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# The Gold Hill News

**The Enchanted City**  
is the name given GOLD HILL by tourists, for its beautiful green hills, picturesque Rogue River, the home of the Speckled Trout

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## Sharp Predicts Corn Growing.

**Government man thinks Rogue River soil is adapted to corn raising.**

**States that nothing but prosperity can follow opening of O. and C. Lands.**

Rogue River, Ore., Oct. 19, 1916.

L. L. Sharp, who has charge of the government cruisers that have been stationed here for several weeks, stated that the work in this county was completed and has now moved his men to Roseburg to begin work in Douglas County. When asked as to the effect his work of classifying the lands in this district would have on Rogue River he said: "It will be one of the best things that ever happened to this part of the country. When this land is thrown open, probably before the last of the month, new-comers will be attracted here by the splendid opportunity to obtain land that they can work on. It is no place for the man who expects to find a bonanza, but the man who is looking for a place where he can get in and work the land up to something is going to find it. He is the man who will make good. As to the land itself, it is some of the best I believe I ever saw for corn raising. Corn can be grown not only in the valley but on the hills as well. Farmers who will build silos and treat their corn in that way and use it for feeding purposes will make a great deal more than the farmers who raise corn for grain purposes only. While the grain value of the corn raised here will be very small, the ensilage value will be large. There is one thing about this section that I have particularly noticed and that is the lack of up-to-date farmers. I don't recall seeing a single silo in this valley. The opening up of this land will bring up-to-date men in here who will show the farmers who are already here how they make mistakes. They will build silos and grow corn for ensilage."

All the land which lies between 200,000 feet of timber to the forty acres will be opened for homesteading as fast as the classification can be made and sent to the land office. Where there is over that amount of timber the land will be sold for timber. There is very little timber land left in this country."

The crew working under Mr Sharp are all able men who have been connected with large lumber concerns and are well known in lumber circles. Sharp is a very capable man and is directly responsible for the work he is doing. He has a wide experience and knows what he says. He is especially able to comment on this territory because of the exact work that is being done, only forty acres being worked on at a time, and by an experienced crew. About two months has been spent here and to the south of here by this crew. They have a few days work in Grants Pass and then their work will be at Roseburg.

—Rogue River Argus.

Grant Moore formerly the druggist in this city passed thru here with the Oregon University Ball Team, autoing to San Francisco.

Lawrence Cardwell motored over from Fort Klamath Tuesday for a few days visit here.

John Eddings and family motored up to Brownsborough the first of the week on business.

Mrs B. L. Sanderson and baby, from Tacoma, Washington, is visiting this week with her parents J. W. Merritt.

Mrs James Cornitt of Central Point and Mrs Shipley Ross of Grants Pass spent Saturday in Gold Hill the guests of the Merritt home.

E. B. Day of the Day ranch has been having quite a bit of plumbing done by H. H. Leonard of Gold Hill.

Extensive repairs are being made at the Lance Store. This work is being rushed and when completed will be occupied by the store of Truax and Company.

John Eddington went up in Sams Valley Monday to visit his Grandmother Eddington who is quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs J. B. Moorlock boarded train 14 on Tuesday for Brownsville, Oregon, to visit her mother, Mrs Ella Waters who is reported seriously ill.

Mrs Jesse Danks went to Grants Pass Tuesday on business.

J. W. Herron returned on Wednesday morning from an extended trip thru northern Oregon, Utah, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, stopping in several large cities enroute.

## Motorcycle Hit High Culvert.

**Luther Armentrout from the Pass is throun from the machine**

Luther Armentrout of Grants Pass was thrown from his motorcycle on Saturday evening when the wheel of his side-car struck a culvert. The accident occurred on the road about a mile above White Bros. ranch.

Armentrout escaped without any injury except peeling some skin from his arm. The machine was slightly damaged as the high culvert threw it from the road into a telephone pole, twisting the front forks back and caving in the seat on the side-car. The accident happened about seven o'clock in the evening while he was traveling at rather high speed without his lights turned on.

## Activities of The Gold Hill Schools.

The teachers institute, held at Grants Pass was a great success in attendance and in having excellent instructors.

