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## TRANSPORTATION ALL IS NEEDED

### Shipping Facilities to Make Medford One of Great Coal Centers.

The Cascade Coal & Mining company is meeting with a greater success than the most optimistic had looked forward to. In order to thoroughly appreciate the confidence and "stick-to-it-iveness" of the men back of this company, one has to drift back in history. Years ago the Southern Pacific engaged in the coal mining business in this locality, and continued active operations on their mine, known as the Sunnyside, for a period of three years, finally abandoning it on account of the looseness of the vein. Experts gave their opinion on the prospect as an unprofitable undertaking. That is, all save one. This man's faith stood unshaken, and it was through his efforts that the present company was organized. He gave as his opinion that a following of the vein would prove it a success beyond their wildest dream. In brief, it is this: Aeon and Aeon's agone, Old Nature took it upon herself to devastate the mighty forest lands that covered this hemisphere of ours, heaving and purging herself till all was desolation. The forests were leveled, and this is the beginning of the coal formation.

Then, to make absolutely certain, she ordered a flood. It came, it saw, it conquered. Her sick spell was still upon her. She heaved some more. The hills of the state in which we live lifted their tops above the mighty drink. The years rolled on, and again came an upheaval. Deep in her bosom earth had buried the verdant vegetation that had encompassed her.

Aeons and aeons rolled on and the great continents of North and South America were formed. It takes ages, and ages, and ages to carbonize wood, but finally the mighty forests that covered this broad land of ours were carbonized. Carbonized vegetation is coal.

Centuries upon centuries ago this coal was in our hills in perfect state of formation; that is, in a solid body. No looseness to be found.

Now, this one expert, in giving his opinion to the Southern Pacific as to the looseness of the coal in the outcrop, stated that it was his firm belief, after a careful investigation of the property, that there had been a partial upheaval centuries after the formation, and centuries upon centuries before our time, of this body of carbonized vegetation, but that it was not a sufficient uplift to disturb the whole body of coal. That the uplift was only a question of feet east or west, or miles north and south along Roxy Ann. That it was only a question of following the vein as it dipped; that the 100-foot level or 150-foot level would show a solid formation.

Today his theory is proving true. At the Cascade they are almost upon the solid formation. It is only a question of days. Heavy blocks weighing tons are found. The dip of the vein is gone, and the formation leads straight back under the hill. As a paying proposition, the coal mines are established. The product only awaits transportation, and that is in sight, and with it a bigger and greater Medford.

### MUST RETURN TO PRISON

#### Slagel, Who Eloped With Young Girl Must Finish Sentence

As a result of his escapade, in which he ran away with a young girl and was later captured by the sheriff of Josephine county, Charles Slagel, who had been serving a life sentence and was out on parole, must go back to prison. Slagel and the girl were found living together last week near Jacksonville, and Monday both were taken back to Grants Pass. The Observer of that place says of Slagel:

"Slagel was convicted in 1898 of the murder of Antoine Joseph, a bachelor farmer who lived on Williams creek and who was over 80 years old. It was a mysterious murder at the time and Slagel was convicted upon circumstantial evidence, but the chain was so complete that at the time there was no doubt in the minds of the people but that he was guilty. However, after he was found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the life imprisonment."

It was last September that Slagel received his parole from the governor, and he immediately returned to his former haunts at Williams Creek. Early last week he eloped with the Meek girl, whose parents live in that vicinity, and Governor Benson was immediately notified and Slagel's

parole was revoked. The Observer says:

"Tuesday, George Meek, the father of the girl, was in town, and stated that the girl had been somewhat wayward, and that they could not control her, and under the circumstances she was sentenced to the boys' and girls' home, where she will be cared for."

### COUNTRY WAKING UP

#### Southern Oregon After Share of Colonists Coming to State

The Evening Telegram of Friday says:

All Southern Oregon is waking up to its advantages and inducements to newcomers as it never did before, according to the members of the Medford Publicity club, who were guests of William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, at lunch this noon, in the dining hall of the Commercial club. A magnificent pamphlet, descriptive of the varied resources of the Rogue River valley, has been issued and distributed to the members of the club at the same time. The book is replete with colored pictures of scenery peculiar to Southern Oregon, and such views as Crater Lake and along the banks of the Rogue are considered worthy of expensive frames by the recipients.

