

OUR COUNTY
Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

(By A. C. Howlett.)
Rev. A. C. Howlett will preach in Butte Falls on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock and on Sunday at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Since my last, George Phillips has moved from the old Farlow house, where he has been living for some time, to the house formerly occupied by Claud Warnsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Butte Falls came out last Tuesday and met their son, Mr. Brown of Seattle, who arrived on the P. & E. train. They had an early dinner and returned the same day for their home.

Clarence Pierce and a Mr. Renkins, from Michigan, were out last Tuesday looking at the country. They had been at Brownsboro to look at a place and then came here for dinner and to look over some of our land.

John Edsel and Mr. Conner were at the Sunnyside for dinner last Tuesday and report that the Crater Lake Lumber company's mill on Big Butte cut last Monday 40,000 feet of lumber and that they are going right ahead.

Hamilton Watkins, the Trail mail-carrier, while at dinner last Tuesday remarked that they were having a regular feast of trout at Trail; that Clarence Middlebush caught on last Monday 42 trout, and thought that was not much.

Our school clerk, J. A. Jonas, has posted notices calling a school meeting for the third Monday in June, which is next Monday. Let everybody turn out and put in a director who will help to have a good school and let us see if we cannot establish our reputation for having good schools.

Green Mathews informs me that he has purchased a three-acre strip off the old D. P. Mathews place, lying along the county road, one acre wide and three long; consideration, \$100 per acre. He tells me that he intends to build on it and if he sells his old home place he will move there and if not he will have it to rent.

Since my last there has been another change in real estate. EH Ellis has traded his house and two acres of land in Eagle Point to a man by the name of I. Harvey of Coquille City. They simply changed places. Mr. Harvey has a wife and one son. Mr. Ellis was here last week and took his household effects and started for Coquille and Mr. Harvey has moved into his new home. Mr. Ellis has married again.

I have to record the death of another of our old pioneers, Thomas Baldwin of Brownsboro, who passed away last Friday at his daughter's home, and the remains were interred in the Brownsboro cemetery last Sunday. The deceased was quite aged and has been very active for a man of his age, as I understand that he was about 80 years of age. I have not been able to learn the particu-

lars of his death or family, but know that he leaves some of a family behind. He was a man who was highly respected by all who knew him.

On last Sunday Rev. Davis and myself went to Table Rock, where I preached, and we met the Sunday school and all the necessary arrangements were made for the picnic on Rogue river just below the Bybee bridge next Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. In the afternoon we met the Agate Sunday school and after I had preached, arrangements were made to have the presentation exercises of the district school and the Lincoln Literary society of Agate, of a very neat wreathe and ring to Miss Mae Newland, who has been teaching the Agate school and was also president of the literary society. The wreathe was presented on behalf of the literary society by Miss Florence Kincaid, one of the pupils, with a neat and appropriate speech, and the ring was presented by Miss Fay Grigsby on behalf of the school with a very appropriate speech, and the responses by Miss Newland, the teacher, was not only appropriate, but quite impressive. The two presents were not only beautiful to look at, but quite costly and no doubt will be cherished through life, and the time of the presentation will be marked as a bright spot in her early history.

TALENT ITEMS.

Very strong on Spring Suits—"Bill."

Mrs. Forbes spent Monday in Medford shopping.

Gringer & Peterson have built a warehouse in connection with their store.

Dr. Swedberg was in Talent Tuesday attending to professional duties.

Mr. Alford, who has been sick for some time, shows very little, if any, improvement.

Joe Gravel, an employe at Foster, Wickstrum & Naylor sawmill, had his right leg broken Monday morning.

George Gardner and Miss Katie Aldridge have each been circulating petitions for appointments as postmaster. Mrs. L. V. Steele, the present incumbent, has resigned.

FACTS REGARDING MEDFORD.

Medford is situated in the center of one of the richest fruit-growing sections of the United States. Land about Medford pays \$1000 a year annually. The city has been founded 23 years and has grown in that time from a sagebrush plain to a modern city, with modern conveniences. The assessed valuation of Medford in 1906 was \$1,048,959, and in 1907 its valuation was \$1,949,781. The assessment for 1908 is now being made and it is expected that it will prove to be more than \$2,500,000. From these figures can be seen the rapidity with which Medford is growing. In another column is the story of the growth in the list of registered voters. The population of Medford is generally stated at 5500 at the present time and is generally believed correct.

