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HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN NEW BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS

These Figures Speak of Medford's Wonderful Growth Last Year—No Other City in the State Can Show So Great Percentage of Increase

Friday morning this newspaper gave some statistics concerning the postal receipts of Medford postoffice during 1908. Saturday morning it told a few things about increase in volume in other lines of business as showing the general prosperity and growth of the city and country, and this morning it gives its readers a statement of the number and value of the business houses, dwellings, etc., which have been erected or improved during the past year. The man who was sent out to gather these statistics didn't figure that he was up against much of a job at first, but the further he went the wiser he became, until he was about as pleased a man as you ever saw when he finished.

Incidentally, he found on his rounds 229 houses which ranged in cost from \$750 to \$3000, and over 13 of them being over, besides a number of other structures of less value. He found that the total amount of money expended in the erection of dwellings alone reached a total of \$318,600, which, we will venture to say, is a larger growth than can be shown by any similar sized city in Oregon for the time. In compiling these figures many small structures in the various additions surrounding the city were omitted, for the reason that they are merely temporary, or makeshift dwellings, and really have no value from a commercial point of view. Still they help the population, for every one of these 25 or 30 buildings serves as the residence of a family, and these people, while they are not within the city limits, may be and should be classified as residents of the city for all practical purposes, and it is merely a question of a short time until they do become actual residents of the city.

Also, it was found that improvements on old and erection of new business buildings totalled 175,975, and there are a bunch more business buildings in sight for construction in 1909. The grand total of business and private buildings is nearly half a million—to be exact, \$494,575. Besides all this, there have been seven and one-half miles of water mains laid and seven miles of sewer pipe. We have just started paving, but have nearly half a mile completed, and there will be much more of it this year. Over two miles of new cement walks have been laid and improvements in the way of beautifying residence lots, etc., not counted in this statement are many and important.

A high school, at a cost of nearly \$40,000, has been built; two new churches and the Christian tabernacle have also been erected, and the Catholic school, costing \$40,000, is another one of the new structures.

Following is the full list:

East of Bear Creek.		
Wm. Biggins, 5-rm. res.	1,700	
E. E. Kelley, 5-rm. res.	2,200	
G. Miller, 5-rm. bungalow.	2,250	
G. P. Lind, 7-rm. res.	3,000	
F. Redding, 5-rm. res.	1,500	
A. Chisholm, 5-rm. res.	1,750	
G. H. Johnson, 2-rm. res.	250	
C. L. Lining, 6-rm. res.	1,000	
Carl Cox, 4-rm. res.	900	
Clare Morey, 4-rm. res.	500	
J. Roberts, 3-rm. res.	325	
Q. McMillen, 4-rm. res.	500	
J. N. Hockersmith, 7-rm. res.	1,700	
T. Childers, 2-rm. res.	350	
H. Doubleday, 8-rm. res.	2,500	
F. E. Merrick, 10-rm. res.	4,000	
W. B. Jackson, improve- ments, 7-rm. res.	3,500	
W. Miller, 3-rm. res.	350	
J. W. Smith, 4-rm. res.	500	
R. L. Wymer, 6-rm. res.	1,200	
L. M. Lyon, 7-rm. res.	1,500	
Mrs. Chesmore, 6-rm. res.	1,000	
Benj. Weaver, 6-rm. res.	900	
A. J. Medley, 5-rm. res.	1,800	
L. B. Overholtz, 4-rm. res.	500	
Horace Edmonds, 5-rm. res.	1,200	
Mrs. Sarah Wolverton, 6- rm. res.	1,250	
Mr. Birchard, 2-rm. res.	275	
W. Foster, 4-rm. res.	450	
J. R. Horning, 6-rm. res.	2,000	
W. H. Canon, 7-rm. res.	2,000	
P. M. Kanahaw, 6-rm. res.	1,500	
J. W. Smylie, 5-rm. res.	1,000	
I. F. Settle, 6-rm. bungalow	1,600	
M. M. Childs, 5-rm. res.	900	
E. T. Robinson, 6-rm. res.	1,100	
L. H. Tucker, 8-rm. res.	2,100	
E. P. Powers, 7-rm. res.	1,800	
M. S. Johnson, improve- ments, 6-rm. res.	1,000	
J. B. Liptrap, 5-rm. res.	900	
A. McDonald, 4-rm. res.	900	
Southwest.		
C. G. Carlow, 6-rm. res.	850	
Oscar Stinson, 5-rm. res.	600	
W. Fletcher, 5-rm. res.	1,250	
W. H. Hamlin, 8-rm. res.	2,500	
C. A. Hamlin, 7-rm. res.	1,000	
E. J. Runyard, 8-rm. res.	1,800	
A. Ernie, addition to 7- rm. res.	850	
W. Monahan, 5-rm. res.	900	
G. Fritz, 4-rm. res.	800	
G. Deane, 8-rm. res.	1,200	
E. A. Waters, 3-rm. res.	400	
Fred Woolf, 2-rm. res.	225	
W. Stinson, barn and 9- rm. res.	1,250	
Tim Daily (agent), 2-rm. res.	200	
F. Pool, 4-rm. res.	600	
Mrs. —, 4-rm. res.	350	
Mrs. —, 5-rm. res.	600	
Mr. Cuttings, 5-rm. res.	600	
G. Loomis, 6-rm. bungalow	1,200	
E. Randall, 4-rm. res.	300	
J. G. Rodgers, 5-rm. res.	1,250	
J. Surran, 5-rm. res.	900	
T. Muffatt, 5-rm. res.	900	
H. Lofland, 4-rm. res.	550	
S. Packard, 5-rm. res.	750	

