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Y. M. C. A. WORKERS MAKING PROGRESS

Some Red Tape Necessary to Start Building Fund in Proper Manner.

There was a goodly attendance at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Sunday afternoon, at which Mr. H. C. Garnett of Medford was the principal speaker. Mr. Garnett's address was drawn along lines of common sense, and was very instructive and of great value to the building association of this place. Mr. Garnett showed great interest in the future success of the big undertaking here, and gave every encouragement to those who are so diligently working in behalf of the association.

William A. Cowley, who donated a fine lot on Pine street, valued at \$800, to the association, was present at the meeting and made a report of the visit of Mr. I. B. Rhodes of Portland, State Secretary of the association.

Mr. Rhodes informed the executive committee that before he could do anything toward giving assistance in raising the building fund, it would be necessary for some individual to come forward with a \$500 subscription, and then he would be enabled to take the matter up and assist in raising the necessary \$6000 for the building.

The \$500 man was found in a very short time and it is almost assured that 30 citizens are here who are willing to put up \$100 each, and Mr. Tuttle of Medford, who is an enthusiastic Y. M. C. A. worker, declared that he would be one of 20 men in Medford to put up \$25 each, and further stated that he believed there would be but little trouble experienced in raising \$500 in his city.

While Medford has pledged nothing of that kind, yet those who know that very enterprising city and the men behind the guns feel practically sure that Mr. Tuttle knows whereof he speaks.

All hands are busy, there is no lagging in the fray, no falling from the ranks, the little army of enterprise is marching onward and there is now no doubt that within the next year Central Point will have a modernly equipped Y. M. C. A. building and a live association with an astonishingly large membership.

NEW CONCRETE MIXER

IS READY FOR BUSINESS

Jones & Hellin, contractors in concrete work, who have secured the contract for W. E. Cowley's new building on Second street, commenced actual work Tuesday morning. Their present contract is for a building 55x44, fronting on Second street, which will be occupied as soon as completed, by the Rogue River Plumbing Co. The contracting firm have installed a Chicago mixing machine on the site of the new building which will mix and deliver ready for the wall, six cubic yards of concrete per hour and this will make possible more speedy construction than could be accomplished by hand. The machine is operated by a gasoline engine. The same firm have the contract for placing the foundation for Mr. Cowley's large building which will front on Pine street, work on the superstructure of which will be started as soon as the walls of the smaller building are in place.

HAVE WANDERED BACK

TO VALLEY BEAUTIFUL

F. F. Stone, who formerly conducted a barber shop in this city and who sold out and left here a year ago an account of Mrs. Stone's health, has returned to the Rogue river valley and after traveling over a good portion of the west, he is more than pleased to be back to what he avers to be the best country on earth. After leaving here Mr. and Mrs. Stone traveled through California and then went to The Dalles, where they spent most of last winter. From there they went to Butte, Montana, where they lived for several months. Butte, once one of the greatest boom mining towns of the west is very quiet now, Mr. Stone says, and none of the country they visited can be compared to this valley in bustle and progress. However he is well pleased with the result of their trip as Mrs. Stone's health has been restored by the travel and change.

Edmeades Brothers, the well-known shoe men of Medford, were in town yesterday. They are preparing to put on a great shoe sale at their store in the Moore hotel building at which they will dispose of their new and entire line of Oxfords at factory prices. Watch for their new ad next week.

ILLINOIS MAN BUYS TABLE ROCK RANCH

Wealth and Beauty of Valley Wins Another Valuable Resident.

A deal was closed last Friday whereby the Central Point section of the Rogue river valley wins another excellent resident without losing anything by the transaction. On that day W. R. Byrum, of the Table Rock neighborhood, sold his fine 60 acre farm to H. W. B. Dunlap, a recent arrival from Illinois, the consideration being \$18,000.

Mr. Dunlap, who is a brother of Councilman A. J. Dunlap of this city, arrived here two weeks ago on a visit to his brother as well as to look at the country, and was so favorably impressed with general conditions that he quickly decided to become a permanent fixture. After closing the details of the deal, Mr. Dunlap left yesterday for the east where he will close up his affairs and bring his family here, arriving about October 1st.

The farm is one of the best in the favored Table Rock section. Seven acres of it is now set to commercial apples and pears and the new owner will place a large portion of the remainder under orchard next season.

Mr. Byrum will not leave the valley, but will probably buy a smaller tract close in to town.

This sale is the first made in this vicinity within several weeks, and shows that the mid-summer slack in realty transactions has been broken earlier than usual. It may be taken as earnest of what may be reasonably expected during the coming fall season. Everything now points to the greatest activity in orchard, farm, and city real estate transactions in the Central Point section this fall ever before known.

