

# FACTS FROM THE FIELDS

Paragraphs of Progress in the Golden Valley of the Rogue River, As Picked Up by Our Special Reporter

Watermelons along the lower Bear creek bottoms are ripening now by the wagon load. Harvesting of the third crop of this year's alfalfa is now on in full blast.

J. M. Cantrell is milking 10 cows at his creamery. He reports 800 bushels of wheat from 30 acres in this year of crop shortage.

Alexis Hubbard and wife are now happily established on their fruit and melon farm east of Bear creek, having lately moved out from Medford.

Mrs. B. P. Hemstreet, a mile north of Medford, is putting in equipment for doing all kinds of custom weaving, especially for old-fashioned rag carpet.

Thomas McAndrews, who has one of the biggest farms near Medford, says that while most people may prefer planting their land with fruit, he prefers his in hogs. He says that grain production as a basis for the hog industry is one of the best schemes for getting rich quick in the Rogue River valley.

George Glass, who has a farm close to the north of Medford, says that the tendency to drouth this year, which has somewhat affected grain crops, has not notably diminished the yield or quality of fruit. This is an object lesson for the planting of more trees.

William Alexander is making a paradise of his fine fruit and alfalfa lands north of town and has a residence there that would be a credit to any metropolis.

J. A. Martin, a mile north of Medford, who has about a quarter acre in strawberries, dewberries and blackberries, says he and his family have been kept quite busy all season gathering the yield. He is now pruning the vines for winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones of Central Point, who contemplate departing for Chicago, were given a farewell surprise party recently by about 40 of their friends.

Fred Bogart of Medford and Miss Stella Stagg of Talent, who were united in marriage at Jacksonville by Rev. Gray on August 30, are spending their honeymoon at the Bogart home.

The Bogart & Lumsden dairy is installing a machine to milk their 35 cows. A small gasoline engine will henceforth do the business that used to be delegated to pretty milk maids or happy Switzers, who sang "Hile, Holi" with the morning stars. Poets who sing of milking time will soon have to readjust their standards.

J. A. Merriman of near Medford, whose oats yielded 101 bushels per acre, says he will sow more oats despite the allotments of the fruit industry.

### ONLY ONE-THIRD AS MANY JAPS COMING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—According to official figures made public by Secretary of commerce and labor the tide of immigration from Japan has been checked until it is now only one-third of what it was a year ago.

Japanese immigration was 30,000, including the Japanese who went to Honolulu.

For the fiscal year ending June, 1908, immigration from Japan was 18,000, of which 9,500 came to the mainland of the United States.

The bureau of immigration has estimated that 5718 Japanese left the United States for Japan and other countries, leaving the net increase for the year but 3800. Of that increase but 15 per cent are laborers.

F. L. Benson, who, on his various acreage has 25 acres diversified with oats, wheat and corn, says that despite its being an extra dry year his yield in bushels per acre is: Oats, 55; corn, 35; wheat, 30.

Benjamin Beall is cutting his third crop of alfalfa from portions of the fine 250-acre Beall farm. The yield is totaling about five tons per acre this season. They have built two new barns and Asbury Beall has built a new residence. Tyson Beall has a fine lot of corn, which will yield 45 bushels per acre. The wages they pay on the farms this year are \$1.50 per day, but the board on the Beall ranch as experienced by the reporter, is so splendid that W. H. Sears has solved the labor problem by raising boys enough of his own to help him tend the farm. He has 300 trees laden with golden fruit. He has plenty of garden truck and melons and his boys are all willing hands in the harvest. If we ever get a job there, we would never resign.

Wells Lounsbury, a young man who was alternately a printer and a railway mail clerk, has now settled down about four miles west of Medford to a life that is really worth living. He has 57 acres, which he has planted mostly with fine young orchard, and as a by-product the land is yielding a wealth of golden corn. Mr. Lounsbury has built a fine house and barn and has some of the fattest horses of any farmer in this fair part of valleys.

V. Pursell, one of our many subscribers, was found grinding his stythe yesterday for the third crop of alfalfa on his fine farm. He has a lot of men in the field at \$1.50 per day.

Elsworth Altmers and several associates are harvesting big crops of cordwood from their lands near the foothills west of Medford. The wood is being cut and split into 16-inch lengths and sells at \$3 per tier.

H. W. Head, a prosperous bachelor of near Central Point, is building a fine new house, which looks like a sure sign of a wedding.

A. E. Moore is completing his new house across Bear creek in the north-east suburb of Medford.

W. H. Norcross of near Central Point is making a marvelous recovery from having his neck broken, or nearly so, by a severe fall from his barn on August 31. Mr. Norcross was overseeing the storing of hay, when, stepping back to make way for a Jackson fork, he fell 16 feet from the barge end of his barn, striking upon the back of his head. The fall rendered him unconscious and apparently dislocated his neck, but under the care of Medford and Central Point physicians he is recovering nicely.

