

**STRUCK NATURAL GAS.**

**In Myrtle Creek Oil Well. Will Drill for Gas in Roseburg.**

M. McCoy returned Wednesday from Myrtle Creek and reports favorable progress at the oil well says the Review. The work was somewhat interrupted Tuesday by a strong flow of gas from the well. It will require several days' work to put in the casing and get things in readiness for resuming drilling operations.

Z. L. Corbett, who is assisting in the oil boring operations at Myrtle Creek, appeared before the Roseburg council last week and made the following proposition. If the city would grant him a franchise, in the event of discovery, to lay gas pipes throughout the city and operate a plant, he would expend \$10,000 in experimental boring in Roseburg for natural gas. An ordinance covering the matter was read and finally referred to a committee.

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**Wanted to Be Incorporated.**

He was temporarily in financial straits, and it naturally worried her. She could not see why there should be any difficulty in getting what was necessary to tide them over a dull period.

"Why don't you incorporate us?" she asked.

"Incorporate us?" he exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes—incorporate the family. Everything is being incorporated these days, it seems to me."

"What good would that do?" he inquired when he had somewhat recovered from his astonishment.

"Why, if we were a corporation," she replied, "we could raise money by issuing bonds, or selling stock, couldn't we? They all do it, don't they? It seems to me as if I were always reading about new issues of bonds and stocks by governments and corporations."

The Riddle Review is the latest journalistic candidate seeking public favor. It is a very neat and ably edited five column, four paged paper and deserves to succeed. Miss Mary K. Brookes, daughter of the editor of the Roseburg Plaindealer, is editor of the little journal and the LEADER wishes the Review and its fair editor prosperity and success.

**Real Estate Transfers**

Alfred Johnson to Catherine Wood, .524 of an acre in tp. 20 s, r 3 w, \$300.

Eli and Elizabeth Keeney to James R. Sellers, 419.19 acres in tp. 19 s, r 2 w, \$4178.50.

Charles O. and Nellie E. Davis to C. Hodes, 160 acres in tw. 19 s, r 5 w, \$500.

U. S. to Chas. O. Davis, 160 acres in tp. 19 s, r 5 w, patent.

U. S. to Matthew S. Wallis, 160 acres in tp. 18 s, r 9 w, patent.

U. S. to John D. Cochran, 157.60 acres in tp. 22 s, r 3 w patent.

U. S. to Zenas S. Cather, 120 acres in tp. 20 s, r 2 w patent.

G. W. Long to Simeon R. and Carrie Brand, lot 5, block 5, Georgetown \$225.

Chas. B. Bruneau to F. Phillips, lot 1, block 2, Shields' ad. to Cottage Grove. \$1279.

Alice and L. B. Canfield to S. E. Lander, 40 acres in tp. 20 s, r 4 w, \$800.

Chas. L. and Mollie B. Scott to B. B. Scott, lots 1 and 2, block 12, Creswell, \$500.

U. S. to Tina Hawley, 160 acres in tp. 23 s, r 1 w patent.

Golden Rule Mining and Milling Company to Golden Rule Consolidated Mining and Milling Company, the following mining claims in Bohemia district: David, Damon, Pythias, Nomadic, Jonathan, and Stone Easel, \$1.

Carey A. and E. A. Wooley to R. H. Shacklett, et al, trustees of the C. P. church of Eugene, 160 acres in tp. 20, s, r 2 w \$1700.

Frank and Nellie Winzenried to O. H. Jarett, 29.12 acres in tp. 19 s, r 2 w, \$1.

C. L. Johnson, et al, to Golden Rule Consolidated Mining and Milling Company, the "Modoc No. 1," the "C. L.," the "Gold Dollar," the "Jack," the "Will," the Buffalo," and the "Ibex" mining claims in Bohemia district \$1.

Riley and Edward Petty to Henry and Katherine B. Melton, 89.50 acres in tp. 19 s, 2 w, \$1.

U. S. to Frank A. Elliott, 160 acres in tp. 22 s, r 2 w, patent.

U. S. to Foster P Phillips, 160.24 acres in tp. 22, r 2 w, patent.

U. S. to Harry F. Wynne, 190 acres in tp. 22 s, r 2 w, patent,

U. S. to James S. Benson, 160 acres in tp. 21 s, r 2 w, patent.

U. S. to Herbert Eakin, 160 acres in tp. 22 s, r 2 w, patent.

U. S. to Winifred S. Bennett, 160 acres in tp. 22 s, r 2 w, patent.

Charles and Lizzie Thom to N. J. Cummins & Company, half interest in east half of lot 3, block 3 Jas. H. McFarland's ad. to Cottage Grove, \$700.

N. J. Cummins & Company to Albany Brewing Company, half interest in east half of lot 3, block 3, Jas H. McFarland's ad. to Cottage Grove, \$700.

**PROOF OF LABOR.**

C. L. Johnson files proof of labor on the following mining claims in the Bohemia district: Damon, Pythias, Jonathan, Stone Easel, and Nomadic.

**CITIZENSHIP PAPERS.**

Anton Hamberg, Martin G. Holtke and John Dahl, all natives of Norway, are granted full U. S. citizenship papers.

