

# Apple and Pear Orchards In The Rogue River Valley Pay \$1,000 Per Acre Annually

Year Ending	Postoffice Receipts	Bank Deposits	Popu-lation
1901	\$ 5,244.10	297,500	2,100
1902	5,228.82	277,000	2,225
1903	6,477.12	608,000	3,100
1904	8,250.31	953,000	4,200
1905	11,067.63	1,120,000	5,200

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THE WEATHER.  
Fair weather promised for to-day and Thursday.  
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# TWO HUNDRED PERISH IN FLAMES

## IN FAVOR OF WATER FROM LITTLE BUTTE

### Report Made by Engineer Kelsey a Year Ago Recommended North Fork Prop-osition for Supply.

The report on water supply for Medford made last year by Engineer Frank C. Kelsey, for which he was paid several hundred dollars by the city, is of more than usual interest at the present time, when the council committee is endeavoring to settle the question of an adequate supply of pure mountain water for the city.

The proposed sources of water supply considered are Bear creek, artesian wells, Wagner creek, Squaw lake, Little Applegate and Sterling creeks, and the north fork of Little Butte creek.

**On Wagner Creek.**  
Wagner creek heads in the Siskiyou at the base of Wagner peak, which has an elevation of 7249 feet. The watershed is small—about 14 square miles. The flow is pronounced insufficient for Medford, besides being appropriated for irrigation by ranchers. The summer flow is less than 2,000,000 gallons per day and is all appropriated.

The Pellet well at Talent is treated at length. The well is eight-inch, drilled 805 feet. A year ago it was flowing at the rate of 240,000 gallons a day. The water is warm, with a decided mineral taste, both of which are objectionable. The well is 250 feet above Medford. Mr. Kelsey does not think artesian water from this source practicable.

Bear creek is turned down because of insufficient summer flow and for pollution by sewage from towns above Medford. The water has a bad taste and odor in summer.

**Squaw Lake and Sterling.**  
Squaw lake, Little Applegate and Sterling creek would require a 45-mile ditch. The water in the lake is pure, but in an open ditch it could not be delivered in good condition.

The lake is 23 miles southwest of Medford in a direct line. Its outlet is Squaw creek, which empties into the Applegate. A sufficient quantity could be stored in the lake for city use.

The proposal made by the Fish Lake Water company to sell the city up to 3,000,000 gallons a day delivered 11 miles northeast of the city at an elevation of 210 above it is gone into thoroughly. The water was to be diverted from the north fork of the Little Butte and flow through the company's irrigating canal for 16 miles.

The water delivered at the lower end of the canal would cost at present \$2000 a year for city needs, and \$5500 for a city of 10,000. The cost would be more than if the city bought a perpetual right and built a pipeline. The water flowing through an open canal for 16 miles would become warm in summer and objectionable.

**North Fork of Little Butte.**  
The north fork of Little Butte is fed from the melting snows of Mount Pitt. The water is clear, cool and good. The creek channel has cut down to bed rock. The watershed is 100 square miles above proposed point of diversion and the minimum flow about 80 second feet (18,000,000 gallons) per day. Of this, 24 second feet is owned by ranchers. The remainder is appropriated by the Fish Lake Water company, which proposes to supplement the low water flow of the creek with water stored in Fish lake.

**Amount of Water Needed.**  
A daily average of 225,000 gallons is needed at present for Medford, a maximum daily supply of 750,000 gallons. For 10,000 people an average of 1,000,000 gallons a day and a maximum of 3,000,000 gallons should be supplied.

Engineer Kelsey recommends the north fork of the Little Butte as a source of city water supply. He advocates the buying of water rights from ranchers and the building of a pipeline to deliver the amount of water needed

## CITIZENS BACK UP EFFORTS TO SECURE GOOD CITY WATER

Representative Taxpayers and Business Men Speak at Council Meeting in Favor of Adequate Supply of Aqua Pura—Monthly Budget Passed.

That the sentiment of Medford citizens strongly favors the bringing in of an adequate supply of pure water was shown at the council meeting Tuesday night when citizens present gave vent to expressions encouraging the water committee in their efforts and pledging support. Those who advocated a water supply were Messrs. Pickel, Cox, Garnett, Lumsden, Ulrich, Stewart and Osenbrugg.

