at the present time reduced the rate on cement.

The district freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, C. A. Malboeuf, was in this city yesterday and gave out the announcement to the effect stated before. Mr. Malboeuf feels most kindly toward Medford and in fact toward all of Southern Oregon, and is doing what is in his power to aid this section of the state.

Mr. Malboeuf stated that it was the tremendous rate at which Southern Oregon is growing that led the company to reduce the freight rate on cement from California. They wish to do all in their power to build up this section of Oregon, and in no way can they do it better than to lower rates so as to make building material cheaper to local consumers.

The new rate from California will go into effect on July 1. The cement from California is generally shipped from Salinas or Napa.

BRING FLOAT TO MEDFORD.

Steps Taken to Bring Float Used in Portland Parade to Medford.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Steps have been taken by a number of local people to have the float which represented Medford in the parade in Portland during the rose festival to Medford so that all who would see and admire the pretty structure. Yesterday C. A. Malboeuf, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific, was asked regarding the freight upon the float and he is estimating what the freight on the float will be. If it is possible to do so, the float will be brought to this city and placed on exhibition before being stored away for future use.

City Attorney Holbrook Withington, who was in Portland during the festival, is most enthusiastic over the matter of bringing the float to this city. He says that it was the most beautiful of any in the parade and that it attracted the most attention. In speaking of the matter he said: "Medford's float was far superior to any that was in the parade and was approached in beauty only by the Hood River float, and they used a Ben Davis apple. Comments about the Medford float were heard on all sides during the parade and afterward, and they were all complimentary. The float was a great advertisement of this city."

"I trust that the float will be brought to Medford, for I believe that the people here should have a chance to see the float. And from present indications the matter will be satisfactorily arranged."

Will Locate in This Valley.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Another family arrived in Medford yesterday from Iowa to locate in this valley—J. M. McKenzie, his wife and three children. Mr. McKenzie states that he was induced to come to Medford by Ed Andrews of this city, who is in the East on a boosting trip for Medford and the Rogue River valley. Mr. McKenzie says that he met Andrews, who even offered to loan him the money to come to Medford, where, as McKenzie tells it, Andrews told him he would get rich.

Mr. McKenzie says that Andrews is the most persistent man he ever met in his life. He says that there was no saying no, and there was nothing that would get rid of Andrews but a promise to come to Medford. And so he is here.

"That man Andrews met me in Chicago, where I had gone on a business trip, and we were stopping at the same hotel. He got talking to me and he stayed with it. He talked Medford until I dreamed Medford. He at least induced me to sell my 160 acres of land in Iowa and come to Medford. I have not had much of a chance to look around as yet, but I must say that I am very well satisfied with the looks of the place and will look about for some of that land that pays \$1000 an acre a year."

Mr. McKenzie is in the market for a ranch, improved or unimproved.

—For Sale—Fresh milk cows for sale. Inquire of J. W. Brown, on Griffin creek, four miles from Medford. Phone 933. 13-2m

STANDING OF LABOR MARKET

Matters pertaining to the local labor market are steadily improving and will continue to improve during the remainder of the summer and the coming fall. At present the number of unemployed men in this city is not as large as it was a few weeks ago, and the number of men that are being employed is steadily on the increase as the summer work is coming on. The orchard men are employing more men than they have been for the past two or three months, and with the coming of the fruit season they will employ many more.

The mining world locally is waking up and with the resumption of work at the Blue Ledge and an increased force at the Sterling mine, together with the indications that the coal mine will soon put on more men, tend to show that matters will continue to improve rapidly as far as the labor market is concerned.

At present there are enough common laborers to be had, but skilled mechanics are very scarce, and requests for more are being continually received. A number of men are being sent out each day to various farms in the valley.

About July 10 the early peach crop will be ready for picking and from that time on the demand for laborers upon the farms will be increased.

All matters pertaining to the lumbering field are getting under with a rush and the different surrounding camps are continually sending in requests for more men. Wages are as yet low and many men cannot be held for any length of time.

In the local field there is a great scarcity of women to do housework and especially of the women who do washing and the like by the day. W. H. West, in charge of a local employment bureau, reports that he has great difficulty in finding women to fill the many vacancies he has upon his list.

From now on there will be work enough for many persons who are idle at present and two months hence there will probably be a great scarcity of laborers.

GRANTS PASS WORRIED.

