

SHALL RAILROAD LANDS BE SOLD?

Voters of Southern Oregon, attention! Especially those of you who are miners, farmers or business men and who are interested in the removal of the handicap that the vast railroad holdings place upon the mining and farming industries of this section and which is a block on the prosperity of every interest in Southern Oregon, are asked to note the position of Judge E. B. Watson, of Portland, candidate for United States Senator. Judge Watson was the first to advocate forcing the railroad to put their Southern Oregon lands on the market and at the price that was stipulated in the grant, which was not to exceed \$2.50 per acre. The following extract from Mr. Watson's platform clearly states his position on this subject that is of such vital importance to the development and the prosperity of this section of Oregon:

"I will exert myself to the utmost to secure such action by Congress as will enable the people to realize the benefits of the provisions in the several acts of Congress granting lands to aid in the construction of railroads, and the Coos military road, in the State of Oregon, requiring the several corporations receiving the said grants to sell the lands so granted in quantities not to exceed 160 acres to any one person and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 per acre, in accordance with the long-established policy of the Government, to promote the settlement and development of the country by furnishing the widest opportunities to acquire homes upon the public domain."

DEERING

Mrs. C. T. Webb visited school Monday.
Mrs. Aggers visited in Deering last week.
Frank Barrett was in Deering Saturday.
Herbert Webb returned last week from Wisconsin.
Several of our people took a trip into California last week.
Louis Webb was at Waldo Sunday and Monday on business.
Ira Webb is now "chief cook and bottle washer" at the Webb mines.
E. M. Albright returned from the Pass last week where he purchased a house and lot.
Gus Lavine returned from Crescent City Sunday. He will spend the Summer on his ranch.
Lee Pigott came from Monumental Sunday to stay with his sister, Mrs. Shelley. He has hurt his foot.
An agent representing a large timber corporation was in the valley last week trying to persuade timber owners to sell their timber. He was not successful, however.
Will you be there?—Big Wonder Discount Sale, 9 o'clock, Saturday morning.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Dr. Flanagan, Physician and Dentist.
Dr. M. C. Findley, Oculist, Artist, Licensed optician. Go to Coron for Plumbing.
M. Clemens, Prescription Druggist.
A Gentleman's smoke—the Stage line.
A splendid line of Royal Charter Oak Ranges at Coron's.
Order seals and rubber stamps of A. E. Voorhies.
For a clean bed and a good meal try the Western Hotel.
Placer and quartz location notices mine deeds, leases, etc., at the Courier office.
Miss N. O. Miller, studio Courier block, gives 24 stamp pictures for 25c.
Poultry Netting will keep the chickens and small chicks out of the garden. You can get all widths at Cramer Bros.
Settle Up.
The Garmen-Hemenway accounts have been placed in Mr. hands for collection. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the above firm are notified to call at the Grants Pass Banking and Trust Co., and make immediate settlement.
2-30 4t E. S. VEATCH.

WILDERVILLE

A few people are complaining of sore throats.
E. Erickson is repairing Scott Robinson's fire place.
Hanna Lovelace, who has been sick the past three or four weeks, is much better.
I wonder what Charles McCann did with all those eggs—be careful Charley.
Robert Stevenson started for Crescent City Monday of this week, going on his wheel.
Why don't some one get up a rural route mail service? I fear we are not up with our eastern states.
Charles McCann went to Grants Pass Tuesday of this week to get a four horse load of feed and provisions.
Dr. Loughbridge was called out Friday evening of last week to the home of Leo Sams whose wife was very sick but is much better at this writing.
Mr. and Mrs. Erickson entertained at 12 o'clock dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCann and babe and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown.
The working bee met at Alba Woodard's Thursday, of last week, then at Frank Stevensons Thursday of this week. Suppose that is to be the last until next Fall.
Born—On the morning of the 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Webster Roberts, a fine daughter. As their first three children were boys they are very proud of the new daughter.
Uncle Fuller.
Will you be there?—Big Wonder Discount Sale, 9 o'clock, Saturday morning.
S. C. Ribbler Extends Invitation to Wide-awake.
Leland correspondent wants to know why we don't give them some solid news. Its just this way, Wide-awake—we have a fine little section of country surrounding Hugo, one we know is of good, rich soil, in our little valley; of course the upland is more or less of granite formation. We do not want to sell out, therefore we don't need to blow about our section, if people do not believe we are from Missouri they will be convinced that we can "show" them by paying us a visit.
Our little valley is in one of the best locations in Southern Oregon for a good town and just about the right distance from Grants Pass for another good sized city.
Now, Mr. Wide-awake, you need not look for any of us over viewing your country with any intention of buying. We are not coming. If you are in need of any farming information, just ask some of our old time farmers, they have been here long enough to thoroughly understand the ways of farming Oregon's most fertile soil.
Well, as the old proverb is "make hay while the sun shines" I will not take up any more time for writing.
Yours for success,
S. C. RIBBLER,
Ex. Hugo correspondent.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

To Be Organized At Ashland Next Friday to Do Promotion Work.

