

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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## WILDCATS AND ORCHARD FAKERS.

A family that reached Medford last week had three different places pointed out to them by interested passengers on the train as the spots that grew the prize winning apples at Spokane. Albany, Eugene and Sutherlin were each claimed in turn to be the places that produced the sweepstakes winners.

Why boomers of these localities should not stick to the plain, simple truth in advancing the interests of their sections is beyond comprehension. The truth is good enough and there is no necessity for parading in false colors.

Two instances of pretty raw work—one on the part of Lane county boomers and one on the part of the Sutherlin valley promoters, are called to the public attention. Both of them state bare falsehoods, needless and inexcusable falsehoods, that can only react disadvantageously for those who promulgated them—for in the long run the truth will be found out and it only pays to tell the truth.

The Minneapolis Journal contains the following standing advertisement:

"Oregon Fruit Lands—Our lands adjoin the pleasant village of Creswell, Lane county, Oregon. This county took first prize on apples over all states represented at Spokane, Washington, 1909. Willamette valley, beautiful for a home, mild climate, non-irrigated, on main line of the Southern Pacific, near the state university. Call or write for full particulars. The A. C. Bohrstedt Co., 629 Palace Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn."

This bare-faced lie—for Lane county never had an exhibit, let alone capturing first prize at Spokane, is on a par with the effort of the Lane county promoters who last year stole the Medford pamphlet pictures and records of Rogue River orchards and palmed them off on an unsuspecting public as being from Lane county. Probably investigation would disclose common origin, the fertile brain of some wildcat orchard promoter who, unable to induce settlers upon the merits of his own proposition, masquerades in stolen plumage.

The other instance of mendacity is contained in letters sent out to prospective orchard purchasers by the Sutherlin Land & Water company and its agents. This enterprising firm, in order to get rid of their tracts in an unproven district, have lifted bodily Rogue River valley records and appropriated them as their own. Letters are being sent to people in Kansas signed by Thad L. Hoffman of Enterprise, Kan., and other agents for Sutherlin promoters, in which occur the following: "Would you be interested in a proposition that will net you at least 50 per cent? Have you ever investigated Oregon fruit lands, especially the wonderful Sutherlin valley? If you have, you know my statements of 50 per cent net returns is less than the smallest returns from a well taken care of orchard. More net 75 per cent to 150 per cent than 50 per cent. I am enclosing a statement of facts, which I trust you will read carefully."

The "facts" enumerated in this statement are as follows:

"A single acre of Bartlett pears grown near Sutherlin yielded \$2250. Nineteen and one-half acres of Winter Nelis pears netted \$19,000. Du Comice pears from Douglas county sold for \$10.08 per box in London. A fraction over three acres of Yellow Newtown Pippins netted \$2500. Write to any Oregon official and you will find my figures correct."

These figures are taken from the Medford pamphlet and are records made by Rogue River growers some hundred odd miles away from Sutherlin. No single acre of Bartlett pears grown near Sutherlin ever yielded \$2250. This record was made by the Bear Creek orchard, adjoining Medford. No nineteen and one-half acres of Winter Nelis pears near Sutherlin ever netted \$19,000; sixteen and a half acres of Winter Nelis pears on the Snowy Butte orchard, near Central Point, did net \$19,000. No Comice pears from Douglas county were ever sold in London or anywhere else for \$10.08 a box. They are a Rogue River product, and Comice pears from Hillcrest orchard, near Medford, sold in January, 1909, for \$10.08 per box in London. No fraction of over three acres of Newtowns ever netted \$2500 at Sutherlin; three-acre tracts near Medford did net \$2500, and similar yields have been made by many of the orchards.

When the Sutherlin valley was first exploited, it is said, agents were sent to the Hood River, Rogue River and other sections, and fancy apples were purchased from these famous fruit producing regions. This fancy fruit was exhibited through the east by agents of the Sutherlin company as Sutherlin valley product. But it is evident that this concern, not satisfied with faking its fruit, must also steal the records made by established fruit districts and pawn them off on strangers as their own. Wildcatting of this kind is so rank that it cannot fail to react disadvantageously to the country that sanctions it.

