

Sell Miller Residence to R. H. Toft, Medford

Thursday saw completion of negotiations for purchase of the old Johnny Miller home. Transactions were handled by George Little, local real estate agent. R. H. Toft of Medford was the buyer of this palatial residence.

The house was built by Johnny's father, John Miller sr., who was the town's first gunsmith. He was a German gun maker of the old school and furnished rifles for early settlers. His product was made by hand, including drilling out of steel bars, rifling, finishing stocks and locks. These were all of the muzzle loading type common at that time, two of which are on display at the local museum. Miller's shop was located where the Basket grocery now is. This building is still owned by the Miller estate.

The house itself consists of six rooms and full cellar lined with cut stone walls. The grounds, covering more than an acre, were one of the show places of Jacksonville. Black walnut trees covered with vines, tall cypress and palm trees and shrubbery still enhance the property. Although no definite facts could be obtained it is estimated the transaction involved a sum of \$5000.

STARVING ONLY FREEDOM LEFT IN THE "LAND OF THE FREE"

Americans have lost the freedom to do anything but starve, Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania said in an address at Yale university this week.

"Within this past half century a development has arisen that bids fair to outrank all the trappings of kings and czars," Pinchot asserted. "Without drama, without mercenaries in red coats it has come upon us unaware. Silently and quietly it has come, and because it was silent and quiet we have accepted it."

"We have lost our liberty because power in America has passed away from the people to the vast concentration of industrial wealth and power now held in the hands of an insignificant fraction of the people."

RIGHTS AND WRONGS

Things are right when we are unopposed in our rush for a personal goal, whether it's money, a sale, a job, or a reputation.

Things are wrong the minute somebody or something gets in our way. That is the extent to which most of us go in the matter of ethics. All other people should be on their highest ethical behavior while we get our little job looked after, collect the coin of the realm, secure the favor of the "big shot."

Perhaps we see this shameless behavior of the individual less in business life than elsewhere. It ripens to perfection in political life, in government service, in ecclesiastical politics, in artistic circles, and in the daily life of the family.

ARMY AIRMEN IN VALLEY

Flying up from Crissy field, Calif., in a Fairchild cabin plane, built especially for photographic use, Capt. A. W. Stevens and Lt. J. F. Phillips, both army air men, are in the Crater lake region where they plan to take photographs of Mt. Rainier, which is near Seattle, Wash. It will be necessary for the two to climb to a high altitude to be able to photograph this peak from southern Oregon. Captain Stevens is considered the most outstanding aerial photographer in the United States and has written many interesting stories of his work.

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APPLEGATE RESIDENT DIES IN MEDFORD HOSPITAL

Waldo S. Miller, a resident of the Applegate, passed away in a Medford hospital Wednesday evening at the age of 71 years.

He leaves one brother, E. F. Miller, of San Diego, Calif. Funeral services in care of Conger Funeral parlors will be held at the Log Town cemetery near Ruch at 2 p. m. Saturday. Rev. D. D. Randall will officiate.

MEDFORD MEN INCORPORATE

Medpears, Inc., Medford, a combination of J. E. Edmiston, C. H. Eisman and Frank De Souza, has filed papers of corporation with the state office. The company was capitalized at \$25,000 and plans to deal in fruits and vegetables.

Fruit Growers league of Jackson county, Inc., Medford, formed by E. W. Carlton, Carl Glasgow and C. T. Baker, was designed to protect the interests of Jackson county fruit growers.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO HOLD MEETING COMING TUESDAY

The Missionary society will hold a special meeting at the church parlors Tuesday, January 12, to complete the book they have been working on for their study hour. Ladies attending are requested to bring a covered dish which will be served at 6 p. m. Their families are invited. This meeting will enable all attending an opportunity to study the Bible in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Backus of Medford spent New Years day with their son, George Backus, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coffman have been spending the past week in Klamath Falls where they are visiting Merton Coffman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis of Sterling are the parents of an eight-pound son born Tuesday. Dr. Torbes of Eagle Point attended the mother and boy.

Mrs. Walter Furgeson of Medford attended the Missionary meeting here Thursday.

A new basement is being constructed at the home of Alice Hoef, along with other improvements. J. R. Knight is in charge of the work.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coulter visited at the William Puhl home in Rock Point this week.

Fred Copple of Big Applegate was in town Thursday. He has been working on the telephone line enroute to town.

Tom Reed, who took over the Marble Corner last week, is rearranging his accounts and plans to make several changes in his establishment.

Mr. and Mrs. Josephine Little had as their guests the past week their sister, Mrs. Daisy Miller and Mrs. Pauline Bailey of Portland. They are visiting their brother, Joe Wetterer and another sister, Mary Wetterer of this city.

HANDLING TRUTH CAREFULLY

This is a time when it is a temptation to play down bad business news and play up good news. The reader has a right to know the truth and the whole truth. But there is no reason why the bad news should be emphasized—in fact, it is a good thing and a constructive thing to give the good news the best of it in prominence and position.

During the war, we subordinated everything to winning the war. At this time, it is wise to subordinate everything to the saving of our business and economic structure.

No cheerful bit of news should be overlooked, within the reasonable editorial procedure of handling news. In this day, people seem to talk and think calamity and privation and hard times, and yet there are many happenings today that furnish constructive thoughts and these happenings are getting more and more frequent. This is a time when prosperity needs some of the free publicity which old man depression has been monopolizing. The newspapers of the country can print the news and still keep the constructive and reassuring angles to the front.

Agree that too many people are in the vinegar business and he'll shake your hand; but suggest that he get out, and he'll shake his fist.

CHECK UP ON US

If you find your name misspelled in The Miner, drop us a line at box 138 and put us right. We don't like to see our own name reading like a latin term neither.

RABBIT BREEDERS MEET

About 30 people attended the regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Rabbit Breeders association held at 7:30 p. m. January 1 at the home of L. T. Wilson. This gathering commemorated Mr. Wilson's eighty-first birthday anniversary with a banquet and installation of new officers. Various games completed the evening.

George Gosner was a visitor in Medford this week.

Maybe the depression is a bloodless war to end investment advisers.

PLACER MINING OPERATIONS TO BEGIN AT COLEMAN CREEK

Fred C. Kelly and Guy Kelly are making preparations to operate their placer mining property, known as the Alming mines, on Coleman creek above Phoenix.

They have been two months getting the ground ready and now have sufficient water for full operations. Considerable gold has been taken from the Coleman creek district.

SELLS INTEREST IN GOPHER

H. H. Farley sold his interest in the "Gopher" mines to his partners, "Slim" Mero, Mike Burdell and Taylor. Farley has moved his equipment and has it under lease while the trio have installed new machinery and are still burrowing and panning with much zest and some gold.

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