"I's glad to see all dis here philan-thropy goin' on," said Uncle Eben, "but I reckon it's gwinter be a good while befo' you see as big a crowd at a free library as you does at a bas ball game."

**BACK FROM CALIFORNIA.**

**Jas Hawley Arrived Home With 1000 Angora Goats.**

Jas. Hawley, who with his family has been spending the past few years at Santiago and other Southern California points, arrived at his farm home near Divide, four miles south of Cottage Grove last Sunday morning with 1000 head of fine Angora goats which he purchased in Southern California. The goats were shipped over the Southern Pacific railroad and the cars were sidetracked at Comstock Saturday, where the goats were unloaded that evening and were driven to Mr. Hawley's farm the next day, Sunday. This is no doubt the largest band of Angora goats in this part of the state and a more ideal farm than Mr. Hawley's for goats and stock raising would be hard to find in the state. Mr. Hawley will also engage in cattle raising on an extensive scale in which business, it is understood, he will be associated with D. W. Harding who has also been spending several years in Southern California, but who contemplate returning to this place early in the summer. Mr. Harding's farm three miles northeast of this city, comprising some 2000 acres, is equally as well situated and adapted to stockraising as the Hawley place, and taking the two big farms in conjunction, a great deal of stock can be handled profitably.

**MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**Takes up the Question of Sewers Again and Makes Some Progress Toward Accomplishing Desired Result.**

The city council met in adjourned session Monday evening with the full board present. The matter of providing the city with a sewerage system was taken up and it was ordered that C. M. Collier be employed to assist the council in making estimates and also establishing routes for mains.

It was ordered that the water committee remove the main from the bridge across the river, where the old bridge is soon to be replaced by a new one.

The recorder was instructed to purchase a ball and chain and the necessary equipments for the purpose of entertaining the tramp element. The street committee was also ordered to procure a rock pile upon which vagrants might be employed.

The recorder was instructed to charge the full limit of license on street shows for the purpose of selling medicines and all other similar entertainments.

The recorder was further instructed to draw up an ordinance restricting card tables.

The bid of Griffin & Veatch Co., was accepted and the contract awarded to them for the city plumbing.

The recorder was also instructed to purchase a flash light for the city marshal.

Councilman J. P. Currin was appointed city fire warden. Adjourned.

**She Is Gone.**

TO THE MEMORY OF MRS. J. E. MCKIBBEN

She is gone from the home that loved her well,  
How sad to think she is not there;  
Where she ruled and reigned—queen of love,  
With a fond and loving mother's care,  
The chair wherein she reclined for repose  
After the toil of the day was done,  
Is isolated vacant and seems, to say,  
"The dear loving occupant has gone!"  
She is gone, severed ties that bound heart to heart;  
The tie of a husband's love  
In the hour of death she yielded all,  
To him who rules and reigns above,  
Like a full blown rose of an autumn morn,  
She came but to fade away,  
Her petals were closed in icy death,  
To open again in eternity.  
She is gone—bid adieu to the cares of life,  
That burdened her youthful mind,  
The tears that filled her sparkling eyes,  
She has left them all behind,  
She has gone to the grave home of the dead,  
Where in peace and silence will lay,  
Embalmed in the arms of a savior's love  
Her soul awaits the judgement day.  
She is gone—no token she'll come again.  
From that world that beams love,  
When a jewel she'll shine through coming years,  
In the Royal Palace above,  
Farewell loved one for only awhile  
And then we'll meet again;  
Where partings cease, where sorrow is not,  
In the Heaven eternal to reign.

Ashland has a very enthusiastic baseball player. The other night in the midst of his slumbers Arthur Carter dreamed that an opportunity was offered to make a sensational play by gathering in a high ball. He accordingly leaped from his bed, plunged headlong out of the window ran through a blackberry patch and nabbed the imaginary ball just before crashing into the chicken pen. His brother, who was a bedfellow, followed in mad pursuit, and succeeded in rounding up his somnambulist brother, and assisted him in making a "home run." An inventory of damages showed a fractured arm, unnumerable scratches and several severe bruises.

**SUCCESS A FAILURE**

The Success, a bright and readable little paper, published at Medford, has proved to be a failure, and announces that it is down and out. In saying goodbye it talks very sensibly and without bias concerning the situation, and, among other things, says:

"With this issue the Success will be discontinued. The reason for this action is that an energetic paper, one that is outspoken and alive to the interests of the people, and which is not a time server and the tool to some grasping combination, is out of its element here in Medford.

"And then Medford is handicapped with the feeling that the town has such superior advantages that no effort is necessary to make it the big city of Southern Oregon. There is in Medford too much of the spirit of the rich man's son, who would do nothing for himself because he felt that his advantages would enable him to out-distance the poor boy, not realizing that the poor boy's hustling would eventually be his undoing." [The above is applicable to many other towns in this section.—Ed.]

**G. A. R. Attention.**

Memorial Services will be held at the Christian church Sunday May 24th 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m. discourse by Rev. Billington. All comrades are requested to meet at the G. A. R. Hall at 10:30 o'clock a. m. to fall in line and march to the church in a body.

By ORDER OF COMMITTEE.