

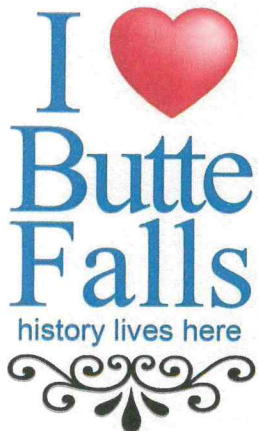
EW Smith House and Bill Edmondson Memorial Museum

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The Smith House Museum will not be staffed regularly over the winter season because of uncertain road conditions. You can always check in with Cory at the Sugar Pine Company Café for access.



Many thanks to those who joined and renewed their membership in the Big Butte Historical Society this year. When you match your gift with a donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust you can get a tax credit on your Oregon taxes.



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Big Butte Historical Society 432 E. Pine Street, Butte Falls, Oregon
Usually open on 3d Saturdays 12–4p April–October.
You can also stop at the Sugar Pine Company Café for access.



New Postcard Collection in the Smith House

Elga and Imogene Abbot loved postcards and over the course of time assembled a large collection. The collection includes topographic cards, art cards and scenic. Assembled into a huge three foot album, the collection for some years past has been at the Old MedCo Caboose and so infrequently available to the public.

The album has now been re-located to the Smith House, and can be viewed more conveniently. Stop by and marvel at Elga and Imogene's collection but please be careful with this fragile piece of history and respect Butte Falls' heritage.



While postcards were first used in Germany in the early 1800s, it wasn't until 1861 that the first postcards were mailed in the United States. The Golden Age of Postcards was from 1907 through 1917 when picture postcards came into popularity. The US Post Office counted 700 million postcards mailed in 1908 and complained about glitter and ribbons. It is said, that on tours of Paris, guides allowed a 15 minute stop at the Eiffel Tower to buy postcards, no time wasted for sightseeing.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY JANUARY 29, 1907

Medford mills counting on timber harvested in Butte Falls grew tired of waiting. There was a push to re-organize the finances of the Medford & Crater Lake Railroad and gain control of stock. Edgar Hafer of the Iowa Lumber & Box Company made a bid to be appointed receiver and complete the rail line. Otherwise Butte Falls news is scarce because folks are working hard to build the town.

WILL APPOINT RECEIVER FOR MEDFORD & CRATER LAKE RAILROAD

**This Action Insures the Ultimate Disposal
Of the Road to Capitalists Who Will
Complete and Operate It.**

An application for the appointment of a receiver for the Medford & Crater Lake railway has been made by Edgar Hafer of the Iowa Lumber & Box Co., advertising effective when she puts \$22.50 in big type as the rate from all points in Kansas and Nebraska to Pen-dleton, while Medford can make just