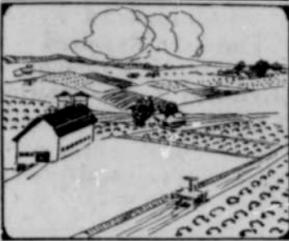


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HISTORY OF COUNTY SEAT

CITIZENS APPEAR BEFORE
COUNTY COURT

Want New House

Medford and Ashland Chambers and
Councils Work Hard For Re-
moval of County Seat.

Some time early in the year of 1925 the county court worried by the lack of fire protection for the valuable records of the county, and by the large expense to which the taxpayers of the county were being put, such as jurors, witnesses, county officials, etc., in order to transact county business, announced through the press that they contemplated repairs to the present structure.

Citizens Take Action.
This notice caused considerable discussion all over the county and a large number of the people expressed the idea that the proposed repairs would not only cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 but when completed would not furnish proper protection for the county records and would not provide adequate quarters for the growing business of the county. In a few years it would be imperative to erect a new courthouse, in which case the proposed expenses for additions, although admittedly imperative, would necessarily result in a complete loss of that much money.

Ashland Takes Action.
The individual directors of the Ashland chamber of commerce at a regular meeting Monday, April 5, 1926, and the Ashland city council at a regular meeting Tuesday, April 7, adopted resolutions urging the county court to defer action in regard to expending additional money, either for improvements or additions on the present courthouse in Jacksonville and that matters remain as they now are until such time as the people of Jackson county shall have been given an opportunity to vote upon the question as to whether it would not be advisable to move the county seat to Medford and to erect a modern courthouse there.

Medford Takes Action.
A committee appointed by the Medford chamber of commerce also unanimously adopted a resolution asking that the proposed additions to the court house be postponed until the people of the county had a chance to express their wishes at election.

Lawyers Get Busy.
The Jackson County Bar committee, composed of attorneys from different parts of the county, including Ashland, after thoroughly considering all sides of the question from the standpoint of the actual needs of the county, recently passed a resolution asking the county court not to expend money for further improvements to the present structure or erecting other buildings, calling attention to the fact that a large majority of the people of the county, when visiting the court house pass through Medford and travel about ten miles further in order to transact necessary business at the court house thereby incurring a loss of time and considerable expense. The resolution also stated that Medford is more centrally located and more convenient to the people of the county, and the removal of the county seat to Medford would not only greatly benefit all the people, but would be an actual saving of approximately enough money in a few years to pay for the erection of a permanent courthouse.

Medford Council Takes Action.
E. D. Briggs of Ashland, for the Ashland committees, and has committee and committee members from the Medford chamber of commerce went before the Medford city council Tuesday evening, stating what had been done by the directors of the chamber of commerce and city council at Ashland, also the committee of the Medford chamber of commerce and County Bar association, asking that the Medford council take some action regarding the matter, and submitted a plan which they claimed had been thoroughly considered and which they believed as business like and sensible.

After thorough consideration the mayor and council unanimously decided to pledge, on behalf of the city, to a vote of the people, to furnish free of charge of the county permanent site for the courthouse when needed by the county court if the people of the county should decide to vote the county seat to Medford; also to furnish free quarters for courthouse until such time as the county court has sufficient funds raised to erect the new courthouse.

REV. SHAW RESIGNS.

Minister of Christian Church Will
Go to Stayton.

Last Sunday the congregation at the Christian church were surprised and disappointed to hear the words from the lips of their minister that asked his resignation to take effect at once. Rev. Shaw intends going to the church at Stayton, Oregon, which is in the Willamette valley between Albany and Portland. Rev. Shaw is an able talker, a man with vast knowledge and with qualifications for a larger field than this affords. He is the organizer and the power behind the Men's Bible class, heralded far and wide as "the biggest thing in the Rogue river valley." His presence, leadership and advice will be greatly missed. We hear that the Bible class will endeavor to raise a budget for the church, which is badly needed.

Stayton citizens are indeed fortunate to secure Rev. Shaw, minister and lecturer.

