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THE SUNRISE PARK ADDITION

E. P. Bennett's Beautiful Home and Ladena Orchards.

Monday is generally what is known as a "blue" day among reporters generally over the country in the way of gathering news, but no so in Medford.

"When you have no news to write about," get out and rustle," is a good axiom, and right here in the progressive city of Medford there is always at hand plenty of material for a truthful story.

Soliloquizing thus, and meditating on the beauty and prolific productivity of the fruit orchards of the famous Rogue River valley, the evident future growth, unprecedented building operations under way and of the future prosperity and permanency of our flourishing city, a Morning Mail reporter took occasion yesterday morning to stroll out Seventh street, across the bridge to the east side, past many modern and beautiful homes with well-kept lawns, picturesque flower gardens and orchards well laden with fruit, to the Eagle Point road, along which the reporter turned north, noting en route the many substantial improvements under way, the many new, modern residences erected and others under course of construction, until he arrived at the beautiful and modern home of E. P. Bennett, located on his Sunrise Park addition.

The reporter found Mr. Bennett, with his little grandson, in the orchard, busy irrigating the trees, the water for which is procured from a well 26 feet deep at the house, and is pumped with an electric motor and conveyed to the orchard through pipe and a canvas hose. He thus is able to very successfully irrigate his five-acre orchard, which consists mostly of apples and pears, the apples being the Spitzenburg, Ben Davis, Gravenstein and Fall Pippins, the pears being mostly of the Italian variety. Although this has been an exceptionally dry year, and Mr. Bennett did not begin irrigating until in August, he will have a good yield of Ben Davis apples and Italian pears.

Mr. Bennett very kindly postponed his work of irrigating and accompanied the reporter about the place, calling his attention to two 4-year-old Newtown apple trees which are in full bearing this year and are well laden with choice fruit. He will realize a good profit from his five-acre tract this year, notwithstanding the dry season. Mr. Bennett formerly had 20 acres, but disposed of it all with the exception of five acres and a few lots. He has made many extensive improvements on his place within the past year and has one of the prettiest homes in Medford. His house, which is not quite finished, is in every way modern, with five large rooms, kitchen, pantry and bath; a screened porch at the rear and nice reception hall and porch in front. The body of the house is painted white with a pale blue trimming and the roof a steel gray. The ground dimensions of the house are 50x30 feet. A woodshed and storeroom and a good modern barn, 30x52 feet, have also been built. Two wells of soft water that afford ample water for all domestic and irrigating purposes are on the place and handy to the house.

Mr. Bennett stated to the reporter that he wished to show him the difference between fruit that was irrigated early in the season this year and that which received no water until late in the season, so we visited the adjoining place on the north of W. H. Brown, containing ten and one-half acres, and purchased from Mr. Bennett last year. Here the apples were much larger and more perfect, and the trees of a much more healthy appearance than on Mr. Bennett's place, the former place having been irrigated early in July and the latter place of Mr. Bennett not receiving any water until in August. The Spitzenburg apples on the Brown place are all good four-tier apples. Another instance cited the reporter by Mr. Bennett in favor of early irrigation was in the case of a Newtown apple tree, which during the hot weather in July two years ago had a very unhealthy appearance, the apples were small and the hot sun colored them on the south side. The tree was given plenty of water, which brought it out to a healthy appearance and it yielded a good crop of fruit.

Mr. Brown has just eight and one-half acres in orchard and last year it produced over \$5000 worth of apples. The year before last five rows of Newtown trees, 25 to the row, yielded \$600 to the row.

