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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Friday — Partly  
cloudy.  
Wednesday's Temperature —  
High 56, low 38, range 52.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1910.

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## \$500,000 PAID FOR BURRELL ORCHARDS

### JOHN D. OLWELL COMPLETES SALE OF TRACT

Spokane Men Are New Owners—Orchard Is One of Best in Entire Northwest—Largest Deal Ever Consummated in Northwest in Bearing Orchard Property.

C. M. Speck of Spokane and associates have purchased the 605-acre orchard tract owned by Captain Gordon Voorhies, a prominent clubman of Portland, known as the Burrell orchards, paying \$500,000.

The deal was closed late Wednesday afternoon. The new owners will take possession on or about April 15. For a month past negotiations have been under way. John D. Olwell of this city made the sale.

So far as is known, this is the largest deal ever consummated in the northwest in bearing orchard property. The Burrell orchards ship more fruit than any other single orchard tract in the Rogue river valley or entire northwest, and holds many splendid records for production and quality. For the past five years the books of the company show a net return of \$700 an acre, while many of the acres have produced as high as \$1500 net in a single season. One block of Newtown is especially fine and is probably the most valuable piece of orchard property in the northwest, consisting of 80 acres of 8 and 9-year-old trees situated on the richest soil and producing almost fabulous returns.

Two Miles From Medford. The orchard is located within two miles of the paved streets of Medford and is ideally situated upon what is known as the finest soil of the valley. The orchard differs from most of the pioneer orchards inasmuch as it was planted with an eye to the future. Nothing but the choicest variety of apples and pears were set out, making it especially valuable to the growers of commercial fruit. It is known as the pioneer commercial orchard of the northwest.

It was to this tract that J. H. Stewart, known as "the father of the fruit industry of the northwest," devoted much of his time. The ideas laid down by him have never been deviated from in its care. Much of it was planted under his direct supervision.

To Sell Off Tracts. The sale is especially of value to the Rogue River valley inasmuch as the new owners intend to sell off a number of tracts and, thus are lending their aid to the movement of cutting up the larger orchard properties and placing them on the market in smaller holdings.

One of Mr. Speck's associates in the venture is H. G. Neely of Spokane, known as "the father of the National Apple show." That Mr. Neely should turn his attention to the Rogue River valley is an indication of the attention this section is attracting through the world at large.

Owned by Captain Voorhies. The orchard was recently taken over by Captain Gordon Voorhies from the Burrell Investment company, who recently announced his intention of spending a portion of each year personally overseeing the property, but owing to its sale he will doubtless change his plans.

The orchard holds many splendid records, but it is needless to go back further than the season just closed to gain an idea of its tremendous producing qualities. During the season the orchard broke all records for quantity, shipping 40 cars of

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HARVESTING THE FRUIT FROM THE FAMOUS ORCHARD TRACT WHICH HAS JUST CHANGED HANDS.

### 60 STRONG NEW GOLD HILL CLUB IS LAUNCHED

Amid Enthusiasm, Gold Hill Commercial Club Starts Upon Career of Usefulness—Ladies' Auxiliary Also Placed Under Way.

With an initial membership of 60, amid great enthusiasm, the Gold Hill Commercial club was organized Wednesday evening at a hoister meeting which packed the opera house. At the same time a ladies' auxiliary, the Gold Hill Progress club was launched with a membership almost as large. Active publicity work will be undertaken and the many resources surrounding the old mining center exploited, and an era of progress and development inaugurated.

Organization followed a number of addresses by citizens of Gold Hill, Sams Valley and Medford, and musical numbers by Mrs. McDonough, Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Lampman. J. L. Hammersley presided as chairman, and glowingly set forth the possibilities of Gold Hill. He read a letter from Portland capitalists promising speedy development of the lime deposits adjacent, stating that contracts had been entered into to deliver several hundred carloads a year of this lime, which is pronounced by Professor Diller of the United States geological survey to be the purest in America.

Judge W. M. Colvig, president of the Medford Commercial club, delivered the principal talk of the evening, telling what the Commercial club had done for Medford and what an important feature it could be made in every community. He urged all citizens to join the new club and work together for Gold Hill's prosperity, promising the active co-operation and support of Medford.

E. W. Cooper made the hit of the evening in a vigorous appeal in which he spoke for Sams Valley, promising a large membership from that section. B. H. Harris of Medford told of the sale of a large block of timber land on Foothills creek and announced the immediate construction of a logging road up the canyon to the timber belt. He told of the rise of Grand Rapids and said that Gold Hill could have a similar future, as a lumber manufacturing center.

