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# Reorganization of County Government Urged By Grand Jury

**EXONERATES COUNTY COURT  
BUT FINDS GOVERNMENT IS  
FAULTY; BLAMES FORMER  
TREASURER.**

**GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT ON  
ALL DEPARTMENTS OF JACK-  
SON COUNTY GOVERNMENT.**

Honorable P. M. Calkins, judge of the circuit court:

The grand jury for the May term has to submit the following report to you, in addition to the indictments, which have heretofore been presented:

In view of the disturbed state of mind of the public, and the pressure of public opinion, together with charges and evidence that have come before this grand jury, we have felt in duty bound to investigate carefully the affairs of the county. The jury has labored hard to this end and the findings in the following report are fully substantiated by the law and the evidence.

**Sheriff's Office.**

We find that the sheriff is regularly turning over to the treasurer, funds collected by his office, and complying with the law in this respect.

The collection of delinquent, unsecured personal taxes shows every evidence of neglect in past years, for which there seems to be no good excuse. The 1913 list shows \$11,206.33 outstanding by limitation, after collecting \$966.67 by special effort. The lists for 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919 amount to \$36,484.93 without penalties and interest which will increase the amount by an estimated 50 per cent. The county court has issued an order to the sheriff to proceed with the collection of all lists at once, and has agreed to furnish the necessary help to this end. The sheriff has assured the jury that delinquent personal taxes have been placed against real property in all cases where real property exists.

**Treasurer's Office.**

The treasurer is conducting his affairs in accordance with the law and is to be commended for his firm stand in that regard. He is keeping deposits with the banks of the county well protected by security.

He is within his rights in declining to accept turn overs of tax monies from the sheriff without accompanying distribution sheets which show the accounts to which the monies belong. But as the preparation of these distribution sheets is a matter of considerable work, the sheriff is compelled to accumulate large sums in his tax collector's bank account during the two tax paying periods, awaiting the preparation of the sheets. As a result, the county loses its 2 per cent interest on the treasurer's daily balances and the monies have not the protection of the treasurer's security bonds, and the securities required of the banks upon county treasurer's deposits. While the interest on daily balances lost in this way will amount to only \$500 to \$1000 annually, the lack of security to protect the large sums of money in the tax collector's bank accounts is a matter of much importance. We have carefully gone over this matter with the treasurer, the sheriff, the county court and believe that an arrangement agreeable to all has been made, which will permit the sheriff to remit daily to the treasurer.

**Assessor's Office.**

The assessor appears to have his affairs in excellent shape.

The matter of valuation of timber was discussed thoroughly with the assessor, and the jury finds decided opportunity for improvement here. We find that the assessor cruised a small area of timber at a cost of \$500 and increased the assessed valuation \$300,000 which means an annual increase of income of \$6000 at a twenty mill tax rate.

The assessor estimates that a cruise of all the timber in the county, with the usual maps, would cost \$50,000 to \$100,000, and that the resulting reclassification and valuation would increase the assessed valuation \$2,000,000. This would mean an annual income of \$40,000 at a twenty mill rate after paying for the cruise. This is good business and the grand jury recommends this move very emphatically. Some letters from other counties in the state which have had their timber cruised will be published later. It should be stated that a cruise once made becomes a permanent record, which can be corrected yearly as the timber is removed or destroyed by fire.

**County Clerk's Office.**

This office appears to be in good condition. The jury has investigated complaints of the clerk's absence from his office beyond a reasonable amount, and accepts his statement that outside matters unexpectedly compelled him to be away last summer during part of business hours, which he made up in part by working out of hours with no loss of efficiency

in the conduct of his office. He states that a similar condition will not recur.

**County Court.**

The jury has compared the 1918, 1919 and 1920 county budgets and finds the increase in tax rate due mostly to increase in state and school taxes. As these matters are decided by the voters, the county officials have no control. The advance in labor and materials during these years accounts for an increase in the county's internal expenses, which has been within reason. While there is probability of smaller state and school taxes, and that the expense of conducting the internal county affairs may be slightly less than at present, a material reduction in the tax rate will depend upon the results from special elections soon to be held.