Matter of Putting on Lid Discussed by Commercial Club Last Night.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Word reached The Morning Mail last evening from Grants Pass to the effect that the Commercial club of that city held a meeting to consider the matter of the "putting on of the lid" in that city as was done in Roseburg recently. The Commercial club discussed the matter and decided that the enforcement of the state statute would be a bad thing for the city commercially. A committee of the club will take the matter up with the city council of that city and use their influence in keeping the matter from being enforced.

The Morning Mail was notified last evening that in Grants Pass a number of rumors were about the streets of that city to the effect that the city council of that city would follow Roseburg's example and have the state statute enforced. None of the merchants of the Pass could state positively whether anything was going to be done or not.

It is extremely doubtful whether the council of that city will "put the lid on" or not, now that pressure has been brought to bear by the Commercial club at its meeting last evening.

At last evening's session of the club, so The Morning Mail was informed, passed a resolution declaring that such a course would be inadvisable as regards the best interests of that city, and providing for the appointment of a committee to meet the council and state the views of the club. And so it is probable that nothing will be done in Grants Pass as regards the "putting on of the lid."

Baseball Sunday.

Sunday the Ashland and Medford baseball teams will clash on the Medford grounds. The grounds will be put in first-class shape and a good article of ball may be looked for. The two premier guardians of the keystone sack—Miles at second and Wilkinson at short—will be in the harness. Boussum will "trun de ball" and a number of new faces will be seen in the other positions.

Baseball seems to have taken on a new lease of life. Ashland is developing her team and putting the grounds in shape. Jacksonville and Grants Pass already have strong teams and there is no reason why this end of the state shouldn't have some good ball.

Any one wanting help of any kind phone 651, or address W. M. West Employment Co., Medford. Office in Jewelry store, corner Seventh and C streets. 3-1f

PLANS FOR THE PHOENIX SCHOOL

Perkins & Lyons, architects, are engaged at present in completing the plans for the new school building for the Phoenix school district, which is to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000, a bond issue of that amount being recently voted for the purpose.

The new school building will be of brick and will be a most modern and handsome structure. No essential details have been overlooked and when the building is completed it will be one of the finest schoolhouses in any of the smaller towns of the county.

The building will be two stories in height and will have a basement with a ceiling nine feet high. The first floor will contain the classrooms, while the second floor will be given over to an assembly hall which will contain a large stage and dressing-rooms. Throughout the building are necessary cloakrooms and other small rooms.

The basement will contain a furnace room, a playroom, a lunchroom, bicycle room and other rooms of a like nature.

The first floor has four large classrooms 25x32, four cloakrooms 8x25 and a library 25x32.

The second floor has the assembly hall. This room is of a large size, 40x50, besides a stage 12x22, and two dressing-rooms 10x12.

The foundations of the building are to be of concrete, while the building is to be of brick. The schoolhouse at present in use has been sold to the members of the Christian church in Phoenix for use as a church. The new building will occupy the same site as is in use at present.

The bell tower on the new building is one of the most handsome on any building in the valley.

As soon as the plans are completed, which will be within a week or so, bids will be called for the erection of the work.

Locates in This Valley

Like so many others who have come to this valley to lock into the conditions here, William B. Thompson of Palo Alto, Cal., has decided to remain in this valley and devote his time to the matter of raising apples and pears. Mr. Thompson has been in the fruit business for a number of years, being the owner of 50 acres of prunes in Santa Clara county, California. Mr. Thompson has been in this valley for a few days and is so impressed that he has all but closed a deal for 20 acres of fruit land in the neighborhood of Central Point.

Mr. Thompson was on his way to visit the Hood River district when he noticed in the depot of Sacramento a booklet describing the merits of the Rogue River valley. He states that he had heard of this valley before, but he had never taken the trouble to locate it on the map. He became interested in the booklet and decided that he would drop off here. He did so, and the result is that Mr. Thompson will remain in this valley.

"I am very glad that I made that lucky find in the waiting-room of the depot in Sacramento," said Mr. Thompson to a representative of The Morning Mail, "for it put me on the track of something good. I decided after reading the booklet to see what you had in this valley, and here I am. I have decided that apples and pears will pay me well on an investment, and I will locate here. This valley is one of the finest that I have ever been in, and you know that we have some splendid country down my way."

The Medford Iron Works.

The Medford Iron Works is getting out several fine columns for the new Court Hall building on D'Anjou street. These works are getting a good bit of this work to do—and that's good—good material, good designs and good for a good city which has in it an institution good enough to put up good work.