Other talks were made by H. D. Reed, Mr. Dodge, R. H. Lampman,

### POWDER WORKS BLOW UP; AWFUL HAVOC WROUGHT

Four Men Are Missing and Fourteen Are Known to Be Seriously Injured—Volunteers Working Hard to Prevent Spread of Flames—Hundreds of Persons Are Stunned—Buildings Near Works Shattered—Fire Adds to the Terror.

SAN LEANDRO, Cal., Feb. 17.—With four men missing, fourteen known to be seriously injured and a score slightly wounded as a result of the terrific explosion at the Trojan powder works at Roberts' Landing, hundreds of volunteers are working desperately this afternoon to prevent the fire from spreading to other magazines which are nearby and are in imminent danger of letting go.

The known injured were conveyed to the county hospital in wagons, automobiles and some were taken on a train which was stopped near the scene of the accident.

Hundreds Stunned. The force of the explosion was so great that hundreds of persons who were in the vicinity were stunned, and it was several minutes before any one was able to discover the extent of the damage.

The buildings in the immediate vicinity of the explosion were shattered, and fire, which immediately broke out soon was burning fiercely, emitting a great column of black smoke that could be seen for miles.

Many windows in this town and in farm houses for several miles in every direction from the powder plant were shattered.

A large force of men and some women were at work in the plant at the time of the accident, and the confusion that followed was so great that it was impossible for the officials to form any accurate estimate of the number of those injured.

The four men who are missing were believed this afternoon to have been in one of the buildings which was destroyed.

The first victims taken from the blazing buildings were burned and maimed. Several were found as far as 100 yards from the plant, having been hurled through the air by the force of the explosion.

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### ALL ARE WANTED AT COMMERCIAL CLUB TONIGHT

Ways and Means Will Be Discussed to Insure the Building of the Crater Lake Road—Every Member Is Urged to Be at the Meeting.

A special meeting of the Commercial club will be held this evening to discuss the building of the Crater Lake road. A full attendance is requested. A number of different plans which will result in the building of the road are to be offered and the most feasible will be adopted.

The Medford boosters never "lay down." They have determined to see that the road is constructed, and tonight they will take the first steps. As soon as a plan is decided upon the other Commercial clubs of the valley will be asked to rally to the support of the movement.

Your presence is needed tonight. Let nothing keep you away.

The regular meeting of the club was held Wednesday evening. Routine business was transacted, after which short addresses were made by Prof. P. J. O'Gara and W. W. Eiert.

Naval Militia Proposed. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—The first company in the proposed state naval militia will be organized tonight at a meeting at the National Guard armory. Officers from the Puget Sound navy-yard will be present to give instructions. So far about 60 men have applied for membership. It is planned to establish companies in various parts of the state, as is done in the great lake states. Seattle will be the headquarters.

One Doctor in Trinity. WEAVERVILLE, Cal., Feb. 17.—The examination of Abe Mansfield by the county insanity commission will have to be deferred until another physician takes his residence in Trinity county or until one can be imported for the purpose.

There is but one physician in the county. The law says that every one charged with insanity must be examined before a commission composed of a superior judge and two reputable physicians.

Splendid Map Issued of Jackson County. The Medford Mail Tribune is in receipt, through the courtesy of the Jackson County Abstract company, of the official map of Jackson county, compiled and published by the company. The map is strictly up to date, 6x4 1/2 feet in size, and shows the present ownership of all lands up to January 1, 1910, and is colored to show the forest reservations within the county.

Bob Smith to Represent City. Owing to the illness of City Attorney Porter J. Neff, the city has employed Robert G. Smith to represent them in the now famous water case, which will come up in the supreme court on or about February 24.

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### COMMITTEE COMPLETES ITS LABORS

Mass Meeting Called for March 12, at Which Time Board of Directors of New Union Will Be Elected for the Ensuing Year.

Articles of Incorporation Are Placed on File

After Week of Work Committee Appointed to Draw Plans to Form Union Is Ready to Report.

After a week of deliberation the committee of 15 appointed to draw up plans and incorporation papers for a fruit growers' union of the Rogue River valley has completed its labor and are ready to report. Much has been done during the week and all of the discussions have been of the most harmonious nature.

The articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state. A mass meeting of the fruit growers of the valley will be held on March 12 at which time the work of the committee is to be ratified, officers of the organization elected and general work gotten under way. In the meantime each member of the committee will take subscriptions to the capital stock of the union.

Its Purposes. The new organization is to be known as the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association. It has been incorporated for \$50,000, and its incorporators are C. H. Gillette of Ashland, C. H. Hover of Phoenix, W. A. Sumner of Medford, C. A. Hamilton of Grants Pass and M. E. Cale of Merllin.

The objects and purposes of the association as set forth follow:

To pick, grade, pack and to buy and sell, direct or on commission, fresh and prepared fruits and other farm products of all kinds.

To buy, sell and deal in fruit and other farm product, packing material, orchard supplies, spraying material and machinery.

To buy, sell, lease, acquire and improve such real estate as may be required in the business of this corporation.

To buy, rent, lease, acquire, build and operate pre-cooling plants, ice factories, cold storage plants, dryers, canneries, and by products factories, and to lease or sell the same.

To manufacture and sell ice and distilled water, spray materials, boxes and all kinds of fruit and produce supplies.

To fix such charges, tolls and commissions on sales and operative work as may be required to meet the expenses and other financial needs of the association.

Directors in Charge. The business of the association is to be directed by a board of 15 directors, who shall elect the president and other officers. The directors are each elected for a period of one year. Each director is paid \$2.50 for each day's attendance at a meeting, as well as mileage.

One of the principal matters to be taken up by the new organization will be the establishment of standard grades of fruit and for inspection.

One of the most vital matters in connection with the association is that any member of the association may sell his fruit direct or through the association, provided he sells all of his crop of any one fruit, such as apples or pears, but the association will not handle a portion of a crop. This distinction is made to prevent

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### \$674,500 IS ONE DAY'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Season Opens With a Rush—Many Large Sales Are Reported in Various Sections of the Valley—Timber Land Is Sold.

Over \$100,000 Sales Are Not for Publication

4000 Acres of Timber on Foothills Creek Sold for \$125,000—Logging Road for Gold Hill.

Six hundred and seventy-four thousand, five hundred dollars in large real estate deals in the Rogue River valley changed hands on Wednesday. The season may be said to have opened. Aside from these reported, over \$100,000 additional sales have been practically closed and will be announced within a day or two.

The sales announced Wednesday were:

The Burrell orchards, 605 acres, for \$500,000.

Four thousand acres timber land on Foothills creek, \$125,000.

Twenty acres in Orchard Home tract, \$6000.

Fifty acres near Central Point, \$17,500.

Five acres opposite old Stewart place, \$6000.

Ten years ago I. J. Hansen sold 50 acres lying on the hillside above the James Wright place in Willow Springs district for \$400; that was about all it was worth then. Yesterday the deal was made whereby Alva Atkins sold the same property to Randolph Manning of Cleveland, O., for \$17,500, cash up and no growing. The land is worth it, too; that's the beauty of it. The sale was made through York & Co.

Henry Pohlman, one of the original locators in the Orchard Home tract, has sold 20 acres of land, ten acres of which are set to Bartlett pear, to Henry Glover for \$6000. Joe Brown, who made the sale, said: "If that man didn't get a bargain, there are none left."

The Medford Pear-Apple Co., a corporation composed of Portland men, have purchased from W. L. Vavter and others 1413 acres of land lying just east and adjoining the Westlund orchards on the slope east of this city, paying therefor \$50,000. This property will be subdivided, planted to trees and made into beautiful home places. One of the first things contemplated by the company is the construction of a macadamized road from the present county road up to and through the property.

B. H. Harris reports the sale of 4000 acres of timber land in the Foothills Creek section by Dr. Fowler and associates of Cleveland, O., to John Baxter of Walla Walla, Wash., the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$125,000. The new owners purpose building mills either at the mouth of Foothills creek or at Gold Hill and build logging railroads for the transportation of the logs to the mills. The timber is pine and fir, with a preponderance of the former, and is of very fine quality.

Mrs. C. H. Carey of Seattle, Wash., who has already invested quite heavily in Rogue River valley real estate, has purchased five acres of land just across the road from the J. H. Stewart place at the south end of Oakdale avenue from W. H. Meeker, for a consideration of \$6000. This property is one of the choice tracts bordering the city limits and Mrs. Carey will probably build a home there in the near future.

Roy Doane left Wednesday afternoon for San Francisco to witness the Nelson-Wolfgang go.

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