The council met in regular monthly session. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the recorder's report for the month of February read and accepted. The report of the chief of the fire department was read and accepted, the report of the finance committee read and accepted and the monthly budget ordered paid. The city attorney's salary was ordered increased to \$50 per month, and he was instructed to draw an ordinance prescribing the construction of a 25,000-gallon oil tank for the Standard Oil company, according to specifications acceptable to the underwriters. The fire chief was asked to make an examination and report upon the safety of the Nash livery barn.

The council favored the Gold Hill rock-crushing proposition as against the Jacksonville proposition. The cost of hauling the rock is the same in each case—20 cents a ton—but in the latter case an investment of \$2500 is necessary before getting material.

The Woodmen of the World met in regular session last night at their hall. One candidate was initiated and the remainder of the session was taken up in routine work.

## LITTLE ONES INCINERATED IN FRIGHTFUL HOLOCAUST AT CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Hundred and Seventy Bodies Recovered From Ruins This Afternoon—Teachers and Scholars Burned Alive at Collywood, a Fashionable Suburb of Ohio Metropolis—Richard Poor Suffer Alike-Heart-Rending Scenes

CLEVELAND, March 4.—In the most frightful catastrophe of its kind that has ever befallen Ohio or the United States, 200 lives were snuffed out this morning by fire in the public school in Collywood, a fashionable suburb. The victims were either trampled or burned to death. Those that escaped with their lives were badly burned. Horrible scenes were enacted at the fire. Teachers and pupils became panic-stricken and a repetition of the Iroquois theater disaster at Chicago ensued.

How the fire started is a mystery. A wild panic followed the first alarm, the teachers lost control of their pupils and all struggled madly for escape, mashing before and blocking the exits and preventing those behind from getting out. A temporary morgue has been established and those rescued from the flames taken to homes for care.

Great crowds of weeping parents and relatives of the dead stormed the temporary morgue for admission. The Collywood police were unable to handle the situation and have asked the chief of police of Cleveland for help.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon 99 bod-

ies had been recovered. Five of them were women, presumably teachers, and the remainder were pupils.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon 110 bodies had been accounted for.

At 2:15 o'clock this afternoon 132 bodies had been taken from the ruins. They are at the temporary morgue in the Lake Shore railroad shops. Deputy Coroner Merrill estimates the total number of deaths will reach 200.

At 3 o'clock 148 bodies had been recovered. Scores were injured.

The building is a three-story structure. There were between 400 and 500 pupils in school when the fire broke out. It did not spread rapidly, but panic seized the children, who made a rush for the doors. One door was found locked and the children, unable to get out, piled up against the door, when the floor above fell on them, bringing death to all the little ones packed like sardines in the corridor below.

Collywood is six miles east of Cleveland, on the shore of Lake Erie. A section of the town is inhabited by railroad men in the employ of the Lake Shore & Southern system. Another sec-

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## BRITT HAS BEST OF NELSON IN 10-ROUND DRAW AT ANGEL CITY

Lightweights Face Each Other for the Fourth Time—Little Betting—No Decision, Though Dane Makes Poorest Showing in Battle.

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson went the ten-round limit in their contest last night, and while Britt had the better of it all he way through, his failure to knock the Dane out, earned him only a draw, as the Los Angeles council forbids the giving of decisions in glove contests.

There is no doubt but what Britt will be the one chosen as McFarland's next opponent, on account of his good showing last night.

Britt entered the ring a 10 to 7 favorite, but there was little betting.

Last night's fight was the fourth time the two have faced each other in the squared circle. The first battle, after 20 hard rounds, went to Britt on the referee's decision. The second was a furious affair and resulted in Nelson knocking Britt out in the 18th round. The third contest gave the honors to Britt at the end of one of the fastest 20-round fights ever seen on the coast.

## HEAVY SNOWS REPORTED IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS

Heavy snows in the Cow Creek mountains have cut Medford off from Portland via Western Union wires for three days. Postal wires have suffered no interruption.

Snow has been falling for nearly 70 hours in the mountains around Leland, completely demoralizing stage and rural communication and delaying all mails by star routes.

Marooned in the side of a mountain in over six feet of snow, the Crescent City stage stands, deserted by its passengers and driver. No mail has been received from coast points for four days. A relief stage was sent out yesterday and will go as far as the weather will permit.

It is reported that on the summit of the mountain the snow is 15 feet deep, and unless there is a change, it will be several days before communication can be established with outside points.

