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## Irrigation Dist. To Vote On Bond Question

The Gold Hill Irrigation District will hold an election at the Bolduc station at the mouth of Footh Creek May 6th according to a notice running elsewhere in this issue. The purpose of the election is to decide whether or not the settlers upon the district are in favor of increasing the bonded indebtedness to the extent of \$10,000 for the purpose of taking up the outstanding warrant indebtedness and do some work which is becoming quite urgent upon the District laterals. The district is already bonded in the sum of \$95,000 of which about \$24,000 has been redeemed leaving only about \$71,000 left to be paid. With the increase of the proposed issue the indebtedness of the district will not be as great as it has been in the past.

The Gold Hill district has been one of the best districts in the state in terms of water supply available and the meeting of payments etc. It covers a section of the land on the south side of the river from Gold Hill and extending down to a point opposite Rogue River. The soil on the farms under this project are known to be among the very best obtainable anywhere in Oregon due to their high productivity.

## FORMER LOCAL BOY WINS WRITING CONTEST

Forrest Pickett, formerly of this city freshman in commerce, is leading in the news writing contest for students in practice writing. Every term a news writing contest for students in journalism is sponsored by the department of journalism. Pickett is a member of the Beaver Knights, a national honorary society which acts as a pep and tradition committee, and Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity.

## "THE LITTLE CLODHOOPER" AGAIN PLEASURES PATRONS

"Better and Funnier," was the verdict of some of the people who saw "The Little Clodhopper," for the second or third time at its appearance in the Beaver Theater Tuesday night. The play, the product of the local high school, made such a hit at the time of its first run that the cast were asked to reproduce the play. The Tuesday night show brought out a full house and netted the school a neat sum for their trouble. The audience was very high in its praise of the youthful dramatists.

## 7,085 MARRIAGES WERE PERFORMED IN OREGON IN 1926

The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were 7,085 marriages performed in Oregon during the year 1926, as compared with 6,989 in 1925, representing an increase of 96, or 1.4%. This increase, however, is slightly less than the estimated increase in the population. During the year 1926 there were 3,086 divorces granted in the state, as compared with 2,886 in 1925, representing an increase of 200, or 6.9%. There were 34 marriages annulled during the same period.

The estimated population of the state of Oregon on July 1, was 877,000, and on July 1, 1925, 862,000. On the basis of these estimates, the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 8.07 in 1926, as against 8.09 in 1925, and the number of divorces per 1,000 of the population was 3.52 in 1926, as against 3.34 in 1925.

The number of marriages performed and the number of divorces granted were furnished by the State Board of Health. The figures for 1926 are preliminary and subject to correction.

Douglas County Shows in 1926 200 Marriages, and 55 Divorces, and 1 annulment, in 1925, 195 marriages and 46 Divorces.

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WE WANT THE NEWS SEND IN YOUR ITEMS

In the greater sense this is your paper. The more you do to help it along the better it is for you and all other subscribers. While we get no direct financial remuneration for the printing of local items we take a pride in being able to print the news of the community. Every one of our subscribers know of an item or two which they will not see in print no doubt. It would be a very efficient editor who did not overlook at least two or three items.

There is the place we want your cooperation. Our readers want more news and we want to give it to them. If each of our readers tell us either by phone, letter or word the news they hear during the week the abstraction of all the news on the local page each week would make a very good feature to attract our readers. We do not want scandal, neither do we care to print anything that might tend to injure anyone, but we do want all the news we can get.

## EASTER MAKES ITS DEBUT WITHOUT COLOR

Not much color was displayed along the main streets of Gold Hill as Easter, the great day for spring fashions to appear, made its appearance.

The spring has been so backward this year that many of our women folks have decided to make their raids on the post Easter sales for their spring and summer attire. With the frosty nights and cool days, summer wear is not any too welcome anyway.

Easter day was a beautiful day, however and not a drop of rain fell to spoil it. The base ball team got a chance to work out and the angler was treated to a good day on the river or creeks. The picnic grounds were crowded and the kiddies enjoyed their egg hunts and at the churches delightful Easter services were rendered which drew good audiences.

## Boas Get First Workout of the Season, Sunday

Easter Sunday marked the first workout the local team has had this season. Such dependable old reliables as Emery Davis, Bill Force, the Foley Boys and Stan Palette were among those who were romping about the local field.

