

**ROGUE RIVER VALLEY
SEEN BY VISITOR**

**St. Johns, Or., Man Describes Trip to
This Region and What He Saw—Med-
ford and Ashland Described—Climate
That of California.**

The St. Johns (Or.) Review contains the following letter, written from a resident of St. Johns who has been visiting Medford and the Rogue River valley:

"Editor Review: After lying dormant for years the Rogue River valley is waking up. Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Ashland and Medford display an activity that will even make a St. Johnsite sit up and take notice. Grants Pass and Jacksonville have got out of their swaddling clothes, Ashland has shed its knee pants, while Medford has reached a point where she wears the best of clothes and a Panama hat. Medford is the largest and best town in the valley. It is a place of large warehouses, fine blocks, stone walks and stores filled with high-class stocks. In the center of one of the largest fruit valleys in the world, the big and the little fellow work in harmony for the same end. The old mossbacks who have neglected their opportunities are being weeded out all over the valley. People from the middle west are here in large numbers. There are few undesirable. Any of the towns appeal to the eastern man. The farms are owned by all classes from the common laborer to the millionaire. The towns have the finest schools in Oregon. They are built of brick and are supplied with all the necessary apparatus.

"At present Medford and Ashland are the objective points of many home-seekers. The Ashland man calls attention to the fine water which runs with terrific force from many faucets on the main streets. Medford's water is poor, but her people tell you they are going to spend \$250,000 to bring in water from 30 miles away that will make Ashland's system look like 30 cents. Ashland exhibits the peach orchard that brings home the medals everywhere the fruit is shown, while Medford points to the pear orchard which produced a carload of fruit that netted the owner \$4800. Ashland says we are going to pave our principal streets. Medford says so are we. New residences are going up all over the valley. Lumber and household goods can be seen going into the country daily. There is an air of prosperity everywhere and the visitor feels it.

Real estate is moving rapidly and at greatly advanced prices. Lands that were sold last fall at \$100 per acre now bring \$200 readily. One firm in Medford has sold \$150,000 worth of farms since last August. Messrs. Potter & Gould of St. Johns have the honor of paying the record price for land in the valley, \$825 per acre. I was out to their ranch—and it's a dandy. It lies between a pear orchard for which \$1000 an acre was refused last fall after the fruit was picked, and Mrs. Potter Palmer's place. (The queen society woman of America threatens to build a bungalow and spend her annual vacation here.) I have talked with several orchard authorities in Medford and they tell me our St. Johnsites will never regret their buy. The real estate men say they are doing a fine business and the merchants appear to be more than satisfied with the new people coming. There appears to be plenty of land for all purposes. Raw land sells from \$10 an acre up. Cleared land may be had for \$100, while orchards bring from \$250 up.

One of the sights of Medford is the 70 or 80 automobiles owned there, and they are not all owned in town, either. Mr. and Mrs. Fruitgrower may be seen any day riding in their bubble wagons. The sight made me feel sorry for some of my former Minnesota friends.

"As to climate conditions, every resident of the Rogue River valley will tell you to hang up your hat and look no further. General Passenger Agent McMurray of the O. R. & N. said to me in Portland: 'If you want a California climate with the disagreeable features left out, try the Rogue River valley. It is perfection.' I have found it so. Every day has been just like the ones in St. Johns when we can see Mounts Hood and St. Helens.

"This southern section of Oregon does not confine itself to fruit. Medford in an attractive pamphlet claims it has more natural resources within a 50-mile radius than any other point in the United States. I believe it is the truth. The resources of this section are almost beyond comprehension. A person must come and see for himself. And it will take time to see it all. The little fellow has nothing to fear, while the man of means has a chance of doubling his money.

Resolutions of Condolence.
Wentonka Tribe, No. 30, Imp. O. R. M., Hunting Grounds of Medford, Or., May 13, 1908.

Whereas, The Great Spirit has seen fit to call from among us Mrs. Viola G. Beckett, the beloved wife of Brother T. W. Beckett; and

Whereas, Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to our brother in his great bereavement; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That Wentonka Tribe, No. 30, Imp. O. R. M., not being in possession of adequate means of expressing the individual sympathy of its members for our sorrowing brother in his great affliction, adopts this method of extending to him as a body the profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy of his brothers in this, his hour of sadness; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the tribe and that a copy of the same be transmitted to our bereaved brother.

J. W. FITZGERALD,
L. L. JACOBS,
R. M. WELSBY,
Committee.

S. Mitchell, the genial stockman, spent a few days in Medford this week.

**A POULTRY DEPARTMENT AT
THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

Under the able management of Professor James Dryden our poultry department is making rapid, but well calculated strides toward a development that will ultimately place it on a par with the other special departments of our agricultural work. No arrangements for any classes in poultry husbandry have as yet been made, but it is hoped that by the beginning of the next school term sufficient equipment will be installed to make it justifiable to arrange a course for all those who wish to take up this most interesting study.