C. P. BOYS IN O. A. C. Five Local Boys Attending Oregon Are Favorably Mentioned.

Forrest M. Pickett of this city, who is a freshman in commerce at the Oregon Agricultural college, has been appointed to a committee for decorations for the first freshman dance of the year. Mr. Pickett has also been chosen as freshman pledge of the Beaver Knights, an organization whose function it is to enforce rules and traditions of the college. Formal initiation to this organization is one of the features of the annual campus week end held each spring. He is pledged to Phi Kappa Tau, national social fraternity.

Others from Central Point attending O. A. C. are Moore Hamilton, junior in commerce, active in campus publications and a member of the O. A. C. daily Barometer staff; Clifford Boswell, junior in forestry, Charles Cunningham, sophomore in electrical engineering; Malcolm (Buster) Brown, freshman in mechanical engineering and pledged to Beta Kappa national social fraternity, and Johnnie Bohmert, freshman in agriculture, majoring in landscape gardening.

A delegation of citizens, with E. D. Briggs of Ashland as their chairman, appeared before the county court and presented the several resolutions, and a thorough discussion followed by the members of the court and the citizens. The court explained the fact that the county's business could no longer adequately be transacted in the present structure and that some relief would have to be given within the near future, but that they were entirely willing if prompt action were taken, to await the will of the people, if the citizens present actually intended to proceed with the submission of all angles of the matter to a vote of the people of the county without unnecessary delay.

Court Refers Action Pending Vote.

The court adopted the following resolution:
"Whereas, resolutions have been presented to the county court by the city council and directors of the chamber of commerce of the city of Ashland, also by the city council and chamber of commerce of the city of Medford, and also a large committee of the Jackson County Bar, urging the removal of the county seat of Jackson county to a more central location, and pledging an early expression by the people of Jackson county on such removal;
"It is the opinion of the county court that further expenditure for repairs and improvements to the present courthouse be deferred."

Medford Offers Free Building.
Following the action of the Jackson County Bar association, the chambers of commerce of Ashland and Medford, and the city councils of both cities, the city council of Medford, on the 8th day of October of last year submitted the question of building a concrete city hall, twice the size of the present court house and donate same free to the county for court house purposes for a period of five years. This measure carried on the ballot almost unanimously and the city council stands ready to build a court house for Jackson county without any cost to the taxpayers and give them free use of it for as long as they desire.

The Question Up to People.
The question of moving the county seat to a central location at Medford is on the ballot at the coming November 2nd election and it is generally conceded that inasmuch as the county court will have to expend thousands of dollars if the court house remains in Jacksonville, while it will be furnished commodious quarters without any cost if moved to Medford, that the taxpayers with the exception of some in Jacksonville and the Applegate, will be almost unanimous in voting to make the change.

FIRE DESTROYS BUILDING HERE

BUILDING USED FOR DANCES
TOTALLY DESTROYED

Has Some Insurance

**Building and Contents Lost in \$3500
Blaze; Origin Unknown; Partially
Insured; Owned by Medford Man**
Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the F. & E. theatre building here shortly before 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning, causing a loss estimated to exceed \$3500. The large structure, well known to motorists, passing through Central Point on the Pacific highway, was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sebrean and was rebuilt three years ago from a larger building known as the Central Point opera house.

The fire is said to have started in the rear of the building which was a lurid mass of leaping flames, when discovered by a passing motorist. Volunteer firemen answered the fire alarm bell in surprising numbers and due to the stillness of the early morning, had little trouble in preventing any spread. Two lines of hose with good water pressure were put in play, but the blaze had gained such headway that even walls could not be saved from utter destruction.

Every piece of equipment the building contained was destroyed, including two moving picture machines and attachments, two pianos, 250 seats a new screen and curtain. In addition a \$350 collection of carpenters' and mechanic's tools, property of Mr. Sebrean and several sets of valuable dishes, owned by Mrs. Sebrean, were also destroyed. The dishes had been used during the summer past at the Jackson Hot Springs resort, where she had been operating an eating establishment in connection with the resort and only had been placed in the theatre a short time ago for winter storage.