The weather was ideal for a workout although a trifle cool. The unusually cool weather this year has been a sort of God send to the Boa team in so far as it has hindered the progress of the opposing teams and will allow the locals to get almost an even break with them.

Some of the timber expected to be used in the construction of the Gold Hill base ball machine has not made their debut on the field yet but during the practice this week it is expected that all will be able to report and permit the managers to look them over. "Doc" Bowers and "Spid" Merriman were on the side lines and looking after the interests of the club. Some pretty fast amateurs were out for the Sunday work out and some of these boys may find their way into the regular line-up of the Boa squad.

MORE THAN 5,150,000 HUNTING LICENSES ISSUED LAST YEAR  
More than 5,150,000 hunting licenses were taken out during the season 1925-26 by sportsmen throughout the United States, including, and the returns to State treasuries amounted to more than \$6,800,000. Although data are lacking from four states, detailed figures.

## AT THE THEATRE

SATURDAY—"Oh Baby". With Madge Kennedy.  
SUNDAY—"Flower of the Nite" He's a Prince.  
THURSDAY—"Silent Sander-son".  
COMING—"Tin Hats".

## Publicity Causes New Interest In Mining Fields

With the reports of the fabulous amounts of gold found in the several sections of other states and the modest reports circulated about the strikes in the Southern Oregon field the mining fever is again extant. While it has always been known that this city was a center for mining operations and has been for many years the interest in that industry has somewhat waned of recent years and just the old timers, with the tenacity of bull dogs have hung on and worked their claims always figuring that much rich mineral still lies hidden beneath our hills.

With the plentiful rains following upon the many burns in the southern part of the state, a result of last summers dryness, the hills have been placed in an ideal condition for prospecting. And they have been prospected too. Almost every community in Southern Oregon from Canyonville to Ashland have enjoyed some little flare of the old time "rush". Such conditions as these may be of great help to the mining industry for new ledges, new pockets and new mines might be found which will produce new wealth. Mining is one of the basic industries and perhaps will be again in this vicinity as in the past its principal industry.

## GOVERNMENT NOT ATTEMPTING TO CROWD TIMBER ON MARKET SAYS SECRETARY AGRICULTURE

The policy of the United States Department of Agriculture in the sale of National Forest timber is not to crowd Government timber on the market in any locality, nor to sell at bargain prices, but to make sales at not less than fair, carefully appraised prices and after public advertisement says Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine.

Secretary Jardine's statement was issued in answer to a recent criticism of the departments timber sales policy, which was sent to the President in the form of a Senate Joint Memorial adopted by the legislature of the State of Oregon. In this memorial it was declared that the Federal timber sales had demoralized the timber market in this state.

The Secretary said he believed the memorial was prompted by a misunderstanding of the department's timber sale policy. In the scale of timber in the National Forests, he said the Forest Service kept in mind the following primary objectives.

1. To enable established mills to continue in operation, thus stabilizing the communities dependent on those mills for employment.
2. To prevent the depreciation in value of Government timber which should be logged with privately owned intermingled timber that is being cut.
3. To aid in the development of regions or communities by the establishment of payrolls and transportation facilities.
4. To harvest ripe or deteriorating timber before its value is lost to the owners, the people of the United States.

In all cases, the Secretary declared the starting of a new crop of timber by proper provisions while harvesting the old is an essential feature of the department's policy.

In the joint memorial adopted by the Oregon legislature, it was stated that National Forest timber was being sold in unfair competition with the private owner, whose timber is subject to initial cost and carrying charges, and that the system was depriving private timberowners of a market for their lumber and tending to freeze out the private holders.

Under the department's policies, Secretary Jardine said, very few large sales have been made in Oregon or elsewhere which would not have been made if the recommendations of the memorial had been in effect, and those few sales represent the efforts of the department to salvage deteriorating timber before there was further loss to the United States. National Forest timber sales, he said, contribute only between 5 and 6 percent of the total lumber production of Oregon.

