

**COUNTRY REALTY
CONTINUES ACTIVE;
DEALS IN DALLAS**

**Lebanon Has Large Transac-
tion; Homeseekers Coming
Into State; 720 Acres Near
La Grande Are Sold.**

With the opening of the spring season the promise of renewed building operations in Dallas and vicinity grows bright and it is believed that the record in this regard will equal if not surpass that of former years. At the office of the Dallas Lumber & Logging company an increased demand for lumber by local builders is reported and already several good sized bills have been sold. Among the many residences under course of construction, or contemplated, is a fine bungalow which Charles Hayes will erect on his lot, corner of U'loog avenue and Ash street, for which Nathan brothers have the contract. A new home for Rae Craven will be erected in North Dallas, Everett Hansen also is planning for a new home in that section of the city. W. C. Ballard will build on East Washington street; arrangements are under way for the construction of Dr. McCallum's fine new home on Church street and still other new dwellings are under consideration in different portions of the city.

A large transaction in Lebanon business property was closed up last week. E. C. Stewart of Albany, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Dayton, Or., and others, most of whom are Lebanon parties, have bought from F. A. Doolittle and M. A. Miller all of the property from the southeast corner of Front street and to the building occupied by the High division company, which is 124 feet on Main street and 31 feet deep on Front street. The same will be improved by the erection of a modern two story building, with basement, as soon as conditions, such as sewer, etc., will permit.

Rumor has it that the Lebanon National bank will occupy the corner, and a large department store the remainder of the structure.

Dr. D. A. Palma purchased the Heckathier tract of 70 acres on West Eleventh street, adjoining the Chambers addition in Eugene, and has a party of surveyors at work platting it. As soon as the addition is properly platted it will be put on the market. Dr. Palma leaves for Prisco this morning on business.

Homeseekers are beginning to dribble into Paisley and although not in numbers large enough to be very noticeable, nearly every day some new faces are quite frequent while many are here to find out when the lands of the irrigation project will be on the market.

Eight and one-half acres in the Langress addition, about one-half mile from the center of Cottage Grove, brought \$10,000 last week. D. H. Hemenway was the seller and Brooks Brothers of Portland the purchasers. The land is a part of the old Shields donation claim and the Shields house formerly stood on this piece of the property, which is just east and south of Knox Hill. The old claim consisted of 320 acres. Sold at the same price at this small piece, the entire claim would have brought \$250,000.

Thomas Moran of Enterprise has bought 720 acres six miles southeast of La Grande for \$52,000. The land is all in cultivation but the improvements on it are of small consequence. Mr. Moran will put out 230 acres of alfalfa this spring and will bring the land into better condition, then cut it up into smaller lots and sell it. His friends say the land is worth \$100 an acre, or will be when Mr. Moran gets it into shape to sell. This purchase makes Mr. Moran one of the large farm land owners of this city. It gives him about 1400 acres all told, in three lots. His Prairie Creek ranch, his Alder Slope tract and the Grande Ronde valley farm.

R. W. Tripp, manager of the Brownsville Real Estate company, reports the sale this week of the H. H. Jencks farm, two miles south of Brownsville, to Clarence and Carl Hoy, recently from Nebraska, and also the sale of J. D. Stephens' 42 acres in the Ash Swale neighborhood, to Joseph Barber and M. G. Leadley, recently from Iowa.

F. W. Spencer of Portland has started a crew of carpenters on the erection of a 9x11 log bungalow on his tract of orchard land in the Humum district, Hood River. This will be made a unique country home. Already Mr. Spencer has a dam built on Spring Creek for an artificial lake to be stocked with trout and other fish. Extensive clearing will also be done for an orchard.

Continued activity in the realty market was manifested during the week. Several deals were made throughout the county and city lots in McMinnville changed hands. Jack Appleton of Deer Island has purchased a farm one mile west of Amity, consisting of 74 acres, for \$4500. J. P. Allison was the agent in the consummation of this deal.

Booth & Co. were agents in a deal by which John West purchased four lots in Oak Park addition; and also sold two lots to Arthur White, on Third and K streets.

W. E. Kidder negotiated a sale last week to C. L. Samuelson, of Multnomah county, of a 2 1/2 acre tract 1/2 mile west of Carlton, belonging to Mrs. Alice Stalco, for \$3250.

The Oklahoma & Oregon Land company has sold 80 acres of land in the Spencer Creek country, near Eugene, to Frank Walker, for \$3000. This is a fine tract of land for fruit. Mr. Walker is going to put out 20 acres to fruit at once and put on some other good improvements.