WILL BE HERE SOON.

Pipe for Big Water Main Expected by January 15.

There will be something doing in city water matters pretty soon. The 2300 feet of 12-inch cast iron pipe which is to be laid from Riverside avenue east to the city limits will be here by the 15th of January, and by the last of the month it will be connected with the present distributing system, with all fittings in place for the subsequent establishing of laterals.

Mr. Baker, one of the construction contractors, will be here Sunday and on Monday morning he will begin the work of subletting such parts of the excavation for the pipe line as can be handled at this season of the year. He will let the excavation for the reservoir, and all rock work. Persons who wish to bid on this work should see Mr. L. Hamilton at once. The construction company proposes pushing every part of this work as rapidly as possible—and no drones will be permitted on the job.

Mr. Vincent, one of the company, has written Mr. Hamilton to insist upon the city getting busy in the matter of securing rights of way. We intend to keep you all busy, including Nuveen & Co.

INCREASE IN VALUE.

Six Acre Tract on West Seventh Street Jumps From \$800 to \$5500

C. D. Wolverton, recently from Minot, North Dakota, has purchased the Hawk tract of land, lying out on West Seventh street. There are six acres in the tract and the price paid was \$5500. Mr. Wolverton will plat the tract into residential lots, streets and alleys and will offer the same for sale. The Morning Mail understands Mr. Wolverton will erect a fine bungalow on the tract for his own occupancy.

Speaking about increase in land values and the curve city property is taking on—which, by the way, was not a subject under discussion, but, speaking about it just the same—Mr. F. M. Stewart cried his eyes out almost a few years ago trying to get \$800 for this same tract. Mr. Wolverton, however, has not been "stung" in his purchase, and it will not be long before he will be selling lots for as much money as he as just paid for an acre.

WANT POULTRY NEWS.

Oregon Agricultural College Wants Information From Farmers.

The Oregon Agricultural college, wishing to secure definite information as to poultry keeping on the farm, the methods followed and results secured, are sending letters to a large number of farmers so as to get their observations on this branch of agriculture. A summary of the facts secured will be made and published in bulletin form.

The prices of poultry products are such as to warrant greater attention being given to this branch of farming. Even with the attention that is now given to poultry-keeping, the industry is an important one. From the best information available, the poultry and eggs produced in this state in 1908 reached a total of nearly \$5,000,000. In spite of this thousands of dollars are sent out of this state every year for poultry and eggs, and if this money could be kept among our own farmers it would add much to the material prosperity of our rural communities.

The agricultural college wishes to get information from the farmers themselves on the subject so that it may better understand the needs of the industry and be better able to recommend methods for improving it.

SOME OLD MONEY.

Bills Issued by the Continental Congress in 1776.

Alva Meeker showed us some very ancient money yesterday in the shape of three bills issued by the Continental congress at Philadelphia in 1776. We came near calling them United States money, but as they antedated the Declaration of Independence by several months, having been authorized in February, they couldn't be United States money, because there wasn't any United States.

They were part of the third issue of Continental scrip issued during the war of the revolution, and had depreciated so in value that the term "not worth a Continental" was used to illustrate the extreme of worthlessness. However, now these once despised little bits of paper doubtless have a value far in excess of their face to collectors. The pieces in Mr. Meeker's possession are of the denomination of one-sixth of a dollar, half a dollar and \$6, and are in a very good state of preservation, the denomination, date of issue and the imprint of the printers, Hall & Settle, being plainly visible.

