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## FORTUNE IN EIGHT YEARS

### Success of Two Brothers in Fruit Growing Reads Like Romance

Under ordinary circumstances there are very few people in this day and age who make a fortune in eight years—and make it honestly and at the same time make the country in which this fortune was accumulated and all the people surrounding better because of its having been made. The Morning Mail has in mind a number of fortunes which have been made in a brief space of time in the fruit industry of the Rogue River valley, but few are there of them which are as marvelous as is the one of which we are at this time referring—the fortune of the Bates Bros.

In the year 1900 James and William Bates purchased a tract of undeveloped land, in which there were 115 acres. The land is situated east of Medford a few miles and at the time it was purchased but little of it was there which was not covered with chaparral and manzanita bushes and scrub oak trees. The price paid for the land was \$2000. Now, these Bates boys were not only well fixed financially and it is not to be presumed that they paid the \$2000 in cash right at that time—but that matters not. The boys were barbers and worked at that profession in this city. They were unlike the majority of professional men in their line—they saved their money, and after they purchased this tract of land they made of it a savings bank for their weekly earnings. Aside from being frugal and industrious, the boys were fortunate in having parents who were not afraid of honest toil, and these of once moved to the farm and began the work of carrying a fortune for their sons from the crude, untilled soil of this great valley. The boys in the meantime applied themselves industriously to their profession and from their weekly earnings from that day to this they have supplied their father, J. T. Bates, who was made superintendent of the farm, with the needed sustenance of life, the help necessary to improve the land, provide the required machinery for operating and the trees for planting—and the boys are still working at their profession—and where does the fortune come in, do you ask? Here it is: The boys have an 80-acre fruit orchard—one of the best there is in the Rogue River valley. The orchard, which is called the "Mountain Cove," is now and for years has been spoken of as one of the most uniform and best cared for bunch of trees in this locality.

This year the boys shipped their first carload of fruit—a full carload of fancy pack Jonathan apples. They were shipped to New York City, but returns from their sale have not as yet been received.

Not all their orchard is in bearing as yet, nor will it be for a few years, because of the fact that only from 500 to 1000 trees were planted during the early development of the land, but each year a block of new trees has been added to the orchard, until today there are 80 acres of growing trees, and another ten acres will be set this winter. The varieties of fruit in the orchard are Newtown and Jonathan apples, Comice, Howell and Bartlett pears.

Still The Morning Mail has not told of the fortune the boys have made in dollars and cents, but here it is: At the prices orchards of this character in the valley are selling at this one is worth from \$800 to \$1000 an acre—any one can multiply these figures by 80, the number of acres there are in the orchard, but no person need make the boys an offer of the highest figure named—they will not sell.

About one more year at barbering and the boys will retire from that line of work and will give their attention to growing fruit, the orchard having reached an age which will permit them to withdraw from it the weekly salaries earned at their chairs.

### BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME.

Medford Contractor Engaged for Josephine Project.

Engineer Fred M. Cummings of this city received a telegram yesterday from parties at Grants Pass stating that his terms were accepted and to start work at once. This means that Engineer Cummings has a big job on his hands and he will leave tomorrow to begin work.

The concern which has secured the services of Engineer Cummings is the Josephine Irrigation & Power company, which was recently organized at Grants Pass for the purpose of getting plans and figures for a

huge irrigation system for all the land for miles around that city. Later on the work is to be undertaken to carry out the plans prepared.

That the people who are behind this enterprise mean business can be judged from the fact that all the money needed for the preliminary work, about \$10,000, was subscribed inside of one hour, and already all the money which will be needed to carry out the work is practically arranged for now. The amount necessary will not be known until Engineer Cummings makes his report, but one thing is certain, it will be a very large amount.

It is claimed that those who raise anything but fruit throughout most of Josephine county have found that the risk is altogether too great. For instance, it is stated on good authority that the canning company there contracted for a crop of tomatoes for the sum of \$5000 and that before any could be gathered the vines were all killed off for want of water. "It has now got to the pass where we are simply compelled to put in irrigation or go out of the farming business altogether," is the way one of the prominent Josephine county ranchmen explained it to The Morning Mail, and from what can be learned that is considered to be a good thing up of the situation.