"The people of Southern Oregon have enjoyed life in that favored region without thought of sharing their blessings with the outside world," Mr. McMurray said, "but now they are going to get a share of the colonists who are flocking to the coast in search of homes. Southern Oregon has the climate, the soil, the minerals and the means of transportation with the outside world, but lacks people to develop its resources. These latter we propose to furnish, and in a few years the fertile valleys and wooded hills of Jackson and Josephine counties will contain thousands of happy homes, where, up to this time, all is a comparative wilderness."

Members of the Medford Publicity club who were guests of Mr. McMurray were: Judge William M. Colvig, A. H. Miller, F. C. Page, S. A. Nye, Dr. J. F. Reddy, Mayor W. H. Canon, J. P. Mundy and A. S. Rosenbaum. With Mr. McMurray and acting as hosts were: Dr. Wetherbee, president of the Commercial club; John M. Scott, assistant general passenger agent, and W. B. Wells of the Southern Pacific. Other Medford citizens were A. C. Randall, C. E. Wolverton, P. J. Neff and W. B. Rose.

### ANTLERED HERD IN MEDFORD

#### Delegation from Ashland Stop Here Enroute to Roseburg

Yesterday morning the special train bearing the Elks from Ashland and the other towns along the line stopped at this place while en route to Roseburg. The train consisted of three coaches and a baggage car, and each car was bedecked with the lodge color, purple. On each car were various banners. The one on the baggage car bore the inscription, "Forget It; Don't Bray." The other banners bore the names of the towns represented on the trip, including Ashland, Jacksonville, Medford, Gold Hill and Grants Pass.

While the train stopped here for a few minutes the Ashland band alighted and paraded the streets, followed by a number of Elks bearing tom-toms and cymbals. Medford Elks to the number of about 50 fell in behind the band and marched to the train, where the band rendered another selection before boarding. It was certainly a jolly bunch that the train carried. At this place, one or two of the antlered herd who had not been planning on going happened to be kidnapped and compelled to go along against their wishes. It was no use for them to attempt to resist—they were simply loaded on by a number of their able-bodied brethren and compelled to sit in a cushioned seat until the train started.

It goes without saying that the dull edge was taken off of life in Roseburg last night.

### UNTO ALL LANDS

Yesterday a whole drayload of the Medford pamphlets were taken to the postoffice and mailed, the load containing 3200 of them. To all parts of the world these pamphlets go, enlightening the people of the far-away lands as to the opportunities that Medford and the Rogue River valley offers to the people. Some of those mailed yesterday were addressed to Egypt and some to the Hawaiian Islands, so an idea can easily be obtained as to the large scope of territory that Medford advertising reaches.

The pamphlets, when mailed in quantities of 2000 or more, are entitled to the franking privileges of the postoffice. That is, no stamps are required, the postage being paid on the whole amount at the same rate.

## CRATER LAKE ANNIVERSARY

### Celebration Event Will Be Held in Medford on Next Saturday.

W. G. Steel was in the city yesterday and made arrangements for the celebration of the seventh anniversary of the creation of the Crater Lake national park and the second anniversary of the organization of the Crater Lake company, to take place here next Saturday, May 22.

Several distinguished visitors are expected to be here, including Governor Benson. The appointment of the Crater Lake road commission will be announced, the members of which will be among the visitors to be present.

The commission, immediately after being formally notified of their appointment, will organize and will file an application with the United States Government for an engineer to take charge of the work of constructing a road to Crater Lake national park. Chief Engineer Pierce of the government road service has given his assurance that he will do all in his power to assist in the project, which he considers one of the greatest in the United States at this time.

In the evening a banquet will be held at the Nash, at which the visitors will be entertained by the Commercial club, and at which prominent men from all over the state will be present.

