

ONE OF BIGGEST ORCHARD DEALS

Fruit Farm Changes Hands at Price of More Than \$100,000.

Well, here is another fairly good-sized real estate sale. There have been a number of good-sized ones recorded during the past 12 months, and while those parties disposing of their possessions have made a good lump of money, it can be warrantably predicted that the purchasing parties will make even more money.

Yesterday Dr. E. B. Pickett sold his "401" orchard to C. W. Perkins, B. Gillman and J. S. Cannon of San Francisco, and T. M. Roesler of Fresno. The exact purchase price is not given out, but it was considerably more than \$100,000. There are 561 acres in the ranch and of this 235 acres are now set to commercial varieties of fruit, ranging in age from one to four years. Another 100 acres of the land has been prepared for planting and will be set to fruit this winter. Every foot of the land which is not now set to fruit is said to be equally as good as that now growing trees. Seventy-five acres of the water is covered by a perpetual water right and practically all of it can be covered with water from the Fish Lake Water company's ditch.

This land is situated six miles north and east of Medford and five or six years ago this same land was growing wheat—and not much of that.

There is a little story in connection with Dr. Pickett's purchase of the tract which is interesting. The doctor had about perfected all arrangements to take a post-graduate course in surgery in a foreign city and the thought of purchasing fruit land was quite as foreign to him as were the ports at which he expected to take his post-graduate course, but about this time, while making a professional call in the vicinity of the land his driver remarked to him that there (pointing to this tract) was a piece of land which was for sale and could be bought cheap—and that it was a good buy. The doctor paid little attention to it at the time, but later became interested and bought the land—and gave up his post-graduate course. He at once commenced improving the property and has since that time given it close attention and has kept it in the very best possible state of cultivation, and as a result the orchard is today one of the very best in the valley. The doctor's friends often refer to it as his post-graduate orchard. However, should he now decide to take the post-graduate course, or a dozen of them, he can well afford to do so—and have a little spending to go left.

The price paid for the land by the doctor is not given, and the writer does not remember that he ever heard the doctor mention the price, but from \$30 to \$50 an acre was considered a reasonably good price for wheat land in those days.

The gentlemen who have purchased the orchard are all heavyweight capitalists and the price paid for the land did not stagger them a little bit. The property is well worth the price paid. They are to have possession on the 15th of this month. These gentlemen are friends of Bert Anderson of Medford, and the deal was made by W. C. Green, also of this city.

GOODS ROADS MEETING.

Will Be Held at Ashland Next Tuesday Afternoon.

Great preparations are being made in Ashland for the good roads convention which is to meet in that city Tuesday afternoon, November 24. Those who have the arrangements in charge wish it to be distinctly understood that every one who can possibly do so are invited to be present. So far no concerted action has been taken here in the way of getting together a crowd, but that some such action will be taken soon goes without saying, as Medford cannot afford to let such an opportunity go by to help boost for good roads.

Perhaps the reason why the Medford good roads boosters have not taken action on this important matter before this is that few of them were aware that such a meeting had been arranged for. Now, however, that it is made known, no time should be lost in getting together as large a crowd as can possibly be secured and show the people in the neighboring city that Medford citizens are with them in the movement, both heart and soul.

In compliance with the following request the Medford Mail is only too glad to give the matter of the meeting all the publicity possible: Medford Mail, Medford, Or.

Medford Mail, Medford Oregon.

"Gentlemen: The publicity committee for the coming goods roads convention to be held at Ashland, Tuesday, November 24, would be glad to have you call attention to the convention in any way you may see fit. I inclose you a clipping which will give the facts about the meeting."

Very truly, J. D. WAGNER.

"The executive committee appointed to make arrangements for the good roads convention to be held at Ashland on Tuesday afternoon, November 24, met at the Commercial club rooms, Saturday morning, and discussed matters in connection with the affair."

"The convention will be held at the opera house beginning at 2 p. m. and the principal address will be made by Judge John H. Scott, president of the State Good Roads organization, with short addresses and discussions by local speakers."