The city has just completed a city hall and fire station at a cost of \$19,000. At present there is a large force of men engaged in putting in an improved water distributing system which will thoroughly cover the city and will cost in the neighborhood of \$65,000. A bond issue of \$300,000 was voted on the 17th day of last April to bring water to this city from Wasson canyon, a distance of 20 miles. When this water system is completed Medford will have one of the finest in Oregon. The source of water supply is in the deep gorges of a mountain range and the supply will be sufficient for a city.

The city is soon to undertake the laying of more sewer pipe. The sewer system of the city at present is giving entire satisfaction, but the city limits have expanded, making more sewer lines necessary. Seventh street and Central avenue, where they transverse the business section of the city, will be paved this summer, and the council is in receipt of other petitions for the paving of streets.

Medford has nine churches, two modern schoolhouses in use, and \$10,000 voted for a high school building, which is to be ready by October, two daily papers, three banks, a box factory, two ice plants, a spray manufacturing plant, a box factory, a saw and door factory, two granite manufacturing concerns, a foundry, splendid electric light plant, modern hotels, a theater at which some of the best shows on the coast stop, and all other business houses and concerns that tend to form a modern city.

Medford is fast becoming a railroad center. The Southern Pacific runs through the center of town, the Rogue River Valley railroad runs from Medford to the county seat, the Pacific & Eastern railroad runs through to the famous Crater lake, which is about 85 miles from Medford. An electric line is talked of circling the entire valley.

The city has recently purchased a quarry about seven miles from the city which will connect by rail with the city. They have contracted for the hauling of 4000 tons of crushed rock a year for ten years for the streets of the city. Modern machinery has been installed for the handling of the rock.

There are many other details regarding Medford that should be mentioned in an article of this kind, but our space is too limited. To do this city justice a special edition should be prepared. That is a matter of the future. However, there is no doubt but that Medford is ideally located as regards the good things of the earth, and there are many investments to be found in and about Medford that will pay any person or persons to become interested in.

For Sale.

800 tiers of wood. Delivered or in timber.

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GIVES ACCOUNT OF USEFUL LIFE

On last Saturday George L. Boone of this city celebrated his 82d birthday in this city. At that time with Mr. Boone was gathered together a number of his children and a very pleasant day was spent. Mr. Boone is the great great grandchild of Daniel Boone, famed in the annals of this country. Mr. Boone is one of Medford's most dearly loved residents and to all he is known as a most kindly, courteous gentleman. He was induced to give the following account of his life—which is of more than passing interest—to the readers of The Morning Mail. Not the least remarkable feature about the following manuscript is the clear, logical manner in which Mr. Boone tells of his life. Although an old man, he has furnished an account of his life that would be a credit to a younger, more active brain. It is to be hoped that Mr. Boone will yet have many years in which to enjoy the fruits of a useful life. Mr. Boone's article follows:

Medford, June 9, 1908.