Mr. Steel has been a conspicuous figure in making arrangements for this big day in Medford. He has been in conference with Governor Benson, and the governor has promised that, though Saturday comes at a time when he is busiest with his executive duties, he can be depended on to be here to announce the appointment of the commission.

Mr. Steel was largely instrumental in getting the county commissioners together, who, with Judge Crowell, succeeded in straightening out the entanglement in which the appropriation of \$50,000 for the Crater Lake road had gotten into. Through a discrepancy in the manner of making the appropriation the attorney-general had declared it illegal, and it was necessary to reconvene the commissioners to make arrangements to comply with the ruling. The amended appropriation now reads as follows:

"It is ordered by the court that fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be and the same hereby is appropriated by Jackson county to assist in building a state road between Medford and Crater Lake; one-fourth (1/4) of this amount shall be available annually, commencing with the year 1909. And annually hereafter this court will levy a tax sufficient to pay one-fourth (1/4) of the total sum hereby appropriated."

Mr. Steel informed a Morning Mail reporter previous to his departure for Portland last night that work on the new road would undoubtedly commence as soon as the government engineer would be assigned, which will be as soon as the application reaches Washington.

The engineers in the United States government are known to be among the best class, and with one of its officials superintending the work, none but the best results are to be expected.

### CENTRAL POINT AFTER ROAD

#### Wants Terminal for Proposed Pacific & Oregon

CENTRAL POINT, May 15.—It is now assured that the Pacific & Oregon Southern railway will be constructed and equipped with the least possible delay. Both this city and Medford have made inducements to the company to secure the terminal, but which of the two cities will be favored has not been officially announced. The Central Point Commercial club, through its representatives, has secured a 90-day option on 13 acres of the Noah Smith land, adjoining the townsite on the south. If the railway company decides to make the terminal here the land will be furnished gratis as soon as such decision is substantially manifested.

On the other hand, it is claimed by certain other interests outside this city that the P. & O. S. company never had any intention of making its terminal at any other place than Medford, the overtures already made to this city being for the sole purpose of securing better inducements from the city of Medford. Whether or not these claims are based on fact, it is certain that the road will primarily be built from this city to the coal fields directly east of here.

Elias Rued, chief engineer for the company, who has thus far conducted the negotiations, stated officially

that his company has already secured a 30-year contract for hauling 400,000 tons of coal per year, which tonnage is sufficient to insure the financial success of the road from the beginning.

Besides traversing the richest coal fields in the state, the road will tap the greatest sugar pine forests in the world, and it is also expected to develop many valuable mining properties along the route.

Leaving Central Point the road will run in an easterly direction, on a line six miles south of the seventh standard parallel, to a point near Wilderville, thence southwest to Selma, thence to the Illinois river valley to a point northeast of Deering, thence southwest through the Chetco River valley and Mill creek flats to Crescent City, Or.

Chetco, Or., 25 miles to the north of Crescent City, will probably be on the route of the new road, and if such is the case, Gold Beach, Or., the county seat of Curry county, lying 50 miles to the south, will also be favored by the road.

The road will be 161.5 miles long, passing through Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties in Oregon, and through the extreme northwest corner of Del Norte county, California. Three years will be required to complete the road, notwithstanding the fact that the survey follows the valleys and canyons after leaving this valley. Very little tunneling will be necessary.

### RETAIL ASSOCIATION

#### Merchants of Medford to Join the State Organization

S. L. Kline of Corvallis and C. B. Merrick of Portland, president and secretary, respectively, of the Retail Merchants' association of the state, who were here Monday night in attendance at a meeting of the business men of the city, as mentioned in yesterday's Morning Mail, were met with a ready response by the merchants of the city, whom they met yesterday and enlisted in the movement of organizing an association here.

The purpose of the association, as stated to a Morning Mail reporter by Mr. Merrick, is to establish a more uniform system of doing business among retailers. The association would do much toward the taboing of dead beats, and the doing away of many fake advertising schemes, from which the business men get no results, and for which they are continually bled. Mr. Merrick states that this method will not discourage the merchant in advertising along legitimate lines. The association is also to act as a booster for the community and in many cities where such an association has been formed much has been done in the way of material advancement of the place by them.