"It is hoped to have a large attendance from town and country both and to that end all interested in the good roads movement are urged not only to come themselves but to extend personal invitations to their friends and neighbors to attend and help arouse enthusiasm and secure action which will result in placing Oregon in line with other progressive states in this line of public improvement."

REBEKAHS ENTERTAIN.

Provide Delightful Function for Members and Friends.

Last night there was another of those social events with the members of Olive Rebekah lodge and a number of invited friends. There were about 65 persons in attendance and all seemingly enjoyed themselves. The assembly room was filled just comfortably and when the banquet room was in use it too was comfortably filled and about 'steens to start another filling with.

Miss Hazel Cox entertained with a recitation, as did also Miss Flora Gray and Miss Ivy Boeck with a piano duet. After this printed slips were passed around upon which was a list of names and phrases—"Searching among the Ayes" it was called, and Mrs. Willer searched "longest and best" and won the honors—a china cup and saucer.

Partners for refreshments were secured by matching newspaper clippings—which had been cut in all manner of irregular and awkward shapes.

Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, pickles, cake and sherbet were served.

The entertaining committee were: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gaddis, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bliton, Mrs. J. B. Woods, Mrs. H. H. Harvey, Miss Josie Gregory, Miss Helen Yockey and Volney Dixon.

TEAM RUNS AWAY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowling Have Narrow Escape.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowling had a runaway experience yesterday, and although the consequences were serious enough, they consider themselves lucky to have escaped with their lives.

As Mr. and Mrs. Bowling were driving down Eighth street yesterday morning, near the corner of F and Eighth one of the horses, a young and fractious animal, became frightened and kicked over the tongue. The team got beyond Mr. Bowling's control and ran away.

Opposite Mordoff & Woolf's second-hand store they met a team of mules belonging to Mr. Minear of Griffin creek, and in endeavoring to pass them the hub of Mr. Bowling's wagon struck an electric light pole and swung the team around until they collided with one of the awning supports of the store. The vehicle was demolished and the team broke loose, but were caught in a short distance.

The mule team, frightened by the disturbance, turned short around, snapped off the tongue of the wagon, threw the front wheels from under the horse and ran down the Jacksonville railroad track until they collided with a hand car, when they were captured.

When the smashup occurred Mr. and Mrs. Bowling were both thrown out. Mr. Bowling escaped injury, but Mrs. Bowling struck on her face on the walk and was rendered unconscious, remaining so for some time. She was carried into Mordoff & Woolf's store, where she remained until sufficiently revived to be taken to her home in West Medford. The most serious of her injuries was in her back, although she sustained some other severe bruises.

TITLE AND A SON.

That Is What Shonts' Daughter Gets On Account of Marriage.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A telegram from Theodore Shonts of Paris received today announces that a son was born to his daughter, the Duchess de Chauvigny. Duke de Chauvigny died in Paris last Spring.

REVOLUTION THREATENED

Great Unrest in China Over Death of Emperor and Dowager.

PEKIN, Nov. 17.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and the dowager empress are dead. Prince Chun, regent of the empire, in fear of increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintenance of peace for a time at least.

At noon 3000 gendarmes guarded the streets, and other military forces were held in readiness for any eventuality. Every precaution was taken to prevent recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of last April and May, which were marked by widespread incendiarism. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch of the approaches. The statement was made at the legations that there was no fear that the Chinese government would be unable to afford ample protection, but those within the legations were more alert than usual and seemingly anxious to have set at rest the doubts arising from the swift movement of events in the last few days.

There were many occurrences today to add to the sinister aspect of affairs. Rumors were current for a time that the new dowager, Yehonala and Yuan Shi Kai, the grand councillor, and one of the most powerful men in the empire, had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports, they went far toward disturbing the Chinese and foreigners alike.

Fourteen Banks Close.

Serious runs on banks occurred yesterday and today, and 14 native banks closed. The crowds were wild with excitement, and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. One foreign concern, the Yokohama Specie Bank, suffered a big run on its Tientsin notes, but the British, Russian and German institutions were not affected. It is probable that a number of native banks will be closed tomorrow, and it is believed that the government will step in and endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poorer classes.

