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THE WEATHER Western Union wires down; no report.

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TO PLANT VALLEY TO ORCHARDS

Colonization Company Formed in California to Develop Large Tract.

Messrs. A. D. Bowen, J. B. Brewster and Dr. Clyde A. Payne of San Francisco have taken up the option recently secured while visiting in Medford on the B. F. Myer place lying along Bear creek near Talent, comprising a thousand acres, and have organized a company to plant it to fruit and colonize it. The purchase price was about \$50,000.

The Rogue River Valley Orchard company has been organized at San Francisco and incorporated under the laws of California, with \$200,000 capital, with offices in the new Humboldt bank building. Dr. Payne is president, Mr. Brewster secretary and Mr. Bowen manager.

NO STRINGENCY IN VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS

That the value of farm products of the United States in 1907 exceeded that of 1906, which was far above that of any preceding year, is shown in the annual report of the secretary of agriculture, just issued. The total value of crops for 1907 is \$7,412,000,000, an amount 10 per cent greater than the total for 1906, 17 per cent in excess of that for 1905, and 57 per cent greater than the total value for 1899.

Loomis a Candidate

Two election papers have been filed at Ashland by W. P. Loomis for the office of mayor, and another by the present incumbent for the office of city recorder.

Klamath Lands Allotted

The last allotment of lands at Klamath agency is now being made under supervision of H. B. White, special agent. The work will occupy perhaps a year.

TWO WRECK DELAY TRAINS UPON ESPEE

Huge Engine Gets Across Track Above Junction City, While Freight Smash-Up at Delta Delays Northbound Trains—Western Union Wires Down.

A freight wreck east of Junction City today blocked the main line of the Southern Pacific. As the wires are down, it is not known how serious the obstruction is. A huge freight engine is reported to have jumped the track. The trains are expected to be at least ten hours late.

Northbound No. 16 is three or four hours late, having been delayed by another smash-up near Delta, Cal.

WINTER BANANAS PROVE TO BE FALSE ALARM

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—The movement in the apple market is showing a wonderful increase along Front street. While the demand at this time is principally for the cheaper varieties, there is a better sale for fancy goods. The best feature of the market is that values are somewhat more steady. Just after the financial flurry the apple market fell flat and for awhile it was practically impossible to tell just what the market was.

To put the matter mildly, the winter banana apples—so wildly heralded as the best thing that ever grew, is a false alarm; a deceit and a disappointment. Like the Ben Davis it is a very pretty apple, but it is not a keeper and will decay too fast to allow it to be marketed on an extensive scale.

FINE SHOWING MADE BY PORTLAND BANKS

Statements made by Portland national banks in response to a call sent out yesterday by the comptroller of currency show an amazingly strong condition of these banks.

The First National's assets include \$500,000 government bonds to secure circulation, \$2,190,095 in United States and other bonds and premiums, and \$70,000 in real estate and bank premises.

The bank's loans and discounts, which Aug. 22 were \$6,650,228, are today \$6,180,107. The bank has deposits of \$12,872,210, surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$1,123,041, a paid-up capital of \$500,000, and 790 circulation. Its assets and liabilities each total \$14,872,210.

TREASURER CALLS FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY WARRANTS

J. T. Taylor, treasurer of Josephine county, has given notice that he has funds on hand for the redemption of all warrants protested prior to July 29, 1904. Interest thereon ceased November 29, 1907.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Flora A. Pelsey to J. L. Humphreys, 1/2 acre in section 16, township 36, range 3 W. \$ 200

PLANTING BIG AREA TO TREES

More Apple, Pear and Peach Trees to be Set Out This Year Than Ever Before.

This winter promises to be the banner orchard planting year in the history of the Rogue River valley. It is conservatively estimated that half a million fruit trees will be planted in the vicinity of Medford, which means that 7000 additional acres will be planted.

Already three cars of nursery stock have been received at Medford as against two cars for all of last year, when 2500 trees were planted here. G. W. Taylor, the newly appointed fruit inspector, is busy inspecting the new trees.

BIGGEST OF TURNIPS GROWN AT CLIMAX COUNTY

Eight-Pound Vegetable, Twenty-Five Inches in Circumference and Eight Inches in Diameter Placed on View at Exhibition Building.

Mr. Bradbury has placed in the Exhibition building a huge turnip that will make the average vegetable-raiser sit up and take notice. It was raised on Grant Rawlings' farm in Climax precinct, and weighs nearly eight pounds, being 25 inches in circumference and of solid formation.

BAILEY IS OUSTED AS DEMOCRATIC LEADER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Senator Calhoun of Texas has been elected minority leader of the senate by the democrats. Calhoun stands well with Bryan, who is understood to have indicated that if Calhoun makes a success of the minority leadership he will be selected as chairman of the national committee in the next campaign.

The final drop in Bailey's cup is that not only has he been cast aside, but his bitterest enemy has been chosen for the place he coveted. Calhoun and Bailey are sworn foes.

COUNTY HOLDS-UP CITY COIN

Shortage in Money Due City as Its Share of Taxes Reported.

The city of Medford is not receiving its pro rata of taxes from the county. There is a shortage between the amount due and the amount turned over, said to amount to several thousand dollars.