The following about the organization is taken from the last issue of the Grants Pass Courier:

"At the meeting of the directors of the Josephine County Irrigation and Power company last Friday evening H. L. Gilkey was elected president, G. H. Carner, vice-president; J. G. Riggs, secretary, and G. A. Hamilton, treasurer. During the week the canvassing committee have completed the work of securing subscriptions to the capital stock of the corporation and will hold a meeting in a day or two to act on the applications of experts who have asked to make the examinations along the lines of irrigation. The officers of the company hope to have an expert at work examining the heads of the various streams to find opportunities for impounding flood waters and examining various points on Rogue river where dams can be built and water secured. The expert will also make preliminary surveys for four ditch lines, two on each side of the river, each of the ditches to be about 12 miles long. The work will be pushed to completion in from four to six weeks, when a full and complete report will be made to the directors of the company."

### PRUNE GROWERS TO ORGANIZE.

They Will Meet in Medford Next Thursday Afternoon.

Some of the prune growers of this locality are of the opinion that they have not been treated fairly at the hands of the buyers in the marketing of their season's crop of prunes, and to the end that there be concerted action in the disposition of their crops, a call has been made for a meeting of the growers at the Medford Commercial club rooms on next Thursday afternoon.

There would seem to be need of perfecting a prune growers' organization and whether they have disposed of their crops this season or not, all growers should attend this meeting and lend all the assistance possible in effecting such an organization, not only for protection this season, but for all seasons to come.

### PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD.

Was Organized Last Night and J. F. Hutchason Was Elected President.

The men's lodge of the Presbyterian church was permanently organized last night by adopting a constitution and by-laws and by outlining the object of the lodge. J. F. Hutchason was elected president; J. G. Rodgers, vice-president, and W. J. Roberts, secretary and treasurer.

A prepared program was carried out to the entertainment and pleasure of those present. The committee on refreshments won the commendation and praise of all for the banquet prepared for the members of the lodge.

It was decided to call a convention of the Presbyterian Brotherhoods in Southern Oregon, to meet in Medford at the next meeting of this lodge, November 24. Every one spoke of being pleased with the movement and prophesied great things as the result both to the church and city.

### Foresters to Organize.

Mr. Fields, of Oakland, Cal., who has been in the city several days, last evening got together a goodly number of the former members of the Foresters lodge and reorganized the lodge here. They start out under favorable auspices and hope to be able to maintain the organization in this place.

### Make Home in Oregon.

During the last few days that the colonist rates were effective more than 1200 people came to Oregon on one-way tickets to make this state their permanent home.

## TARIFF IS NOW BEING REVISED

### Ways and Means Committee in Session Going Over the Schedules

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—With but few exceptions the interests affected by schedule A of the Dingley tariff, which includes over a hundred articles under the heading of chemicals, oils and paints, do not desire any change in rates of duty now operative. This was indicated today at the first hearing for the consideration for a revision of the tariff held before the house committee on ways and means.

The hearings are preliminary to taking up of the question at an extra session of congress. There were few requests for increases in the present rates of duty. A strong advocate of lower tariff was Albert Plaut, who defeated the schedule for medicinal chemicals for the Wilson bill. Plaut said the duties are now practically prohibitive.

He recommended that many chemicals now paying 25 per cent ad valorem should be reduced to 15 per cent. In addition he recommended that on certain other chemicals—quinine, for instance—which now come a free duty, that there should be placed a duty of 15 per cent.

N. D. Arnold, representing the varnish manufacturers, said the varnish manufacturers were perfectly satisfied with existing conditions. Answering a question of a Democratic member of the committee, Arnold admitted the varnish manufacturers do not need protection on alcohol varnish and thought the reduction of duty from 35 to 25 per cent would be fair.

