

### Value of Irrigation.

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To the Editor:  
The good people of Medford are awakening to the fact that water is king in Rogue River valley.

At a meeting held lately by the Medford Commercial club it was brought home to the citizens of Medford that unless some action be taken at once for irrigating the suburban lands which in a great measure are non-productive owing to non-irrigation and non-bearing of crops that the metropolis of southern Oregon will be at a standstill. The cry for water is growing, people are realizing that to improve the conditions of their city they must hold out inducements to the smaller agriculturalist, one who will make his home in and near around the cities in the valley, one who will become a producer, an inhabitant and a helper of upbuilding a commercial center.

It is demonstrated that irrigation in the valley is the foremost of all enterprises, more so at this time than the building of railroads to the mines or to the coast, or the subsidizing of factories which would now be obliged to ship in their raw material. It is of the greatest importance that we first create and grow a product then look to disposing of said products and transportation and markets will seek production. But to create this product the land must be put under irrigation to assure profitable, constant and reliable crops. It is admitted our lands, owing to the peculiar fitted soils and climate, will produce crops and fruits of all kinds. But the yields of such crops are not profitable without irrigation and until the valley is in condition to increase its products the new comer cannot be induced to locate among us. In the period of July 1, 1910 to June 30, 1911, two hundred and twenty-five cars of hay alone were shipped in the valley and only sixty-two cars were shipped out. Eighty-four cars of potatoes, forty-eight cars of oats and barley and thirty-five cars of vegetables were shipped in and only two cars of this commodity were shipped out.

This shows that our production in the valley is inadequate for our local consumption. Besides our local market we have outlets both north and south who cannot and do not produce the crops, both in vegetables, potatoes, grain, corn, hay and feed, not mentioning our excellent fruits and berries, that we could produce by irrigation. What this valley needs to increase its population is the smaller farmer on irrigated lands thereby assuring a yield of products worth while to ship in large quantities and where a merchant either at Portland or Seattle on the north or the southern Pacific coast on the south can depend on getting carload lots of agricultural commodities all the time. Not until then can the valley farmer and merchants succeed.

At this time there is a movement on foot to urge the building of the high line and the middle line canals which are feasible and practicable to place

thirty thousand acres of land under irrigation. Not until then can Rogue River valley stand in the front ranks. The citizens of Medford, seeing the importance of the building of these canals, have called a mass meeting setting forth the importance of such a movement whereby all land owners will be invited to come and help the cause along. IRRIGATOR.

### Successful School Entertainment.

Perhaps the most successful school entertainment ever given in this city was that given in Central hall last Friday by the first, second, third and fourth grades of the public schools. The program was rather long, being necessarily so in order to give each child a show to take part. The program consisted of songs, recitations, dialogues, concert selections, playlets and marches and every number called forth rounds of applause from the big audience present. The spacious hall was packed to its full capacity and even at the nominal admission fee charged more than \$80 was realized. Among the more pretentious numbers were: "Shocking Aunt Jane," "The School," dialogues; "Orphan Annie," recited in concert by the Third grade; "Parasol Girls and Rainy Daisies," "The Raggetty Man," recited in concert by the Third grade; Sunbonnet girls and Overall Boys," "Little Red Riding Hood," and "The Ruggles Family" by the Third grade.

Too much credit cannot be given to the teachers of these grades for their splendid work training the children with so much care. The teachers are: Mrs. Stella Purkeypile, first grade; Mrs. John Ross, second grade; Miss McIntyre, third grade; Miss Ellason, fourth grade.

The children are also entitled to great credit for the interest shown all through the weeks of preparation and for the splendid way in which they departed themselves while on the platform.

### Social Affairs.

Last Wednesday evening the Five Hundred club reminded Mrs. W. C. Leever that it was her birthday by surprising her. A jolly evening was spent playing five hundred after which Mr. and Mrs. Leever were escorted to the Taylor Ice Cream Parlor where delicious ice cream and cake was served by the club. The members present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leever, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Robnett, Mr. and J. P. Hoagland, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lange, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fox. Little Miss Hildagarde Lange and Master George Robnett and Earl Leever were also present.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. Hatfield entertained at five hundred, in honor of Mrs. Watt, of Medford. A very pleasant evening was spent and delicate refreshments served by the hostess.

Those present were: Mrs. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leever, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herring, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hatfield, Master Earl Leever and Clifford Hatfield.

### Base Ball Business.

Central Point fans showed that the ball spirit is not dead in this part of the valley by chartering a special train last Sunday to carry their team and their band and themselves to Grants Pass where a preschedule game had been arranged between Grants Pass' well seasoned team of husky players and an unpracticed team of Central Point boys who are just beginning to get ready to start to get a lineup together to take up their share of the white man's burden in the valley league games for the coming season. One hundred and sixty-one tickets were sold for the special and the two coach train was filled to overflowing with enthusiastic rooters. The first stop was made at Rogue River, (nee Woodville) where citizens of that town greeted the excursion. The Central Point Cornet band disembarked and gave a short concert and a general joyfest was held between the residents of the two lively, growing towns.

