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CUTTING UP BIG TRACTS.

The sale of the Snowy Butte orchard and the cutting of it into small tracts; the sale of the Hamilton property at Eagle Point and the prospective placing of it in the market in five and ten-acre lots; the sale of the old Meyers tract near Talent, its planting and subdivision, as well as the prospective sale and marketing in small tracts of many of the larger orchards of the valley, are all signs of the times and indicate that the purchasers are on the right road to develop and populate the valley.

Instead of a big orchard of several hundred acres supporting one family in luxury, and paying wages for twenty to thirty employes, there will be twenty or thirty families, each making an independent living off from the same land. This is what the country needs, and what the city needs, and it is hoped that before the close of the year every large orchard tract in the valley will have been subdivided and sold.

Although the year is yet young, there have been more purchases of property in the valley made than in the five previous Januarys. The continued advertising done by the community is having its effect, and there are more prospective buyers in the city in this off season than there are usually at the most favorable times of the year. Each person who subdivides a tract and puts it on the market is forced to advertise this region throughout the east, and this advertising, in addition to the community publicity, is making Medford the best known small city in the United States.

STRIKING AT THE MAGAZINES.

Postmaster General Hitchcock, backed up by President Taft, has recommended an increase in the present rate of postage on magazines and other periodicals now carried at second-class rates. It is claimed that the carrying of these magazines is done at an actual loss to the government, and that while the postoffice department receives little more than a cent a pound, the cost averages 9.23 cents per pound. It is therefore proposed to increase the rates in order to make up the deficit.

The express companies now carry magazines at a cent a pound and are able thereby to make money. There is no reason why the government should not do so also. If the government increases the price of second-class matter, it will have the effect of diverting the carriage of magazines from the mail to the express companies, thus lessening the receipts of the postoffice department without decreasing what it pays for transportation.

The trouble with the postoffice department and the cause of the loss is not the newspaper and magazine business, but the excessive rates paid railroads for postal transportation, an imposition long established and maintained by political influence at Washington. In the rental of postal cars, where the department pays an annual rental several times the actual cost of the cars; in the method of securing the average weight of the mails; in fact, in all relations of the department with the railroad, reform is needed with a big R.

The federal census report shows that the average rate paid railroads by express companies for their average haul was 60 cents per hundred pounds against an average of \$6.68 for hauling mails, not including the rental of postal cars. The average rental of a postal car is \$6500, while the cost is less than \$4500.

In their defense the magazines assert that it is wrong that a thousand publishing industries built up through thirty years of an established postal rate as the basis of their business operations should be periodically attacked with propositions that would annihilate most of them, when there is no exact, or approximately exact, knowledge behind these propositions.

The magazines demand that congress shall provide for a competent cost expert to work in the postoffice department, and that this expert shall be given full opportunity to get what the department has never produced, the facts and figures which show just how much the second-class mail is costing the government in excess of the revenue it produces.

ASHLAND AND WESTON NORMALS.

As the Monmouth normal has decided to cast off its allegiance with the Ashland and Weston schools and go it alone, it is up to Ashland and Weston, southern and eastern Oregon, to unite forces and prepare a joint bill for submission to the people for the support of both institutions. The question will then be fairly before the people, whether or not they will show discrimination against southern and eastern Oregon.

Of course the Oregonian and the Willamette valley mossbacks will bitterly oppose any proposal looking to building up schools or state institutions outside of Willamette valley, which to them is all Oregon, but it is as good a time now as ever to place them on record, and there are excellent grounds for the surmise that the progressive people of eastern and southern Oregon together will outvote the reactionary mossbacks.

As a compromise, to secure the support of the Oregonian, we herewith offer the suggestion that the Oregonian be made custodian of the normal school funds. The excellent record made by the Oregonian with the subscriptions of the people given for the relief of those stricken in the San Francisco earthquake disaster proves beyond a doubt the surprising qualifications possessed by the Oregonian as a custodian of public funds.

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GOLD HILL ITEMS.

(By Spectator.)

Jack Sharpe and George Garrett were visitors here from the Opp mine at Jacksonville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Kellogg of the Cove ranch, above Ashland, were here visiting relatives Saturday and Sunday and left Monday for Grants Pass and Glendale on an extended trip to renew of acquaintances at those places.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Howard and their daughter, Mrs. Rex H. Lampman, left Monday for several days' stay at Ashland.

Joe Cronen, who has been employed at the Opp mine near Jacksonville the past year left recently for Portland to engage in steamboating out of Portland.

W. J. Freeman of the firm of Freeman & Wiley of Central Point, was here Tuesday looking after a load of wire fencing consigned to W. H. Harvey, their local agent at this place.

Mrs. A. L. Harvey of Ashland came down the first of the week looking after her business interests here.

Rex H. Lampman of the News was at Medford and Ashland Monday and Tuesday on business connected with the News.

The special school meeting held here Saturday for the purpose of voting whether the school board should purchase new site for the new high school carried by a vote of 16. The total number of votes cast was 80. There will be an election held on February 12 to vote on \$14,000 bonds to build a new high school building.