It is the belief of this jury that the county court is conducting the county affairs in a careful and businesslike manner. We have reached this conclusion only after careful inquiry, having in mind the many criticisms of their conduct of the county affairs.

**District Attorney.**

This jury believes that the county's interests which come under the jurisdiction of the district attorney are being well protected. The work imposed by the Bank of Jacksonville cases has been very heavy and we believe that no effort has been spared to bring the guilty ones to justice and to protect no one.

This jury has inspected the county poor farm and finds the property in excellent condition. The superintendent and county officials are evidently maintaining this worthy institution in an efficient manner and making a pleasant home for our less fortunate citizens.

This jury has inspected the county jail and recommends that all windows of the male ward be protected by steel screens to cover the entire opening, similar to those which cover some of the lower tier windows. Also that all gratings be sealed securely to the walls of the buildings.

The courthouse and grounds are in creditable condition. The annex across the street will add a very serviceable structure at a low cost. The proposed vault in the rear of the court house will provide security for records at a reasonable expense if it can be built at the estimated figure.

In accordance with an order issued by your honorable self, this jury is pleased to report for the public's interest, that John Barleycorn and family, so long confined in the padded cell of the jail, have been returned to mother earth, thus removing a menace and a source of many rumors.

The indictments returned in the Bank of Jacksonville case cover all the criminal acts in connection with the bank's failure that have been presented to the jury. There remain to be investigated the liability of the bank directors and the state bank examiners, which will have to be deferred until the next term of court, owing to the press of work upon the district attorney.

The county had on deposit in the bank at the time of failure the following:

County Treasurer	\$107,737.50
Co. Clerk (3 accounts)	1,954.41
Co. sheriff (2 accts)	2,152.89
County assessor	23.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111,867.85</b>

These accounts were secured by the treasurer's bond of \$20,000 and securities against deposit of \$11,000, which have been collected. The clerk's and sheriff's bonds cover their deposits. They formed the basis of a bill introduced in the last legislature by your senator and representative to free them from the liability. The bill was withdrawn when it was shown that the bill would meet the governor's veto. It will be the duty of the county court to proceed against these bonds unless legislation intervenes to take the matter out of their hands. Of the amount in the clerk's account \$922.10 is state game and fish licenses which is 95 per cent due to the state and accountable direct to the state by the clerk. This lessens the amount of the county's claim by that sum.

The assessor withdrew his account a few days before the bank's failure, except the small balance represented by uncertified deposits, which the assessor has made good to the county.

**Former Treasurer Blamed.**

The treasurer's deposits began to pass the amount of security and to exceed an amount reasonable for the resources of the bank before the middle of 1917, which would suggest that there was ample warning of irregularity so long before the failure that those entrusted with the management of the county affairs, might have detected and have dealt with the matter far enough back as to have prevented the great loss to the county.

The last legislature passed laws, which will to some extent, prevent a similar occurrence, by requiring the treasurer to report monthly to the county court balances on deposit in the several banks, and the amount of security protecting the deposits.

This will place the information squarely before the county court. It is pertinent to state that the statutes read that no county or state official other than the treasurer is criminally liable for the loss of the treasurer's funds, unless it can be shown that such official is a party to an illegal act, which results in a loss.

**County Court Exonerated.**

It is the opinion of this jury that produced to show liability on the part of any county official, but we do know that monthly statements from the banks holding treasurer's deposits, setting forth the daily balances, and interest thereon were a part of the papers turned over to the county clerk by the treasurer and filed without presenting them to the county court for review.

The auditor's report for 1919 wherein the deposits in the Bank of Jacksonville showed about \$64,000 on December 31, 1919, was accepted, approved and filed by the county court June 2, 1920.

This jury is of the opinion that the annual audit should be ordered by and made to the grand jury, and then made public. While all records are accessible to a grand jury, the examination of the audit should be specifically a part of their duties and if made to them, it would become necessary to accomplish this.

