

CENTRAL POINT MAKES MATERIAL HEADWAY

About 30 New Dwellings and Eight Business Blocks Are Erected During One Year.

Central Point has made greater material progress during the past year than in any other year in the town's history. About 30 dwellings, nearly all of very substantial character, and eight business and industrial buildings, three of which are substantial bricks and one concrete block, and the others substantial frame structures, have been erected or are now in course of construction. Besides this nearly half a mile of first-class cement sidewalks have been laid at a cost of over \$5,000, and a water system to cost \$25,000 when completed, has been commenced and will be finished within a few months. One cement block plant and two planing mills have been established and a large general merchandise store is being opened. Real estate has advanced almost 100 per cent during the year and there has been more activity in realty transactions than ever before. Following is a carefully compiled list of improvements with their cost: Water system (not yet completed), \$25,000; cement sidewalks, \$5,000. Business buildings—E. G. Whiteside, brick, \$3,500; C. B. Roedel, brick, \$800; I. F. Williams, brick, \$2,500; W. J. Freeman, concrete, \$10,000; Ferguson & Murray, livery barn, \$2,500; A. W. Moon, saw and door factory, \$2,500; Welch Lumber Co., planing mill, \$1,000; T. M. Jones, undertaking parlors, \$400; S. A. Pattison, Herald office, \$800; W. E. Jones, cement block factory, \$1,300; total, \$62,500. Dwellings—ohn Clark, \$800; Robert Kyle, \$2,500; C. B. Roedel, \$1,000; T. W. Sage, \$1,000; J. O. Isacson, \$2,000; Mrs. Downing, \$600; Mrs. Randall, \$600; F. F. Clark, \$1,000; W. E. Alexander, \$1,600; W. E. Jones, \$300; E. E. Sanborn, \$600; Mrs. Childs, \$500; John Albert (2), \$1,000; H. J. Gardner, \$1,100; Mayfield (addition), \$400; Curtis Prock, \$500; I. C. Robnett, \$3,000; Mrs. Hensley, \$1,000; Mrs. Peninger, \$800; Mrs. Obenchain, \$1,200; H. Warner, \$1,000; Chalmers Gilmore, \$1,500; Geo. Fox (addition), \$400; F. O. Cochran, \$600; Mrs. John Wright, \$200; A. E. La Pointe (addition), \$500; total \$28,800. Barns—J. W. Myers, \$600; C. E. Lange, \$400; Eli Sage, \$300; Geo. Ross, \$400; total, \$1,700. Grand total, \$92,200.

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL RESULTS IN NO SCORE

Ashland's All-School football team played the Central Point eleven Christmas Day and the resulting score was 0 to 0. Although the Ashlanders had the lighter team, they overmatched the Central Pointers in skill and speed. Central Point's goal was in immediate danger three times, and each time only three feet remained to be covered, when we lost the ball. The clever playing of Beebe and Lovelady was a feature of the game. Their playing will be watched with expectation of good work in the return game to be played in Ashland New Year's day.

OH, DEAR, A DEAR LITTLE DEER CALLS IN TOWN


A number of people witnessed the interesting and unusual sight of a wild deer from the big woods dashing through the very heart of Ashland. The deer, a good sized doe, wearing a handsome winter fur coat, came down Third street past the East Side Inn, and after crossing Main street turned east into an alley, crossed the railroad track near the section house, cut across to Mountain avenue, jumped into the Carter orchard and disappeared from the sight of those watching the fleet of the animal, which hit up a pretty lively pace, but was unharmed by either man or woman, numerous of both of which, surprised at the sight, watched her go by. The deer came down from the direction of Chautauqua Butte whither it had probably descended from its range in the higher mountains, frightened or pursued perhaps by some savage prowler of the winter woods.

CARDINAL SATOLLI VERY ILL AT HIS HOME

ROME, Dec. 28.—The condition of Cardinal Satolli, who is suffering from nephritis complicated by an attack of blood poisoning is unchanged today.

WOMAN, SUDDENLY INSANE, TRIES TO CREMATE CHILDREN

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Becoming suddenly insane, Mrs. Mary Lipp, aged 38, today attempted to cremate four of her children. The lives of the four little ones were saved by neighbors.