As yet the cause of the death of the emperor and dowager empress has not been made public. There is no reasonable evidence to show that death in either case was the result of anything other than rolu suit of anything other than natural causes.

The emperor had been ailing for a long time and had been in feeble health during the latter half of his life. The dowager empress had carried burdens of state for so many years, and in the last few months had shown signs of declining health. At the celebration of her birthday, November 5, she took a prominent part against the wishes of her advisers, with the result that she was attacked with congestion of the lungs, accompanied by a high fever.

In Fear of Reformers.

Physicians who had previously attended the emperor and empress are of the opinion that their physical condition was such that they were certain victims of the first extremes of winter, although in their opinion also modern medicine and treatment would have been efficacious.

The government entertains fears of the Koh Ning-Ting reformers, who are reported to be assembling with a view to taking advantage of the present disturbed condition of the country. While matters here are a appearance of tranquility, there are reports of disaffection among the adherents of half a dozen rival candidates for the throne, and to the minds of the foreigners in the government itself is disaffected.

An imperial order was issued today in the name of Dowager Empress Yehonala, expelling all palace visitors, which means the clearing away of the masses who assembled during the period when their majesties were believed to be dying and have remained within and near the precincts ever since.

ICE PLANTS IMPROVEMENTS.

Several Changes Being Made by Local Company.

The Medford Ice & Storage Co. is making a number of improvements and enlargements in their plant with a view to taking care of the increased volume of business which is coming their way.

The changes consist of the addition of another ice room, with a capacity of 400 tons, which will just about double the present capacity. Then three and possibly four additional storage rooms will be added.

These additions make this one of the largest and most complete ice and storage plants in the state and will enable the company to handle a very large business.

All this necessitates the overhauling and changing about of some of the machinery, but as the machinery was originally put in with a view to enlarging of the plant, there will be no necessity of additions to this portion of the plant.

A change has also taken place in the personnel of the company, the plant having been sold recently by the original owners, F. M. and F. H. Carter and Jesse Houck, to the Ashland Ice & Storage Co. Mr. Houck having retired from the company.

The Medford plant, however, will continue to be conducted as an independent concern, as heretofore, under the management of the Carter brothers.

ASHLAND SHRINERS.

Temple Is Instituted With Due Ceremony.

ASHLAND, Or., Nov. 16.—The Mystic Shriners all but took possession of Ashland Saturday on the occasion of the celebratory and ceremonial session in connection with the institution of Hillah Temple, which gave to Ashland the distinction of being the smallest city in the world to hold an organization of the ancient Arabic order, dispensation for which was granted at the last meeting of the imperial council at St. Paul. The institution was in charge of Illustrious Potentate J. G. Mack, of Portland, who acted as deputy imperial potentate, assisted by a large delegation of the members of Al Kader, including the celebrated Arab patrol of 20 members.

The train carrying the Al Kader nobles from Portland arrived at 4 o'clock and was met at the depot by a long procession of Shriners of the new temple and visiting Shriners, headed by a brass band. The streets were decorated with the colors and well-known emblems of the order. The weather was bright and clear and ideal for the occasion.

After the parade and exhibition of which were witnessed by throngs of people, the formal institution ceremonies were held in the opera house. Following these, Imperial Orator W. C. Bristol on behalf of the Al Kader Temple extended best wishes and called the blessings of Allah upon the new temple, which was responded to by High Priest E. D. Briggs of the city, who then installed:

Eugene A. Sherwin, illustrious potentate; Ernest V. Carter, illustrious chief rabban; Dillon B. Grant, illustrious assistant rabban; Edward D. Briggs, illustrious high priest and prophet; George W. Dunn, illustrious Oriental guide; Charles H. Vaupel, illustrious treasurer; Edward T. Staples, illustrious recorder; Alex. Livingston, illustrious first ceremonial master; Edwin B. Shaw, illustrious second ceremonial master; George S. Calhoun, illustrious director; James A. Bothwell, illustrious marshal; Paul W. Paulson, illustrious captain of the guard; Heaton Fox, illustrious outer guard; William A. Pearson, chief electrician; Joseph Hammersley, captain Arab patrol; Benton Bowers, chief tri-alechemist; Evan L. Burdie, assistant alechemist; Rue E. Reames, inquisitor; Francis G. Swedberg, medical director; Charles F. Shepperd, musical director; Fred D. Wagner, official historian.