**County Government Faulty.**

It is the opinion of this jury that the present method of county government is faulty. As the county officials are elective, there seems to be no authority to remedy a possible lack of co-ordination between officials. Irregular action upon the part of one official cannot be corrected by another. Just why county government is so organized when a city, a state and the nation have authoritative heads is possibly explainable, but to this jury the question is unanswered. Whether the county court should be made responsible for the lawful and businesslike conduct of the county's affairs, or whether a single head should be entrusted with this duty, is a matter of opinion.

Under the present laws, the only method of procedure against an offending official seems to be by grand jury action, which is both uncertain of prompt action and dependent upon the official being reported to the jury. At the best, a grand jury can only investigate, recommend and report their findings, trusting to public opinion to compel correction. Criminal acts are of course, a matter of the prosecuting attorney and the grand jury, but by correcting wrong doing and unbusinesslike methods before they lead to criminal acts, would save the extreme penalty to the individual and the public. The Bank of Jacksonville is the best evidence of this point, for even if the treasurer's over-deposits in that bank had been detected by another county officer, the law provided no possible method for stopping further deposits and compelling correction of the error.

It is the hope of this jury that some organized body of representative citizens will interest themselves in an attempt to recast the entire matter of county government by legislative action.

Pending such action, we believe it desirable that the grand jury be cleared by the county officials as a clearing house for investigation and publicity where matters need attention beyond the powers of the county officials; and further that succeeding grand juries take upon themselves the duty.

**KIDDIES PLAYGROUND SUPERVISED BY CITY**

The children's playground in Lithia Park was formally opened yesterday for the summer months under the supervision of Mrs. H. L. Homeswood who arrived in Ashland from Eugene Sunday. Mrs. Homeswood was in charge of the playground last year. More than 100 children of the city took advantage of the playground rendezvous for Ashland's Young America.

The maintenance of the playground at the city's expense is part of Ashland's program of civic betterment and has been a pronounced success during its conduct in the past. The idea of a public playground under the care of a paid supervisor for children is a comparatively recent one and was pioneered at first by only the larger cities of the country. Ashland, however, was among the first to carry out the idea.

The primary purpose of the playground is to not only fill the need of a gathering place under suitable conditions for children of all ages but to also relieve mothers of worry during the summer vacation months when the kiddies are not in school. There are no charges of any kind made, Mrs. Homeswood states.

The program for the activities of the summer, Mrs. Homeswood announced, will feature baseball, volleyball, swimming lessons and kindergarten work for the small folks. The swimming lessons will be given by Mrs. Homeswood at the Natatorium and are open to the public, no age limits, without charge. The playground will be under the supervision of Mrs. Homeswood from 10 to 12 o'clock in the morning and from 1:30 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

## CAR COLLIDES WITH TRUCK; GOES IN RIVER

**GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 8.**—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Childers, an aged couple of Gold Hill, were drowned near here yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock when the car in which they were riding locked hubs with a truck on the Pacific highway, throwing their car into the Rogue River running parallel to the road. The machine plunged into the river at a point one mile beyond Rogue River station, toward Ashland. The occupants were uninjured by the plunge but jumped from the car into the stream which is unusually high and swift at this time of year. They were at once swept away beyond reach of rescuers and carried under in mid channel. The body of Mrs. Childers was recovered at a point four miles beyond the scene of the accident. The body of Mr. Childers had not been recovered at a late hour today. It was stated by the drivers of the truck that the machine driven by Mr. Childers came to a full stop in the river, grounded on a sand bar. The aged couple however, overcome by fear, jumped from the car in an attempt to reach the river bank. The admonition from the truck drivers to "sit tight" until they could be rescued was unheeded, the drivers stated.

The aged couple were on the way to their home in Gold Hill where they have been residents for several years. Mr. Childers was a retired miner and rancher. He was the former owner of a saw mill on Evans Creek. The couple are survived by several children living in Gold Hill. One son, H. O. Childers, lives in Ashland.