The theatre, running moving pictures every night, was opened to the public in March of 1923 and for a year ran under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Sebrean, who leased the establishment to other parties shortly before leaving Central Point for Klamath Falls and California. They returned last summer and since have been giving bi-weekly dances one of which, an ldtme dance was held the night before. Picture shows had been discontinued for some time. When the building was locked that night, an inspecting showed no danger of the fire, which broke out three hours later. The loss was partly covered by insurance. The site is regarded as one of the best business corners in Central Point, being at the corner of Main street and the Pacific highway.

ENTERTAIN AT EAGLE POINT

Proceeds to Pay For Piano; Students
Elect Class Officers.

Eagle Point.—The Presbyterian Sunday school will give an entertainment at the Grange hall Friday night of this week, October 22. The Copco pictures will be the feature attraction with live current events and interesting local pictures as well as scenic views of the Oregon Caves and redwoods and others. The championship baseball game of the Southern Oregon league and a football game will be shown in part and should be interesting to a good many. Some fine musical numbers will be rendered during the program of the moving pictures, which will make an enjoyable evening's program. The proceeds will be used to pay for the piano recently purchased by the church. This is a worthy cause and everyone in the community should be glad of an opportunity to help pay for the piano. Tickets will be on sale at the bank and Brown's store and the Sunday school children will have tickets to sell also. Buy tickets and help the Sunday school. The admission will be 10 cents for school children and 25 cents for adults.

The high school student body organized last week, selecting John Henshaw, president, and Fern Jacks, secretary. The organization will hold regular meetings in parliamentary style and much can be accomplished in a practical way that will be very instructive as well as interesting to the student body. We have a full four year high school now with an enrollment of 20. With something over 80 in the grades, the total school enrollment now exceeds 100.

S. S. Poague is among the many good home town paper readers, who stopped in this week to mark it ahead a year.

WRITE US FROM WAY BACK KAN

Congratulates Us and Hears From
Central Point.

La Crosse, Kan. Oct. 14, 1926.
Central Point American,

Dear Sir:
Just finished looking over the Central Point American. Want to congratulate you on the paper. It's a splendid appearing newspaper and has lots in it. There is a scarcity of advertisements in the paper, however. Even if your country is as good as you say it is, you can bank on it that it will not grow in business and population unless your business firms advertise better. This is an advertising age. I note you say Florida has not the advantages of your country. Maybe so—but Florida is sold to advertising and people flock there by the thousands. Advertising does it. Here in Kansas, we tell the world that "Kansas grows the best wheat in the world." We advertise the fact—probably you have heard of it. As the result Kansas wheat brings a premium on the eastern markets. Bakers in the East hang signs on their doors saying "We use Kansas wheat, the best in the world!"
LELAND L.

CANDIDATES VISIT HERE

Democrats Making Visit Throughout
Byways and Highways.

J. R. Bowen, of Rogue River is a candidate for state representative from Jackson county on the democratic ticket.

J. O. Rigg, of Ashland, is a democratic candidate for state senator. These two gentlemen with Mr. Hall called on various business men of Central Point Tuesday. We were indeed glad to meet them and was favorably impressed with their sincerity and Jackson county loyalty. Mr. Bowen is a well known grange member of the Rogue river community and he has a strong following. There is no question about him making good if elected. Mr. Rigg is a well and favorable known citizen of Ashland who knows the wants and desires of Jackson county and southern Oregon. Both gentlemen have many friends who will support them.

FRIENDS HOLD CHURCH PARTY

Meeting Held for Good Time and
Offering Taken for New Church

The beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Treichler, a mile west of Central Point was the scene of a joyful party Tuesday evening. About two dozen guests were present and the time was greatly enjoyed in conversation, music, games and refreshments. During the evening a large dish pan was passed around the rooms and all present threw silver in the pan, the donation being made for benefit of the new \$50,000 Presbyterian church that is now under construction in Medford.

CENTRAL POINT AMERICAN UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Central Point American came to our desk with a brand new dress on this week. The cause for the change is due undoubtedly to the change of management. Paul Robinson, formerly of Vernonia, Oregon, is at the helm and the paper has taken an almost instant change for the better. The front page is dressed up with a new heading and the head letter used on the front pages. The editorial page will also be a live feature now. One thing about Paul he is a booster and a live wire. He is interested in mining at Gold Hill and with his other interests in Central Point he will be a first class asset to the county.—Gold Hill News, Thanks, Brother Shorb.