W. E. Thompson of the Chaynor farm was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

L. D. Owen, formerly engaged in mining on Sardine creek, and part owner of the Reed & Owen mine and mill, is now employed in the sawmill at Star, Or.

Wear Kidd's Shoes.

BENSON'S BARGAINS

We are agents for Snowy Butte ten-acre orchard tracts. These tracts are in different stages of development from undeveloped land to full bearing orchard. These tracts are near Central Point station. Telephone 541 for appointment or call at our offices over Fruitgrowers' bank for prices and terms.

120 acres in Sams Valley, 1-2 mile west of Beagle postoffice; price \$30 per acre. We will exchange this for other real estate, preferably in or near Medford. What have you to offer?

40 acres 16 miles north of Medford; 3 acres cultivated; 4 acres in fruit trees from 2 to 10 years old; on two good county roads; small house, barn, vegetable house, 2 wells, this can all be easily cleared without a foot of waste land; 25 acres enclosed with Page wire fence; price \$2100; half cash, or will exchange for Medford city property.

Are you a conservative investor? Do you know values when they stare you in the face? If so, we want to meet you and show you that we are selling good residence lots for \$250 that are as desirable from every standpoint if not more so than lots being offered for four and five hundred dollars each. As an extra inducement we will only ask you to pay \$25 down and \$10 monthly. It will pay you to see us. DO IT NOW.

Conservative, far-sighted men have prophesied that 1000 houses will be built in Medford this season. If this is true hadn't you better get busy. Put \$10 a month into a lot; perhaps the other fellow may want your lot to build his house on.

LAUREL PARK

Is a new addition placed on the market for the first time January 28th. It commences one block west of the 11th street store, and joins Highland Park addition on the south. You will like Laurel Park.

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February 10, 1910

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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.

JOHN M. ROOT URGES NEED OF PARKS AND SANITATION AT CLUB

Upon "Parks and Sanitation," John M. Root spoke at some length before the last meeting of the Greater Medford club. He showed a thorough understanding of the topics. His address follows:

John M. Root followed with a short address as follows:

"Ladies—When I was leaving my house this morning my wife told me I was to address the Greater Medford club this afternoon on the subject of 'Parks,' and that I had better make a note of it or I would forget to appear. Here I am with a few notes I made in haste, which I hope will assist you in your effort to obtain more parks. The city of Minneapolis covers 55 square miles, or 35,200 acres of ground. It has 1700 acres of parks, or approximately 5 per cent of its total area. And they are still buying. New York, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis each have over 5 per cent. European cities have 10 per cent. Here in Medford we have 1600 acres within the corporate limits and four acres, or only 2 per cent of the 5 per cent which we should have in parks.

"The thing to do is to acquire land now for park purposes, before the prices go higher. At one time the city could have owned 57 acres at the end of Oakdale avenue, in the Stewart place, for a payment of \$300. It was not paid. Think how much this land is worth now! Even though the land cannot all be improved at once, we will have it. If a series of parks with connecting boulevards were laid out now it would be of immense value to the city later.

"Medford has 8000 building lots. If each of these lots were taxed \$1 a year we would have \$8000 for park maintenance. You ladies would have to work very hard to raise this sum. Have the city council buy the park sites. Don't let them tell you they have no money. No city council that ever amounted to anything ever did have any money. Ninety-eight per cent of the business in the United States is done on credit. We have credit. Let us use it.

"Another matter which I wished to bring to your attention is sanitation. When new people come here to reside one of the first questions they ask is, 'How do you dispose of your garbage?' 'Oh, we gather it up and dump it or feed it to hogs.' In Medford we produce every day in each person two pounds of refuse. This amounts to seven tons a day which is dumped on the ground and left to rot. This matter is wholesome to begin with, but it soon becomes putrid. When a horse or cow dies, it is thrown out to contaminate the air. A dead animal put into an incinerator is totally destroyed in from 40 to 50 minutes.

"Los Angeles has a crematory costing \$83,000. Garbage is handled there at a cost of 28 cents a ton for fuel and labor. In Sacramento it costs 30 cents. In Atlanta, Ga., 17 cents; in Minneapolis, 20 cents; in Spokane, 25 to 27 cents; in Muncie, 22 cents; in Johnstown, 25 to 28 cents. A crematory could be built here for \$17,000, which would be large enough until we had 25,000 people. It could be built in sections, and using the same stack the second section, doubling the size, could be built for \$10,000. The ladies could do their part by wrapping the kitchen refuse up in papers before putting it in the garbage can. Then it could be hauled in a steel covered wagon to the plant and dumped into it. At night the wagon is washed out with a hose and the water let run into the sewer. There is just one way for Medford to get a crematory, and that is for the ladies to take the matter up. I thank you."

Roseburg Solons Jump a Cog.

(Roseburg News)
Contrary to expectations, the city council did not meet last evening owing to the fact that the date fell on the fifth Monday in the month. The ordinance recently passed by the council provides that the meetings shall be held on the first, second, third and fourth Monday evenings in the month, no provision being made when five Mondays fall in one month.

A few minutes' delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor, often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. Sold by all druggists.

Wear Kidd's Shoes.