The teachers of Gold Hill attended the full session whereby this district will receive five dollars for each teacher.

While in session the Jackson County teachers presented to Supt. J. Percy Wells a beautiful gold watch in token of his good and faithful work done in Jackson County.

Prof. Milam delivered an address on the "New Education"; he was also elected secretary of the Principal Athletic Association of Jackson County. Games of basket ball have been scheduled with the following places: Phoenix, Jacksonville, Talent, Rogue River, and Central Point.

J. Durkee, brother-in-law of Geo. Ring has moved with his family to Rogue River from Sardine Creek.

The Misses May Mathe and Ida Honton of Trail Creek visited in Gold Hill with Mrs Hodges a few moments Saturday on their way home from Grants Pass where they attended the Institute.

Miss Lelah Eaton returned to her school in Talent on Sunday after spending the weeks end with relatives in the vicinity of Gold Hill.

## Navy Investigation clears bad errors

NAVY RECRUITING STATION, MEDFORD, ORE., Oct. 11, 1916

Editor, Gold Hill News,  
Dear Sir:-

Kindly give the following letter to the public thru your paper.

I am informed that Vernon Milam, who is at home on furlough from the Navy Training Station at San Francisco, is circulating complaints concerning the treatment, and the hardship of the discipline prevailing there. I am greatly surprised in hearing of his complaints as the Navy Department is putting in force at the training stations, all possible means to lessen the burden if such there be, of the discipline and to make the life of the recruits pleasant and aspiring, thus securing from them hearty cooperation in making the service a pleasant task and giving their ambition the highest possible scope.

Especially am I surprised in receiving this information from the fact that parents of young men who have gone from Medford, Grants Pass and Talent, to the Training Station have receive letters from their sons, in which they describe the life at the Station as the most agreeable and from which they obtain the highest degree of enjoyment and benefit.

Those having experience with Naval schools are aware of the fact that it often occurs that young men, temperamentally opposed to any discipline and who have not been under the experience of helpful home and school discipline, find, for a time, the discipline of the naval training stations somewhat irksome, but this feeling soon passed away and when it does such men become enthusiastically fond of the service and make most efficient petty officers and officers.

Vernon Milam is not home on sick leave but is on extended furlough until the end of his term of enlistment and he is subject to call and is responsible for his actions in civil life the same as if he was still in the service.

If Mr. Milam will put his objections in concrete form, specifying in what manner the life is not agreeable I will lay the matter before the proper authorities for inquiry, and wholly without prejudice to him.

So sincere is the Navy Department to secure the best of the country's young men that a recent law, which took effect August 29, 1916, provides that at the expiration of one year's service at sea, an enlisted man may secure his discharge upon request.

Let me assure all young men, contemplating entering the Navy thru the training schools that there is no real hardship and that the discipline is no more severe than at all well conducted educational institutions of our land, and that no field of endeavor offers such scope for laudable and patriotic ambition.

From the reports that weekly come to my office from all the recruiting stations in the country, I have been pleased to note that young recruits who are on home leave speak most highly of the service and give to the recruiting officers most efficient aid in securing desirable men for the Navy.

J. E. Norstrom,  
Chief Quartermaster,  
U. S. Navy, in charge of  
Navy Recruiting Station  
Medford, Oregon.

GOLD HILL, OREGON,  
October, 16, 1916.

The Gold Hill News,  
To the Editor:-

With regard to what the District Commander has published in the News; I have not meant to say one word against the Navy. I am sorry if I have said anything that would lead anyone to think such.

I was never ill-treated in the Navy and had the best of care.

Vernon R. Milam,  
Apprentice Seaman, U. S. N.

Harold Burnett of Medford spent the week end with Geo. Patrick and wife.

Robert Turner returned to his home in Klamath Falls on Monday after spending a week in Gold Hill with his uncle, Geo. Turner.

Toots Dusenberry, of Sardine Creek, made a business trip to Montague Calif. on Wednesday.

Mrs Fred Witt and child went to Grants Pass on business Wednesday morning.

Henry Brett came down from Crater Lake Saturday intending to spend the winter in the vicinity of Gold Hill.