The affair was probably not well advertised in Grants Pass. At least but few residents of that beautiful, quaint, prehistoric burg were present to greet the Central Pointers when they tumbled out of the train.

However, the Central Point band and boosters soon filled the grand stand to its capacity except for two seats which were held for the girl with the green hat and the girl with the wad of gum. They are entitled to honorable mention as Grants Pass' best rooters.

But: If Grants Pass is a little slow on the glad hand act her bunch of ball players is somewhat up to snuff. Over in the Applegate country, which is tributary to the Pass, they have two institutions; a creamery and a pitcher factory. Whenever Grants Pass ball team needs strengthening Old Man Pernoll sends in a new boy. If he doesn't happen to have one of his own of the right age he picks up some eastern mining magnate (in this case his name is Hopkins) and the old man's choice always makes good. Hopkins did.

The game was a good one. Grants Pass has by far the strongest team in the valley (a few weeks ago they put it over the Portland league team) and Central Point fans were well satisfied with the final score, which was really low—only five tallies were made in the nine innings. It was a well balanced game. Grants Pass earned two scores. Central Point lost several by errors due to lack of practice. They had the best of it on the diamond; we had the best of it in the grand stand. The bleachers were empty. "There's mo' possums." There will be more games. Central Point has the players and the fans. Practice counts. Watch the final league score.

At the Gold Hill School Field Meet last Friday a number of pupils and teachers from the Central Point school attended and report having had a fine time. Of those winning prizes were: Howard and Frank Mayfield, Wilbur Dunlap, Erank Ross, "Gene Bowman, Harold Grim, Melvin Ray, Ina Owens and Mildred Hawk.

### An Up-To-Date Feed Barn

Probably the most complete and well appointed feed barn in Oregon is the one recently completed on Fourth street in this city by John C. Matthews. The barn is now arranged to hold 16 head of horses with ample shed room for wagons, etc. Everything is arranged with an eye to the comfort and convenience of patrons. On either side of the main entrance to the barn are rest rooms, one for men and the other for ladies. Each room is made neat and comfortable with linoleum on the floors and pictures on the walls. Connected with each room is a lavatory fitted with sanitary toilet, wash bowls etc., and in connection with the ladies' room is a complete and well appointed bath. On the second floor Mr. Matthews has fitted up a snug room for himself and on the other side of the building is a room for employes to occupy. A bunk house is also provided for the use of patrons who come from a distance and have their own blankets. Stationery bunks for six people are supplied with good mattresses, the lodger being expected to furnish his other bedding. This room is also provided with a stove where campers can boil coffee, etc., if they so desire.

Mr. Matthews will not engage in the livery business and will cater to the distant country and mountain trade that generally camp out when coming to the railroad for supplies. Reasonable prices are charged either for stall room, or stalls with hay and grain as desired and no extra charge is made for the use of the bunk house.

Such an institution will prove a great convenience to people who travel by team and do not want to stop at hotels and it will no doubt prove of general public benefit to the town by attracting and holding more of that splendid class of trade.

### Advertise Your Community.

Central Point and surrounding community, has offered the opportunity of securing some excellent publicity through the Pacific Northwest's (leading farm paper) eastern tour. Eighteen young ladies from all sections of Oregon are to spend three weeks next June as the guests of Philip S. Bates, publisher of the Northwest, the trip including all the principal cities between Omaha and Boston. At every city these young ladies will be photographed and interviewed by the reporters and much valuable publicity will be returned to the community interested.

Miss Grace Garvin, one of our most popular young ladies, has been selected to represent Central Point, Jackson county and the Rogue River valley. The only condition of her making the trip is that she shall turn in \$300 worth of subscriptions to the Pacific Northwest before the excursion starts. She already has a large part of the required amount but the last half is generally the slowest to secure. One dollar pays for this excellent farm paper for three years. Help a good cause along by clipping the following coupon, fill it out with your name and address, enclose \$1.00 and mail or give to Miss Grace Garvin, Central Point, Oregon.

Herewith find \$1.00 for which please have my name entered for three years subscription to the Pacific Northwest.

(Signed) .....

### Former Central Point Girl Weds

Miss Edna Noble, formerly of this city and a grand-daughter of Mrs. Mann who lives here, was united in marriage with Mr. Herbert Moore, of Chico, California, Saturday, May 11, 1912, by Rev. R. Ringland, of Chico. The following guests were present to witness the interesting ceremony: Messrs and Mesdames Conway, James Street, J. Bandon, J. W. Chance, Art Moore, Miss Ruby Blanton, Messrs. Walter Moore, Lester Ashburn, F. H. Moore, Earl Moore, W. P. Moore.