George W. Priddy has his new home on North J street nearly completed. This is one of the prettiest new homes in all Medford—and there are some beauties hereabouts, if any one should ask you. This home is very much like a number of other new dwellings—only it's different, and the difference is the prettiest part of it.

—For sale by owner—Two new five-room cottages. Address post-office box 556, Medford. 24-2f

HODSON SMASHES ROSEBURG RECORD

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Roseburg, Or., June 8, 1908. The Morning Mail, Medford, Or. I arrived in Roseburg at 1:49 this afternoon after a splendid trip without a mishap, although a great portion of the way was over a muddy road, seven miles being very bad. The Cow creek was not as bad as I expected. Stopped in Glendale to report progress. The total time of traveling was 6 hours and 44 minutes. I expected to make the trip in less than seven hours, and I kept my promise to myself. The day was splendid; very little dust.

A great crowd was gathered on the streets here to witness my arrival. Was warmly welcomed and found they had news of my progress from the start. The 22-horsepower Buick is a dandy. Ran smoothly and well throughout the entire trip. Will return to Medford leisurely unless present plans are altered.

W. M. HODSON.

Billy Hodson made good. The races in Portland may interest some people, but they did not excite any more comment than did the run against time made by Billy Hodson of this city in his run to Roseburg yesterday. All day in front of the telephone company's office did the crowds linger, reading the bulletins which Manager Patterson obligingly displayed for all who would could read. It was a test of a local man in a local machine, and all Medford was loyal, as Medford always is to a local man who goes after a record. And when Mr. Hodson made good there was much said in his praise and of the machine he was driving.

Hodson left Medford at 6:55 a. m. and arrived in Roseburg at 1:49 p. m., his actual time on the road being 6 hours and 44 minutes. His time along the route was as follows:

Mr. Hodson left the Medford post-office at 6:55 a. m. He reached Gold Hill at 7:33, 14 miles; Graves, 49 miles, 9:20 a. m.; Glendale, 10:05; Johns, 69 miles, 10:55; Canyonville, 83 miles, at 11:55; Myrtle Creek, 12:35; Roseburg, 1:45.

The fact that Mr. Hodson was to try for a record was exclusively reported in The Morning Mail of last Tuesday. He announced at that time that he would beat Fernald-Nelson's time to Roseburg and he has accomplished. The time of Nelson was 8 hours and 43 minutes.

Mr. Hodson will next try a trip to Portland after a record. He will start within the next two weeks. He will also endeavor at that time to cut down his time between this place and Roseburg. The road that he covered yesterday is said to be the worst between San Francisco and Portland.

Coal Mine Deal Terminated.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The first payment of \$10,000 was made by the Pacific Coal company to the Medford Coal company yesterday morning, as was reported exclusively last week by The Morning Mail, that such was to be the case. The deal was concluded without a hitch of any kind and as soon as the balance of the consideration of \$50,000 is paid the title will pass unconditionally to the Pacific Coal company.

The story published by The Morning Mail regarding the deal, which gave the first facts of the matter to the public, created considerable comment about the city. There is probably no other natural resource about Medford that has attracted the attention of local people as much as the coal mine on the east side of the valley. The news, therefore, that a deal had been consummated by which the title of the mine had passed to the Pacific Coal company was eagerly received.

There is no doubt now but that the work of mining the coal and placing the same on the market will be actively undertaken. The officials of the Pacific Coal company state that they have purchased the coal mine with no object in view other than to work it at once. In other words, the purchase was not made for stock manipulations, but for actual commercial proceedings.

The president of the company, H. Miles Dodge, of Los Angeles, is in the city, but will return in a few days to Los Angeles. He stated yesterday that the company would start to work immediately, so that the mine would take the position rightfully belonging to it as one of the greatest coal mines of the Northwest.

WANTED—10 or 20 acres, improved, close in; give description, price and terms; prefer to deal with owners. Address E. H. Bliss, Box 556, Medford. 24-2f

LOCAL BANK U. S. DEPOSITARY

The First National Bank of this city has been made a United States depository. This is the only bank in Southern Oregon to obtain such an honor from the United States government, with the exception of the First National Bank of Ashland.

The naming of the bank as a depository of the United States carries with it a deposit on the part of the government of \$50,000.

The fact that the government has seen fit to make a local bank a depository for government funds shows that Uncle Sam has faith in a local institution. It places Medford a little more on the map and adds another city touch.

Last fall W. S. Crowell, the president of the bank, made a trip East for the purpose of looking up the matter, but the panic interfering, he could not make arrangements at that time. He received, however, the assurance that such a step would be taken by the government as soon as possible, and he was shortly notified to that effect.