The first ceremonial session of the new temple followed in the evening, at which a class of nearly 50 candidates were led across the burning sands to Mecca and hailed as nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The candidates were: T. K. Bolton, W. C. Leever, I. C. Robart, C. L. Rbames, R. P. Neil, C. W. Nims, J. E. Young, George F. Wilson, J. R. Wlek, H. C. Sparr, G. J. Walton, Frank M. Ashburn, H. C. Kinney, John Butterworth, William E. Frazer, Charles W. Root, A. C. Hough, John R. Casey, W. C. Sanderson, L. E. England, Walter Everton, J. Syd McNair, F. H. Carter, T. H. Simpson, C. L. Hatfield, John S. Sibby, Alex. McLeod, W. F. Loomis, M. F. Gillespy, James I. Jones, R. T. Burnett, J. S. Wyan, William Warner, W. M. Holmes, D. T. Lawton, W. F. Shields, A. E. Kinney, A. R. Bomar, R. L. Coe, J. V. Miller, J. Nelson, A. S. Rosenbaum.

The banquet was served in the opera house and was served in the official language of the program, in "catch-as-catch-can style."

DENIED THE MOTION.

Ruef Will Get No Change of Venue, Says Judge Lawler.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—Judge Lawler this afternoon denied Ruef's motion for a change of venue. Ruef's chief counsel, Henry Ach, made the motion for a continuance of 30 days and another motion for the dismissal of the jury, each of which was dismissed.

OPERATION UPON FRANCIS HENEY

The Bullet Extracted, Patient Rallies and Rapidly Recovering.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, who was shot down in Judge Lawlor's court room Friday afternoon during a brief recess in the trial of Abraham Ruef, was successfully operated upon this morning, and his condition is regarded as being most favorable for his recovery. The bullet fired by Morris Haas, the ex-convict, and a rejected juror in Ruef's previous trial, was removed at 10:20 this morning from the muscles of the lower left maxillary. The bullet had entered the right side of Mr. Heney's face just forward from the ear, ranged downward across the palate and was located in the lower jaw by means of an X-ray.

Jawbone Not Broken.

The operation was performed by Dr. Wallace I. Terrey, chief surgeon of the Central Emergency hospital, assisted by Drs. Stillman, Huntington, Moffatt and several other prominent surgeons. Mr. Heney was etherized and was under the anesthetic for one hour. The bullet was found imbedded in the muscular part of the jaw near important blood vessels, which required great care and delicacy in operating and was responsible for consuming so much time in the operation. The actual work of removing the piece of lead, when the surgeons finally reached it, took but 20 minutes.

The left jawbone had not been broken, though it may have been slightly splintered. The bullet was a little flattened at the side and broken at the point. There is still danger of infection from the metal, but no indications of this were found and none to be expected to develop.

Heney Rallies Rapidly.

The wounded man is reported to have stood the ordeal remarkably well and rallied rapidly after coming out from under the influence of the ether. At 1 o'clock this afternoon his pulse and respiration were normal, but his temperature was a little high.

Mrs. Heney, who has been in constant attendance upon her husband since the day of the shooting, was at the hospital with several friends and relatives awaiting the result of the operation. She bore herself bravely during the suspense, but was greatly relieved by the optimistic reports made by the surgeons. No unforeseen complications arising, the operating surgeons predict that Mr. Heney's recovery will be quite rapid.

In dozens of churches in this city and elsewhere throughout the state preachers made reference yesterday to the attempt upon Mr. Heney's life and affirmed need of a municipal cleansing in San Francisco. At various places in the state mass meetings were held where the sympathy of the people in attendance was extended to the wounded prosecutor and his work indorsed. At the hospital where he is confined there has been an ever-increasing stream of telegrams from all parts of the world asking for news of his progress and expressing regret for the act that so nearly cost him his life.

Mystery of Haas' Pistol.