The happy couple will reside in Chico where the groom had a home prepared for his bride.

### A Quiet Wedding.

Mrs. Cecilia Lesmeister, of this city, and Mr. Hugh Price, of Weed, Cal. were quietly married here Monday at the home of Rev. J. Austin Crane, who performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Lesmeister is the proprietor of the Lesmeister studio here and is highly respected by a large circle of friends. Mr. Price resides at Weed, where he holds a good position with the Weed Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Price will reside at Weed after about June 1st.

It is understood that a field meet is being arranged by the local public school for next Monday, May 27th. It is expected a number of visitors from adjoining districts will send delegations.

### Memorial Day Exercises.

Memorial Day exercises and Decoration Day services will be properly observed this year as usual, the affairs being under the auspices of the Women's Relief Corps.

On Sunday, May 26th, union services will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church, at which Rev. Horace N. Aldrich will deliver the sermon. Special music will be rendered by members of the different church choirs of the city on this occasion.

Decoration Day, Thursday, May 30th, will be properly observed by exercises in Central Hall, which has been offered free for that occasion by Cowley & Moon, managers, and later by the usual decoration services at the cemetery at 2:00 p. m. Following is the program as arranged for 10:30 a. m., at the hall: Music..... "Red, White and Blue" Band Song..... "School Children" Recitation..... "Near the Heavenly Camp Ground" Gertrude Aldrich

Songs, Tinting on the Old Camp Ground Star Spangled Banner Presbyterian Choir Recitation..... Jessie Green Instrumental Duet..... Mary and Hazel Bebb

Recitation..... Miss Gladys Holmes Instrumental Solo..... Miss Mary Olsson Reading..... Mrs. A. J. Hanby Solo..... Miss Francine McNassar Recitation..... "Memorial Day" Zeta Belle Weisenburger

Recitation..... Mildred Hawk Male Chorus Recitation..... Berthold Rostel Quartette..... Misses Fern Beebe, Martine Raimy, Laura McDowell, Katie McJimsey

Reading..... Miss Duntun Song..... "America" Audience Address to the Veterans..... Rev. J. P. Hearst, D. D.

### At Grant's Pass

Fred Farra, poet of the Central Point ball team, has clipped, cribbed or stolen the following verse which he respectfully dedicates to the Central Point ball team in memory of the nine inning game they played at Grants Pass Sunday:

We hit with the bases empty,  
We hit when a pair was out,  
When hitting the ball meant nothing at all  
We were always sure of a clout,  
Many marks in the "B. H." column—  
You'd think it would be a cinch—  
But there's nary a batter can tell of the clatter  
Of a hit he made in a pinch.

Wm. Kelly, who raises things on the "desert" left a sample box of a new variety of strawberry at this office yesterday that are worth while. They are known as Early Ozark and began to ripen April 28th.

### Next Sunday's Game.

Ashland is scheduled to play Central Point next Sunday afternoon on the local diamond and it is expected the game will develop some interest. Ashland played at Medford last Sunday with somewhat similar result as that met with by Central Point at Grants Pass. Both teams, however, are taking on pretty good practice and it is expected a good game will be put up next Sunday.

The Central Point team has succeeded in securing Martin Bowers as their manager. Mr. Bowers is an old player and has licence to take the boys to the top notch during the season's play.

Grants Pass and Medford meet at the latter city next Sunday.

### BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Haines water system has been completed.

Asa Holaday, a well known pioneer of 1853, is dead at Scappoose, aged 84 years.

The annual Lincoln county Fair and Festival will be held at Toledo August 20 to 23.

Superintendent of Banks Wright has appointed H. E. Albert as state bank examiner.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of William E. Tate to be postmaster at Wasco.

Of the 298 pupils who took the state eighth grade examinations in Lun county last week 133 passed.

Out of the 109 children of the Hood River valley who took the eighth grade examinations, but 42 passed.

Portland folk so far have contributed \$443.25 toward the fund for the relief of 3,000,000 starving people in China.

Former Philomath James Evars, of the defunct Chatham State Bank, will receive no clemency from the state parole board.

Frank Allen, insane, ringleader in an escape of five men from the state asylum for the insane recently, has been deported.

There has probably not been a time during the past 20 years when the ranges of Grant county were in as good condition as the present time.

It is probable that the Ilihi club, of Salem, organized 25 years ago, and which has played a prominent part in the social life of the capital, will disband.

More than 200 persons, representatives of threshing machine concerns and others interested in grain farming in Oregon will attend the fourth annual convention of the Oregon State Threshers' Association, which meets at Condon Thursday and Friday.

## What a Beautiful Line of Shoes!

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(After looking at our big assortment of shoes.)

YES WE will admit that they are pretty. But listen: We are selling a great many shoes and if you want your size you will

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