Here is work for both the Eugene and Roseburg Commercial clubs. They should discipline wildcat fakirs, who in the long run are working a permanent injury by circulating falsehoods. It is not necessary to lie about any part of Oregon in order to populate it and develop it. The mere truth is sufficient for each locality, and cannot be improved upon.

## MEDFORD STRIKES HER GAIT.

That Medford has "struck her gait" and will make

phenomenal growth during the coming year is proven by the way she has started out. Postal receipts for the month of January total \$2424.43 as against \$1564.49 for January, 1909, an increase of 54 per cent over the business of a year ago.

During 1909 Medford's postal business increased over 33 per cent over that of 1908, and it was the largest proportionate gain made by any city in Oregon, but 1910 promises to far discount the record made last year.

For the past five years Medford's postoffice business has made an annual average increase of over 30 per cent, showing that the growth of the city has been steady and not in the line of a boom, but it is not alone the postoffice that shows an increased business. The banks show an increase of 50 per cent in deposits, and nearly every line of industry reflects the growth and prosperity of the community.

A most conservative estimate will give Medford between 10,000 and 12,000 population at the close of the year 1910. She will have this population if she merely maintains the ratio of growth made during the past five years. This she will more than do, and there is every indication that by 1912 Medford will have 25,000 population and Jackson county 50,000.

## GROUNDHOG OUT SEES HIS SHADOW

The Rodent Which is Supposed to Regulate Spring Weather Must Go Back for Six Weeks More Sleep.

Today, February 2, is "groundhog day," when the groundhog is said to come out of his winter quarters and take a look at the scenery. Should there be sunshine, the sight of his shadow, which he has not seen for several months, will frighten him so that he will dive back into his hole and remain for the next six weeks, and for that time there will be stormy weather. If, on the other hand, the day is cloudy and dark, he will stay out and spring will commence.

Today the groundhog certainly saw its shadow, as Southern Oregon was bathed in sunshine all day.

However, the people of the Rogue River valley have the consolation of knowing that Southern Oregon weather, like the Medford charter, has a way of its own and does not allow the methods or actions of other sections to interfere with its independence.

## MORE ABOUT SISKIYOU.

(New York Times.)

The Gold Hill News of Jackson county, in Oregon, blends its lute with the music of the Medford Mail Tribune, "the strongest string upon whose editorial harp is Siskiyou":

"If Siskiyou proposed ever becomes Siskiyou in fact, the Crater Lake road will be built, for one thing, Medford will get that coveted federal building, and perhaps the state capitol. Present political minnows will become political whales, and the call of public duty will surge strong in many breasts now perforce unvisited by that noble emotion."

Here, at last, are reasons, not vouchsafed by the jealous Portland Oregonian, for the new star that threatens to project itself into the constellation of states. For the sake of the Crater Lake road, the hopeful future capital, and the noble emotions of Medford's political patriots, fragments of Oregon and of California have been broken off and are whirling by an irresistible attraction into the orbit of statehood.

We recognize the belligerency of the Siskiyouans. It may be that their peerless orchards, their rich mines, their fruitful valleys, their ore-laden hills, and tall timber will provide a safe refuge for secession, and that the Rogue River valley and its contiguous area will in due season blossom under a new and more sovereign name.

## SIGNALS OF DISTRESS.

Medford People Should Know How to Read and Heed Them.

Sick kidneys give many signals of distress.

The secretions are dark, contain a sediment.

Passages are frequent, scanty, painful.

Backache is constant day and night.

Headaches and dizzy spells are frequent.

The weakened kidneys need quick help.

Don't delay! Use a special kidney remedy.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys, backache and urinary disorders.

Medford evidence proves this statement.

C. W. Barnard, 424 S. W. Hamilton street, Medford, Or., says: "I always use Doan's Kidney Pills when suffering from a cold in my kidneys or when I have any symptoms of rheumatism, and I never fail to get relief. I gladly recommend this excellent remedy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

## CHIEF GAGS ALL IN FORESTRY WORK

Issues Order Prohibiting Men Under Him in Oregon, Washington and Alaska From Talking for Publication.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Through an order coming direct from Chief Forester Henry S. Graves of the national forest service, the employees of district No. 6, embracing Oregon, Washington and Alaska, are hereafter prohibited from talking for publication. The order is recorded upon the books of the national forest service as "Order No. 138," and officially ends all work of exploitation which this department has undertaken.