H. E. Thomas, of the Freight Department of the O. R. and N. at Portland, with his wife visited in Gold Hill while arranging for the sale of property in the Decum addition left him by his mother, Mrs. A. C. Thompson, deceased.

Mrs Frank Wilmarth of Grants Pass spent Sunday in our city the guest of Tom West and wife.

Mrs Ella Caine and children went to Medford Saturday on business.

Curtis E. Miller of Sams Valley was in town on Wednesday with a load of Baldwin apples and cider. He exhibited a small sack of Paper-shell Almonds that cannot be equalled.

Mrs Walter Scott of Sams Valley was shopping in Gold Hill, Saturday.

L. C. Applegate left on Saturday night for Miami Arizona to work in the mines.

Al Engle came up from Roseburg on Sunday to visit his old time friend, C. C. McClelland.

Born in Gold Hill, October 9th to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Darling, a seven and one half pound son. Mother and child are doing splendidly.

Mrs James Fitzgibbon and child came down from Footh Creek and visited in Gold Hill a few hours Saturday on her way to Medford.

W. M. Cheehle came up from Grants Pass Sunday, the guest of Mrs Bowman.

Bird Johnson of Debenger Gap was transacting business in Gold Hill, Saturday.

Latest Hats, Coats and Suits at Moderate Prices. Come in and investigate—The Ladies Shop. Gold Hill, Ore. -25

David Brown of Central Point was a caller in this city the past week.

Mr and Mrs McClendon are entertaining their daughter this week.

Mrs Bart Carter, of Arizona, came on Sunday to visit with her Aunt and Uncle J. E. Deitrich and wife of this city. Mrs. Carter was formerly known here as Fanny Smith. She was accompanied by her two sons and Mr Carter may come, in about a month. Later they expect to visit in Portland.

There will be a "Shadow Social" on Tuesday, October 24th., at the M. E. Church in Gold Hill, for the benefit of the "Church Piano," under the auspices of the Bible Class. After a carefully prepared program refreshments will be served. Admission, 10 cents. Everyone is expected to be on hand and have the time of your life.

## Methodist Church Services

GOLD HILL, OREGON.

Sunday School 10 A. M.  
Regular preaching services 11 A. M.  
Evening services 7:30 P. M.  
Junior League 2:30 P. M.  
Senior League 6:30 P. M.  
Prayer Meeting Thursday 7:30 P. M.

The Sunday School Social in the M. E. Church on last Tuesday evening was a splendid success and very encouraging. Refreshments were served to over seventy people. All the committees work was very satisfactory.

Frank Burnet the enterprising Furniture man of Gold Hill likes the News and paid up for two years the other day. Who is next?

## Presbytery Has Many Present.

**Southern Oregon Ministers are Here to hold Conference at Rogue River.**

The Presbytery of Southern Oregon, held their semi-annual meeting in Rogue River on Tuesday and Wednesday with a record attendance. In the absence of Rev. J. M. Spencer, Rev. Bandy of Central Point acted as temporary chairman.

Tuesday night addresses were given by Dr. A. J. Montgomery of Portland, superintendent of home missions in Oregon; and W. O. Forbes, of Seattle, synodical superintendent of Sunday school home missions in Washington. At a special meeting Wednesday morning Rev. J. K. Howard read his report and resolutions were passed in appreciation of the hospitality of the city. Dinner was served by the ladies of the local church after the special meeting. The next meeting will be held at Roseburg in April.

## Foots Creek

by Amy Koester

The honor roll for September in our school is as follows:

1st Grade  
Retha Cotton, Charlie Hobbs,

3rd Grade  
Ward McOuat, Rose Hobbs,

4th Grade  
Earnest Woodcock,

5th Grade  
Jane McOuat, Elliot Butler,  
Johnny Duffer, Muriel Mathews,

6th Grade  
Irene McOuat,

7th Grade  
Maudie Carr, Victor Birdseye,

8th Grade  
Emma Woodcock.

Those getting 100 in department are Jane McOuat, Emma Woodcock and Muriel Mathews.

Mr and Mrs Jamison and Mrs Clippin of Galls Creek were callers on Foots Creek Saturday.