The First National bank is one that reflects credit on a community as are the other two banks of this city.

Force of Men for Blue Ledge.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Indications seem at this time to point to a resumption of more active operations at the Blue Ledge mine. Since last fall that mine has been working only a few men, compared to the hundreds that were worked prior to that time. In fact, the crew was cut to about 40 during last winter and fall and then on May 1 the force was cut down still lower and only Superintendent Callahan and a couple of assistants were retained, but there is evidence now that work is to be pushed again, as several men were sent out there yesterday.

This mine is owned exclusively by R. S. Towne of New York City, for which he paid very nearly \$100,000. Development has been going on for over two years, during which time upward of half a million dollars has been spent. It was told that the shut-down was due to this being a presidential election year, but if work is resumed at this time this would seem not to have been the cause.

The operation of this mine is of no small moment to Medford, as the major portion of the payroll is spent with Medford merchants.

Lots of Water in Wasson.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Clarence Cooke, a rancher from the Little Butte district, was in town yesterday and he had a few words to say to a representative of The Morning Mail regarding the amount of water in Wasson canyon. He claims that there is a sufficiency of water in the canyon the entire year and that the reports to the contrary are all amusing to those who know anything about the amount of water in that section. He has known of the water in that canyon for a number of years, and is positive in his statements regarding the amount of the water, the purity of it, and wonders why the matter of obtaining the water from that source was not considered sooner than it was.

"Wasson canyon is full of water. There is any amount there the year round suitable for the needs of this city," said Mr. Cooke, "even after you obtain the 25,000 people I hear so much about. I have known of that canyon for a number of years, and nowhere in the country surrounding this city do I know of another place where such good water can be obtained in sufficient quantities for the needs of Medford. I wondered several times before Wasson canyon was mentioned why it was not thought of, and as soon as it was mentioned I knew that there was the place for the council to decide to get their water from."

"The water from the canyon is always cool and always pure. The canyon is so precipitous and narrow that the water cannot become contaminated even if the canyon is not fenced by the city. As to quantity, there is any amount there, and it will be found that there is enough water there in the hottest months and the driest months for the needs of this city, even with 25,000 people. I wish I were as sure of a million dollars as I am that there is enough water in that canyon for your needs. If I was, I would hold my hands out for it."

Two A. M.

Roommate—What is this ex-d on your hat?
His Roommate—Why, that was (hic) the wine list, but now (hic) it's my table of contents.—Yale Record.

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CUMMINGS IN FROM SURVEY

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Engineer Cummings, who for the past two weeks has been out in the field in connection with the survey of the line for the gravity water supply from Wasson Canyon, returned to this city yesterday afternoon. Since taking the field Mr. Cummings has been over the line twice, establishing elevations in order to find the best line for the pipeline to follow. Until Mr. Cummings has made his report to Engineer Roberts, who has entire charge of the work of constructing the pipeline, he declines to talk for publication except in the most general way.

Mr. Cummings states that he is more than satisfied with the conditions that exist regarding the water supply. He states that the city is most fortunate in obtaining such a source of pure water and that there is no doubt but that there will be a sufficiency of water in the canyon. Mr. Cummings makes this statement after going for a considerable distance up the canyon on Sunday.

No device has as yet been installed for the measuring of the water, as the lumber was not as yet available, but it will be put in soon under the direction of Engineer Roberts, who is expected in this city in the near future. With Mr. Cummings, Mr. Roberts will go over the line run by Mr. Cummings and give his orders regarding future work.

Mr. Cummings has had experience with over a dozen water supplies for cities and he states most positively that Medford has an ideal supply in Wasson canyon. He states that no man who has been to the canyon and made investigations can say otherwise.

No serious difficulties were encountered by Mr. Cummings on the survey and no trouble is anticipated in putting in the pipeline. There are engineering problems, of course, to be considered and solved, but none of an alarming nature.

Just how soon Mr. Cummings will again take the field is not as yet known. He has to work upon the figures he has gathered in his field book and make his report to Engineer Roberts.

It would be absurd to think that Mr. Cummings would stake his reputation as an engineer upon the Wasson canyon project if he did not think that it was all that is claimed for it by those who have investigated the matter.

Noted Men Are to Speak.

The program for the Chautauqua assembly which is to be held in Ashland from July 8 to 17, inclusive, has been especially well arranged and has upon it some addresses by some very famous men, including Dr. Robert McIntire of Los Angeles and John Sharp Williams, the chairman of the minority committee in the house of representatives. These two men enjoy a world-wide reputation and are worth going many miles to hear.