"Having been requested by several friends to give them a written description of my travels on the plains and in Mexico, I was born in Montgomery county, Missouri, on the 6th day of June, 1826. My father was a son of Jesse Boone, a son of Daniel Boone, of Kentucky. Father moved to Jefferson City in 1837, where I served three years at a trade. At the age of 19 I went to the Rocky mountains in the employ of a fur company in 1845; trading for buffalo robes; going down to the states in the spring of 1846. Mexico had declared war against the United States. I went to Fort Leavenworth and mustered into service in Company F, First Regiment Mounted Cavalry, under Colonel A. W. Doniphan. It was known as the Army of the West. After taking New Mexico, Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico, from there we went into the Navajo country on the headwaters of Gila River, Ariz., making a treaty with the Navajos; crossed back over the mountains to the Rio Del Norte river; from there to El Paso Del Norte (a pass to the north), where we had a battle at Brazito. After taking El Paso we left for Chihuahua (pronounced che-wa-wa), where we had a battle at Sacramento; fought five to one; from there traveling through five states in Old Mexico; joining General Taylor and General Wool at Buena Vista, where they had just fought the battle at Buena Vista (good view), near the city of Monterey; from there to Matamoras; from there to Brasos Island, on the Gulf of Mexico, where we took transportation on an East Indian merchantman across the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans, where we were discharged and paid off. From there up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to place of starting, having traveled 6000 miles, getting back in 1847. In the spring of 1848 I started for Oregon, leaving Kansas City on April 1, 1848. Went with team and outfit to St. Jo. to join some company. The emigrants had just begun to arrive there. We formed a company and as none of them had ever been on the plains, they would have me take charge of the train. On the South Platte we came up with a company that was just ahead of us. In that company there was a man and his wife. He was to drive a team for the man to bring him and wife to Oregon. They had a falling out and had thrown his trunk out. The balance of the company said they could not take him in, as they were loaded. They could not come ahead or go back. I took him in. He got to Oregon all right. On the North Platte, whilst nooning, Joseph Meek, a trapper and guide, rode up with a small escort on his way to Washington City with dispatches for help. The Indians at Walla Walla had killed the missionaries at Whitman's Station. We came on to Fort Hall, Captain Grant, in charge of the Hudson Bay fort, told us it would not be safe for less than 100 wagons to travel together. After going into camp for the night, after holding a council, there were five of us agreed to go ahead, if we could get through, to cross back over the mountain and meet our train. We traveled in the night and laid up in the day; got to The Dalles; there was a small company of volunteers stationed there. Leaving Fort Hall, only started with one pack horse to pack our grub and blankets, as we wanted to come as light as possible. Getting to The Dalles, we were clear out of grub; got some camas roots; lived on that to Oregon City, late in the fall of 1848.

The names of the men in the party—An old gentleman by the name of Joy from Illinois; Colonel E. N. Ebe, massacred on Whidby Island, in Washington, from Schuyler county, Missouri; George Basket, Howard county, Missouri; William Bristol, Fulton county, Illinois, and myself. In the spring of 1849 Colonel William Trault and myself left Oregon City for the mines in California. There I followed trading, getting goods from Sacramento, paying \$100 for 100 pounds of sauer kraut, the same for potatoes. In 1850 I went with the first company and settled Humboldt Bay, Cal. In 1851 I brought a pack train to Oregon and packed to the mines of Yreka. The mines were discovered there in 1851, at Jacksonville 1852. Going through Rogue river in 1849, had to fight in-

Williamette valley in 1852; improved a farm near Corvallis, sold and Indians to Shasta valley. Settled in proved a farm at Mary's River, near Philomath, in 1870; helped to make the wagon road to Yaquina Bay; improved a ranch on Yaquina Bay.

Three years ago came to Medford. I have just given my wanderings, leaving out all the incidents that took place. The expedition of Colonel Doniphan in Mexico, written by William E. Connelly, Topeka, Kan., is a true history and very interesting. Yours truly, GEO. L. BOONE.

UMATILLA LAND-FRAUD INQUIRY

PORTLAND, Or., June 9.—According to the testimony submitted to the grand jury in the investigation of the alleged land frauds in Umatilla county on which indictments were returned, the plan of operation adopted by Raley, Crow and Slusher and their associates was similar to that employed by Puter and McKinley in their successful robbery of several thousands of acres of valuable timber land in the western part of the state. Raley et al., however, were not as successful in their efforts as were the original professional landgrabbers of the Williamette valley. Alarmed by an investigation that was instituted by the government before the patents to the Umatilla lands could issue, practically all the entrymen relinquished their claims so that the chief conspirators eventually got possession of probably less than 1000 of the 20,000 acres for the purchase of which they had induced settlers to apply.

Having been frightened in relinquishing their claims, many of the perjured entrymen made haste to square themselves. Many of them confessed to District Attorney McCourt and unfolded in detail the fraudulent scheme and the part they played in it. As witnesses they gave strong and convincing evidence for the government.

