

\$1,000 REWARD!

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD WILL BE PAID BY THE UNDERSIGNED TO ANY PERSON WHO CAN SHOW BY AUTHENTIC TESTIMONY THAT ANY CITY OR TOWN IN THE UNITED STATES, OUTSIDE OF THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY, HAS TRIBUTARY TO IT, WITHIN A 10-MILE RADIUS, A 20-MILE RADIUS, A 30-MILE RADIUS OR A 40-MILE RADIUS, AS MANY DIVERSIFIED RESOURCES AS MEDFORD, OREGON, HAS WITHIN A CORRESPONDING RADIUS.
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GULF STATES SWEEPED BY STORM

LOSS OF LIFE RUNS UP INTO THE HUNDREDS

Immense Loss of Property--Several Cities Partially Destroyed--New Orleans Heavy Sufferer--No Abatement in Storm.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Sept. 21.—A terrific storm is sweeping over the gulf states today. The loss of life and property loss is tremendous. But little communication can be had with other cities, as wires are down. All communication with New Orleans was cut off early today. The storm is raging from Texas to Florida.

The total loss of life and amount of property damage is unknown at this time.

Fifty are known to be dead in New Orleans and at least 20 fishermen perished along the shore.

The gulf waters were driven across stretches of marsh land and is washing out railroads. Before the wires went down it was reported that the storm was increasing in fury.

Natchez Destroyed.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 21.—(Bulletin.)—Cotton dealers today received an unverified report to the effect that one-half of the city of Natchez, Miss., has been destroyed by the storm that is sweeping the gulf states. Natchez is a city of 12,000 people.

Another City Wrecked.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 21.—A report has just reached this city that Greenville, Miss., has been wrecked by storm. At least one-half of the houses have been unroofed. A large number of people have been reported killed. The wires leading into that city are down and it is impossible to verify the report.

66,000 BOXES APPLES SOLD

Good Prices Paid for Wenatchee Fruit—Will Make Seventy-Five Cars.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 21.—The bids of the Wenatchee Produce company and the Gibson Fruit company of Chicago for the apples in the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' association pool have been accepted and the apples sold at the following figures: Spitzenbergs, \$2.50; Winesaps, \$2.25; Black Bens, \$1.75; Jonathan, \$1.75; Missouri Pippins, \$1.50, being the price paid for the fruit awarded to the Gibson Fruit company. The Wenatchee Produce company bought the Delicious at \$3; Arkansas Blacks, \$2.10; Staymen Winesap, \$1.65, and Ben Davis at \$1.40, all other choice grades at \$1.10.

The board of directors of the Fruit Growers' association, consisting of E. T. Baleh, William Turner, H. W. Otis, William Edmunds, C. B. Clarke, Grant Paton and P. P. Holcomb, were in session for about 36 hours awarding the bids.

The board at first considered the price offered for Winesaps too low

HORRIBLE CRUELTY INFLECTED ON JEWS

Women Stripped Naked and Paraded Through Streets—Jews Thrown to the Flames.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Another massacre of Jews by the Russians has occurred at Kieff, according to advices received here today. The slaughter began Thursday and lasted until Monday. Thirty were killed and 120 injured. The Jews were stoned to death.

Hundreds of Jewish women and girls were stripped naked, chained and then marched through the streets, beaten and spat upon by the mob. Jews who attempted to interfere were thrown into a bonfire and burned. Several women were sealed to death. The authorities this afternoon called out the troops.

The Big Pines Lumber Co. want to buy a horse of good weight and color, young and sound.

of \$2.25, but it was finally decided that they should be sold at that figure. There are 75 cars of apples in the pool, or 66,000 boxes.

HELLO BILL BOYS HAVE ISSUED BIDS TO BIG TIME

All Elks, Far and Near, Invited to Attend Institution of Local Lodge on Next Thursday.

**INVITATIONS SPREAD
WORDS OF GOOD CHEER**

Invitations Contain Much of Serious and Foolish Matter, but Promise a Good Time.

The invitations issued by the local Elks to their brethren have been received from the printer and contain a wealth of matter serious and otherwise. It consists of a 12-page folder, printed in purple upon white. The invitation reads:

To all Brother Elks, whether in or out of Oregon, in or out of bed—in fact, whoever you may be or wherever you may be—just so you are an Elk:

At the last session of the grand lodge of Elks, recently held in Los Angeles, a dispensation was issued to us, authorizing the institution of a lodge of Elks in this city; so we bear the tidings to you—that on Thursday, September 23, 1909, in order that those of the herd who range on the fertile plains of the Rogue River valley may officially be banded together for the promotion of the best interests of our beloved order, a brand new baby lodge of Elks will make its initial bow to the outside world—to the end that we may assist in teaching the beautiful lessons of Elkdom.

We want you all to be our guests upon that day; we want you to come and make merry with us; come down to our house and see us; come and see the sunshine, the automobiles, the big red apples, the luscious pears, the juicy watermelons, the big Rogue river, the clustering grapes, and the fruit thereof, the gold mines and the orchards, the coal mines and the oil wells; come way down south among the daisies and the flowers; come see the orchard where the children used to play, the old swimming hole, the old oaken bucket and the brand new pump, the majestic Table Rock, the Crater Lake road and the pretty girls with their new white dresses; come and see it all for the price of just a pleasant smile.