The Retail Merchants' association is not to be confused with the Retail Grocers' association, though the latter is taken in as a part of the former, it working along the same lines. There are but a few cities in the state where there is an exclusive retail grocers' organization.

Mr. Merrick and Mr. Kline were in Ashland previous to coming here, and were successful in forming an association there.

Mr. Merrick is secretary of the Retail Grocers' association of Portland and editor of the Retail Grocers' Magazine.

### CELEBRATE JULY 3

#### Nation's Day Will Be Observed Saturday—Fourth on Sunday

The members of the fire department met last evening in their rooms back of the council chamber in the city hall, to review the work done in the direction of a Fourth of July celebration.

The committees appointed at a previous meeting were not ready to report at this meeting, but from what information that could be obtained, work was progressing along smoothly.

To date the soliciting committee has raised about \$1200 for the celebration fund. The benefit entertainment to be given by the Bijou theater and the benefit wrestling match to be given in the near future will undoubtedly swell that amount considerably.

Preparations are being made for horse and automobile races, ball games, band concerts, etc. A number of firemen were selected last night to form a team to compete in a race with some visiting hose company on that day.

The Fourth of July coming on Sunday this year, it was decided to hold the celebration on Saturday, July 3.

Another meeting will be held in the near future, when the various committees will report and a program for the day will be arranged.

J. Jensen, who has had charge of the Jacobsen-Bade ditching machine in this city for the past year, left yesterday for Portland, where he will enjoy a few weeks' well-earned vacation.

## DEATHS AND FIRE COVER MYSTERY

### Tragic Sequel Following 24 Hours After Marriage Ceremony Performed.

PORTLAND, May 18.—According to a telephone message to the Associated Press from Prineville, Or., today's developments in the mysteries surrounding the death of L. H. Worley and bride of four days, whose bodies were found on Worley's farm near Redmond, Crook county, are making public a letter left by Worley, addressed to one of his neighbors, which contains the statements which tend to show that the married life of the couple was inharmonious from the very start, and seem to fix the responsibility for the deaths of both on Worley himself.

The wedding occurred Wednesday last. Friday and Saturday the house was closed and Sunday it burned down. This, it is believed, fixes the date of the tragedy as last Thursday. There is evidence that some one spent nearly all Saturday night in conveying bundles of straw from a stack nearby to the house, where they were piled up on the woman's dead body, after which fire was set to the straw. At least a ton of these bundles were piled on the corpse. The straw was not consumed entirely, and the woman's body was not cremated, although the house burned down.

Sunday evening two women, neighbors, went to the Worley home to leave a wedding present. They found the house burned down, and on going to a stable found a note pinned to the door with the words, "Find me in the stable." Another letter was found pinned on the gate post, addressed to J. E. Lamb. Incidentally, Lamb is a neighbor of Worley's and made the match between Worley and his bride, who came here from Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. Worley's maiden name was Ruth Le Roy. In a letter to Lamb, Worley says his wife told him she did not want to live with him and did not like the place. She wanted to know how far it was to Shaniko, and said she was going there to earn money to go back East. Worley says he missed his pocketbook and discovered his wife had taken it.

"I treated her as good as I could, and then, robbing me of all my money I had and going to leave me, I could not stand it any longer. I think we both are better dead."

Worley asks to have his sister at Beaufort, Mo., notified and two other friends.

The authorities do not believe that money was the cause of the quarrel, as the amount in the purse was only \$14.

### FAIR ASSOCIATION

#### Holds Meeting at Ashland and Transacts Business

Messrs. J. F. Watt, J. A. Perry and Charles Meserve, directors of the Southern Oregon Fair association, drove to Ashland yesterday afternoon and there met with the other directors of the association and transacted considerable business, chief of which was the election of Clyde Payne to the office of Secretary.