The Chautauqua assembly is becoming one of the great attractions in Southern Oregon for each year. The camping grounds at Ashland are splendid and the courses which the Chautauqua offers to all who will hear them are really worth while from an educational standpoint. No doubt the assembly hall will be well filled, as it ought, by those who wish to hear the foremost men in America. Aside from the two prominent men mentioned, a number of other speakers, equally good, have been engaged to speak.

Noted Man to Visit Medford.

John Sharp Williams, leader of the minority on the floor of the house of representatives, is to visit this city and Crater lake soon, if his plans do not go astray. Williams is one of the best-known men in America today.

Word reached this city yesterday to the effect that Williams would stop in this city in order to visit Crater lake. He is to speak at the Chautauqua assembly in Salem this summer and will also probably speak in Ashland. While in Oregon he will visit Crater lake, his interest said to have been aroused during the discussions over the appropriation for the Crater lake reservation during the recent session of congress.

It is understood that an endeavor will be made to have him speak in the Opera house while he is in this city. He is on a tour of the country, speaking at various points. One or two other congressmen are said to be with him, but their names could not be ascertained.

At the Concert.

Enthusiast—What would you give for a voice like that?
Everett True—Chloroform—Louisville Herald.

THE PAVING CONTRACT

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

At the adjourned meeting of the city council, held last night, the matter of awarding the contract for the paving of Seventh street, from Harris street, just west of the west side schoolhouse, to 100 feet east of Riverside, was taken up, and upon motion the contract was awarded to the Warren Construction Company of Portland, Or., for \$45,488.90. Other bids were presented by Frank Reese of Los Angeles and the Pacific Bridge company of Portland. The Reese bid was for \$48,420.70, and the Pacific Bridge company for \$48,746.

All the bids were for bituminous pavement.

The representative of the successful bidding company was present and said to the council that just as soon as a contract could be drawn up and signed his company would commence preliminary work. The city attorney was directed by the council at once to prepare a contract to conform to the plans and specifications. This will require a couple or three days' time, when the agreement will be signed up and work commenced.

A force of workmen will at once be organized and the necessary preliminary work started. All help, so far as is possible, will be secured in Medford.

A petition was presented to the city council asking that a four-lane water main be put in on Tenth street from Oakdale avenue to Orange street. This was referred to the water committee and this committee to confer with the finance committee.

A petition from T. H. Moore, asking for a liquor license, with the American Assurty company as bondsmen, was presented and upon motion was granted.

Council adjourned to meet Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

STRENUOUS LEGAL BATTLE.

Judge Hanna Will Decide Matter of Injunction Friday.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The matter of granting an injunction to prohibit the county court from declaring the saloons in Medford closed is to be tried in Judge Hanna's court in Jacksonville on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The prohibition forces will be represented by counsel and the matter will be fought out all along the line.

Judge Hanna has granted a temporary injunction as asked for by Court Hall, through his attorney, Robert G. Smith.

The matter is to be contested at every point. If the case is lost in the circuit court the matter will be carried to a higher tribunal and be settled once and for all.

The section of the city charter covering the point is conflicting. The caption of section 25 says: "The city council shall have the power and authority . . . to enact all ordinances and adopt all regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the State of Oregon."

Sub-section 19 of section 25 then reads: "To license . . . barrooms, drinking shops . . . irrespective of any general law of the state on this subject enacted by the legislature or the people at large."

It can readily be seen that the provisions are conflicting, and a strenuous legal battle may be expected.

Silas McKee Dead

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Silas McKee, one of the government's faithful forest rangers, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Fort Hubbard, in Medford yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He had been ill for about six weeks, but was confined to his bed only about a week. His malady was Bright's disease of the kidneys.

He was one of the charter members of Weatanka Tribe, Imp. O. R. M. of Medford, and the funeral service, which will take place in this city tomorrow, will be under the auspices of that order.

Improving Homestead.

Harry L. Young is improving his newly acquired homestead near Brownsboro and will move his family out there during the present week. Mr. Young is building a modern hangar on the place and will proceed to improve his holding at once. There is considerable work to be done upon the place and it is being rushed.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks, through this medium, to our friends and neighbors who were so kind to assist us during the illness and passing out of our beloved mother and aunt, Mrs. Rhoda A. Rawson.

CARRIE L. RAWSON.
GEO. F. ELDRON.

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