Going to the house, we found Mr. Bennett busy papering, painting and

otherwise renovating his house, preparatory to moving his family in for the winter. Next year it is his intention to erect a handsome modern residence on the place. Mr. Brown irrigates his place from a well with a two-horsepower gasoline engine, capable of pumping enough water to irrigate 20 acres. To avoid the possibility of a shortage of water, he is having constructed, under the supervision of E. T. Hunt, a tank tower to hold a steel tank with a capacity of 3000 gallons. The posts of the tower will rest on cement piers. Mr. Brown will have an excellent crop of fruit this year, from which he will realize a handsome profit. He recently purchased the 80-acre Schaff farm, four miles northeast of Medford, paying therefor \$10,000. There are now 1300 young apple and pear trees on the place, but Mr. Brown is setting out a great many more and also making other extensive improvements. Three years ago Mr. Brown came to Medford and purchased 40 acres of land near this city, paying for it \$7000. Last spring he sold 20 acres of it to Bockstoce & Hostwick of Pittsburg, and 20 acres to Adams Bros. of Grand Forks, N. D., for \$22,500, thus cleaning up the neat sum of \$15,500 on the deal, besides the profit and good living he had during his three years' possession of the place. Mr. Brown stated that the 40 acres now paid 20 per cent on the price it sold for.

We next crossed over to the home of J. G. Medley, who recently purchased seven lots from Mr. Bennett, on which he has a fine well. The lots are 75x200 feet and are sold at \$450 and \$500 each. Mr. Medley is erecting a new modern home on the place. It is on the bungalow style and the construction work is being done by Contractor A. S. Moyer. The building has a cozy front porch, a living room, dining room, two bedrooms with wardrobes adjoining, kitchen, pantry and bathroom. When completed it will be one of the most attractive little homes in Medford. We were sorry to find Mr. Medley suffering from a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism, and trust that he will be able to be about again in a few days. Before leaving, Mrs. Medley insisted that we partake of some watermelon, grown on the place which was found to be very pleasing to the palate. The melon was grown without irrigation and for flavor could not be excelled anywhere.

L. W. Harris has one and one-half lots, which he purchased from Mr. Bennett and is improving.

Mr. Burchard also has one and one-half lots on the Bennett tract, which he is improving.

L. B. Overholts has one lot that he purchased of Mr. Bennett and he is preparing to build.

Adjoining Mr. Bennett's Sunrise Park addition on the south is Horning & Porter's Fruitvale addition of 20 acres, all platted, the lots being 50x120, and range in price from \$250 to \$300 a lot. We understand most of the lots have been sold and buildings will be erected this fall and winter. At present among those living in this addition are Messrs. Liming, Carl, Hockersmith, Clair Morey, A. C. Cox, Lorrimer, Roberts, Wilson, Hodges and Chism, all of whom have neat, modern homes of from two to five lots, with good bearing orchards.

G. H. Johnson has two lots and is preparing to erect a nice home. He came here from Sisson, Cal., on account of being troubled with asthma. This climate proved beneficial to him and the asthma has entirely left him.

L. McClelland has seven lots and a good producing orchard. He is busy making extensive improvements on his house and in the way of installing a pumping plant and gasoline engine with which to irrigate his orchard.

W. R. Horning, one of the owners of the tract, has a modern residence, well improved orchard and resides there.

SALE OF FRUIT LAND.

Thirty acres, or three ten-acre tracts, of fruit land in Dr. F. C. Page's Alta Vista Orchard, near Eagle Point, was sold yesterday by Messrs. W. T. York & Co. to John Greb of Chico, Cal. Nine acres of the tract are planted to trees and the remainder is raw land.

Mr. Greb will at once commence the erection of temporary buildings on the tract, buildings suitable for a few months' residence, and next spring he will put up a fine, modern bungalow dwelling and will then use the temporary buildings for barns and sheds. His family are now living in Chico, but will soon join him here.

This land is part of the land which Mr. Page has had on the market for the past four months and is about the last he will sell in small tracts. A good part of this tract is planted to apple and pear trees. The most of the trees are 3-year-olds and they have taken on a wonderful growth, proving beyond a question of doubt the adaptability of the soil for fruit culture.

Mr. Greb is a subscriber to and reader of The Morning Mail, and it was through this medium that he became interested in Medford and

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MYSTERY OF O. M. CAGLE

Ex-Sheriff Jackson, Could Find No Trace of the Body

What has become of O. M. Cagle is the question which is troubling both the police of this city and his wife. Yesterday afternoon Chief of Police Shearer got a telephone message from Ex-Sheriff D. H. Jackson stating that he was unable to find any one at Grass Lake or Weed, Cal., who knew anything about a murder or the finding of a body.