## Is That Nice? Geography of Press is Poor

A week or so ago there was a gold strike at the Kubi mine just across the river from Gold Hill. The Medford papers carried the story of the great wealth found just outside of Medford. The news was heralded all over the U. S. via News dispatches. Last week end a couple of notorious bootleggers were picked up between this city and Medford and the Medford papers proclaimed the fact that these men were apprehended near Gold Hill. Now the scene of the apprehension of the bootleggers was about six miles south of the place where the mine was, and therefore nearer to Medford. Again we ask, Is that nice?

Following upon these reports, for even the Medford papers have some value as vehicles of publicity, there have been several strangers applied for the desired beverage at different points in this city and were very much disgusted to find out that they had to retrace their tracks over the 14 miles between this city and the Metropolis with nothing to drink on the return trip. And worst of all, prospective miners who came to Medford found that the only mines being conducted in that vicinity were the ones whose outcroppings showed up in the shop windows and were forced to go on to Gold Hill to find a place to mine.

Just permit us a little tip, Medford. The bootlegger now days is making just about as much as the gold miner. Better claim the rum runners too, and leave nothing to Gold Hill but the cement.

## SOUTHERN OREGON CONTINUES TO LURE THE HOME SEEKERS

With 32 new settlers reported during the first two weeks of April the prospects continue bright and fair for increased activity in Land Settlement work in Oregon under the auspices of the Portland and Oregon Chambers of Commerce.

This group of thirty two families has scattered well over the state investing about \$109,600 in farm lands and homes.

During this same period 79 other families have written to W. G. Ide, directing the land settlement work, that they intend to come to Oregon very soon and indicating that they will have available capital approximating \$192,000.

Settlers continue to pour into the Southern Oregon projects, Josephine County still holding the lead in the number of families obtained. keen interest on the part of the whole community around Grants in extending a hospitable welcome to newcomers accounts in some measure for their fine record.

Grapegrowing in Oregon has also extended its fame back even to Virginia where W. D. Sydnor, an authority and specialist in grapes, has been inspired to sell out his highly developed vineyards comprising seven acres with 4200 vines and come to Oregon. Under the rules of the State Board of Horticulture Mr. Sydnor cannot ship in cuttings of his own vines, but his ardor for coming to the Northwest is undaunted and he will purchase Oregon vines upon his arrival.

Word was received in this city Monday of the death of a Eugene hospital, of Vance Cameron, following an operation for appendicitis. The young man has many relatives and friends in this city about eight of whom went to the northern city to attend the funeral. The lad, a boy of about twenty years lived at Cottage Grove at which place his remains were interred. Among those going from here were Evelyn, Douglas, and Ruth Cameron, Mr. Dunsey, and Mrs. Birdseye.

Albany and Corvallis Kiwanis will build \$18,000 Children's Home unit.  
Reedsport—Proposed sulphite paper mill to employ 75 men, should be finished this year.  
Medford—Ray-Maling Company may build cannery and cold storage plant here this year.

COUNTRY PRESS THE REAL HOME PAPER

(The American Press)

Manufacturers are now beginning to realize that the country market, almost untouched as compared to the intensely competitive city field, offers, millions of buyers for their products. Just as radio manufacturers, now that the saturation point is being reached in the cities, are turning to the small towns and farms, so will manufacturers of many other products who have been neglected the country field as soon as it is brought home to them that they have been overlooking some of their best prospective customers.

This realization is rapidly being brought home. From the April issue of Business, in an article on "News Models in Farmers Seen in Smaller Cities," this quotation is taken:

"Regardless of what you manufacture or sell, regardless of what is your occupation, the vastly increased buying power of the farmer is almost certain to put money in your pocket during this year. For the farm market is a hungry market."

And the article closes with these words: "The awakening of the farm market, it appears, may be a big factor in our prosperity during 1927. W. M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture, wrote in a recent report:

"The position of agriculture is better now than it has been any year since 1920. Agriculture is now unquestionably on the upward grade, as a result, in large measure, of the intelligence, energy and determination of the farmers themselves. I look forward to further progress from the same causes."

And now that manufacturers are beginning to realize that the country market is a hungry market, the country newspaper is occupying a strategic position. If manufacturers wish to awaken this hungry market, they must work through and with the country newspaper.

## Southern Ore. Pioneer Passes Away Saturday

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning for Henry Thomas Pankey who died at the family home in the city, Saturday morning following a long illness.