Harry Slavin who has been working in Klamath County, visited friends here last week before leaving for Waldo.

Muriel Mathews called upon Mrs Ham Sunday.

Geo Lance and wife were callers at the Fitzgibbons place Monday morning.

Jane and Barbara McOuat spent the 12th with Muriel Mathews.

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## Foots Creek's Irrigation Plan

**Petition is signed by 95 per cent of the voters in the voting populace**

**Organization is omen of vast improvement and greater prosperity in future.**

The petition for the establishing of an irrigation district in the Foots Creek section has been circulated and signed by ninety-five per-cent of the voters and was filed with the County Court who have ordered the publication of notices.

The Foots Creek district will be heard by the County Court November 9th. The project embraces 1200 acres on the south side of Foots creek, and according to its promoters, but two landowners in the district are opposed to irrigation. Attorney C. M. Thomas of Medford is attending to the legal end of the matter.

C. W. McDonald, president of the Jackson County bank is chairman of the organization, and assisted by a committee composed of G. B. Alden, Charles P. Champlin, D. H. Head and Frix Iseman from the Farmers' club of Gold Hill.

The proposal of an irrigation district in the Foots creek district is a good omen of the increase of sentiment thru the valley for artificial watering. Rain is badly needed at this time.

Jno Hammersley, collector for the U.S. Biological Department, visited in Gold Hill Thursday and reported that he has this season sent eleven Cougar pelts and a family of Fox to the department. He has been asked by the government to look over the Umpqua country for timber wolves and he will leave for those parts shortly after election.

## Evans Creek.

Contributed by Mrs. J. B. Hillis.

Miss Alice Chandler, a pupil of the Medford High School who has been visiting her parents during Institute week, left for Medford Sunday.

Married, at Jacksonville by the Rev. Hutchinson, pastor of the M. E. Church, Miss Etta Neathamer and Howard Lee. Mr Lee, of Imperial Valley, California, has rented a farm on Pleasant Creek of Wm. Hillis, where the newly-weds will make their future home. Their many friends extend congratulations.

Miss Verl Rigby left Wednesday to attend Normal School at Hector, Humboldt County, California.

E. E. Richman of the Sunny Side farm motored to Grants Pass on Thursday and remained several days, attending the lectures given the International Bible Association.

Office seekers are interviewing our farmers these days. Strange how they love the honest sons of the soil just before election, isn't it.

Wm. Williams' Ed Dimick and W. A. Van Goethan have purchased a six horse power bean thresher which is doing good work and is a big boost for the country.

Ranck Carter was business visitor to Rogue River this week.

Mrs. Henry Payne and son Harry, are visiting at the home of her parents O. W. Millers.

Wallace Galbreath and Howard May field were driving cattle to the Patillo ranch last week.

Dan Neathamer killed two fine bucks on Sixes Creek last Sunday.

Mesdames Howland and Dimick were visiting relatives in Rogue River last Sunday.

Wm Knotts returned from Carville, California, on Wednesday, after spending the summer there.

M. S. Johnson and Martin Bowers, left for upper Evans Creek, on Sunday afternoon on a hunting expedition.

W. W. Truax and wife, Mesdames Geo Iverson, Walter Stickle and Lucy Mee, motored to Medford on Sunday afternoon to see the Golden Special (Hughes campaign train).

Bring us your old hot water bottle and we will give you 25c credit on a new one. Bowers Pharmacy.

Christian Science Services  
GOLD HILL, OREGON.

Regular Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. hall Everyone invited. The subject for Sunday Oct., 22nd., Probation after Death.

## Free Photograph of Yourself.

We mean what we say when we state that you will be given an order for one free photograph upon payment of a subscription to this paper. This paper is \$1.50 per year and the offer holds good for the balance of October. Now is the time to get a picture of the baby or some other member of the family. The photograph will be taken at the office of the John B. Palmer Studio at Gold Hill and will be a credit to any parlor. If you ever saw the work put out by this studio you will not need to be told that this offer is one that you will do well to accept. Mr. Palmer has promised us that every effort will be made by him to please everybody who takes advantage of this offer.

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