Rain.

We received a letter from the East this week in which the writer spoke of our enormous rain. Such opinions probably get a landing place with people back there, but we of the Rogue river valley complain that we don't get enough rain. Here is proven true statistics. We received an annual average rainfall of 27.21 inches. We have on an annual average between 270 and 280 days of sunshine during the year. Seldom gets to zero in the winter, and a "sunstroke" was never known. Our elevation is 1290 feet.

Shelley Enters Real Estate Business.

John B. Shelley, as will be seen by his adv. in this issue, has launched in the real estate, loan and insurance business. Mr. Shelley is well known here and he is well acquainted with land values in the valley and will do a good business.

Robert H. Holmes, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific went Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. M. P. Holmes and his brother, Hartzell.

SCHOOL HERE IS DEDICATED

MAIN ADDRESS DELIVERED BY
GEORGE A. BRISCOE

Many Are Present

Speeches and Musical Program Mark
Dedication of New Central
Point High School.

With importance of education the keynote, George A. Briscoe, superintendent of city schools at Ashland, delivered the main address of the evening at the dedication exercises of the new Central Point high school building last Friday night before an exceptional large audience. Musical numbers by Medford musicians and singers were other features of the evening, followed by an inspection of the new structure by the crowds in attendance.

"Education," declared Superintendent Briscoe, in part, "is the key to opportunity and a very important part of the key is procurable in the high school, making that institution essential in the lives of young men and women. Through education minds are trained, characters are molded and bodies trained for more serious duties of life. Fine ideals of the community or city are expressed by the school buildings, and I am only glad to say that Central Point has a building of which it can be justly proud. Setting here next to the Pacific highway, it advertises to the world a good community in which to live, for schools play the most important part in civic life."

Mrs. Louis Dodge of Ashland, vice president of the Oregon Parent-Teachers' association, told of work her organization has been accomplishing and its importance to the juvenile population of the nation, declaring it has acted as a deterrent to juvenile delinquency.

Unable to be present, a message from Mrs. Susanne Homes Carter, county school superintendent, was read, expressing best wishes and carrying a congratulatory sentiment.

Selections were rendered by the Medford male quartet, Miss Margaret Huntton, Miss Polly Parrott and others, following the dedicatory speech and a presentation of an American flag to the school by the Central Point Women's Relief Corps, and a speech of acceptance by Superintendent H. P. Jewett.

Inspection of the building showed it to be splendidly equipped and well planned to take care of needs reaching for a number of years into the future. Present facilities are capable of caring for 153 students, with 102 attending at the present time, marking a record enrollment for that institution.

Turkey Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Grim entertained at their pretty Central Point home last Wednesday with a turkey dinner. Those at the table were Mrs. E. E. Wilcox of Corvallis, Mrs. W. P. Grisham of Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Grim of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Grisham, Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. W. P. Grisham are daughters of Mrs. Grim.

Desperados Are Caught.

The bank robbers who recently looted the Crescent City bank of \$14,000 were caught Wednesday by Sheriff Arthur Ross of Eureka. The sheriff got all three men unaided. They were found in a farm house 12 miles from Crescent and had all the money on them.

Burglars Visit Jacksonville.

Wednesday night burglars jimmied the doors of six different business houses in Jacksonville. The loot was not great and at this report no indications or signs were left that would throw any suspicion on the parties.

Hall Has Minor Damage.

The L. O. O. F. hall suffered minor damage in Saturday morning's fire, when the dance hall burned down. The windows in the hall, next to the burned structure, were broken, the roof damaged and some interior damage done by smoke and water.

J. M. Cummins, city marshal of Central Point, wished the American well this week in terms that count. He pays for a year to the paper and orders it sent to his sister in Portland every week.

The Jackson County Ministerial association will meet in Central Point at the Christian church next Monday. It will be an all day session.

Read all the ads. it pays.