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### WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS ARE DOING

Tersely Told by Conscientious Correspondents

#### ASHLAND

Dr. S. A. Danford, district superintendent of the southern Oregon district of the Methodist church conducted services in the church at Jacksonville last Sunday.

A splendid banquet was given in Chautauqua hall Monday evening for the workers of the county Y. M. C. A. which was recently organized. V. O. Smith is local vice-chairman and Homer Billings is a committee member.

A deer was hit by a locomotive in the vicinity of Steieman last Friday, and the crew were about to pick it up and enjoy a venison feast when it came to life and escaped to the woods.

Fifty new late model safety deposit boxes have been installed in the Citizens bank.

An enjoyable reception was tendered Rev. C. A. Edwards last Wednesday evening by his congregation. Rev. Edwards, who is pastor of the M. E. church recently closed a very successful year and was recalled by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. S. J. Evans is in Bremerton, Wash., visiting her son, Commander James Moore, who is serving on one of the warships now in the Sound.

Charles F. Scott, congressman from Kansas delivered an oration at the Lyric theatre last Tuesday in the interests of the republican party.

A splendid lyceum course will be presented during the winter under the auspices of First company O. I. C. A. the proceeds to be used in filling up the armory. The first number in the splendid series will be given November 4th and the last in March 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. French have returned from San Francisco where they attended a convention of laundry workers.

The patrol of Hiliak Temple staged their drill work last Monday at the Masonic hall. C. A. Malone is captain, G. R. Chapman of Jacksonville, first lieutenant and Carl Teagwald, of Medford is second lieutenant.

W. C. Sanderson and family of Petaluma Cal. are visiting friends in Ashland. Mr Sanderson was councilman when they lived here some time ago.

#### EAGLE POINT

Rawles Moore, democratic candidate for prosecuting attorney was in town sizing up his political prospects.

Lucius Kincaid of Prospect brought in one of the tractors which has been used in the construction work on the Crater Lake highway.

Miss Hilda Abbott and Mrs. Hildred Smith were here on their way home to Butte Falls from the Edgell orchard where they have been employed.

John Jones has returned to his home in Glendale after spending some time here searching for agates.

A trio of men, W. E. Buell, W. A. Johnston and H. A. Jerome of Portland, who are interested in the irrigation project spent some time in Eagle Point.

John Norris, foreman on the Wilfley orchard was a business visitor in town Thursday.

Colonel H. H. Sargent of Jacksonville, who is gaining fame as an orator while stumping the county against county seat removal gave an address here last Tuesday night.

Sam Coy has leased his mothers farm on the road to Medford and taken possession. His own farm has been rented to Wm. Wright.

J. R. Mitchell of Los Angeles was in Eagle Point last week for the purpose of investigating some timber land.

W. E. Wagner, postmaster at Elk creek was in Eagle Point last week.

The work on the Reese creek road has been discontinued because of the rain.

Miss Susanne Homes of Jacksonville, candidate for county school superintendent was in Eagle Point Thursday.

### Communications

To the Editor, Jacksonville Post:

I hear with regret that there is a movement on foot to remove the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford.

Having been a resident of Jacksonville from 1877 to 1890 it is natural that I have and always will have a warm spot for the old town.

When Judge Silas J. Day, Henry Klippel and many other good citizens of Jackson County engineered the building of the present court house I was active in doing what boosting I could to get the tax payers to build, and was quite familiar with the construction and will say that the foundation is strong enough to hold a ten-story building, and the whole structure was built in a very substantial manner, good enough to last the tax payers of Jackson County at least one hundred years with but slight cost for repairs.

Leaving aside what sentiment I have in the matter, I ask the voters of Jackson County this question, "Is it a business proposition to move the county seat at this time?" the answer is "Do not move."

If the court house is to be moved it will cost the tax payers \$50,000.00 more now than it will cost when business gets back to normal again. Look at the depreciation of taxable property that will be caused by the removal. Also, it is a bad economic policy to destroy one town in a community for the upbuilding of another.