The following deals in farm lands located in Marion county were reported at Salem last week:



Four story hotel, under construction by Crown Investment company, on south side of Stark street, extending from Tenth to Eleventh street.

farm four miles north of Salem, near the Kaiser school house, at \$175 an acre. The land is improved. Twenty acres are growing a prune orchard and Mr. Stoltz will plant ten acres with loganberries.

The R. G. Wilson place near Dallas has passed into the hands of a man named Manis, coming here from California. There are 127 acres in the place and the price paid was \$17 an acre. The newly purchased farm is a general grain ranch.

The following orchard land sales were reported for the past week at Hood River:

J. R. Phillips and wife to Howard Parker, 10 acres west of Pine Grove, \$2500.

Same property to Arno T. Loeffler and Loeffler to Harry R. Beale and wife.

Rebecca M. Lining and husband to William B. Tewksbury, five acres in Barrett district, \$700.

Flores E. Hartley to Gladys Hammark, 10 acres in Dukas valley. Homestead Orchard company to C. H. Cooke, lots 4, 5, 10 and 11, Spitzsburg subdivision, \$4000.

George D. Culbertson and wife to

Sarah B. Carlton, lots 7 and 8, block 1, Park addition.

Harry R. Beale, who recently came to Hood River from Las Vegas, Nev., with his family, has purchased from Arno T. Loeffler the latter's ten-acre fruit and poultry ranch in the Oak Grove district. This is the place which Mr. Loeffler recently took from Edward Parker in exchange for city property. Mr. Beale has already shipped his household goods here and took immediate possession of the place, which is partially developed and equipped with buildings. Mr. Beale was in the hotel business in Nevada and sold out in order to "return to the soil" in the Hood River valley, of which he had heard so much.

A deal was closed at Hood River last week whereby J. C. Skinner, former secretary of the Commercial club and now connected with the Davidson Fruit company, bought into possession of the 10-acre, highly improved fruit ranch of William H. Johnson, Jr. The price paid is not made public. Seven acres of the tract are in 15-year-old trees and the balance in five-year-olds. The trees include Spitzsburg, Arkansas Black and the largest block of Orleans in the valley.

Since the discovery of natural gas in Hungary the government has sunk more than 40 wells and has ascertained that the gas field covers an area of 5300 square miles, but no practical use yet has been made of the gas.

For staining wood as it grows in a tree a Louisiana man has invented a device by which a gall of dys, suspended several feet from the ground, is drained through a hose into the flowing sap as it rises in the tree trunk.

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FOURTH PRIZE—Five dollars, for the best child's picture, taken in EASTMORELAND. Picturesque surroundings will have much to do with making this award.

TEN PRIZES—Each \$2.50, for the best ten pictures of the lake in the proposed park at EASTMORELAND.

TWENTY PRIZES—Each \$1.00, for the best twenty views taken amongst the trees of EASTMORELAND.

This contest starts Sunday morning, April 14, and will continue ten days, ending Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, April 23. By that time every picture must be in this office. An announcement of all prize-winners, together with reproductions of some of the best pictures, will be published in the daily papers as soon after the contest as the judges are able to render a decision.

CONDITIONS

No one connected with F. N. Clark will be allowed to compete. No restrictions as to size or number of prints submitted. All photographs are to become the property of F. N. Clark. No entrant will be awarded more than one prize. All prints are to be mounted. Every print must bear upon the reverse side the name and address of the entrant, as well as the names and addresses of all people shown in the picture. The lot and block number from which the view is taken must also appear on the back of the photograph. All entries must be delivered to R. L. Stewart, advertising manager for F. N. Clark, before 6 p. m. April 23.

The above statement of conditions covers every essential feature of the contest, and no information of any kind will be given out at this office, either by telephone, letter or verbally.

All who wish to do so may have their films developed **FREE OF CHARGE** at the **COLUMBIAN OPTICAL COMPANY**, 145 Sixth street. It is only necessary to state that the pictures are to be entered in the **EASTMORELAND PHOTOGRAPH CONTEST**.

The judges in the contest will be F. H. Kiser, president Kiser Photo Company; J. H. Gensler, president Angelus Photo Company, and P. A. Putnam, manager of photograph department for Columbian Optical Company. The decision of the judges will be final.

Remember the date of closing, April 23, at 6 p. m. No entries will be received in competition after that time. And do not forget that the photographs must be made during the time the contest is in force. Now, get busy and see what you can do.

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