The movement was inaugurated at the Medford rally last Friday to organize a Rogue River Valley Development League, at which time Dr. C. R. Ray, of Medford, was made temporary president and M. F. Eggleston, of Ashland, temporary secretary. It was decided to hold a meeting in Ashland on Friday, April 27, to perfect a permanent organization of the League. To give all sections of Rogue River Valley a representation each town and postoffice locality will be allowed three delegates and it is expected a full representation will be had.

Below is given in full a communication from Dr. Ray, which fully explains the call for the meeting and the object of the League:

Tolo, Ore., April 14, 1906.
Capt. M. F. Eggleston,
Sec. Rogue River Valley Development League, Ashland, Oregon.

Dear Sir and "Brother Booster":
As I understand, committees of three are to meet at Ashland on April 27th at 1 P. M. These committees, chosen by the local Boards of Trade or Commercial Bodies wherever there are such bodies already organized, and in those places where there is no such organization, same to be appointed by the president or secretary, I don't know which. Please let me know where we meet at Ashland.

If you have the time I wish you would notify all those towns that have Commercial Bodies to this effect, provided that I have a correct understanding of it; and I would also notify every village in both counties, or in other words, every post office. I think this latter suggestion that every postoffice be notified, or rather post master, or some prominent person living near said postoffice, is of the utmost importance for the good of the cause. Heretofore, these commercial organizations, as I understand, have only existed in Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Grants Pass. That is, I mean in a definite organized form.

Now, we all know that it takes quite a good deal of money to carry on this work in the way it should be carried on, and that is in a first-class way. We all know that, consequently, these towns, principally the merchants, are called on to contribute quite an amount of money for the benefit of every citizen. Now, this is unjust, and should be remedied. For this reason, I make a suggestion that every postoffice in both counties be notified and the matter be presented in the strongest light and that they be urged to send at least three delegates to Ashland upon April 27th; that the railroad be asked to give special low rates. I do not know how many post-offices in both counties but I think there is sufficient that this would furnish 100 delegates or more.

When we once get at every nook and corner, every post-office and people residing there and put heart and soul in this movement, the results are going to be tremendous for the best interests of both counties and the people residing there, and all citizens. In this way, the money will be subscribed by citizens from all over both counties and not fall on the merchants, principally, as heretofore. This movement is of the utmost importance to every town, village and precinct and citizen of both counties. It will mean not only extensive advertising of all sections of both counties but also the best methods of advertising, and the bringing in of homeseekers and capital, but it also means a powerful movement pulling for every section of both counties, in the way of improvements of all kinds—good roads, railroads, electric trolley lines, school houses, churches, telephones lines and everything for the benefit for the public at large, and in addition, the correction of any existing evils detrimental to the public at large.

Now, these are my sentiments, and I wish to do everything possible along these lines, and will also do my best to promote and take up any good suggestions, which, of course, is the object of this organization.

I will try to be at Ashland Wednesday. Kindly let me know if you will be there at that time.

Yours very truly,
ROGUE RIVER VALLEY DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE,
By C. R. RAY, President.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Grants Pass for the week ending April 16th, 1906. Parties calling for them please give date advertised:
Bordish, Alice, Donis, Jas.
High, Herbert, Harrison, Mr J F,
Harris, J M, Johns, Joe,
Monkers, Mrs Elsie, Miller, Miss Reta,
Miller, Mrs Laura, Perkins, G W,
Peirsel, I F, McCord, Mrs S A,
Sirus, Jacob, Savage, Donald (2)
Viole, Andi, Willard, L. W.,
Young, W L, Young, Elsie.
C. E. HARMON, P. M.

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If you don't investigate you are missing the opportunity of a lifetime.

STANLEY'S

NEXT DOOR TO HOTEL LAYTON
Formerly the Welch and Garfinkle Stand.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold an examination for the position of Forest Ranger, May 14, 1906, at Portland, Roseburg, La-Grande and Prineville. Examination for Forest Supervisor will be held same day at all large cities in the state.
Will you be there?—Big Wonder Discount Sale, 9 o'clock, Saturday morning.

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