ASSESSOR TRUAX

MAKING ROUNDS

W. W. Truax, deputy assessor for Jackson county, is here this week looking up "what's your name and what've you got for county taxation purposes." Mr. Truax has had much experience in assessment work in the east before coming to Oregon, and seems to be making an earnest effort to make an equitable and just assessment. The policy this year will be one of an increased property valuation and a decreased rate, and while Central Point property values will probably be raised to some extent, it is understood that the levy will be correspondingly lower. Mr. Truax has adopted the plan of a certain rate per front foot for city lots by which he believes he will be able to make a practically equitable assessment.

Death of Harvey W. Scott.

Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, and one of the best known citizens of Oregon, died last Sunday evening at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, following an operation performed 32 hours before. After the operation the physicians in attendance gave every assurance that no serious consequences should be feared, but after several hours weak heart action developed and the patient gradually and painlessly passed away.

Mr. Scott was a native of Illinois and came with his parents to Oregon when 14 years old. A few years later he entered Pacific University and was the first graduate from that institution. He became editor of the Oregonian in 1884, and with the exception of a few years in the early '70s when he was collector for the Port of Portland, he continued in that capacity until the day of his death.

Mr. Scott was recognized as one of the most forceful editorial writers this country has produced. He belonged to the old school of editors, which numbered among its members such men as Dana, Watterson and Greely, and in his capacity of editor of the Oregonian it may be said that he has exerted a greater influence on public affairs in this state than any other citizen. He was 72 years old.

While breaking a two-year-old colt to drive single yesterday afternoon, Vintie Beall and a horse breaker named Pruett, who is employed by him, had a bit of a runaway in town which resulted in a badly smashed buggy and wrecked harness. The accident was caused by one of the reins breaking when Pruett, who was driving, was thrown or jumped from the buggy. Mr. Beall stayed on the seat until the rig collided with a telephone-pole, when he was hurled through the air for some 20 feet, but fortunately escaped without serious injury. The damage amounted to some \$8.00 or \$10.00.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT VALLEY

In Every Direction from Central Point Improvements are Under Headway.

Perhaps no other section of the state is enjoying more rapid development than is Rogue river valley, and especially is this true with the central portion of the valley, that which immediately surrounds Central Point. No matter which way the gaze of the observer is turned, whether toward Jacksonville, Medford, Eagle Point, Table Rock, Tolo or Gold Hill, the same condition exists. New buildings, new fences, newly planted orchards, new roads and bridges, new irrigating canals and scores of new things which bespeak great activity in the development of this great valley.

Noticeable among valuable improvements near Central Point the attention is first attracted by the work being done by the county at the Bear Creek bridge near this city. The old covered span and the worn out approaches on either end have been torn away to be replaced by modern spans and approaches, the work now being well under way and is an improvement which will be highly appreciated by the traveling public.

Farther on we find new farms and orchards being developed, and conspicuous among them will be found the large 'Modoc orchard, an orchard tract upon the development of which thousands of dollars are being expended and hundreds of acres turned from the virgin state into clean, carefully planted orchards, and long stretching meadow lands. Through the center of this great estate, which is practically in the hands of the developer, the magnificent Rogue river winds, and from its clear mountain torrent is taken the water which refreshes the broad acres lying on either side. On the north side of the river the development in the past few months has been something wonderful. Great stretches of newly planted apple orchards, miles of new wire fencing—rabbit tight—great barns and dwellings, and at present seven new tenement cottages, facing the public highway, are just being completed and as many more are yet to be constructed, judging by the piles of material now upon the ground.

At Tolo there is also great development work at hand, and all along the way from Central Point to Gold Hill, from Gold Hill to Sams Valley, from the valley to Table Rock and from Table Rock to Eagle Point and many other points in the valley, new buildings, new fences, newly cleared farms and new highways greet the eye; in fact, Rogue river valley in its entirety is undergoing rapid development, and that part of it immediately surrounding Central Point in a radius of 6 miles is a perfect beehive of industry, so much so that the vastness of it can only be appreciated by a visit of inspection through the various sections where the real handwork of enterprising husbandry may be seen.

AN EXPERT MINER

IS COMING HERE

Francis M. Daugherty of Newton, Kansas, an expert mining man, writes C. L. Gant that he will visit this locality in a short time and bring with him a friend from Kansas, who is an up-to-date business man with much worldly goods, who is seeking a location farther west, owing to his health, which is failing in the Kansas climate. Mr. Daugherty is one of the most thorough mining men in the west, is a mineralogist of high repute and for many years occupied high positions with the leading mine operators of Colorado. It is Mr. Daugherty's intention to locate permanently in Central Point, where he will conduct an assay office as well as other mining lines. We shall welcome Mr. Daugherty to citizenship in the best country on earth.

New York's Mayor

is Shot by Assassin

Mayor Gaynor, of New York City, was shot by an assassin Tuesday morning just after boarding a German line steamer on a vacation trip to Europe. The mayor was talking with friends on the steamer's deck when James J. Gallagher stepped behind the mayor and shot him in the head. Mr. Gallagher was a discharged employe of the city dock department and according to his confession seemed to hold the mayor responsible for his discharge.

SHOULD SPRINKLE STREET CROSSINGS

Council Not Doing Its Duty by the Enterprising Merchants.