While no reason for the order is given, it is supposed that its object is to stop indiscriminate leaking of departmental affairs, such as the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. Another theory is that men accused of land frauds have gained information from forest service officials. Both Benson and Hyde obtained their information from clerks in the Washington, D. C., offices, it is said.

It is the department, however, and not the public, that will suffer. The order shutting off publicity from any project in which the national forest service is interested will mean that the employees of the service will have to exert themselves that much harder. Through gratuitous advertising given to many of these projects the enthusiasm of the public in the districts affected had formerly been aided largely.

Other work, such as the preventing of forest fires, the organization of state conservation societies and the work of the department of agriculture and of manufactures has been largely dependent upon the advertising gained through the columns of the newspapers for success. These departments have worked on foot for the coming year, which, without publicity, will gain them but little and which will undoubtedly be rendered doubly hard for the service to accomplish.

That the present order originated with the decapitating of Pinchot is generally believed. The local department of the forest service absolutely refused at first question to be interviewed upon the question, but later furnished a written interview to the papers. Pinchot was accused of talking too much, although much of the talking was, at the time, said to have been done by his subordinates. Graves, the new forester, evidently plans doing away with any chance of his subordinates getting him into trouble by shutting off all publicity.

The local forestry office has as yet received no order that no information should be given out to newspapers. The experience of several ex-members of the forest service, as well as those who are now engaged in the work, has been that the publication of the work being done and projected by the forestry bureau, and the statements of the results achieved and to be expected, has resulted in a reversal of public opinion from opposition to support.

People have learned through the newspapers that the object of the forestry bureau is to save, not destroy, and that the system will work out to the benefit of all. Therefore forest rangers are not handicapped as in the first few years by neutrality or actual opposition, but receive an almost universal support of the residents of the section in which they work.

## TABLE ROCK ITEMS.

Setting trees is the order of the day at Table Rock.  
Dr. A. A. Finch and H. T. Flad-

lay are taking up their 50 acres of apple trees and putting in pear trees. B. Conner left a few days ago for New York city to visit at his old home, expecting to stop a day or two at Chicago and Detroit and return to Table Rock about March 1.  
Helen, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Adams, is very ill with pneumonia. Dr. Anderson is attending her.  
January 26 Mrs. A. P. Friason celebrated her 81st birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Pendleton. Quite a number of the Table Rock ladies were present and report having an excellent time.  
Howard Sage of Medford is spending a few days with his parents here.  
Our school is closed for a few days owing to the illness of the teacher, Professor V. A. Davis, and the general prevalence of colds.  
Quite a number from here attended the box social at Agate at which they realized \$110 to be spent for a bell and general improvements of the school building.  
Glenn May has accepted the position of foreman of the Mears orchard and is doing some up-to-date pruning.  
Godfrey and Hamlin of Medford were buying beef cattle in this vicinity a few days ago.  
John Williams is working at the Findlay orchard.  
Stationery, office and school supplies at the Merrivold Shop.

"My baking is always successful—  
I always use  
**OLYMPIC FLOUR**  
—Mother.  
OLYMPIC FLOUR is made from carefully selected Northwestern wheat, thoroughly cleaned and secured by the most modern methods known. All the nutritious qualities of the wheat are retained and it reaches you clean and pure and wholesome. If your dealer can't supply you, write us and we'll tell you who can—but don't take any other than Olympic—insist upon it.  
—there isn't any just as good."  
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of U. S Government Lands, Umattilla Project, at Hermiston, Ore.

February 10, 1910

For the above occasion the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. and Southern Pacific Company—lines in Oregon, will make an open rate of

### One and One Third Fare

for the round trip from all points in their lines to Hermiston.  
Tickets on sale February 6th and 7th, with final return limit February 20, 1910.  
Free booklet, issued by the government containing full information as to cost, how to file, water rights, etc., may be obtained from any O. R. & N. or S. P. Agent, or by writing to  
WM. McMURRAY, General Passenger Agent.