

\$1,082,950 ONE WEEK'S REPORTED SALES

SEASON ON IN FULL SWING; REAL ESTATE MEN JUBILANT

Every Class Property Moving Rapidly—Many Buying Orchard Tracts for Homes—City Property Is in Demand—Many Building and Choice Residence Sites Change Hands—Banner Week in Realty Circles—Demand Is Brisk and Steady.

One million eighty-two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars is the total amount changing hands during the past week in local real estate circles.

The week is the banner one in Medford's history, and it came as was predicted by realty men, as soon as the weather settled and balmy skies were conducive to trims throughout the valley.

The big sale of the week was that of the Burrell orchards to a syndicate of Spokane men for \$500,000. This is the banner sale for commercial orchard property of the entire northwest.

Following this sale was a second one, in timber land, R. H. Harris selling 4000 acres of timber land on Foothills creek to eastern men, the consideration being \$125,000.

In city property, the sale of the James N. Smith Nob Hill tract for \$60,000 was the top-notch.

Other notable purchases in city property was the purchase of the property of Mrs. Belle Nickell for \$15,000 and of Mrs. Brooke for \$10,000 by Mrs. F. W. Carnahan and Mrs. Lou Eoyart.

Dr. F. E. Page has accumulated a few more acres of Rogue River valley soil in addition to his already considerable holdings, having purchased 228 acres from Sylvester Patterson near Taline, and adjoining the famous Suncrest orchard on the east, paying therefor \$55,000.

Dr. Page has already contracted for trees to plant 200 acres, or 14,

200 trees in all, and will have a crew at work at once preparing the ground for planting, which will commence at once.

J. E. Barksdull reports the sale of the Brooks property, corner of Eighth and Central avenue, fronting 50 feet on Central, to Mrs. Carnahan and Mrs. Eoyart, for \$10,000.

W. M. Holmes reports the sale of the Jos. Taylor & Son's place, north of the city, for a consideration of \$35,000 all told.

W. A. Folger, late general manager of the Goodrich Rubber company, purchased through the agency of Anderson & Green and Ira J. Dodge, 46 acres of the old Whetstone place, west of Medford, lying just south of the Perry subdivision, and paid therefor the very low price of \$350 an acre.

A. Conro Fiero has purchased lots 1 and 2, block 56, at the corner of Grape and Sixth streets, from G. L. Schermernhorn for \$10,000.

Judge W. E. Crewes of Seattle has purchased from Mrs. D. R. Andrus 20 acres south and west of the city and adjoining the city limits, for \$17,000.

Mr. Folger has also purchased from John Dent 10 acres east of the Lindley property for \$3500.

W. A. Folger and Ira J. Dodge have purchased four lots in block 3. This property faces on the railroad two blocks south of the depot, and it is the intention of Mr. Folger to use it for warehouse purposes.

J. E. Barksdull reports the sale by Mrs. Belle Nickell of her property on South Central avenue, between Main

OREGON'S ORCHARD WEALTH.

(Portland Oregonian.)

The sale of the Burrell orchard in the Rogue River valley for \$500,000 will hardly fail to attract attention far beyond the state lines. The purchase was made by experienced men familiar with the growing and marketing of fruit.

What an Oregon fruit orchard can do—not one year, or two, or three, but right along, year after year—is shown in the statement that the Bartlett pears on the Burrell orchard have netted an average of \$600 per acre for the past nine years.

Thus far the demands of the wealthy consumers take up all of the best Oregon fruit at such high prices that it is difficult for consumers in moderate financial circumstances to secure first-class Oregon apples or pears.

Money is plentiful in the west, but it is not so plentiful that men will pay \$500,000 for an orchard unless they have positive assurance that it will yield a good return on the investment.

COUNCIL CALLS FOR BIDS ON PAVING OF 13 MILES OF STREETS

At a meeting of the city council held Friday evening the recorder was instructed to call for bids for paving. The paving program is full and will soon be under way.

Although the year 1910 is still young, Medford has set a mark in municipal improvement which probably has never been equaled by any city of 8000 in the world.

Medford has nearly three miles of pavement at the present time and it is believed that by fall over 15 miles of the city's streets will be paved.

The streets to be paved are: Genesee street, East Main from bridge to city limits.

Riverside avenue, Twelfth street north to the city limits.

Central avenue, both north and south to city limits.

Sixth, Riverside avenue west to Oakdale, with exception of railroad crossing.

Bartlett from Main to Eighth. Front north to Jackson, south to city limits.

Fir from Sixth south to city limits. Alley between Fir and Grape, Main to Eighth.

Grape, Sixth to Eighth. Holly, Second south to Thirteenth street.

Ivy, Sixth to Seventh. Laurel, Main HRLUSHRDLU West Tenth, Oakdale to Hamilton in Ross addition.

Laurel, Main to Fourth. North Orange, Main to Fourth. West Fourth, Oakdale to Columbus.

Roosevelt avenue, Main north to city limits. Jackson, Riverside to Columbia. North Peach, Main to Fourth. Summit avenue.

Medford Theater Receipts Greater Than Portland

The receipts for McIntyre & Heath "In Hayti" company broke all records for the house, being \$201 more than Eugene, \$211 more than Salem and \$7 more than the last night at Portland.

BANK DEPOSITS AND POSTAL RECEIPTS MAKE GREAT GAIN

Month of January Shows Unprecedented Growth in Postal and Banking Receipts—These Are Probably the Most Unerring Indices to the Material Welfare of the City and They Are Promising Much for a Banner Year in Medford.

Table with columns for Bank Deposits and Postal Receipts for January 1905-1910, showing significant increases in both categories.

The year ending January, 1909, is the most prosperous ever experienced by local banking institutions.

By consulting the foregoing table, in which the total deposits in January of each year back to 1905 are shown, it will be seen that the 1909 increase almost equals the entire amount on deposit in 1905.

In December, 1909, the Mail Tribune, in gathering statistics for an annual number, found the total amount on deposit to be \$1,847,300.

Since then the deposits have grown to \$1,863,568—an increase of \$16,268 in one month—and January at that.

Exceeding January, 1909, receipts of the local postoffice by nearly 55 per cent, the January, 1910, receipts are the largest ever known in any one month in the local postoffice.

During 1909 the postal receipts of Medford increased 33 per cent over the receipts of one year ago.

The receipts for December, 1909, were \$2,403.59, while for December, 1908, they were \$1,733.49.

Receipts by quarters during the past year were: March 31 \$4,164.25 June 30 4,799.90 September 30 4,304.23 December 31 5,945.39

Total \$19,013.68 The receipts for December, 1909, show an increase of 26 per cent over December, 1908.

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show the night before when the receipts ran up to \$700. Manager Hazelrigg is particularly grateful to the Medford theatergoers for the good showing he was enabled to make, for this being Klaw & Erlanger's own show, and they controlling the bookings for the entire United States, it means that Medford will get all the big attractions for next season.

Manager Hazelrigg reports that at least 200 people were turned away Friday night.

THE LA FEAN APPLE BILL

The following is a portion of the address made by C. E. Whisler of Medford before the National League of Commission Merchants at Norfolk, Va., in opposition to the proposed La Fean bill, regulating the size of apple boxes.

AN ADDRESS BY C. E. WHISLER

men, to bring those packers up to the knowledge which they must have in order to pack that box as it should be packed.

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tion to this bill were the men who were trying to obtain money under false pretenses. Gentlemen, we are doing nothing of the kind. We offer you a fair measure. We offer you the standard adopted by the United States and we give you enough to fill that bushel up.