Do not fail to consult Madame Fay, clairvoyant and medium. Odell block, room 3.

### TEACHERS' TRAINING COURSE AT KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 9.—The high school board of Klamath county has declared favorably to establishing a teachers' training class course, and the course will probably be adopted after consultation with the principal and teachers of the school.

The course is especially desired because of the long distance students must go from here to the state normal schools, the cost of the journey and expenses keeping many from taking a teacher's course.

J. A. Prentiss an old resident of Grants Pass, was in Medford Tuesday looking over this end of the valley with a view to locating.

### JACKSONVILLE ITEMS

Robert Nye made a business trip to Grants Pass Friday.

Miss Anna Wendt spent Friday in Medford, the guest of Mrs. Anna Danielson.

Mrs. Amelia Elmer was visiting friends living in Medford Friday. Attorney E. E. Kelly made a professional visit to the county seat Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Henry has accepted a position in Russell's confectionery store.

Word was received by I. W. Berry of the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Berry, at Dolph, Ind., on September 3. Mrs. Berry was 84 years old and lived in Jacksonville for a great many years on what is known as the Berry farm, and was visiting in Indiana at the time of her death.

Miss Fay Sears has returned from a few days' visit with Medford friends. John Duggan of Sams Valley has been appointed anitor of the courthouse, Ephraim Wilson having resigned to take a position in Nunn, Taylor & company's employ.

J. Numan left for Colesia one day this week.

### BENSON SCORNS THE GOVERNOR'S JOB

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 9.—When seen about the report that he was to succeed his brother as secretary of state, Judge H. L. Benson vigorously denied the statement, saying he would not have the office of secretary of state or that of governor if it paid double the salary. He continued:

"My brother Frank, the secretary, has not been in better health for 20 years than he is at this time. He is not suffering from a cancer, never has suffered from one, and is now at Salem in his office attending to his official duties.

"Frank has no intention of resigning, and the matter has never been discussed by us. We are not connected with any lineup on the United States senatorship, and so far as I am concerned I am absolutely done with politics. My only object in resigning was to get away from holding public office. I am tired of office. I want to get into legal work in order to make money. There is nothing in holding office."

Judge Benson and his associate, C. F. Stone, now have their law offices open, and the judge says he can already see clients and fat fees coming his way. He has let a contract for a new residence in this city and is making all arrangements to continue to reside in Klamath Falls.

### RACE WAR IMMINENT IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 9.—A race war between whites and negroes is hourly expected here, and the police today are searching the pockets of nearly every negro they meet. Since a white man was killed by a negro Saturday the blacks, it has been learned, have been arming themselves to be prepared for any outbreak. Several pawnbrokers have reported to the police that they have sold a great number of revolvers to negroes since Saturday.

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### LOCAL MARKET

The following quotations are an impartial report of the prices paid by Medford dealers:

Wheat—85¢ per bushel.  
Flour—\$2.75 per cwt.  
Whole barley—\$23 per ton.  
Hay—\$12 per ton.  
Alfalfa—\$10 per ton.  
New potatoes—\$1.25 per cwt.  
Butter—40¢ per roll.  
Lard—10¢ per pound.  
Beans—5¢ per pound.  
Eggs—22½¢ per dozen.  
Sugar—48.00 per cwt.  
Turkeys—13¢ per pound.  
Hams—12¢ per pound.  
Shoulders—10¢ per pound.  
Hogs—4½¢ to 6¢ per pound.  
Cattle—3½¢ to 3¾¢ per pound.

### BUSINESS CARDS

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### Medford Time Table

#### SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Northbound	
No. 16 Oregon Express	5:24 p. m.
No. 14 Portland Express	9:49 a. m.
Southbound	
No. 15 California Express	10:35 a. m.
No. 13 San Francisco Exp.	3:20 p. m.
No. 225 From Grants Pass	9:15 p. m.
No. 225 For Ashland	10:15 p. m.

#### PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILWAY

No. 1 Leaves Medford	8:10 a. m.
No. 3 Leaves Medford	9:50 p. m.
No. 2 Arrives Medford	10:25 a. m.
No. 4 Arrives Medford	5:08 p. m.

#### ROGUE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY

No. 2 Leaves Medford	10:45 a. m.
No. 4 Leaves Medford	5:35 p. m.
Motor Leaves Medford	2:00 p. m.
Motor Leaves Medford	9:00 p. m.
No. 1 Leaves Jacksonville	9:00 a. m.
No. 3 Leaves Jacksonville	3:30 p. m.
Motor Leaves Jacksonville	1:30 p. m.
Motor Leaves Jacksonville	7:30 p. m.

#### MAIL CLOSURE

Engle Point	A. M. P. M.
Northbound	7:20 2:00
Southbound	9:19 4:54
Northbound	10:05 2:50
Southbound	10:20 5:20

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