Arnold denied that the surplus production is offered on foreign markets by American manufacturers at less than that demanded in the home markets.

### WHOLE TOWN BURNED.

The Town of Taft, Mont., Destroyed by Fire for the Second Time.

WALLACE, Idaho, Nov. 11.—The death of James Banter, the serious injury of Elsie Leroudeau and the attempt to lynch a man thought to be an incendiary by a crowd of infuriated townspeople, were the leading features of the fire which early today destroyed the town of Taft, Mont. Loss \$100,000; insurance \$50,000. This is the second time in three months that the town has been destroyed. The fire first broke out about 10 o'clock last night in the Arcade building. It was promptly extinguished, but broke out again in the same place about 4 this morning with a fury that defied all efforts of the fire brigade. Soon the whole village was in flames. As far as is learned 15 buildings, 12 of which were saloons, were destroyed. The people in Taft were of the impression that a gambler named Green had set the fires out of spite at the owners of the Arcade theater, and a demonstration against this man reached such proportions that it is alleged the authorities were forced to remove him to Wallace to prevent lynching. During the fire Banter, a porter at the Spokane hotel, was burned to death and the Le Roudeau girl seriously injured by jumping from the second story window of the Arcade theater. Several other girls in this building had narrow escapes.

### CHINA'S RULER NEAR DEATH.

Emperor's Condition Has Grown Steadily Worse.

PEKIN, Nov. 11.—The Emperor of China, who has been suffering from an intestinal disorder, is worse today. His Majesty refuses foreign medicine. He is awfully weak. Yuan Shai Kai is pessimistic over the Emperor's condition. Public business has been suspended on account of the indisposition of the Dowager Empress.

### AFRAID OF THE KAISER.

After Exciting Debate, the Reichstag Defeats Motion.

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—An exciting debate in the Reichstag was concluded this evening with the rejection by a majority of the opposition to send to the emperor an address calling his attention to the danger of his Majesty's personal intervention in foreign politics. The displeasure of the house was concentrated principally upon the chancellor.

### Keep Fleet in Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—A set of resolutions asking that the Pacific battleship fleet be retained permanently in the Pacific ocean and that it be augmented by the Atlantic fleet was forwarded today to William H. Taft, by officers of the California branch of the National Red Cross society. Taft is president of the national body.

for the future, but when the proposition of addressing the emperor formally on the subject was put to the house government the majority did not hesitate to vote against it. Von Buelow listened all afternoon to the attacks on himself, and though it was expected he would speak again today, he refrained from doing so. It was said today the emperor was receiving a full stenographic report of the proceedings at Donateschingen, where he is the guest of Prince Fuerstenberg.

### PARALLEL GUNNESS CASE.

Police Believe Marengo, Ill., Is Scene of Another Farm.

AURORA, Ill., Nov. 11.—Marengo, Ill., may have a parallel to the famous Gunness farm. Evidence which may prove John Bedford, a Marengo farmer, arrested at Beatrice, Neb., Saturday, on a charge of having murdered his neighbor, Oscar Hoganson, to be guilty of a number of similar crimes, is at hand, according to the Marengo police today.

Bedford will be brought back to Marengo tomorrow. Hoganson's body was unearthed a week ago near the farmhouse and the remains of John Belmont, another Marengo farmer, are now being sought. It is declared that William Evans, of Marengo, who spent the night at the Bedford farm only a short time before the disappearance of the alleged murderer, was assaulted and robbed but escaped from the farm with his life.

### ELECTED TO \$5000 JOB.

Reporter Nominated at Last Minute Just to Fill Up Ticket.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A special dispatch to the World from Philadelphia says: "Given three weeks' leave of absence from his paper, that he might act during the campaign as secretary of the Philadelphia party, a reform movement in opposition to the Republican city organization, F. J. Gorman, 24 years old, a reporter, was nominated at the last minute for county commissioner, more to fill up the ticket than with any idea of electing him. The completion of the count showed that Gorman had slipped into a job that will pay him \$5000 a year for the next three years.