The officers of the association now are: President, E. T. Staples, Ashland; vice-president, J. A. Perry, Medford; secretary, Clyde Payne, Ashland; treasurer, J. W. McCoy, Ashland. The association has not decided definitely as to the exact date when the next fair will be held, but it will be either the last week in September or the first week in October, and will be at Ashland. It is understood that the Ashland Board of Trade and the Ladies' Booster club will use their best efforts in making the fair a success—in fact, these bodies have become so enthused over the matter as to guarantee the association that nothing short of success will appease their desire to boost—and that's the spirit which accomplishes things when they are undertaken.

### PAINTERS ORGANIZE

Last night the painters, decorators and paper hangers met in the rooms adjoining M. E. Morgan's paint shop and perfected the organization of a union. The purpose of the organization is to better the conditions of the members of the craft, and to make it a source of social communication among the members. It is not the purpose of the union to demand any advance in prices at present, but directly to elevate the standard of workmanship and eliminate all of the incompetent class of labor. The organization starts out with 28 members. Meetings will be held every Thurs-

day evening in the Socialists' hall, over Smith's tin shop.

The officers installed last night are as follows:

M. E. Morgan, president; H. Ling, vice-president; T. C. White, recording secretary; H. W. Greer, financial secretary; H. A. Johnson, treasurer; H. B. Mack, conductor; F. E. Gear, warden; L. S. Martin, preceptor; T. C. White, W. H. Rothermal and H. Ling, trustees.

### WEATHER STATION

Established at McAllister Springs  
in Charge of G. W. Fry.

The government intends establishing several weather recording stations in Southern Oregon was made apparent yesterday when W. D. Fuller, a gentleman connected with the government weather bureau, dropped off in Medford yesterday and after securing data from the forest service here left by private conveyance for the north fork of Little Butte creek. He will go to McAllister Springs, on that creek, and it is expected he will arrange for a weather record station there. Other stations will undoubtedly be established in Southern Oregon, but just the exact localities have not been decided upon. The object of these stations is to keep an exact record of weather conditions.

W. D. Fuller, the gentleman mentioned in Sunday's Morning Mail as being here to establish a weather station at McAllister Springs, has succeeded in his purpose. A United States weather record station is now established at that place with G. W. Fry in charge. It will be Mr. Fry's duty, among other things, to take records at the base of Mount Pitt twice a month and report them to the weather station at Portland.

Mr. Fuller, like all others who visit the Rogue River valley, became very much impressed with it, and stated that this section was certainly deserving of a weather station and that he would do all in his power to assist in having the department locate one here.

The matter of locating a station here has been taken up by the Commercial club, and at present influence is being brought to bear on Washington authorities with assurances of having one located here at an early date.

### BANNER YEAR FOR FRUIT

W. R. Newell of Gaston, president of the State Horticultural society, is in the city. Yesterday, in company with Professor O'Gara and Manager J. A. Perry of the Fruit Growers' Union, took a trip in Mr. Perry's automobile around among the orchards of the valley. They were also accompanied by George W. Taylor, fruit inspector of Jackson county. From their investigations of the orchards, Mr. Newell tells us that the prospects for a large crop were never better. Such is particularly true in case of the pear crop, says Mr. Newell. Tomorrow the party will take another "awing around the circle," visiting several orchards which were not touched on their trip of yesterday.

### NEW TRAIN SERVICE.

A new train service that will be of great convenience to travelers in and out of Medford will be put on by the Southern Pacific on or about June 1 next. A well-equipped flyer will be put on between Portland and San Francisco, which is expected to leave Medford about 6 a. m. going south, and will probably reach San Francisco at 10 p. m. Going north, it will leave about 8:30 p. m. for Portland, arriving there in the morning. Another local between Ashland and Roseburg is expected to be put on. The new schedule has not yet been arranged. This new service will be especially convenient to people going to and coming from such points as Ashland, Grants Pass and Roseburg.

### MR. ALLEN EXPECTED.

Things are expected to be doing in Medford next week in railroad matters. Mr. Allen and the other New York gentlemen who are associated with him in the purchase of the Pacific & Eastern, are expected here early in the week, when arrangements will be made for the extension of the line to the Butte Falls timber. These gentlemen will also put into active operations plans for the improvement of the roadbed between Medford and Eagle Point and for a material increase in the operating facilities of the road.