In addition to that, Mr. Jackson stated that several parties saw and spoke to Cagle at Weed last Thursday, and he told them that he was making a deal to purchase a butcher business at Dorris, Cal., and that he had been there to make the deal. It so happens that the letter addressed to Chief of Police Shearer was received by him on Thursday afternoon, and it must have been mailed Wednesday.

The case is certainly a mysterious one, as the letter was not signed, but contained two business cards, one of the livery he had been working for here and the other of the Hodson garage. There was also inclosed part of an envelope with Cagle's name and address written on it, which the writer said was found in the pockets of the clothes of the man whose body was found.

The letter also went on to state that the body was found in the brush near Grass Lake, and that the skull was crushed in and hogs had been gnawing at the body so that it was impossible to recognize the features. On the strength of this letter Chief of Police Shearer and Recorder Benj. M. Collins went to the home and broke the news to Mrs. Cagle.

Mr. Jackson stated that he intended to go on to Dorris as soon as he could get there, and would see if it were possible to find any trace of the missing man from that point. Up till 1 o'clock this morning no more and been heard from him and the case still remains a mystery.

Cagle a Humorist.

Although it might be under another name yet, O. M. Cagle, late of the city of Medford, Jackson county, state of Oregon, will likely soon be blossoming forth as a professional humorist and rank with Mark Twain, Bill Nye, Jerome K. Jerome and scores of others both at home and abroad.

A week ago last Saturday Mr. Cagle left his bed and board and wandered forth to the land of earthquakes, of oranges and formerly of gold. He left behind him a trusting and loving wife and two children, and in order to be provided for a rainy day took with him the sum of \$400 in hard cash.

In addition to the cash, Mr. Cagle evidently had with him a number of dime novels, for in no other way can the sequel be accounted for. The day before he was seen in Weed, Cal., a letter was received by the police here telling how the unfortunate Cagle had been murdered and the hogs had so eaten the face and the body that no one could tell Mr. Cagle from a hole in the ground.

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The above marks stand for the sobs and the moans of the trusting and the loving wife as she pictured to herself the horrid and the horrible fate of her own and only darling, the man who had promised on his solemn oath "to love, honor and obey."

Well, Mr. Cagle, the would-be humorist, or whatever else any one might feel inclined to call him, has gone, vanished the ranch, skidded—or, in plain English, has skipped out.

Now for the motive. Mrs. Cagle asserts that her lord and master had no reason to leave her the way he did. She says that they always got along nicely, and surely, he ought to know. In the meantime, Mr. Cagle is probably somewhere in the vicinity of San Francisco, looking for a job on some funny paper, or preparing to start on a lecture tour, which might turn out to be as funny as his supposed death.

IS SEEKING INVESTMENT.

That capital is looking to Medford and the Rogue River valley for safe and remunerative investments is daily evidenced.

A recent arrival in Medford is E. F. Moyer, a prominent capitalist and business man of North Yakima, Wash., who is on his annual vacation and seeking the country. The gentleman is a subscriber to and reader of The Morning Mail, and it was through this medium that he became interested in Medford and

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the Rogue River valley and decided to stop off and investigate conditions.

In conversation yesterday with a Morning Mail reporter, the gentleman stated that aside from his extensive business interests in North Yakima he was engaged in the banking business at Toppenish, Wash., and was the principal owner of the Golden Gate mine at Easton, Wash. He is very favorably impressed with this flourishing city and valley and said: "You have here a very desirable fruit country and the flavor of the fruit is excellent. I am from a fruit country myself, but upon investigation I find that the flavor is far in advance of the Yakima fruit, where the growth of everything depends entirely upon irrigation. I am looking around with a view of investing, and it is quite likely that I will find something to suit me in your thriving city and valley."

Before returning to his home in North Yakima, Mr. Moyer will proceed to California, where he will spend a few weeks looking over the country and visiting with friends.

PLEASANT SURPRISE

"Comrades, comrades, ever since we were boys;
Sharing each other's sorrows, sharing
each other's joys."

G. B. Morey of Vermont, Mich., arrived in Medford yesterday and very unexpectedly and pleasantly surprised his old-time friend and comrade, Judge William S. Crowell, president of the First National bank.