No date has yet been set for the inquest over the remains of Morris Haas, nor has any new light been thrown on the mystery surrounding the manner in which he obtained the pistol with which he ended his life. The police continue to assert that it was concealed in his shoe, while Detective Burns and District Attorney Langdon are equally positive that it was given to him at the jail.

SWORE HE'D SLAY HENEY.

Haas Repeated Threats Against the Prosecutor to Woman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—The object this morning of police investigation into the attempted assassination of Francis J. Heney and the suicide of his assailant, Morris Haas, is Mrs. Max Cohen, of 2706 Bush street. It was she who housed the Haas family on the night of the prisoner's self-destruction after his wife, according to Detective Burns, had managed to smuggle a derringer into his cell, and the investigators believe it was she who sent the note to Heney warning him to be on his guard, which, unfortunately, was not opened until after he had been shot.

When interviewed, Mr. Cohen said: "It is true that Morris Haas told me he would seek the life of Heney. He told me immediately after Heney had exposed his criminal record in open court, declaring that his life was ruined and that he had no further desire to live. The confidence frightened me. At first I made up my mind to tell my husband what Haas had told me, but I could not summon

courage to do so. I thought it might involve either myself or my husband in some disgrace, and I tried to tell myself Haas did not mean what he said."

"While I hovered in indecision Haas repeated his threat to me. He said he had taken an oath to slay Heney and he even went so far as to show me weapons he was carrying."

"One of these was a very large revolver; the other was a small derringer, and the third was a weapon of very odd-fashioned appearance."

It is thought that Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Haas, the widow, both know a great deal more than they have told. They are reticent, and answer questions only after the utmost persuasion. Detective Burns will maintain the dead assassin was the tool of a conspiracy, and declares the admissions that he made the day of his suicide absolutely assure this fact.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—With Judge Lawlor's courtroom thronged with policemen, special detectives, deputy sheriffs, and other peace officers, while the streets were guarded with mounted police and many patrol men, the trial of Abe Ruef was resumed today. As was expected the defense asked the court immediately for a change of venue, declaring Ruef could not obtain a fair and impartial trial in this city, which is his right by law, and supporting the declaration with affidavits, signed by Ruef and his attorneys to which was attached clippings from newspapers, describing mass meetings and other gatherings and utterances that followed the attack upon Heney.

These the defense alleges are sufficient evidence of public feeling that prevent the impartial trial of the defendant. When the defense completed its statement, the prosecution asked for a continuance in order that it might have time to prepare counter affidavits. This Judge Lawlor granted, ordering the case adjourned until tomorrow morning. At tonight's conference of the attorneys for the prosecution held at which affidavits supporting the contention of the prosecution that a fair and impartial trial can be had in this city were prepared.

Two Theories of Haas' Weapon.

The suicide of Morris Haas, who tried to assassinate the noted prosecutor, was the subject of much discussion today and the police authorities were investigating how Haas was able to conceal the weapon with which he took his life, after being thoroughly searched two or three times.

Two theories were advanced, one was that he had the pistol hidden in his shoe from the time he attempted to kill Mr. Heney, and it was overlooked by the police; the other theory, the one that the District Attorney's office holds, is that the pistol was passed to Haas by some interested person while he was in custody.

Haas in Charge of Police.

It is pointed out that the size of the weapon, an old-fashioned Derringer of 41-caliber, precluded its concealment in his shoe. The only persons who were allowed to approach Haas while he was confined were his wife and the police guard. Although Haas was in the County Jail, he was in charge of the police department.

The clergy branch of the League of Justice held two mass meetings today, one at Calvary Presbyterian Church, the other at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. The incidents of the past two days and the course of the graft prosecution were discussed by a number of the speakers, clerical and lay.

Civic Pride Rekindled.

At the evening services of the churches in the city, references to the tragic events of the week and their lessons were made in the sermons. The attempt to kill Mr. Heney has had the effect of rekindling civic pride and overcoming the indifference and criticism of the prosecution of the bribery graft cases and has evoked a determination to support the District Attorney in the prosecution of all charged with debauching the public service to a conclusion.