**CHARMING DINNER PARTY IS GIVEN AT PROVOST APTS.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Provost entertained at the Provost apartments, over the Citizens Bank, yesterday evening with a dinner party for which eleven covers were laid. The large reception hall, charmingly decorated with roses, was utilized for the event and dinner was served at 8 o'clock. The hostess, Mrs. Provost was complimented on her culinary ability, one guest terming the dinner a "jolly bit of all right."

After the dinner party the rugs were taken up and the evening spent in dancing to music supplied by a violin and Mrs. Provost on the piano. After dinner stories were read and a reading by Mrs. Mariam Shepard was much appreciated. For dancing the apartments were thrown open, effecting in connection with the long hallway, a large dance floor.

Refreshments were served after the dancing, a midnight lunch featuring the evening's finale. Those present at the party were: Mrs. Miriam Shepard, Mr. McDonald, of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Wineand, Mrs. M. L. Heywood, Miss Hazel Heywood, Mrs. W. M. Cassler, Mrs. B. Loretta Sullivan, F. Kenneth Sullivan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Provost, host and hostess.

**MACABEE LODGE ENTERTAINED BY PAST COMMANDERS.**

The Macabee Lodge was entertained yesterday evening at the Odd Fellows hall by Past Commanders of the lodge. An entertainment program was carried out. Dancing and card games featured the evening. Mrs. Margaret E. Herrin, organizer of the present year for the lodge, made an address. The Past Commanders present were: Margaret Herrin, Anna Jones, Nora Walrad, Lena Nelson, Virginia Shaw, Annie McWilliams, Eliza Long, Odessa Peltz, Josephine Wallace, and Mabel Moore.

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, dated May 4th, 1921, in a certain suit therein, wherein Elizabeth A. Smith, as Plaintiff, recovered judgment against Clarence A. Hazen and Johanna D. Hazen, husband and wife, Defendants, for the sum of One thousand four hundred ninety-six & 46/100 (\$1496.66) together with \$150.00 attorneys fees, together with \$222.85, being the amount plus interest paid by Plaintiff as taxes on said Real Property, together with \$12.40 costs which judgment was entered and docketed in said Court April 30th, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the terms of said execution, I will on Saturday, June 11, 1921, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said judgment, with the costs of this sale, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest that the defendants, jointly or individually, had on May 1st, 1913 or have since acquired or now have in and to the following described property, situated in Jackson County, State of Oregon, to wit:

Beginning at a point 10.27 chains East and 6.25 chains North of the Northwest corner of Donation Land

Claim No. 64 in Township 33 South of Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Oregon, which point is on the West side line of proposed Gibson Avenue and from said point running North 3 degrees West a distance of 226 feet to the place of beginning of the land to be sold; Thence West a distance of 132 feet to alley; Thence North 2 degrees West a distance of 190 feet; Thence East a distance of 132 feet to the West side line of said Avenue; Thence South 3 degrees East 100 feet, to the place of beginning.

Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, May 6th, 1921.  
C. E. TERRILL,  
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.  
By FLORA THOMPSON,  
Deputy.

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS AND TO PRESENT CLAIMS**

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of the Estate of Charles W. Root, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Honorable C. A. Gardner, Judge of the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, has appointed the undersigned as executors of the estate of Charles W. Root, Deceased. Any person having a claim against the said estate is required to present the same, duly verified, at the office of Briggs & Briggs, Attorneys, Pioneer Block, Ashland, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of First Publication: May 11, 1921.  
E. V. CARTER,  
O. WINTER,  
J. P. DODGE.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the Estate of William Powell, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, his final account as such administrator of said estate and that Saturday, June 11th, 1921 at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. has been fixed by the Court as the time for hearing of objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

T. L. POWELL,  
Administrator of the Estate of William Powell, deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Estate of George W. Grow, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has filed in said Court her Final Account as administratrix with Will annexed, of the Estate of George W. Grow, Deceased, and the Honorable, G. A. Gardner, County Judge, has designated June 11th, 1921, at 10:00 o'clock at the Court House in Jacksonville, as the time and place for a hearing thereon. Any person objecting thereto is required to file such objection on or before the time of such hearing.