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MEDFORD NOW IS IN THE LEAD

Postoffice Receipts Last Year Exceed Those of Grants Pass and Ashland

A pretty fair criterion of the growth of a town are the receipts of the postoffice, and from the figures of the income of the Medford office for the past year this town has grown a few during that time.

The receipts for the month of December, 1908, were \$1733.26, as compared with \$1231.90 for the same month of 1907, an increase of \$502.36. Going some, isn't it?

The receipts by quarters were as follows: Quarter ending March 31, \$3204.13; quarter ending June 30, \$3531.16; ending September 30, \$3236.08; ending December 31, \$4526.28. Total for the year, \$14,597.65.

In 1907 the biggest quarter was the one ending December 30, during which time the receipts were \$3383.54, or \$1132.74 less than the quarter just ended. The total receipts were \$10,844.08 for 1907, as against \$14,597.65 for 1908, an increase of \$3753.57 for the year, or a gain of 34.6 per cent.

Can you beat it? Not in this neck of the woods, at least. Up to this year Medford has had rivals in the offices at Ashland and Grants Pass in the volume of postoffice receipts, but now these offices are both left in the rear in every department, just as we have left them behind in other branches of business.

Among other things, there were 10,100 money orders sold at the Medford office and over 3200 registered packages sent out.

Postmaster Woodford is of the opinion that Medford is the largest postoffice in the country without a free delivery system, but hopes, "as so do we all of us," that this condition will be remedied soon, as it doubtless will be when the present street improvements and the numbering of the houses are completed.

It is a far cry from a postoffice in a soap box to one with nearly \$15,000 income, but Medford has made the journey in less than 25 years, and most of it within the last six years.

The postoffice is not all that has grown in Medford, as a matter of course. The population and business of the city must perforce increase in exact ratio in order that the postal business might show the results it has. Therefore there are over a third more people in Medford than there were a year ago, a third more business is being transacted and we are more than a third bigger and feel more than three times as big as we ever felt before.

MORE EVIDENCE.

Medford's Growth Shown in Railroad and Express Business.

The story of the growth of postal receipts as reported in the Morning Mail yesterday morning can be supplemented with that of increase in the volume of business transacted by the railroad and express companies last year. Figures, of course, are unobtainable from either of these sources, yet it does not require an extremely keen observation to detect the fact that the local offices are busier than ever before and expect to keep on getting busier.

The volume of business transacted by the Wells-Fargo company has increased at least 25 per cent during the past year and it is probable that 30 per cent would come nearer the mark.

Agent Faucett, while prevented by the rules of the company from giving out any statistics, said that the business for the year had been very gratifying, and that if conditions continued to improve that a delivery wagon for the exclusive handling of the company's business would be put on, and when the numbering of the streets and houses was completed.

Medford is the best express office in Southern Oregon when it comes to the transaction of the regular course of business. Ashland exceeds this office a little, but that is owing to the immense tonnage of peaches and other perishable fruit in the season. This brings the total receipts higher than those of Medford at present, but at all other times during the year this office leads Ashland.

At the Southern Pacific depot the reporter ran against more corporation reticence, but was able to see that there were more men employed at the depot than a year ago, and those at work were so busy they could hardly be interviewed and that in spite of yesterday being a holiday everybody was "on the job," more from necessity to hold the work down than from choice.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Henry Trudell of Mountain View, in the Adirondacks, has just procured in the Canadian northwest a trained moose, which is one year old and weighs 700 pounds.

It is being broken to drive in harness, and the owner says the moose will be able to outdistance the swiftest racehorse after it has been driven a few weeks.

JOHN D. KEEPS HIS MONEY.

Supreme Court Decision in the Big Fine Case Favors Trust.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The \$29,000,000 fine case of the Standard Oil company will not be reviewed by the Supreme court of the United States.

The decision of the court to this effect was announced by Chief Justice Fuller soon after the court convened today. The case came to the court on a petition filed by the government asking the court in a petition for a writ of certiorari to order up the record in the case for a review of the decision of the United States Circuit court of appeals for the seventh circuit, by which Judge Landis' original decision imposing a fine of \$29,000,000 against the Standard Oil company for accepting rebates from the railway companies was reversed. In the Supreme court the case turned largely upon the right of the court to interfere, in view of the fact that the case had been passed upon by the court of appeals, the government contending for such privilege as a right, while it was urged in behalf of the oil company that the precedents were all against such a proceeding.