The land for the attempted unlawful seizure of which prominent citizens of the state have been indicted consists of about 30,000 acres of unallotted Indian lands that originally comprised a portion of the Umatilla Indian reservation. It is located in townships 32 to 36 inclusive, south ranges 1 and 2 east. In 1855 congress passed an act providing for the sale at public auction of these lands, with the provision that they should be disposed of in not greater lots than 160 acres of non-timbered and 40 acres of timbered land; that the applicant was to agree that the title to the land should not inure to any other person than the applicant; that the land should be cultivated and improved and that the applicant should be allowed to pay for the same by depositing one-third of the purchase price, paying another equal installment in two years and the remaining one-third within five years.

Under this arrangement, however, only a small acreage was disposed of, and in 1892 the law was still further amended providing for the sale of the unsold tracts at private sale. But this amendment did not eliminate the regulations requiring residence on the land and its improvement by the applicant.

It developed during the investigation of the frauds by the grand jury that most of the land was purchased through various persons employed by Raley, Slusher and their associates, during the year 1902, although an occasional tract was purchased as late as 1904. The scheme employed by the chief conspirators was to arrange with different persons to apply for the purchase of the land in such quantities as could be bought under the law. In this way friends were induced to purchase parcels of the land as a matter of friendship, the understanding being that all expenses, including the three payments for the land, should be paid by the men in whose real interest the purchases were being made, and to whom the land eventually should be deeded.

Others were engaged for a consideration of from \$50 to \$100 each, the prevailing consideration being \$75, to become a party to the conspiracy. They, too, were apprised of the fact that all expenses were to be paid by the man to whom the property should be deeded the minutes the final proof had been completed. In fact, testimony was offered at the grand jury investigation showing that when these various applicants went to the land office regularly to apply for the purchase of the land, one of the men who have been indicted invariably accompanied them and personally paid such sums as were required to close the transaction. The same was true of the second payment and also when the final payment was made, at the time the applicant proved up as to residence and cultivation of his tract.

It was in rounding up this sort of people that William Rabe, Bailey Ross and Samuel M. Olmstead were engaged. Rabe was for years a horse trainer and had an extensive acquaintance with all classes of people throughout Umatilla county, while Ross and Olmstead, who were wood dealers, also had an acquaintance that was helpful in locating a desirable class of not too conscientious applicants. Laborers, barkeepers, livery stable employes, clerks and young women employed in the laundries, hotels and restaurants were tempted by the opportunity to earn a little easy money and invariably yielded to the representations of the solicitors.

It was not until 1904, or nearly two years after most of the applications for purchase had been made, that the irregularity of the sale of

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BEN A. LOWELL

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these lands was detected. In that year Captain J. H. Alexander succeeded Special Agent McNutt of the interior department and was stationed at La Grande. Captain Alexander was impressed with the remarkable activity in the sales of the Umatilla lands which he discovered from an investigation of the records of the land office at that place. Regarding the situation unusual, he made a quiet investigation which resulted in a formal report to the department requesting a rigid investigation.

CITATION

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson, in the Matter of the Estate of Hettie Peiting, Deceased. On this 26th day of May, A. D. 1908, the master of the hearing on the order to show cause why an order of sale of the real property belonging to said estate should not be made coming on regularly to be heard, and it appearing to the court, and the court, from the returns of the sheriff that no service has been made on Hettie Peiting, the heir at law to said estate; and it further appearing that said heir has removed from the state: Therefore it is ordered that the said hearing be, and the same hereby is, continued until Saturday, the 15th day of July, A. D. 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, and citation be served by publication in the manner provided by law by publishing the same in the Medford Mail, a newspaper published weekly in Jackson county, Oregon.

GEO. W. DUNN,
County Judge.

Dated May 26, 1908.

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Middlings,.....\$1.85 per " lbs
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Rolled Barley, \$1.90 per " lbs
Middlings,.....\$1.80 per " lbs
Mill Feed,.....\$1.60 per " lbs
Bran,..... \$1.55 per " lbs

MEDFORD
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Fred Reinecke is moving to his new home in Southwest Medford and Mrs. M. A. Boughton of Butte Falls were in Medford yesterday.

Something Worth Talking About

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