RACHEL GROW,  
Administratrix.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.**

Notice is hereby given, that under and in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson, duly made and entered on the 14th day of May, 1920, in the matter of the estate of Jennie Eccleston, deceased, L. A. Roberts, the administrator of said estate with and after the 25th day of June, 1921, proceed to sell at private sale, to the highest bidder for cash, that certain real estate, belonging to said estate, and situated in the County of Jackson, and State of Oregon, particularly described as follows, to-wit:

An undivided two-thirds of lot 21; Block "B" in the Railroad Addition to the City of Ashland.

Bids on said real property may be made to the undersigned at his office in The Citizens Bank Building, at Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon.

First publication made May 25, 1921.

L. A. ROBERTS,  
Administrator of the estate of Jennie Eccleston, deceased, Ashland, Oregon.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Joshua Patterson, deceased, by the County Court of Jackson County Oregon, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to me at the Talent State Bank, in the town of Talent, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified, within six months from the first publication hereof, which is May 15, 1921.

ELLA J. PATTERSON,  
Executrix.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The undersigned Executrix of the estate of John H. Bogue, deceased, will, at any time before June 9th, 1921, receive at the law office of W. J. Moore, in the City of Ashland, Oregon, sealed bids for the purchase of all right, title and interest that the said deceased had, at the time of his death, in and to the following described tracts of land:

Residence property located on Water Street; Beginning at the southeast corner of lot 3 block 29, of the City of Ashland, Oregon, extending thence northerly along the west line of Water Street, 100 feet; thence northwesterly 40 feet; thence southerly parallel with the west line of said street, 100 feet; thence easterly 40 feet to the place of beginning.

executor of said estate for twenty per cent of the amount of any such bid, balance to be paid upon acceptance of bid. The executrix reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

D. M. BROWER,  
Executrix.

**PUBLIC LAND SALE.**  
DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR.  
U. S. Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, May 19, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Mary Homes Tucker, Serial No. 012927, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$4.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 2nd day of July, next, at this office, the following tract of land:

NE¼ NW¼, Sec. 22, T. 39 S., R. 2 East, Will. Meridian.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

W. H. CANON,  
Register.

**DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR.**  
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, May 25, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that Ralph H. Springsteen of Pinehurst, Oregon, who, on May 23, 1918, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 011288, for the ¼ of NE¼ of Section 17, Township 40 S., Range 4 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. Roy Davis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Medford, Oregon, on the 6th day of July, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: George A. Grieve, of Hornbrook, California; Thomas J. Grieve, of Hornbrook, California; Fred W. Edsall, of Pinehurst, Oregon; Fred Train, of Hornbrook, Calif.

W. H. CANON,  
Register.

**MINING APPLICATION NO. 013766**

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, MAY 10, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that William Milnes, whose post office address is Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, has made application for patent to the following described placer mining ground situated in the COTTONWOOD mining district of Jackson County, Oregon, said placer ground being known as the RED POFFREY mine, Four, Five and Six, and consisting of the following:

Commencing at a point South 55 degrees 51 minutes West 19.12 chains from the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 17, Township 41, North Range One, East of the Willamette Meridian, being corner Number One of Red Poffrey Claim Number Six; thence North 69 degrees 23 minutes East 22.27 chains to corner Number Four of Red Poffrey Claim Number Six; thence South 67 degrees 9 minutes East 13.02 chains to corner Number Three of Red Poffrey Claim Number Six; thence South 69 degrees 33 minutes West 22.27 chains to corner Number Two of Red Poffrey Claim Number Six; and corner Number Two of Red Poffrey Claim Number Five; thence South 68 degrees 28 minutes West 22.33 chains to corner Number Three of Red Poffrey Claim Number Five; thence North 67 degrees 9 minutes West 4.35 chains to corner Number Two of Red Poffrey Claim Number Four; thence South 68 degrees 26 minutes West 4.48 chains to corner Number One of Red Poffrey Claim Number Four; thence North 23 degrees 17 minutes East 23.29 chains to corner Number Five of Red Poffrey Claim Number Four; thence North 68 degrees 38 minutes East 22.33 chains to point of beginning, being corner Number One of Red Poffrey Claim Number Five and corner Number One of Red Poffrey Claim Number Six, excepting therefrom all that portion of the above described Red Poffrey Mining Claim lying and being situated within the State of California.