Coming so late in the season, and at a time when the stockmen are unprepared, there is liable to be a great loss of range stock. A sudden rise in temperature with a chinook wind is sure to bring high water and interfere with railroad traffic.

South-bound trains are late from the heavy snows in the Cow creek mountains.

Heavy snows in the Siskiyou are also reported.

## UNIDENTIFIED BOY TAKES A SWALLOW OF POISON

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—An unidentified boy entered a building in the course of construction at Oak and Gough streets last night, swallowed a dose of strychnine and laid down to die. The lad was poorly dressed and there was nothing on his person to identify him beyond a lead pencil, on which were cut the initials "W. W. M."

## JOBS FOR THOUSANDS OF TELEGRAPH OPERATORS

WASHINGTON, March 4.—It is estimated that 5000 additional telegraph operators will be used throughout the United States on account of the federal nine-hour law but goes into effect this morning.

## Cannon Against Reform.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—It is predicted that the house of representatives will disagree upon the proposed legislation. Speaker Cannon favors the Aldrich bill and the leading committee leans toward the Fisher bill. The democratic members have failed to reach an agreement and it is believed that no action will be taken at this session of congress.

## Commercial Club Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Medford Commercial club tonight at which the regular monthly business will be transacted. Important special matters will also be considered. The railroad committee is expected to report on the P. & E. right of way.

## Tennis Club Reorganizes.

The Medford Tennis club is being reorganized with a membership of 50. New grounds will be secured and a lively season is looked forward to.

## NETWORK OF CAR LINES FOR COUNTY

### Rapid Transit Company Completes Organization—Expect to Run Belt Line Tapping All Towns.

The Oregon Rapid Transit & Power company completed formal organization Tuesday by the election of Dr. F. C. Page as president, F. E. Merriek as treasurer, S. A. Nye as secretary and Captain F. L. Evans as general manager.

The company is incorporated under the laws of Oregon with \$3,000,000 capital stock. The incorporators, besides the officers, are J. E. Watt and A. S. Bliton. Judge Hale of Grants Pass is attorney for the corporation. Captain Evans, the general manager, is a well-known engineer and promoter who has been connected with several successful railroad propositions in the past. He built a railroad in Iowa and recently promoted another in California.

It is the plan of the company to cover the Rogue River valley with a network of trolley lines, extending from Grants Pass to Ashland. A belt line will be run eventually around the valley, tapping all the towns. In addition, a line is projected into the Applegate and Illinois valleys, a survey for a grade not to exceed 2 per cent having been secured.

The company has located water rights for the development of 30,000 horsepower, but negotiations are under way to secure the power needed from the Condon Water & Power company.

As the project will benefit every one owning property along the line, but little opposition is expected in securing rights of way. It is expected that these will be donated, provided construction is assured.

The company expects little trouble in floating the bonds, having been given assurances along this line already.

The headquarters will be at Jacksonville.

## STATE SUING TO RECOVER SECRETARY DUNBAR'S FEES

SALEM, March 4.—The suit of the state to recover fees alleged to have been illegally collected by Frank Dunbar, when secretary of state, was opened in Judge Galloway's court this morning by taking testimony of state officials and employees. Several clashes between Clyde Fulton and District Attorney McNary and MacMahan followed. The state's attorney got rulings that will bring all the records of the Dunbar administration into court and make great progress in proving their allegations of illegal fees taken as charged.

Secretary of State Benson testified from memorandum that 12,084 commissions were issued in one year, for which the state collected fees, and Chief Clerk Koser testified that all fees collected were turned over to Benson.

## HARRIMAN LINES MUST FILE ANSWER SOON

SALT LAKE CITY, March 4.—The answer of the defendants to the contention of the government that the relations of the railroads comprising the Harriman system are illegal under the Sherman law, should be filed within the next 30 days. Summons to defend the suit in equity has been served in every instance and appearances entered by all defendants. In several of the documents filed the rule of the court that appearances must be entered by attorneys admitted to practice in the court has been disregarded. This irregularity may cause a short delay in perfecting the record, but will not, it is thought, postpone the answers to the complaint which are required within 20 days after the appearance.

## Railroad Work at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., March 4.—The work of moving the old Southern Pacific depot to make way for the erection of the new \$10,000 structure began yesterday. Men and teams also began the Springfield extension of the Eugene & Eastern railway, which will be rushed to completion.



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