The Riverman

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ORDE now took steps to deflect into the channel recently dredged to Stearn's bayou the mass of the logs racing downstream from Redding. He estimated that he had still two hours or so in which to do the work. This at first he succeeded in doing, and very successfully as affecting the pressure on the jam below. To the crew working in the channel dredged through to Stearn's bayou the affair was that of driving a rather narrow and swift stream, only exaggerated. A large proportion of the timbers found their way into the bayou. Those that continued on down the river could hardly have much effect on the jam. As yet only the advance of the big jam had arrived at the dredged channel.

"We can't keep this up when the main body hits us!" Orde panted to Jim Denning. "We'll have to do more pile driver work."

He made a rapid excursion to the Boom camp, whence he returned with thirty or forty men.

"Here, boys," said he, "you can keep these logs moving in this channel for a couple of hours."

Orde now returned to the jam, where, on the pile driver, the tugs and the booms he set methodically to strengthening the defenses.

But shortly the water began to rise again, this time fairly by leaps. For the hundredth time the frail wooden defenses opposed to millions of pounds were tested to the very extreme of their endurance. The network of chains and cables tightened, drawing ever nearer the snapping point. Suddenly, almost without warning, the situation had become desperate.

And for the first time Orde completely lost his pole and became flounderingly profane.

He shook his fist against the menacing logs; he apostrophized the river, the high water, the jam, the deserters, Newmark and his illness, ending in a general anathema against any and all streams, logs and floods.

"Well," said Tom North, "he's good and mad this time."

At the dredged channel Orde saw the rivermen standing idle, and half blind with anger, he burst upon them. Then he stopped short and stared.

Square across the dredged channel and completely blocking it lay a single span of an iron bridge. Behind it the logs had, of course, piled up in a jam, which dammed back the water.

"Where in h— did that drop from?" cried Orde.

"Come down on top the jam," explained a riverman.

Orde, suddenly fallen into a cold rage, stared at the obstruction, both fists clutched at his side.

"That about settles it," said Welton.

"Settle!" cried Orde. "I should think not!"

Welton smiled quaintly.

"Don't you know when you're licked?"

"Licked, h—!" said Orde. "We've just begun to fight."

"What can you do?"

"I'll blow her up with powder."

"Ever try to blow up iron?"

"There must be some way."

"Oh, there is," replied Welton, "of course—take her apart bolt by bolt and nut by nut."

"Send for the wrenches, then!" snapped Orde.

"But it would take days. It would be too late. It would do no good."

"Perhaps not," interrupted Orde, "but it will be doing something, anyway. Look here, Welton, are you game? If you'll get that bridge out in two days I'll hold the jam."

"You can't hold that jam two hours."

"That's my business. Will you send the lanterns and wrenches and keep this crew working?"

"I will," said Welton.

During the next two days the old scenes were all revived, with back of them the weight of the struggle that had gone before. Pines belonging to divers and protesting owners were felled and sharpened. Even the inviolate government supply was commandeered.

Then all at once, as though a faucet had been turned off, the floods slackened.

"They've opened the channel," said Orde dully. His voice sounded to himself very far away. He felt himself moving in strange and distorted surroundings. He heard himself repeat-

ing to each of a number of wavering, gigantic figures the talismanic words that had accomplished the dissolution of the earth for himself. "They've opened the channel." At last he felt hard planks beneath his feet, and, shaking his head with an effort, he made out the pilothouse of the Sprute and a hollow eyed man leaning against it. "They've opened the channel, Marah," he repeated. "I guess that'll be all." Then quite slowly he sank to the deck, sound asleep.

When Newmark left, in the early stages of the jam, he gave scant thought to the errand on which he had ostensibly departed. Whether or not Orde got a supply of plies was to him a matter of indifference. His hope, or, rather, preference, was that the jam should go out, but he saw clearly that Orde, blinded by the swift action of the struggle, was as yet unable to perceive. Even should the riverman succeed in stopping the jam the extraordinary expenses incidental to the defense and to the subsequent salvaging, untangling and sorting would more than eat up the profits of the drive. Orde would then be forced to ask for an extension of time on his notes.

On arriving in Monrovia he drove to his own house. To Mallock he issued orders.

"Go to the office and tell them I am ill," said he, "and then hunt up Mr. Heinsman. I want to see him immediately."

The German entered rather red and breathless, surprised to find Newmark at home.

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