It would be much better for all of Jackson County's residents if they would add another institution to the old town of Jacksonville and build it up rather than destroy it which will certainly happen if the Court House is moved.

Let the county seat remain where it is, build a paved road between Medford and Jacksonville.

It will then be a healthful pleasure for attorneys and others to attend court, the outing will be a benefit to their health and thinking powers.

There are really no good reasons for a removal, and a great many in favor of no change.

If the voters will vote at the coming election for no change they will thereby save the tax payers thousands of dollars and have a happier community in the end.

A. H. MAEGLY,  
Portland, Or.

Jacksonville, Or., Oct. 24, 1920

To the Editor of the Jacksonville Post:

It would be well for the taxpayers of Jackson county to consider the following before voting to move the court house to Medford:

Our present building cost \$75,000 in 1883 with the difference of cost of building material as follows: brick in 1883 \$6 per thousand and now \$25 per thousand, rough lumber \$6 per thousand now \$35 per M; finish lumber \$20 per M now \$100 and over per M; carpenters wages \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day now \$8 to \$10 per day; mason's wages \$2.50 a day now \$10 to \$12 per day—all other things in proportion which would mean the present building would cost at least \$300,000.

The Medford Chamber of Commerce tells us that our present Court House is entirely too small; so would a building costing \$500,000 be large enough?

In reference to the records stored in the woodshed wish to inform you that they have been accumulating since the origin of Jackson County; before the present Court House was built. Any record over six years old is worthless so the woodshed is full of valuable trash if you please.

I am informed that the building Neff and Westerlund are going to erect is going to be used as an annex to the Holland Hotel; then why should the taxpayers have anything to do with constructing hotels for some private use ultimately? Has any one heard what Medford is going to do with a jail? The present modern concrete jail cost the taxpayers in 1911, when all building materials were at their lowest figure, \$40,000. Could we build one today like it, in Medford for \$100,000 and where would the good builders of Medford build it—on the other side of the Holland?

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### Facts and Figures About County Seat Removal

If you will stop and think on this subject of court house removal we know that you will be with us and on November 2nd vote NO. The following figure, taken from the records of the county assessor's office, is a list of valuations and levies for Jackson county from the year 1909 to 1920:

Year	Valuation	Mills	Amount Raised
1909	\$26,438,666	8	\$211,509.33
1910	34,299,964	7.6	260,679.72
1911	38,027,000	11	418,297.00
1912	36,666,484	10	366,665.84
1913	37,357,378.76	15	560,360.65
1914	36,702,152.76	13.5	495,474.05
1915	31,991,706.13	14	447,869.88
1916	26,494,135.26	16	423,906.16
1917	27,033,031.73	16	432,528.50
1918	27,399,195.25	15	438,387.12
1919	27,527,108.71	20	550,542.16
1920	27,497,108.71	25	680,542.16

Figures will not lie. If you will look you will see that in 1909 with a valuation of \$26,438,666 we had an 8 mill tax levy and raised \$211,509.33 and in a number of years our valuation has raised until in 1920 we have approximately raised our valuation to \$27,497,108 or an increase of \$1,058,342. In 1909 we had an 8 mill tax levy; notice the increase from year to year in our per cent of mills until in 1920 we have 25 mills, an increase of 17 mills or 212 1-2 per cent in 11 years. When will this stop? Look at the figures and if you think these things have gone far enough vote no with us. Take the figures and you will find that to build a new court house or create a sinking fund will require an 3 mill tax to run a period of five years to produce \$405,900—a very moderate estimate of what the building will cost.