Henry Thomas Pankey was born in Cass County, Ill., Sept. 23, 1847 and came to Oregon in 1870. During the early days of this territory Mr. Pankey hauled grain from the Roseburg community to Portland by means of an Ox team. In 1878 he came to Southern Oregon and was married in 1884 to Elenor Hooten who survives him. Mr. Pankey settled at Gold Hill 35 years ago and has made his home in this vicinity ever since.

Henry Thomas Pankey was the youngest child in a family of thirteen. Two of the brothers, twins, Obodiah of Central Point and Job-adiah of Roseburg survive him.

Besides his wife he leaves four children, Thomas Earl Joseph B., and Theron R. of Gold Hill and Mrs. Katherine Sheares of Forks, Washington.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the grave, interment being at the Rock Point cemetery.

A nine-inch allowance for hems, heading and shrinkage is usually made in cutting either glass curtains or side draperies. A balance, when finished, should be about one-sixth the length of the side draperies.

An imperfect seal, or lack of sterilization will cause catsup to spoil. Bottles should be sterilized, and filled while they are boiled hot, with boiling catsup, and then processed in the water-bath canner for 30 minutes.

Chopped nuts are good in almost any kind of sandwich. Combine them with raisins, dates, figs or cream cheese, and with maple or brown sugar.

## Cinnabar found At the Holcomb Mineral Spring

Reports of a new find in the Gold Hill district were brought to the city last week from the Holcomb Mineral Spring Camp, owned and operated by G. W. Holcombe and P. H. Myers.

Mr. Myers has just retired from the Beaver Portland Co. with whom he has been affiliated in the capacity of storekeeper for several years. He resigned his position with the intention of spending all his time at the spring.

It was while men were at work at the spring, making excavations for a large sump that the strike was made. Examination of the ore by several of the mining men in that vicinity brought forth the intelligence that it was high grade of cinnabar. In interviewing Mr. Myers, he stated that he didn't care much what was in the ore. If it turned out to be high grade cinnabar he would still think more of the spring and its wonderful health giving properties than he would of the ore. His only anxiety seemed to be that should the ore prove to be as good as some believe it to be, that it would mean the spring would have to take a "second fiddle" position.

Holcomb and Myers had their plans all outlined to erect bath houses and cabins at the spring and improve the camp to where the people could partake of the health qualities which are contained in the water from the Holcomb spring.

## OREGON TO RECEIVE \$533,000 FOR FOREST ROADS

For forest highways in Oregon \$533,000 of federal funds have been apportioned for the fiscal year 1928, beginning July, next. The total Forest Highway fund authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, amounts to \$4,500,000, and is apportioned for highways in or adjacent to national forests in fourteen western states and Alaska.

Oregon receives \$533,000, under the program as approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and just announced by the District Forester, at Portland, Oregon.

The program for the various States were determined following conferences attended by the State Highway commissioners, Bureau of Public Roads, and the Forest Service.

The State quotas of funds include in many instances balances remaining from the apportionments made for the current fiscal year in addition to the allotments available from the \$4,500,000 fund for the coming fiscal year. The amounts set up for each State will be devoted to location surveys and maintenance of existing roads as well as to actual construction work on various important projects in the forest highway system. The apportionments were made accordance with regulations for carrying out the provisions of Section 23 of the Federal Highway act.

## LOSES LIFE UNDER WHEELS OF WAGON

Claude V. Davis a well known farmer of the Looking Glass vicinity, died at Mercy hospital Friday morning of injuries sustained yesterday evening, while getting out wood. Mr. Davis and Charles Chamberlain, a neighbor, had loaded a wagon with wood and had started down the hillside from the wood yard when a line broke, causing the team to run away. Both men were thrown from the wagon, Mr. Davis falling under the wheels so that he suffered abdominal injuries, which caused his death.

Medical aid was summoned but internal injuries were of such a serious nature, however, that it was found impossible to save his life and he passed away about 2 o'clock Friday.

Mr. Davis was born at Mossy Rock Washington, January 27, 1881. He came to Douglas county about 11 years ago and has been engaged in farming at Reston and Looking Glass.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Vernon, aged 16 years and Thomas, aged 11 years.