Business men and property owners on Pine street have contracted with Ferguson & Murray for sprinkling that street in front of their respective business places, and the service commenced last Friday. For some reason, however, the city authorities have failed to arrange with the contractors for sprinkling the street intersections, and in consequence the effect on the dust nuisance is not what it should be. It is discouraging for a business man with a big stock of goods on his shelves to pay for having the dust kept down in front of his place, while several inches of dust on an adjoining intersection is whiffed into his store by every passing breeze. It is not only discouraging, but it is an injustice on these men. They cheerfully spend their money to make our main business street more attractive and comfortable for everybody, as well as to protect their own merchandise, and it seems that it would be only fair for the council to permit the general taxpayers of the town to pay for the intersections.

The contractors claim that they should not be expected to do this work for nothing so long as they are required to pay the city for the water used in sprinkling and their contention sounds reasonable. This matter should be remedied at once. It is not only an injustice to the people who are already paying for sprinkling, but it makes the town look cheap and ridiculous to the general public. It will only cost the town a few dollars, and Central Point is no pauper.

DETAILED REPORT WILL

COME OUT TRUTHFULLY.

If any steel head, rainbow, salmon or other piscatorial denizens of the turbulent Rogue are left to tell the tale this morning, it is certainly not the fault of A. J. Dunlap and party, who went to the river Monday afternoon to show the finny folk what sort of barbed steel may be hidden in the flashy fabric of a factory fashioned fly. Besides the councilman, the party consisted of his brother, H. W. B. Dunlap of Illinois, Glenn Pleasant, of the S. P. depot force, and Joe Boswell, well known tonsorial artist and Howard Dunlap, who went along to chaperone the party and incidentally to show his dad how to catch 'em. Echoes from the camp indicate that the fishes had a strenuous time of it for many weary hours dodging the dangling flies, and whether or not they proved to be "artful dodgers" will only be known when the next fishing party make their report.

Miss Esther Merritt visited the Misses Hensley at Ashland last week.

\$6,000 BUILDING FOR Y. M. C. A.

Concrete Structure 55x60 or Perhaps Much Larger.

Watch us grow. An elegant Y. M. C. A. building is practically assured for Central Point.

Mr. I. B. Rhodes, state secretary for the Y. M. C. A. arrived yesterday and at a meeting of the local board of directors last evening plans were perfected for opening and carrying through a whirlwind campaign for raising the necessary funds. Six soliciting committees, of five members each were appointed to go out and get the necessary funds to erect the building and the minimum amount these thirty gentlemen are going after is \$6000.00 and as much more as can be raised in a week; the more money the bigger and better will be building and equipment.

J. O. Isaacson was chosen as general chairman of the money-getting campaign and he it is who will direct the daily work of the committees. The work will commence next Monday morning and for six full days there will be thirty public spirited men working overtime for a cause in which every good citizen in the community is interested to the extent of what he can afford. The committees will meet at lunch every day during the week for conference and to receive their assignments of work for the afternoon.

Never before in the history of Central Point has there been such enthusiasm shown in any public undertaking and when the campaign is over Central Point will be in a class by herself as the smallest town on the coast if not in the country, owning and sustaining an institution of this character.

The proposed building will be 55x60 or larger and will contain lobby and reading rooms, class rooms, boys' room, shower baths, swimming pool, etc. A public spirited citizen, who at his own request, has his name withheld for the present, has already been found who will head the list with a \$500 subscription and numerous \$100 men are in sight. The directors were notified yesterday from Medford that 20 business men of that bustling city have pledged \$500 for the fund.

The regular men's meeting will be held in the opera house next Sunday afternoon and in the evening a grand mass meeting will be held in the same place to which everybody is invited. Several local workers will make short addresses at this meeting, to be followed by an address by I. B. Rhodes.

Sam H. Murray, the well known grocer, has sold his business to Sid M. Nichol, a recent arrival from Mosier, Oregon. Mr. Nichol has been engaged in the grocery business for several years at Mosier, and also at Bend, Oregon. Stock is being taken yesterday and today and Mr. Nichol takes immediate possession of the establishment.

PASSENGER SERVICE TO BE INCREASED

Another Passenger Train and an Increased Motor Service.

An apparently well authenticated report comes from Portland to the effect that the Southern Pacific Company will soon double their passenger service over this line by adding two new through passenger trains daily between Portland and San Francisco, one of which will be of the same class as the Shasta limited, while the others will handle both through and local traffic the same as trains 13 and 15, 14 and 16 now do. In addition to this it is stated that the local motor service between Grants Pass and Ashland will also make an additional round trip daily. The step is to be taken because of the increased travel over this line which has been heavier this summer than ever before.

The local motor service has proven very popular and the car is filled to its capacity almost every trip. Already twelve passenger trains, including the motor, pass over this section of the road daily and if the reported additions are made it will give us 22 passenger trains, or eleven each way every 24 hours.

FOR SALE—A small cook stove. See Mrs. F. Leameister. 17tf



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