The action of the court consisted in the announcement that the government's petition would not be granted. The effect of this announcement will be to leave standing the decision of the court of appeals, which was adverse to the government and favorable to the company.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—A statement upon good authority is made that notwithstanding the refusal of the United States Supreme court to grant a writ of certiorari in the case against the Standard Oil company yesterday, the department of justice will at once proceed to trial of numerous other cases pending in different sections of the country, either against the Standard Oil company for receiving rebates or against the railroads for granting them to the Standard Oil company in violating the same questions. The effect of the refusal of the supreme court to take in the Standard Oil case on a writ of certiorari is to leave that case resting upon the decision of the circuit court, and the natural result will be that it will go back to the trial court for new trial.

It is understood the government is ready and will press for a prompt trial, and it is supposed a retrial, like the original trial, will proceed before Judge Landis.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Standard Oil company is not yet out of the woods, United States Attorney Sims said today. The big fine case will be redocketed within a few days and may be on trial in two weeks. It is said if the government obtained conviction on all indictments against the Standard Oil company the government may collect \$40,000,000.

CONTRAST TO MEDFORD.

Our Neighbors Are Freezing While We Are Comfortable.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 5.—Reports from all over the northwest record freezing weather, with snowfall in many places of three inches to a foot or more, and indications are for continued cold weather. So far the train service has not been hampered. Three inches of snow fell at Portland today with the temperature 16 above, accompanied by a high wind which sent the snow swirling and eddying about in true winter fashion. Zero weather is recorded in many points in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and in Montana the thermometer went 40 degrees below zero at many points.

The streetcar system of Portland today is badly paralyzed. In several districts the cars could not be run except at long intervals, and tonight when business ceased many thousands were obliged to walk home through the snow.

CAN CHARGE GRAZING FEE.

Decision to This Effect Handed Down in Denver.

DENVER, Jan. 5.—The United States government today won its case in defense of constitutionality of the forest reserves when Judge Lewis, United States district court, handed down a decision in favor of the complainant in the case of the United States against Fred Light et al.

The case involved the right of the forestry service to charge a grazing fee and was regarded of utmost importance in the west.

MOOSE BROKEN TO HARNESS.

There are electric lights in nearly all the homes and places of business in the town, and right now there are plans for three telephone lines—one south Talent way and one west over by the Reames place, and the third one east into the Furry district. All these will be connected with the Pacific States line at Phoenix.

Merchant A. H. Fisher is one of the prime movers in these improvement schemes.

TWELVE ACRES OF ORCHARD LAND NEAR MEDFORD SELLS FOR \$18,000

This Record-Breaking Price Is Paid for a Sixteen-Year-Old Orchard of Newtown, Spitzenberg and Ben Davis Apples—\$1500 an Acre.

Well, here is another record-breaker. Never before in the history of fruit culture in the Rogue River valley has orchard land brought as high a figure as \$1500 an acre. But that is now the highest high mark.

It was yesterday that Frank Weston, of Cavina, Cal., purchased 12 acres of the Plainview orchard, owned by W. H. Norcross, and for which he paid \$18,000—or \$1500 an acre.

This is an apple orchard comprising Newtown, Spitzenburg and Ben Davis varieties, and from these same 12 acres and two additional acres of the same orchard there were harvested a crop of apples in 1907 which brought Mr. Norcross the net sum

of \$6336. The trees are 16 years old and are seemingly just getting themselves in proper trim for bumper yields.

The orchard is situated east and north of Central Point and is one of the best-known orchards in the valley. The purchase above mentioned includes the buildings on the place. Mr. Norcross has about 40 more acres of fruit trees adjoining the tract sold. Part of this tract is set to pears and part to younger apple trees. It is all some of the best orchard land in the valley and that remaining will bring as good or better prices than the tract just sold.

The sale was made by C. W. Sharpe, who is now a member of the firm of Cusick, Meyers & Sharpe.

BANK EXAMINERS.

Those From Five States Meet in Medford as a Central Point.

Bank examiners from the five states comprising the Pacific district under the new regulation of the controller of the currency, met here yesterday in conference. This regulation of meetings of the bank examiners, as also that creating the different districts, is a new one and this is the first meeting under its provisions. The object of these meetings is for conference on matters pertaining to the work and to block out the work in the district, with a view to a greater efficiency in the work.