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Anderson-Taylor—In Roxy precinct, November 28, Paul F. Anderson and Stella Taylor by Rev. W. F. Shields.

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Counter—At Lakewood, Novem 22, to the wife of W. C. Counter, a daughter, Loftus—At Orland, Cal., November 11, to the wife of J. W. Loftus, a daughter.

DIED.

Parker—At Ashland, November 27, Mrs. Sarah J. Parker, aged 83 years. Poole—At Engle Point, November 22, Arthur Poole, a native of Ohio, aged 73 years.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVE DESPITE HOLIDAYS

Many Small Sales Show Demand for Property Continues—End of Holiday Period Will See Renewed Activity in Orchard Property.

Noah Smith of Central Point has sold 45 acres of choice land in Sams Valley to Charles Lane, lately of Michigan, for \$75 an acre.

J. E. Olson not long ago sold his residence property in West Medford to Mr. Teague, who lately arrived in our city. The consideration was \$1800.

The well-known firm of Young & Hall has bought of R. H. Pruett 160 acres in Roxy precinct at a price said to exceed \$10,000 considerably. It is of choice quality and will be planted to fruit trees in due time.

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Wheeler-Sanderson—In Medford, December 3, Clarence Wheeler and Mildred C. Sanderson.

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FINE FRUIT SHOWN IN EASTERN OREGON

MILTON, Or., Dec. 7.—Some wonderful fruit-growing records are shown in the reports from the Milton-Free-water section. Practically \$500,000 worth of fruit was shipped from this locality this season.

CLARA BLOODGOOD KILLS HERSELF WITH REVOLVER

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Clara Bloodgood, the actress, committed suicide by shooting in her room at the Hotel Stafford here Thursday evening.

ASHLAND EASTERN STAR ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Tuesday evening this week Alpha chapter, No. 1, Order of Eastern Star, at Ashland, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Miss Gertrude Engle, worthy matron; E. B. Shaw, patron; Miss Ploy Cambers, assistant matron; Mrs. Lash Caldwell, secretary; Mrs. R. L. Burdick, treasurer; Miss Eva Story, conductress; Mrs. C. W. Nims, associate conductress; Mrs. Bay L. Sherwin, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd and Mrs. J. K. Van Sant, trustees.

Exchange Bank Checks for Home of Your Own. There is nothing like owning your own home in these times. Then, come what may, you are fixed. No danger that imaginary financial stringencies can lose you your shelter for they can't. You are fixed. And then, how much nicer it is for your wife and family! Just think how many worry lines on your wife's dear face you save by owning the roof over her head. It means a lot to both of you, but more to her. Both of you face the world so much more confidently than as if you did not know what was coming or what would happen, with that nameless dread hanging over you constantly. Do not postpone it longer. Now is the time to build. Get a lot—they are cheap. Buy it on the installment plan, if you don't want to pay for it all at once, and then get your lumber from us and build. It will cost you no more than rent; and you will have something to show for it at the end of a year. We will take checks on any bank in Medford in exchange for our lumber, and we sell the best that is made—rough and finished, hard or soft, native or Booth-Kelly—whatever you want. Opportunity knocks but once—"If sleeping, wake—If feasting, turn away—It is the hour of fate." Opportunity is knocking at your door—Awake and build before it is too late.

Iowa Lumber & Box Co.

SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDED

Present Ones Over-Crowded---Teachers Hearing Classes in Hallways.

The Medford district school board will have a special session December 23 and take up the question of voting bonds for the erection of another public school building in the city. There is not room enough now to accommodate the present patronage with the two buildings. At the present time several of the teachers have to hear the recitations in the hallways, and one grade at the West school building uses the frame structure that was built for a woodshed adjoining the school building.

At West Side School.

At the West Side school the number of pupils in attendance in the building is 193, several of the rooms having to be divided for convenience. There is not a room that is not in a crowded condition. Those intended for the seating of 40 pupils have as high as 56 pupils, a portion of whom are obliged to use extra tables near the teacher's desk or in the halls.

Bonds to be Voted For.

The annual school meeting will be held December 23 for the purpose of levying the annual school tax for the district (No. 49), and the additional question will come before the meeting with reference to a bond issue for the erection of a new building. The present indebtedness of the district is about \$35,000. A new building, such as is needed, will cost approximately \$25,000.

St. Mark's Church.

The evening service will be held in the Medford opera house. The lantern will be used to throw the service on the screen and to illustrate the address, which will be missionary in character, dealing with life in South America. There will be 100 beautiful views to illustrate the address.

At Christian Church.

Sunday December 8, 11 a. m. subject, "A Modern Plan for Ancient Truths." 7:30 p. m.—"God It Not Mocked." This is a church for all the people. Everyone is cordially welcomed. Come, bring a friend, Marion F. Horn, minister.

Attention, Questioners.

"Why Does God Hide Himself?" will be the subject at the Methodist Episcopal church, B street, next Sabbath at 11 a. m. A special invitation to those men who say "If there be a God, why doesn't he show himself?" At night the subject will be "Photograph of a Twentieth Century Sinner." Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Epworth league 6:30 p. m. All are invited.

Christian Science.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Commercial club room. Subject for December 8, "God the Preserver of Man." All are welcome.

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We invite you to visit the Moore dining room Sunday, the 8th. Meals 50c. Lunch or dinner. 220.