About all a county commissioner in Pennsylvania has to do is to see that the election ballots are printed correctly and have general supervision over the election officers. Three are elected in each county every three years—two by the majority party, the third place going to the minority party, which polls the larger vote of the two nominated by his party. It was in this way that young Gorman got in.

Gorman was graduated from the high school only three years ago, and has been a reporter ever since. He was married in August. He is the youngest man ever chosen county commissioner.

### DENY THE REHEARING.

Once More the Government Loses in the Standard Oil Case.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The Federal Court of Appeals has denied the petition of the United States government for a rehearing in the case against the Standard Oil company, wherein, originally, the Standard was convicted in the lower court of accepting rebates from the Alton railroad and fined \$29,240,000 by Judge Kenesaw M. Landis. The denial of the petition is a second defeat of the government, the appellate court having previously set aside Judge Landis' decision.

The government's only recourse now is to carry the case up to the United States Supreme court. This will probably be done by Attorney-General Bonaparte.

### STORY NOT BELIEVED.

The Report of the Finding of the Body of Andree Is Not Believed.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 11.—No report of the finding in Labrador of the body thought to be that of Andree has reached St. Johns at any time. Little credence is placed in the story.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Nov. 11.—Dr. Willard T. Grenfell, the noted Labrador medical missionary and explorer, when shown the dispatch to the effect that Andree's body had been found, said he did not believe there was any truth in the statement. He says he was at Conception Bay, N. F., late in October, and nothing was known about the finding of the body then.

### MR. BYBEE DEAD.

Noted Oregon Pioneer Dies at Jacksonville.

William Bybee, one of the best-known men in this part of Oregon for more than 50 years, passed away yesterday morning at his home near Jacksonville, aged 78 years and 5 months, the immediate cause of death being stomach trouble and a complication of diseases.

## FELL FROM 19-STORY BUILDING

### Tragic and Instant Death of Son of Editor Watterson in New York City

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Harvey W. Watterson, a lawyer and a younger son of Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, plunged to death from the 19th floor of his office building at 37 Wall street late this afternoon. The body shot downward from a height of 110 feet and landed on the roof of a ten-story building.

Almost every bone in his body was broken and his head was crushed. While there were no witnesses to the tragedy evidently it was entirely accidental. Watterson's hat and coat were on his closed desk. Presumably he had attempted to lower the window, and either stumbling over a radiator which was in front of a low sill or losing his foothold in some other manner, pitched forward and fell.

Watterson was 30 years old and married. He was the junior member of the firm of Wing, Russell & Watterson. The body was removed to the Watterson home after the coroner declared death was due to an accident. The peculiar feature of the case was that Watterson's watch and cigarette case were in one pocket and his pipe in another, were not damaged by the fall. Mrs. Watterson was prostrated when informed of her husband's tragic death.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 11.—The news of the tragic death of Harvey W. Watterson was first communicated to friends of Henry Watterson and created a profound impression in Louisville, and there immediately followed pathetic little conspiracy having for its purpose the breaking of the news to the veteran editor as gently as possible.

Telephone communication with his country home four miles from the city was immediately stopped and friends deputed to Mrs. Benjamin Ridley, widow of the consul-general to Mexico, the difficult task. Mrs. Ridley suddenly bereaved a few weeks ago of her husband, who had been Watterson's protégé and friend, has accomplished her mission and tonight the editor is sitting at home benumbed by grief, while hundreds of telegrams from men of national importance are already pouring in offering condolence and sympathy.

It was decided by the family that Colonel Watterson will not be able to undertake the journey to New York, and Mrs. Harvey Watterson was asked to bring the body to Louisville, which will probably be done Friday or Saturday. Harvey Watterson left no children. Before her marriage, Mrs. Watterson was Miss Alice Burrows of New York.

### TWO MORE NEW STORES.

Will Soon Occupy a Place on Seventh Street.