Ten acres of the college farm have been allotted to Professor Dryden for his work and signs of considerable activity on the poultry farm are already in evidence. Part of the ten-acre tract has been fenced off into yards of different sizes and into each of these yards will be moved one of the newly built colony houses. Six of these colony houses have been built. They are very neat and substantial and have been constructed according to the best ideas of sanitation and ventilation. They rest on s.d-like runners, the ends of which are furnished with iron hooks so that a team may be hitched thereto and be able to move the house at any time. Besides these larger houses, 20 small brooder houses have been built, also on runners.

**REAL ESTATE AGENT
ARRESTED AT ASHLAND**

The circumstances which led up to the arrest of Dr. George U. Snapp, constitute a pathetic story. He was arrested in Ashland and is now confined in the Portland jail in default of \$2500 bail.

Mrs. Snapp says she first met Snapp in Newberg, Yamhill county, where he was practicing medicine. She had a few thousand dollars and he married her. They lived together until, she says, she began to reprove him for attentions to another woman. He then secured a divorce on the grounds of jealousy.

Soon after procuring the divorce, she asserts he advised her to sell her property in Southern Oregon, and agreed to secure a buyer. This he did, charging her \$100 for services. She got \$2300 for the property and moved to Portland.

Snapp then advised her, she says, to buy a house in Ashland the purchase price of which was \$2000. She declares she entrusted the purchase price to him, but he never bought the property. She concludes her recital by saying that to satisfy her he finally bought a house in Ashland, but only paid \$600 for it.

**ASHLAND STUDENT BODY
ELECTS OFFICERS**

The most important political event of the year at the state normal took place last Wednesday when the annual election for officers of the student body organization was held. Keen excitement prevailed over the choice of the president, class spirit playing an important part, as the junior and sophomore classes were both represented on the ticket. The division of the votes between Robert Wilcox and Stanley Wood, members of the junior class, resulted in the election of the sophomore candidate, Robert Bagley. Most of the freshmen lined up with the sophomore class, while the seniors favored the election of a junior. Local patriotism also favored Bagley, as he is an Oregon boy, while Wood is from California and Wilcox from Colorado.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Robert Bagley of Josephine county; vice-president, Miss Florence Benson of Josephine county, sophomore; secretary, Miss Minnie Lewis of Astoria, junior; treasurer, Edward Vincent of Jackson county, junior.

**PLAN TO DREDGE KLAMATH
TO SECURE HIDDEN GOLD**

Surveyor W. F. Hunter of Areata today filed for record here three or six maps he has made for the syndicate of Humboldt and Trinitarians who propose winning the gold of Klamath and Trinity rivers by hydraulic and dredge mining along those streams from the many thousands of acres that have been located by them as desirable spots for operations. As yet, so far as known the locators, who are Thomas H. Bair and his brother Fred W. Bair, J. M. Dukes and wife, P. P. Muehler, H. A. Platt, J. M. Quay, J. M. Downer, J. A. Brent and B. W. Jackson, have not organized as a company, but have located the claims as individuals.

On the Klamath these locations are made in spots between Terwah Flat, in Del Norte county, which is about three miles from the mouth of the river, upstream, through Humboldt county and into Siskiyou county as far as Klamath postoffice, or about two miles above Happy Camp, near the mouth of Scott river.—Humboldt Standard.

MARRIED.

MILTON BRITTSAN—At Ashland, on May 12, by Rev. W. L. Mellinger, Albert J. Milton and Miss Emma Brittsan.

HARRISON REED—At Grants Pass, May 13, by Judge Stephen Jewell, Robert M. Harrison and Hattie M. Reed.

DIED.

HOUGH—At Holland, Josephine county, May 11, David Hough, aged 50 years.

BAUMANN—At Ashland, May 17, Mrs. John Baumann, aged 84 years.

BUTLER—Near Kerby, May 3, of pneumonia, Charles Butler, aged 84 years.

BORN.

LAUER—Near Kerby, May 4, to the wife of N. Lauer, a daughter.

ACKERMAN—At Grants Pass May 11, to the wife of H. R. Ackerman, of Golden Drift, a daughter.

McARDLE—At Grants Pass, May 3, to the wife of R. H. McArdle, a son.

REGAL—At Grants Pass, May 3, to the wife of D. S. Regal, a son.

AYER—At Grants Pass, May 12, to the wife of Walter B. Ayer of Merlin, a daughter.

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