The amended location of said described mining claim is recorded in volume 21 at page 319 of the Mining Records of Jackson County, Oregon.

And notice is further given that all persons claiming adversely the mining ground, placer, veins and lode premises heretofore described and referred to, or surveyed, patented or herein applied for, are hereby notified that unless their adverse claims are duly filed according to law within the time prescribed by law with the register of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, they will be barred from any right of claim in said premises and every part thereof by virtue of the statutes of the United States in such case made and provided.

The description above given is in accordance with survey made by the United States Survey General of Oregon.

The adjoining and conflicting claimants or claims are none, and there are no adjoining claims to the said described placer mining claims, consisting of the said Red Poffrey Mining Claims, numbered Four, Five and Six.

W. H. CANON,  
Register.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executrix of the estate of John W. Mills, Sr., deceased, by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present same to me at the law office of W. J. Moore, in Ashland, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified, within six months from the first publication hereof, which is April 27th, 1921.

TALITHA C. MILLS,  
Executrix.

## COUNTY Y. M. C. A.

An attempt will be made to arrange a post-season game with the Ashland Y. M. C. A. league. This will probably take the form of an all-star team from each town. The junior teams will also compete if present plans materialize.

The Talent Y. M. C. A. junior boys' club, under the direction of Mr. Newby, has adopted the Christian Citizenship Training Program, which is the most down-to-date form of organization for boys. The program includes the all-round development of the members with the added feature of what is called "Charting the Boy." By a simple method, a visualized representation of the four-sided growth of the boy is shown, and the constant subsequent effort of the boy with the help of the leader is to improve on deficiencies made evident by the chart.

Handbooks for each member teach the system, which is the result of the best thought and experience of Y. M. C. A. leaders for generations.

The first three-day boys' camp will be held June 21-23. Boys and leaders will assemble at Medford, ready to leave promptly at 9 a. m. Bedding and grub will be transported free from Medford to the camp. The boys will hike. A semi-military discipline will be used at camp, the camp bugler giving the calls for reveille, assembly, mess, retreat and taps. There will be campercraft, cooking, games, bible study, and all the fun and freedom of the restraints of civilization, which every red-blooded man longs for "when the green gets back in the trees." There will be other camps later. It is planned to have a camp within reach of each of the following communities: Ashland, Talent, Griffin Creek, Phoenix, Oak Grove, Medford, Jacksonville, Lone Pine, and Central Point. This first camp will be for those in the northern part of this district, while a more southerly location will probably be secured for the second camp a week later.

Full information will be in the hands of adult leaders in each community.

Ashland Y. will plan a track and field meet, to take place as soon as the baseball season is over.

## COLVIG FAMILY, PIONEERS, HOLD PICNIC REUNION

Twenty-two members of the Colvig family, well known pioneers of Ashland and vicinity, held a family reunion picnic at Savage Rapids on the Rogue River yesterday. The oldest member of the family was Valney Colvig, 80 years old.

The patriarchs were Valney Colvig, George Colvig and William M. Colvig, all of whom crossed the plains in 1851.

Judge Volney Colvig was represented at the gathering by the following members of his family: Mrs. G. V. Gillett and son George Virgil, Jr. and Mrs. T. W. Sanford and Helen Colvig.

Geo. W. Colvig had as his representative, Dr. and Mrs. Bertram H. Stone of San Francisco, and Mrs. Geo. W. Colvig.

Miss Rowen Gale had the distinction of presenting her grandfather, Wm. M. Colvig, other members of his family being away on their vacation.

Other members of the family were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Emery and daughter Maxine, Mrs. Geo. Watson and son Kendrick, Mrs. Nan Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wood and son Ahljab.

An excellent dinner was spread beneath the trees and enjoyed by all.