There are two more brick buildings booked for immediate construction on West Seventh street. One of these buildings is to be built by C. W. Palm, J. S. Orth, C. H. Corey and J. F. Hale, and it is to be erected on the northwest corner of Seventh and G streets. It will be 60x100 feet in size, built of brick and two stories high. One of the first-floor rooms will be occupied by the Hale Piano company. The plans and specifications are now being drawn by Architect Lyons.

The other will be a two-story brick building to be erected on the lots between the J. F. White buildings on the south side of West Seventh street—where now stands a blacksmith shop. This will be built by Palm & Seidmeyer, who own the lots. It will be 50x140 feet in size and two stories high. The plans for this are being drawn by Architects Perkins & Janney.

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William Bybee was born in Clark county, Kentucky, in 1830, and came to Oregon in 1852, and to Jacksonville in 1854, where he took up a land claim, on which he resided at the time of his death. In 1864 he became associated with Jesse Walker and in the same year married his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Walker, who died in 1899. They had by this

union 11 children, five of whom are now living, as follows:

Mrs. Charles Prim of Jacksonville, Mrs. Fred Luy of Medford, William Bybee of Alaska, Frank Bybee of Jacksonville and Robert Bybee of Idaho.

In 1878 Mr. Bybee was elected as sheriff of Jackson county and served for two terms. In the early days both he and Mr. Walker took an active part in protecting the settlers against the Indians. At one time he was the owner of more than half of Jackson county and up till a few years ago was always a large land owner.

Mr. Bybee was a member of the Jacksonville lodge of Odd Fellows since 1860 and the members of the lodge will turn out to the funeral in a body. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Ennis Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### SINCE TAFT WAS ELECTED.

W. D. Holdridge Considers Ranch Worth \$250 Per Acre More.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Holdridge were here from their home near Taft yesterday trading. Less than two years ago Mr. Holdridge came and looked over this valley. He then returned to Iowa and disposed of his 200-acre ranch in Iowa, realizing over \$100 per acre therefor. He came back to this valley and purchased 25 acres of the Foss place, on Wagner creek, paying therefor \$400 per acre.

His Iowa friends, learning of the purchase, thought climatic or other influences had caused him to lose his mind. They could not understand why a man should sell a fine farm at \$100 per acre and then pay \$400 an acre for other land. Mr. Holdridge can tell them why. He states that off of his patch of 25 acres he realized more money than he did from the 200-acre farm in Iowa, and besides that, he and family have splendid health and enjoy living in a climate where they do not fear the blizzards of Northwest Iowa. Mr. Holdridge says:

"Parties have been figuring on buying my place here, or rather I have been asked to put a price upon it. One thousand dollars per acre is the price I have held it at, and it pays me good interest on that valuation, but now since the election is over and Taft will be in the chair for four years, I think I will have to get \$1250 per acre to make me let go."

### HAD DELIGHTFUL TIME.

Mr. and Mrs. Volney Dixon Have Returned From Wedding Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Volney Dixon returned a couple of days ago from their five weeks' stay in Siskiyou county, California, and in Klamath county, Oregon. This was their wedding trip and had—as was expected they would—a most delightful M. E. church, and will soon be at home to their many Medford friends. The territory they traversed was Mr. Dixon's old field which he has covered so many times in the sale of Page's woven wire fence, and having made a great number of friends upon those trips, the last one was made doubly pleasant because that he came not alone. So pleased were his former customers that they insisted that he sell them more wire fence, and in spite of his efforts to forget business he sold over a carload of fence. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are now furnishing a home on North Bartlett street, near friends.

### RECEPTION AND BANQUET.

It Was Given By Reames Chapter, Order Eastern Star.

Last night was the regular social night with Reames Chapter, O. E. S., with the following committee in charge: Miss Frances Haskins, chairman; Mrs. Helen Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Haskins, Messrs. Charles Strang and Elmer Hicks, Mrs. M. J. Enyart, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stoddard.