The entire day will be taken up in showing you the good things of our valley and allowing you to eat and drink thereof. In the evening there will be a big parade; we will want you in it; you will be in it if you are in range. We want you to wear a —, well you pick out your own dress—but the police say that some kind must be worn; don't wear anything you ever expect to wear again; 'twill be no place for jewelry or pocketbooks; then there will be the ceremonies at the hall—and then the

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ASSESSMENT OF S. P. RAILROAD IN COUNTY IS RAISED

Hereafter Southern Pacific Will Pay Taxes on Valuation of \$38,000 a Mile for Their Line.

**ASSESSOR GRIEVE HAS
NEARLY COMPLETED WORK**

Has Previously Been Assessed \$30,000 a Mile—Will Be Taxed on \$2,211,600.

Here after the Southern Pacific railroad will pay taxes on their road at the valuation of \$38,000 a mile. Formerly the roadbed was assessed at \$30,000 a mile, but this year the valuation has been raised in this county by Assessor W. T. Grieve in accordance with the increase in other counties of the state. There are 58.2 miles of road in Jackson county, which makes the assessed valuation of the tracks total \$2,211,600.

The reason for the raise was based on an affidavit filed by the Southern Pacific with the railroad commission stating that their road represented a cash value of \$65,000 a mile. This led the assessors of the state to raise the amount at which the road was assessed.

Assessor Grieve is getting the figures for this year well in hand and will have everything ready for the board of equalization when it meets in the third week in October. He has assessed all of the timber in the county, something that was never before done.

FARMERS BUILD LARGE NEW DITCH

Ranchers Near Central Point Co-Operate to Build Drainage System.

Nineteen of the farmers of the Central Point district have gone together and are constructing a big ditch to drain the water off their land and to change the course of Barron creek. The ditch, when completed, will be three-quarters of a mile in length and of considerable width, and will empty into Bear creek.

The expense is being apportioned among the farmers, according to the extent to which they will be benefited. They will work much of this out themselves.

The movement was originated by T. J. Williamson, L. Neidemier and P. M. Jenny. It passes along the line which separates the Neidemier land from Jenny's and is so wide that

DR. COOK ARRIVES AGAIN NEW YORK

Deplores Controversy with Commander Peary and Refuses to Discuss Matter--Will Give Public his Facts.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The steamer Oscar II, bearing Dr. Frederick A. Cook, arrived this morning at 4:20 o'clock. Even at that hour Cook was on deck surrounded by passengers.

Dr. Cook refused to discuss the Peary controversy. He stated that he had the original notes of his expedition, while Harry Whitney carried duplicates. In speaking of Whitney, he said: "He is a noble gentleman and can be trusted. When the time comes he can be depended upon to speak the truth."

Speaking of Peary, Dr. Cook said: "I deeply deplore this controversy with Commander Peary and feel that nothing more should be said on the subject. I shall let the public decide whether I reached the pole. They shall have all of the facts in the case."

Peary Coming.

SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 21.—The steamer Roosevelt, bearing Commander Robert E. Peary, is 12 miles out of this port and coming at full speed. It is expected here this afternoon.

\$6500 NET EIGHT ACRES

W. G. Estep Reaps Rich Harvest From His Small Orchard Near This City.

From his eight acres of pears W. G. Estep of this city this year has made a net profit of over \$6500. His pears have all been marketed, bringing good prices, and grossed over \$11,500.

Mr. Estep is doing what many other successful orchardists in the valley are doing—getting rich off of small holdings. His orchard, the Bueckeye, is well cared for, as it should be when it pays \$6500 in profits in one year. The fruit from the place has been uniform this year and of splendid quality.

PACKARD BREAKS RECORDS TO LAKE

In four hours and 45 minutes, actual running time, the Packard "30" raced from Medford to Crater Lake and lost but 18 minutes in passing teams. The car raced on to The Dalles, arriving in that city at 9:10 p. m. Monday. It left here at 5 a. m. Sunday. Three hours were spent at Crater Lake. Edgar Hafer received a telegram Tuesday morning giving the time consumed on the trip. The Packard was demonstrated here for two days previous to the run.

no fence will be built between their places.

Not only will it reclaim much swamp land, but it will also benefit the county in that it makes the bridge, which is located east of the Central Point Bear creek bridge, useless. That structure has already been torn down and the place where it stood graded over.

GOV. JOHNSON PASSES DIVIDE

One of Most Prominent Statesmen of United States Dies in Hospital.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 21.—Governor John A. Johnson, looked upon by thousands as the possible democratic candidate for the presidency in 1912, and thrice elected governor of Minnesota, died at St. Mary's hospital at 3:25 o'clock this morning, following an operation on Wednesday for intestinal trouble.

Mrs. Johnson is on the verge of collapse and is under the care of physicians.

The governor seemed to know the end was near. He was unconscious for two hours before his death.

Governor Johnson of Minnesota was born at St. Peter, Minn., July 28, 1861. He was the son of G. Johnson and Caroline Haden Johnson, both natives of Sweden.

At the age of 12 he worked in a drug store and supported his mother and the rest of the family. He managed to attend the public school. He worked several years in a drug store and then obtained an interest in the St. Peter Herald.

He was a captain in the Minnesota National Guard and was in service seven years. He became state senator from St. Peter and was elected governor in 1904 on the democratic ticket. He was re-elected in 1906 and 1908.

IMMENSE PEACHES GROWN ON OLD VAN DYKE PLACE

J. F. Workman, who owns the old Van Dyke place south of Medford, has brought in to the exhibit building a number of Orange Cling peaches 12½ inches in circumference. They are very fine. The Oregonian Monday told of peaches 10 inches in circumference grown in Glendale, but Rogue River beats the world.