### SIXTEEN ACRES FOR \$6000.

A. L. Sherman of North Yakima, Washington, yesterday purchased from Jesse Hodges 16 acres of fine alfalfa land in the Ross tract, north and west from Medford. The price paid was \$6000, and the sale was made by O. N. Wilson. Mr. Sherman will move his family to Medford about June 1.

## PARTY LINES TO BE BROKEN

### Vote in Senate on Income Tax Amendment Will Be Very Close.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—After devoting the greater part of today's session to debate, the senate passed upon a number of important committee amendments to the tariff bill. It also rejected the amendment by Stone, restoring the Dingley rates on razors.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—That there will be a sharp contest in the senate over the proposition to refer to the judiciary committee the amendment to the tariff bill introduced by Senator Bailey, providing for an income tax, is indicated by the coalition of the Democrats and some of the "progressive" Republicans, which became known today. The vote will be close probably the closest that will occur in the making of the tariff bill.

The Democratic strength is 30 votes, all pledged to support the amendment. Bailey is counting on 16 or 17 Republican votes for the amendment. Fifteen would be sufficient if the Democrats would vote solidly for the amendment. On the other hand, "conservative" Republicans in charge of the tariff bill say they have made some inroads upon the "progressive" camp, and that on the question of referring the subject of income tax to the judiciary committee for a report at the next regular session, they already have 45 votes pledged.

Until recently the Democrats and progressives were far apart over the form of the bill. Senators Cummins and Borah, who were the chief Republican advocates for the income tax, favored the graduated tax and opposed the tax on corporations. As they surrendered these contentions in order to get the vote, it was said today that the agreement would be reached upon the principal features of the Bailey bill. The plan is to provide a flat tax of 2 or 3 per cent upon the individual and corporate incomes above \$5000. In order that there will be no doubt as to taxation, provisions will be made for deductions where the tax upon the corporation stock has been paid through the corporation itself.

### PIONEERS VISIT CITY

Yesterday was not pioneer day in Medford. Nay, nay, Pauline; it was circus day, but many of the old pioneers of Jackson county were in the city, just the same. Of course, the children always have to be taken to see the tattooed man and the big lions whose kin in Africa are today at the mercy of a mighty hunter. The children have been reading of the exploits of Teddy and Kermit, and, naturally enough, their curiosity was aroused to see what species of the cat kingdom it is that is making history in the dark continent today. It is not always safe to trust children with feeding the elephants peanuts, either, and accordingly the parents have to go along to keep a watchful eye on the youngsters. Among those whose solemn duty it was to look after the "kids," we noticed E. K. Anderson of Talent, S. J. Day and J. R. Nell of Jacksonville, J. J. Fryer of Eagle Point, J. B. Welch of Beagle and V. Bell of Central Point.

### ODD FELLOWS TO ALBANY

The Odd Fellows fraternities of this city are represented at the state convention at Albany by Mrs. Nellie Wing, Mrs. H. H. Hoag, and Mrs. Isaac Wolf, who left Sunday to represent the Rebekahs, and C. C. Taylor and L. M. Lyons, who left Sunday as delegates for the Odd Fellows. H. H. Harvey, who also went to Albany Sunday, is inside sentinel for the state grand encampment. C. C. Taylor and L. M. Lyons, who were also delegates from the local Odd Fellows lodge, went down yesterday. Among the other delegates who went Sunday, were Mrs. Mary Peters, Mrs. Chris Ulrich and Mrs. D. Barbee of Jacksonville.

### FEW TREES HAVE DIED.

N. S. Bennett, the nurseryman, is very much elated because of the fact that nearly all the large orchard planters who put out fruit from his nursery report that very few of the trees set have died. On the Burbell place 140 acres were set, and of this vast acreage not to exceed 100 trees are there which did not live. These trees were secured from the Milton nursery, owned by Mr. Bennett's uncle, Mr. Bennett will have over 60,000 trees for next season's planting from his own nursery, but of these he has already placed orders for over 30,000.