It had been 43 years since they had met. During the civil war Mr. Mowrey and Judge Crowell fought together in the Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteers. They were together in the first battle of Winchester with General Shields, and also at Buzzard's Roost and the battle of Rascara, Ga.

After becoming separated from Judge Crowell, Mr. Mowrey was also in the battles of Fort Republic and color guard at Gettysburg. He lost his leg from a wound received at the battle of Pine Mountain.

To a Morning Mail reporter, Judge Crowell said: "He is one of the best fellows that ever lived and he has pleased me very much by coming all this way to see me."

Mr. Mowrey is very much pleased with Medford and the Rogue River valley and will remain in the city about two weeks, the guest of Judge Crowell.

MEDFORD'S SCHOOLS.

Since the Medford public schools opened just two weeks ago yesterday the attendance has increased 63. This, is the opinion of Professor U. G. Smith, the superintendent of the city schools, is a percentage that has never been equaled in any other city, to his knowledge.

When the schools opened September 7, the enrollment was not finished, but it was the following day, and the figures showed a total of 733 pupils in both the West and North schools. Yesterday Professor Smith added up the number again, and although he was well aware that there had been an increase, he was somewhat surprised to find the enrollment to be 796—an increase of 63.

The attendance at the West school at the opening was 456 and it is now 493, making an increase of 37. At the North school the attendance at the opening was 277, and it is now 303, making an increase of 26. This makes the total increase, as before stated, 63.

The number now enrolled in the different grades are as follows:

West Building.	
High school	125
Eighth grade	36
Seventh grade	36
Sixth grade	33
Fifth grade	45
Fourth grade	48
Third grade	57
Second grade	42
First grade	71
Total	493

North Building.	
Eighth grade	13
Seventh grade	40
Sixth grade	34
Fifth grade	40
Fourth grade	34
Third grade	45
Second grade	43
First grade	54
Total	303
Grand total	796

Professor Smith says that most of the children who have entered since the opening belong to families who have come to Medford since that time and that most of them are from the east. The school figures are as a rule considered to be a very reliable means of figuring the population of a city. That being the case, Medford must certainly be increasing in population at a very fast rate.

Speaker Cannon is not greatly in evidence now. He will not hold his own until he gets congress under his thumb.

EVERY BODY BRING EXHIBITS

Fair Committee Very Desirous That All Take Part

To make of the Southern Oregon district fair the grand success anticipated, the committee who have the management of the affair in hand must have the hearty and loyal co-operation of the people.

The second annual exhibition of the Southern Oregon District Fair, to be held in the city of Medford, October 1, 2 and 3, should be made to eclipse all former efforts and events in the grand display of Rogue River valley products, fruit especially, and in the proper exhibit of Jackson county agricultural and stock interests.

The fair committee, of which J. A. Perry is president, J. E. Watt secretary and Ed Andrews is superintendent, are putting forth every effort in their power to make the fair a grand success and an event long to be remembered in the future growth and history of Southern Oregon; but in the accomplishment of this and as a crowning point to their efforts, the committee should, and no doubt will, receive the co-operation of all the people in the county.

In conversation with J. E. Watt, secretary, yesterday, the gentleman informed a Morning Mail reporter that the committee was very desirous that the ladies of Medford take an active interest in the coming fair and gather all the needle, fancy work, bric-a-brac, paintings and relics especially, of which there are many that are connected with the early history of the city and county, for exhibition. Showcases will be arranged in the exhibit building for the ladies and anything they might bring will be safely guarded and given on the best of care and prizes given.

The committee also earnestly urge upon every farmer and fruit-grower the necessity of bringing in the very best they have for exhibition. Good prizes will be given for every kind of product grown, and ample accommodation for the proper display of all products will be arranged in the exhibit building. Premium lists can be procured at the office of J. A. Perry on Seventh street.

In the exhibit building will be allotted adequate space for a proper display of the rich mineral resources, and it is earnestly hoped by the committee that mining men will not be slow in bringing in the best samples they have for exhibition.