Now, we hear nothing of a jail. Yet, in case of removal to Medford, a jail will have to be built. When the new court house is built a jail will doubtless be established under the same roof and any temporary building constructed at this time must be regarded as an additional needless expense to the taxpayers. Besides the cost of a temporary jail, which will run into thousands, if the county seat is removed to Medford the expense of moving into temporary quarters and a few years later into a permanent court house must be incurred. In addition to this for an indeterminate time we will be paying \$2500

a year rental and the building owned by the county will be standing vacant. A statement from Medford says that the building planned for temporary quarters will be erected on a lot 90x100 feet, or 9000 square feet floor space. The present court house measures 60x93 feet and, taking out lost space, we still have a floor space of 10789 square feet, or 1780 feet more than in the building proposed by Medford parties.

We have on our statute books a law known as the 6 per cent limitation law or a law that will not allow an increase of more than 6 per cent over the preceding year. The bonds we voted last spring will take up all this 6 per cent money so we have no chance to raise the levy to provide means wherewith to build a new court house. It will therefore be necessary to await a regular election, at which time the people will be asked to set this 6 per cent law aside and authorize

And can a new court house, jail and vaults be built in 90 days which the law requires? They also state that 80 per cent of the taxpayers will be benefited by the removal. Show us where any one will be benefited financially? The last issue of the Sunday Sun stated there would be no tax provision included on the November ballot. Do not be misled by this statement—Medford is not bound by law to furnish anything; she says she will furnish a site and a temporary building for two years. After that time the taxpayers must rent a building at an expense of about \$3,000 a year for a small temporary building when we have a good one already paid for large enough for years to come and in an excellent state of preservation and a new and modern jail paid for. All roads leading to Jacksonville are just as near to the people living in the vicinities of Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point, Ashland, Phoenix, Talent and Applegate Valley and some nearer than to Medford.

The Abbott Hotel is being opened for business and all visitors to Jacksonville will receive first-class accommodations besides enjoying the best climate in the State of Oregon.

It will be well for the tax payers to take into consideration just what their taxes would be on a new indebtedness of five or six hundred thousand dollars, also just what they would gain by moving the Court House to Medford. If the Court House is of no benefit to Jacksonville then how can it benefit the people of Medford?

FRED J. FICK.

I feel as an interested party that the removal of the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford at this time is a grave mistake—your paper in its last issue covered the question at issue fully and must appeal to every taxpayer who has his own welfare and the welfare of the people of Jackson Co. at heart. With the great burden that the taxpayer is now carrying and the increase that is bound to come, with Jackson county enormous indebtedness and the immense cost of this change at this time it would seem to me that the people living out side of Medford are being asked to vote, to place a heavy burden upon their own property to increase the property values of individuals owning property in Medford.

The people generally throughout the county are retrenching high costs uncertainties, labor and unrest and the everchanging conditions of the world. It should cause conservative men to hesitate in making this contemplated change at this time. Medford can by a stretch of the imagination be excused for wanting the county seat but

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a tax levy for the creation of a sinking fund, to run five years or longer. All this time, remember, we are paying \$2500 a year rental. Two years must elapse before another election and in that time we will have paid Porter Neff and John Westerlund the \$5000 which the Medford Chamber of Commerce agrees to give the county for rent, and in the meantime no move is made toward a new court house, or a special election will have to be called. More expense, and a building in Jacksonville with more floor space standing idle.

The building offered by Medford will prove so crowded in floor space that the court room will be smaller than the one here and instead of two jury rooms they will have but one, so if there is two cases being tried at the same time we will have only one room, or if there is a grand jury on a case

and a trial jury goes out one or the other must cross the alley to the Holland and rent a room. It is commonly known that an annex to the Holland is planned. Can't you see, Porter Neff and his partner own the lot; "Uncle John" wants an annex; the county will build it by paying \$2500 rent for a number of years and when we do build a new court house "Uncle John" will have his annex, Porter Neff will have a building on what is now a vacant lot and the county will be out \$10 a day or \$2500 a year for rent and a building in Jacksonville standing idle. No wonder Porter is busy. I don't blame him, do you? We have a building in Jacksonville in which the county officers have worked for years and I have heard no complaint save from a few in Medford. We think the present building is good

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