It is the intention to proceed tomorrow with the interrupted trial of Abraham Ruef, extra precautions having been taken to prevent a recurrence of violence or disorder.

Mr. Heney place will be taken by Attorney Matt I. Sullivan and Hiram W. Johnson.

QUICK WORK BY FIREMEN.

Only a Chimney, But the Department Was There in Two Minutes.

The burning out of a chimney in the old Vawter residence, corner of Central Avenue and Sixth, now occupied by J. D. Fay and family, last evening gave the fire boys an opportunity to show how quickly they could move. In less than two minutes after the alarm was sounded the engine was at the scene, hose laid and everything in readiness for fire fighting.

No damage resulted, as the fire, as such blazes have a habit of doing, burned itself out in a few minutes. However, the boys are to be congratulated on their quick work.

BIG MONEY IN FRUIT LANDS

Sale of Orchard Tracts Since January 1 More Than \$1,500,000

Since the first of January the sales of orchard lands and farm property made through the agency of Medford people has reached the tidy sum of \$1,500,000. This does not include sales of city property, which would increase the aggregate sum between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

In this estimate, which was made yesterday by a number of prominent real estate men, who had met casually and naturally got to "talking shop," and includes only property in a radius of twelve miles of this city. It does not include sales by other than parties living in Medford. There have been sales, of course, made by real estate men in other towns, but these are not included.

During the year 1908, up to the present writing nearly every large orchard in this radius has changed hands, the two exceptions being the Burrell and the Hopkins orchards. In every case the price has been a substantial advance over that originally paid. One case of how values increase is shown in the sales of the Glasgow & English orchard near Central Point. H. C. Garnett and W. M. Holmes purchased it the first of the year for \$10,000, they sold it in a short time to Glasgow & English for \$15,000, and recently it has been sold again for \$20,000. An increase in value of 100 per cent in less than a year.

This is not the only instance of greatly increased values in orchard lands. There are lots more of them. One place near Talent—the Brockman place—was sold originally for \$4500, resold for \$7500, and the present owner has been offered \$8000 but refused to sell.

In 1907 the aggregate sales were a little over \$500,000, just about one-third what they have been to date this year. How is that for growth in volume of business? If all of us could increase our business returns 300 per cent in a year, we would be doing pretty well, thank you.

The banner sale for bearing orchards was that of the Lewis, which brought \$160,000. Dr. Pickett's 401 orchard, not yet in bearing, comes next at \$110,000. The famous Hillcrest, Perkins orchard, sold for \$78,000.

The Bybee river ranch brought \$37,000 cash. This farm is what might be termed undeveloped.

The Patterson ranch near Talent, was purchased by Dr. Page a few months ago for \$52,500, and Dr. Page has since been offered \$80,000, but declined to sell.

Mr. Randall and his associates, who purchased the Pellett orchard, paying \$60,000 therefor, have added to their holdings until now their investments total in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

Kiser Bros. have invested over \$25,000 in Rogue river valley lands this year, part of it in orchard, and will plant trees on other portions of it.

The high water mark per acre was reached in the sale of J. E. Wall's 20-acre tract near this city for \$225, \$16,500 in all.

CHANGE BANKING HOURS.

Medford Banks Will Open at Nine and Close at Three.

Those who have been in the habit of leaving their banking until half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and especially those who have been accustomed to totting their cash to the aforesaid banks on about 3:45 o'clock and even later, are hereby warned that on and after December 1 next 3 o'clock will be the limit.

In other words, all the banks doing business in Medford have agreed to close their doors and also to cease doing business in the general banking line with their customers after the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon of any day during the week. This is supposed to refer to everybody, but at the same time if an editor or one of the business men in Medford have a million or more to deposit and do not wish to take the risk of keeping it in the house "where rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal," they can probably make some special arrangement with the powers that be, and get their lucre, filthy or otherwise, in the vaults, which are warranted to stand dynamite, gunpowder or fire.

If any depositor feels inclined to doubt the trustworthiness of the foregoing his or her, as the case may be, is called to the official notice of all the banks of Medford, which is duly signed and sealed by the presidents thereof.