The impromptu recitation of "Mother Goose" rhymes, followed by handball or pillow dex and a drawing contest, caused much amusement, while Messrs. Olla brothers and Miss Venita Hamilton pleased with orchestral selections. A delicious four-course lunch was served and the pleasant social affair broke up at a late hour with an informal dance.

### Another Orchard Sold.

W. W. Glasgow and C. M. English have sold their orchard, north of Central Point, to Hunt Lewis. There are 40 acres in the tract and the price paid was \$19,000. There are four acres of 5 and 6-year-old h four acres of pear trees and 27 acres of 5 and 6-year-old apple trees on the place. Messrs. Glasgow and English paid \$15,000 for the land last March. The fact that Mr. Lewis sold his large orchard in this valley a few months ago and has again invested money in another orchard is not throwing any rocks at the fruit industry.

## CONTRACT IS AUTHORIZED

### City to Enter Into Contract With I. L. Hamilton for Water for Medford

The city council met in special session last night. Those present were: Mayor Reddy, Councilmen O'well, Merrick, Trowbridge and Elfert.

A resolution was passed vacating an alley in block 44, original townsite, and accepting in lieu thereof an equal amount of land elsewhere in the same block for alley purposes. This vacated alley is between the present furniture store of Weeks & McGowan and the wooden building on the east. The land accepted in lieu thereof fronts to the east on F street. This will give an alley running across the entire block from F to G streets.

I. A. Armstrong presented a proposal to sell the city a reservoir site one and a half miles east of Medford at an elevation of 200 feet above the city, at \$100 per acre. Armstrong agrees to give right of way from public road to reservoir and pipe right of way across his land. He asks that he be given permission to tap pipe line and secure water for irrigating purposes, to be paid for at such price as is charged other city users of water.

A liquor license was granted Murphy & Downing; all councilmen voting yes, except Merrick, who voted no.

An ordinance was then passed authorizing the mayor and city recorder to enter into a contract with I. L. Hamilton in accordance with his proposal to furnish water and build a pipe line. The ordinance appears elsewhere in today's issue of The Morning Mail.

### ORCHARD SYNDICATE.

New Realty Company Engages in Business Here.

Among the very newest new things to catch the eye of Medford pedestrians as they pass up and down Seventh street are the large, new signs which appear on two sides and across the corner of the second story of the Palm building. The reading on these signs is "Oregon Orchard Syndicate." The parties representing this syndicate have purchased a tract of land directly south of the famous Hillcrest orchard, formerly owned by J. W. Perkins, and adjoining the same county road. This tract of fruit land has been surveyed and platted into 5, 10 and 20-acre lots and is now being offered for sale to the public, and particulars may be had by applying at the syndicate's suite o'ftices in the Palm building.

The tract of land above referred to is called the "Crestbrook Orchard Tract." The soil is practically the same as that which has grown such heavy bearing trees, and the splendid quality of fruit which has been marketed from the Hillcrest orchards.

This new syndicate represents Medford, Seattle and Minneapolis capital, and these representatives are ready for orchard investments, both large and small. It is expected their operations will be very extensive from now on, most of the investments being made as near Medford as possible.

### ANOTHER GARAGE IN MEDFORD

Will Be in Rear of Hotel Moore and Will Be Built at Once.

The Medford Brick company yesterday commenced the erection of a one-story brick building, 40x50 feet in size, in the rear of Hotel Moore, for C. W. Palm. The building is being built by Mr. Palm for an automobile garage and has been leased to California parties.

### May Locate Here.

Chris Powell and son, Henry, of Boise, Idaho, arrived here Saturday and are visiting with the former's son, J. N. Powell and family, in the north part of the city, who recently sold their farm near Boise and moved here. They are old friends and neighbors of the Humphreys, through whose favorable reports they were induced to look over the city and country with a view to locating permanently.

### Their Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Needham of this city will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next Saturday. That's a long time for a couple to go hand in hand, but there must be great rejoicing in the fact that they have been permitted to enjoy each other's society all these years. They are splendid people and their long years of life together have surely been pleasant ones.

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