Arrangements for the stock and poultry exhibits are not by any means being overlooked by the committee, and it is earnestly hoped to make this one of the leading and most attractive features of the fair. Commodious quarters will be provided where the stock and poultry will receive every care and attention. Bring in the best you have, Mr. Stockman and Mr. Poultryman. The best is none too good for Medford and Jackson county.

Ed Andrews, of the committee, who is giving his special attention to the racing events, promises the people some exciting and speedy contests for which adequate purses will be given. There will be three days of racing, free to the public, and four races are promised each day.

The racetrack just outside the corporate limits of the town on the north, is undergoing extensive improvements to place it in readiness and insure good racing and speed events at the fair to be held in this city October 1, 2 and 3.

It is a circular one-half mile track with a good inward slope and well packed. The turns of the track are being fenced and a new grandstand is being erected with a seating capacity of 1000 people.

There will be three days of racing, four races each day, and some of the fleetest horses in the country will be entered and compete for the purses.

The management is sparing no pains or expense toward making the race meet a grand success, and those who attend will undoubtedly witness some exciting and interesting racing events.

GRADUATES TO EUGENE.

The young lady scholars of the Medford high school class of '08 who graduated with high honors at the commencement exercises held in this city in May last, take their departure this morning for Eugene, where they will enter the state university. The young gentlemen graduates will follow tomorrow (Monday) morning.

The young ladies are Miss Clara Wines and Miss Ruth Merrick. The boys are Darich Earhart, Fred Strang and Earl Mineer. The best

wishes of many friends in Medford go with the young people in their future scholastic efforts at the state university, and there is no doubt but what the Medford class will be heard from with honors in this institution of learning.

The state university will open and begin the fall and winter term next Thursday, September 24.

BIG DEAL IN REALTY

A real estate deal was closed in Medford yesterday whereby \$15,000 and 100 acres of choice land changed hands.

Messrs. C. T. Noe and John H. Butler, two of Medford's prominent business men, yesterday purchased and became the owners of one-half of the 200-acre farm of Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson, located five miles northeast of the city, on the first slope of the foothills and near the center of the famous Rogue River valley fruit belt. The purchase price paid was \$15,000, which amount is considered very reasonable, as the place is well improved, all level, cleared and in cultivation and ranks well among the best producing farms in the valley. The farm has never been placed on the market and its sale at this time comes as a surprise to many who were of the opinion that no part of it could be purchased; but getting along in years, decided Mrs. Wilkerson to sell off a part of her land, and she experienced no trouble whatever in readily finding buyers at the price she asked.

While the place is an ideal one for fruit-growing and is located on the same belt with the well-known and big producing orchards of Messrs. Garret Swanson, Merrick, Enhart and others, the new purchasers, owing to the high price of hay, \$20 per ton, will seed the place to alfalfa. That it will grow an enormous crop of this forage plant there is not the least doubt, as it has two living springs of water that flow the year round, which, with the natural sub-irrigation, affords an abundance of water. The land also lies below the survey of the high-line ditch.

The place commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country overlooking Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville and other points. Messrs. Noe and Butler are extremely well pleased with their purchase and will no doubt not only make it one of the prettiest farms in the valley, but also one that will prove highly profitable and remunerative on their investment.

WANTS BIG FEE.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 22.—Whether F. W. Gaines, an enterprising Union county man, shall collect from a large number of Eastern Oregon farmers a commission of 50 per cent on any reduction in freight rates that may be made on the O. R. & N. and its branches by order of the railroad commission, is a question just now agitating the minds of a number of farmers and also of the members of the railroad commission. Mr. Gaines expects to get the commissions running into large but unknown sums. The farmers and the members of the commission won't let him get the fees if they can help it.

Last week J. L. Woodell of La Grande and W. T. Wallinge of Allice, shippers of grain, were in Salem attending the state fair, and while here they held a conference with railroad commissioner Oswald West. The story they told was that last May F. W. Gaines went among Eastern Oregon farmers, reminded them what high freight rates they are paying on their wheat, told them he was working on the subject in conjunction with the railroad commission and might be able to get an order from the commission reducing the rates.

This would require much work and expense on his part, but would mean a great saving of money to the farmers. In order that he might be reimbursed for his work and expenditure, Gaines induced a large number of farmers throughout Eastern Oregon to sign a contract agreeing to pay him half the amount of the reduction in freight on their grain the first season after the order reducing the rates should be made.

