

Surprise Valley.

(By a Discoverer.)

Two miles west of Central Point, snugly resting in the lap of sheltering foot hills where fragrant pines tower in splendid majesty, lies a hidden vale of wonder and delight—Surprise Valley. Little known by outsiders, this charming district offers all the lure of a "terra incognita." Securely protected from south westerly winter storms, its northern side is invitingly open to the cooling summer breeze and unfolds a superb panorama to the eyes of the amazed visitor.

Hugh and marvelous in symmetry rises the impenetrable cone of Mt. McLaughlin like a magnified pyramid of Cheops. A little on the left the Watchman and Glacier Peak loom distinctly on the rim of Crater Lake, whose "incomparable grandeur," says Jack London, "no man can hope to describe."

Even the snow capped tops of Red Cone, Desert Cone and Bald Crater are faintly discernible in the distance. Farther north the bare ragged tooth of Diamond Rock pierces the blue ninety miles away. Completing the semi-circle, the broken game teeming mountains of the Umpqua Divide mark the northern limit of Jackson county. Dark and forbidding, Lower and Upper Table Rocks everlastingly guard the course of the turbulent Rogue river like two mediaeval strongholds. No longer will weird council fires beckon from their heights the Indian braves on the war path. The age of strife and blood are past and the gracefully scattered homes of Central Point mark the progress of peace and industry.

Matchless view, exclusive home sites and refined neighborhood are not however, the only inducements which Surprise Valley can offer to the weary fugitive of the maddening crowd. The well kept bearing orchards of Mr. C. E. Velin, Mrs. Grace Ball and Mrs. H. C. Huillier amply testify as to the excellent quality of its soil. Its altitude placing this privileged valley entirely above the frost belt, abundant crops are thereby assured. Nowhere else are conditions more favorable for the successful raising of poultry. That this advantage has not been overlooked by its residents may be observed by its numerous chicken houses which adorn Mrs. Ball's ranch. These and a massive concrete reservoir for irrigation purposes are conclusive evidence of wide awakeness and initiative.

The timber and mineral wealth on Mr. Velin's place are also useful reminders that Jackson county's resources do not solely embrace the production of famous apples and pears.

The fact that a substantial and ideal home may at the same time offer great possibilities for development and profit is efficiently demonstrated by Mrs. H. C. Huillier's highly attractive ranch.

The old stage road, which in days past was the most traveled path to Jacksonville, cuts through Surprise Valley and makes it historical ground. Who can tell how many hold ups and desperate encounters took place on this worn and hidden lane when the gold laden stage turned its steep curves unsuspecting of the daring ambushade.

Now this last vestige of gold frenzied times lies obscure and forgotten amidst the whispering woods and is but seldom disturbed by the noisy steps of the idler stroller.

Additional Jacksonville Items.

Mrs. M. M. Taylor entertained the Wednesday Card Club at her home last week.

A. Throckmorton, with a force of men, is engaged in graveing the Applegate Hill road out of Jacksonville.

The High school boys have organized a basket ball team and are doing much practicing.

H. Getchell and John Shumpert entertained Jacksonville sportsmen with a Turkey shoot. Quite a number from here were present at the Carrett match at Buncon Sunday.

Geo. N. Lewis is spending a couple of weeks at his ranch near Grants Pass.

Mrs. R. E. O'Brien, of Watkins, accompanied her brother, Jno. Byrne, home last week.

Mrs. W. E. Punney and Mrs. Sarah Wilcox returned Monday from their Idaho trip.

Watch and jewelry repairing at E. J. Janda's, 131f

Meat for mince-meat at the Central Point Meat Market.

Oscar Swacker, pioneer, fell dead at his Foothills creek home yesterday of heart disease. He was about 70 years old.

Have You Read It?

The Adler-ka book, telling how you can EASILY guard against appendicitis and get INSTANT relief from constipation or gas on the stomach, is being read with much interest by Central Point people. It is given away free by Mary A. Moe, Druggist.

Whooping in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Miss Mary A. Moe.

Local News Notes.

Parker, Conklin and Waterman pens at England's.

Chop suet for mince-meat at the Central Point Meat Market.

Home dressed dolls at Lesmeister's, 37 Holiday books and stationery at Lesmeister's studio. 31237

Remember that Dr. Hermann understands the diseased conditions of the eyes as well as the refraction.

Sam McLendon and Riley Hammersly were here from Gold Hill yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. McLendon leave soon for San Diego to spend the Winter.

Miss Avis B. Edwards, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is expected to arrive this evening to spend the Winter with her cousin, Rev. H. N. Aldrich and family.

Married—At the M. E. parsonage in this city, Sunday, Nov. 26, 1911, Rev. H. N. Aldrich officiating, Miss Caroline Poole to Mr. Richard Thomason, both of this city.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Martin, who died at the family home south of town Monday, will be held at the M. E. church at 10:00 o'clock this morning. Interment will be at the Rock Point cemetery.

Going out Of Business

One of Medford's biggest stores is going out of business Christmas eve: **CUTHBERT'S**

are now closing out their entire business

They are selling goods below cost and many people have taken advantage of this exceptional opportunity to get Furniture, Rugs, Ranges etc. at such low prices.

They are selling beautiful 9 x 12 Wilton Rugs for \$23.00 that were \$45.00 and Axminster Rugs at \$16.00 that were \$30.00.

The prices on Furniture have been cut and slashed all to pieces. Lace Curtains, Couch Covers, Portiers, and all Drapery Goods are going at less than half price.

When one can buy a \$45.00 Range for \$22.50, that's goin' some. One can do that at Cuthbert's.

At the Dunlop hotel is where Dr. Hermann will stop, so call on him if you have any eye trouble.

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