Those present were E. T. Wilson of Montana, chairman; F. H. Luce of Washington, Claude Gatch of Salem, C. L. Loveland of Idaho, J. A. H. Kerr and C. J. Reed of California.

That Medford was chosen as the city in which this conference was held is due to her central location and the fact that this city is being pretty well advertised.

ORCHARDISTS "STUNG."

Sixteen Hundred Trees Sent to Cottage Grove Are Condemned.

The all-absorbing topic, "county division," had to give way temporarily a few days this week to an equally animated discussion when over 1600 fruit trees were shipped into this city and delivered to orchard planters, from Missouri and Washington state nurseries, and it was discovered that they were covered with scale and were not true to name. It has been a sore and costly experience to the orchardists, as most of this cheap, foreign stock is being condemned and destroyed, the same as a lot of similar fruit trees were at Grants Pass last week.

The local agent was no doubt acting in good faith, and with the innocent purchasers has been imposed upon, but just how they are going to get their money refunded for the trees and freight is the stickler. Strange to relate, these condemned trees bear the usual inspector label and that there is some "dirty work" somewhere is quite evident. It is to be hoped that the unscrupulous nurserymen responsible for this imposition can be reached and made to suffer for this contemptible fraud which they have attempted to impose upon Lane county orchardists. A searching investigation is being made and planters will soon learn who the responsible and irresponsible nurserymen are.—Cottage Grove Leader.

PHOENIX TO INCORPORATE.

Phoenix Falling in Line With Other Cities in the Valley.

A meeting of the citizens of Phoenix was held last night for the purpose of taking steps leading to the incorporation of the town.

Like all other towns and cities of the valley, there is a "push" spirit manifest and a determination to be up and doing is there, and will not be downed. The citizens of that good town want police protection and other convenient little frills which go with well-regulated communities.

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COMMISSION INVESTIGATING.

Rogue River Valley Railroad Under Examination.

The state railroad commissioners will hold a business session at Jacksonville today, beginning at 11:30 o'clock. The commission will listen to such complaints as may be offered upon matters appertaining to Mr. Barnum's methods of handling the business of his railroad—the Rogue River Valley line.

Mr. Barnum has been made the butt of considerable criticism, a good part of which The Morning Mail does not believe he is entitled to. It is a noticeable fact that since Mr. Barnum had a little trouble with Mayor Reddy and Publisher Putnam his path has not been without its thorns.

Personally, the publisher of The Morning Mail does not like Mr. Barnum a little bit, but The Morning Mail does not see in that fact grounds for criticizing his methods of handling a railroad.

The railroad was a financial wreck when he bought it, and if it was that now there would be no criticism as to its management, but since Mr. Barnum has made something out of nothing, and has made the road of some value to himself and county, a howl goes out by those who may have tried to hand the "old man" a bunch that he is mistreating the public. However, his road represents something more than Forty-Seventh Series Pacific & Eastern rust-plated bonds.

The hearing of the case of W. B. Barnum, president of the Rogue River Valley Railway company was held at Jacksonville yesterday.

The charges against the railroad were a general inefficiency of service, and a number of witnesses were summoned to prove such a state of affairs.

T. J. Kenney testified that he had an agreement with the road whereby he secured rebates, but was unable to produce any documentary evidence to that effect.

The commissioners, Thomas K. Campbell, C. B. Alchison and Oswald West, are still in Medford and it is expected that they will arrive at a decision some time today.

Local Bakery Gets New Oven.

The Snowflake bakery of Medford found that they could not supply the demand with the ovens that they had, so they bought a new one, and while they were about it they bought the very best.

The new oven is one of the largest sectional, continuous, single furnace ovens made. The average baking in this one oven alone will be 1500 loaves a day, and if pressed they can bake 3000 loaves in it in a single day. The weight of the oven is three and one-half tons, and the freight from Chicago was \$170.

The oven was in the freight room of the Southern Pacific company yesterday and this afternoon it will be set up in the bakery and tonight it will be baking bread for the citizens of Medford. This shows that the proprietors of the bakery were ready for the oven and had everything in waiting to put it to use.

That is one thing that can be noticed about all of the improvements in and about Medford. They are all of good, substantial material and made to last and give good service, which speaks well of the faith of the citizens in the Rogue River valley, and Medford in particular.

William E. Biggins.

The funeral of the late William E. Biggins will take place from his home in Queen Anne addition today at 10 o'clock a. m. Services will be held at the house, Rev. C. H. Hoste officiating.