When the farmers got to thinking the matter over some of them wavered whether they had not acted hastily. After consulting with Railroad Commissioner West, Messrs. Woodell and Wallinge had no further doubt that they had acted unwisely.

Mr. West declared today that there is no reason whatever why any farmer or other shipper should pay any man a commission or fee for securing a reduction in freight rates.

REV. F. C. WILLIAMS RESIGNS.

Rev. F. C. Williams, who has been rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church in this city for two or three years last past, has tendered his resignation as such pastor, the same to be effective November 1. He will move to Boston with his family and will accept a pastorate near that city. He formerly resided near Boston and held pastorates there before coming to Oregon.

U. S. COURT OF APPEALS

Motion for New Trial of Nickell Case Most Important

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 22.—The United States Court of Appeals for the ninth circuit late yesterday afternoon adjourned the September term of court for this district to meet in San Francisco, October 5. The court which consists of Judges William B. Gilbert of Portland, Erskine M. Ross of Los Angeles and William W. Morrow of San Francisco, will hold a special session in San Francisco, September 28. Judges Ross and Morrow, accompanied by Meredith Sawyer, deputy clerk of the court, left last night for California. Judge Gilbert will leave Thursday, in order to reach San Francisco in time for the special session of the Circuit court, which is to be convened Monday morning.

During the afternoon the court heard arguments on a motion for a rehearing in the case of the United States against Charles Nickell of Jacksonville, who had been convicted of subornation of perjury and sentenced to 13 months' imprisonment on McNeil's Island. At the time of Nickell's alleged offense he was publishing two newspapers in Southern Oregon and at the same time was serving as United States commissioner.

On January 31, 1905, Nickell was indicted together with Henry W. Miller and Frank E. Kincart, timber cruisers, and Martin G. Hope, who was then city attorney of Medford. At the trial Miller and Kincart pleaded guilty and made complete confessions implicating Nickell and Hope and resulting in their conviction July 27, 1906. Hope was sentenced to four months in the Multnomah county jail and to pay a fine of \$500. After completing his sentence Hope took the "pauper oath" and was liberated. Nickell appealed his case and was granted a rehearing by the court of appeals last May.

In the argument for a rehearing the only question presented was whether or not the court erred in ruling upon the admission or exclusion of evidence or the instructions to the jury as they were affected by the decision of the United States Supreme court in the J. N. Williamson case. At the close of the arguments the court took the case under advisement.

Nickell and his associates were charged with procuring persons to make entry of timber lands, representing that they were in a position to sell the timber at 50 cents a thousand. The alleged conspirators are accused of having charged the entrymen a fee of \$125 as a commission, an advance fee of \$60 being required. The quartet was indicted following the discovery by the government that they did not intend to do any more toward securing the land for the entrymen than to obtain the first payment of the commission money.

EDITOR PUTNAM ASSAULTED

George Putnam, publisher of the Tribune, was assaulted on the streets of Medford about 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon by E. E. Jackson, son of ex-Sheriff Jackson. The assault took place in front of Hussey's cash store, on West Seventh street, and was witnessed by a number of persons.

The trouble was the result of articles published by the Tribune during the recent campaign. Jackson struck Putnam two or three times in the face with his fists and inflicted injuries which, while not serious, will require several days to heal.

A complaint was sworn out against Jackson by Chief of Police Shearer and he was arrested, charged with assault and battery, and upon being brought before Recorder Collins, he pleaded guilty and was fined \$20, which he paid.

The Morning Mail does not believe there is an occasion which will justify a street assault such as this one, and we do not believe our people approve of this method of settling differences.

Seeking Investment Here.

John McKee and G. E. Pitts of Riason, Cal., are Medford visitors. Mr. McKee is a lumber dealer and is looking for a location in this business in Medford. The gentleman has been all over the Coos Bay country and finds that all the timber there is cornered by a few wealthy men, and no chance for a business opening. He says this is by far the best-looking country he has seen and that he is very much taken up with it and will in all probability permanently locate here.

MAIL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS.