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## AN ALL-OREGON PROJECT.

That excellent Portland weekly, the Spectator, contains the following under the caption of "Medford Helps Herself:"

"We have not heard anything from Medford lately about secession. As a matter of fact, Medford has seceded. Medford is toddling along by herself; she is flying with her own wings; she is blazing her own trail; indeed, to mix metaphors inextricably, she is playing a lone hand and is building the Crater Lake road with her own money. When the supreme court decided unconstitutional the law providing money for the road, Medford hollered as if someone had tried to pull off her switch and had taken hold of her real hair. Right there and then Medford seceded.

"Oregon," said the Mail Tribune, "has always treated Medford as if Medford were a step-child; we have always got the sour-milk bottle and the dry crusts; here is where we leave step-mother to her fate. We'll build the Crater Lake road ourselves."

"And the citizens of Medford said 'Right-o,' and in a couple of days they raised over \$17,000 to prosecute the work. It is doubtful if any other town in Oregon could have done the like. But the people of Medford are enthusiasts, and the Mail Tribune does not let the enthusiasm wane.

"But Medford should not have to build that road herself; Crater Lake is Oregon's best possession—a natural, general possession that equals in beauty and grandeur the Yosemite or Yellowstone Park. All Oregon will be benefited by the construction of the road, over which thousands of people will travel every year. If Crater Lake were in any other state than Oregon, the road would have been built long ago; as it is, the state has not only lost the privilege of building it, but has lost her most thriving city. Medford has deserted us."

Medford is helping herself, all right, and also all Oregon, but the Spectator is mistaken in the surmise that she has deserted Oregon, or that the Crater Lake road is a Medford project. Medford is still in Oregon, though Oregon does mighty little for Medford. The Crater Lake road is not a Medford project, but a southern Oregon project, and southern Oregon expects all of Oregon to aid in the building of the highway.

Medford is not large enough to build the highway alone, nor should she; but she has started the ball rolling by offering to do more than any other city in the state would do under similar circumstances, because she has more progressiveness and more ambition than any other city in the state; but the Crater Lake highway is just as beneficial to all the cities of southern Oregon as it is to Medford, and it is just as beneficial to all Oregon as it is to southern Oregon.

Southern Oregon asks the assistance of Portland and other Oregon cities in the building of the highway. It not only asks it, but demands it. It has a right to demand it, because it means so much for the entire state.

Medford is not playing a lone hand; she is merely taking the initiative, which someone must take, and is supplying the energy and enthusiasm essential to the success of any enterprise. As soon as \$25,000 is pledged in Medford, the other cities of southern Oregon will take up the project, and materially aid in raising another \$25,000. Then the state at large, and especially its metropolis, will be called upon to do its share.

This is a democratic popular subscription, only \$100 contributions are asked; there is no \$50 list, and no \$1000 list, and a generous response is expected in all cities of the state.

## ANOTHER FAKE EXPOSED.

Ernest Harps, Portland's boy wonder, who secured columns of space in the newspapers and periodicals of the country on account of the supposed "spirit control" exercised through him, whereby household furniture was mysteriously demolished and great destruction wrought in his own home, has confessed that he was a fakir and his supposed extraordinary feats prove the pranks of a mischief-loving boy, among credulous folk.

A few months ago Madam Paladino, a celebrated Italian medium, whose "mysticism" had successfully buncoed some of the leading scientific men of the world and thereby won great fame and much cash, was exposed as a clever fakir by a Harvard professor.

Before her death one of the famous Fox sisters, who might be called the founders of modern spiritualism, confessed that the table rappings and other feats supposed to be performed by the spirits through herself and her sisters, were all tricks successfully used in deceiving believers.

Every medium, through whom it is claimed the spirits have operated, has been sooner or later exposed as a fake. There is no definite proof that the spirits of the departed have ever returned. Of course there may be no proof that they have not, but no definite instance can be cited either by the Society of Psychological Research or by anyone else to show that they have.

Why should the spirits of the dead do such utterly worthless and nonsensical things as they are portrayed doing in the seances of the fakirs? There is no stunt in the mediums' repertoire of a single useful thing, and no record of anything worth while being done by an alleged spirit, no instance where humanity has ever been bettered or the cause of civilization advanced. Table rappings,

mysterious banjo playing, chair balancing, furniture smashing are the principal antics supposed to be practiced by the spirits of the departed at all seances. But notwithstanding exposures, people will continue to believe in humbugs and seek to penetrate the impenetrable and to solve with finite mind the unsolvable mysteries of the infinite.



## EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

(By A. C. Howlett)

Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin of Everett, Wash., in company of E. C. Aylor of Medford, were out about the middle of the week looking at some of our orchard land.

A. Gridley, merchant of Edgewood, Cal., called Wednesday in company of his cousins, Jud and Thomas Edsall, the former on his way home. He had been visiting his uncle, John Edsall, of Butte Falls.

S. S. Akins also called on his way out to Medford. He is plating a part of his place at Prospect into lots and will place them on the market this spring. He seems to think that the road from Butte Falls to Prospect will prove a success and that quite a number of people will settle in the place.

Elde, J. P. Moomaw met with quite a severe accident a few days ago. He was standing on a chair tacking up some screen wire around his porch and, making a misstep, he fell and hurt his back and hip quite badly.

A young man representing the Singer Sewing Machine company stopped here last Thursday for dinner, and while hitching up his horse to the rig he became frightened and started to run, with only one of the breeching straps fastened, and the result was that after pulling the agent around the barn yard for quite a while, caught one of the buggy wheels on a post and pulled loose from the shaft, doing no damage except to tear off one of the straps of the shaft. Had he not been a strong man the horse would have gotten away and probably done considerable damage.

J. W. Richardson, formerly of Peyton, but now of Medford, came out this week to make a concrete wall for Mr. Von der Hellen's cellar and lay a concrete wall for his new house. The wall will be of cobblestones laid in cement, and the stones projecting out making a good and ornamental foundation.

Mr. Mathews of Butte Falls came out Wednesday for his son-in-law, Mr. Winingham, who has sold his place on Elk creek and has now moved to the Falls.

Mr. Grigsby of Butte Falls was also out after a load of goods for Mr. Hughes of that place.

Mr. Reynolds of Lake creek was a pleasant caller recently.

Mr. Netherland and Benj. Edmondson of Butte Falls were here last Thursday after machinery for the mill. Mr. Netherland, who is in charge of the mill, says that he is getting it fixed up in shape and as soon as he can get some new machinery up to replace the broken parts that they intend to go to cutting lumber, but first they have to cut some to repair the old mill to get it in shape. They anticipate doing good work this summer.

There is more land being sold in this neighborhood. Frank Nichols has sold his place, consideration \$4000, and his cousin, Gus Nichols, has sold his for \$10,000. There has been quite an amount of money paid on the two places—enough to insure a genuine sale.

Israel Patton has also sold his place in Eagle Point to Professor P. H. Daley, the principal of our school. The price is not given out.

James Ringer, our paperhanger and painter, went to Butte Falls, returning Friday. He says that he has engaged quite considerable work there in his line. He reports that the ball game between the surveyors' team, composed largely of Eagle Point and Brownsboro boys, and the Butte Falls team was an interesting game, with the result of 5 to 7 in favor of the surveyors' team.

Tree planting is being rushed in this section now, and there is more demand for teams than ever.

John Nichols has moved into his new quarters within the last few days.

Mr. De Linn of Medford, formerly one of our boarders, was a pleasant guest Friday night.

There was a social party at A. L. Hazleton's last Thursday night, given by his daughter, Miss Bessie, and because she invited some and did not invite some others, some of those who felt slighted got up an opposition party in the lower end of town, but I have not been able to learn the particulars of the one in the lower end of town, but the one given by Miss Bessie Hazleton was a grand success. There were about 25 present, and those who were present report that they had a fine time, and I suppose that the other party also had a good time, as our Eagle Point young folks always do when they get together.

Porter Robnett started for San Francisco a few days ago, leaving his family here with Mrs. Robnett's brother-in-law, George W. Daley, Sr.

## GRAND JURY MEETS TODAY

Recalled by Judge Calkins That Body Will Commence Its Investigations a Week Before the Opening of the Regular Term.

The grand jury was recalled by Judge Calkins and commenced its deliberations today.

The purpose of calling the grand jury a week before the opening of the regular term of court is to enable that body to have all the business coming before them cleaned up by the time court meets, thus preventing delay and expense. At the convening of the regular term a new grand jury will be selected and if the old one has concluded its labors, the new one will be dismissed, subject to recall upon the opening of the next term. In this way a grand jury will always be available without having to select it.

Judge Calkins will also inaugurate other reforms tending to the expediting of court business and attorneys will be required to be more prompt in making up the issues than heretofore.

## Quake Recorded.

CLEVELAND, O., March 21.—The seismograph here shows a record of three earthquake shocks occurring between 6:23 and 6:35 o'clock last night. The disturbance probably was in Mexico or South America.

## Sherman Clay & Co.

Will commence decorating and finishing the interior of the store. The new management is planning many changes in the near future. Watch for the display announcements calling attention to the new things in stock.

## THE OREGON APPLE.

(Oregonian.)

As a blooming, blushing, luscious, juicy advertisement of the wonders of the west, the Oregon apple continues to excite envy and praise in the mind of New England, which has difficulty in understanding why the Almighty should have showered special favors on the Pacific northwest, while New England is in the same world. A writer in the Boston Transcript notes that "the exhibits of magnificent western apples now in Boston have attracted the attention of the whole city, and, despite the New Haven road's apple show, loud are the lamentations that New England has no such offerings as those of Oregon, Washington and Idaho."

But the Oregon apple, according to this Boston writer, has accomplished something more than bringing profits to its producer and attracting emigration to this state. It has awakened the New England people to the fact that they know but little about growing and marketing fruit.

New England was slow in making the discovery that Oregon is a measureless distance ahead of the east in fruit culture, but now, to quote from the Transcript writer:

"Oregon apples at a dollar a dozen have excited the New England commercial instinct and developed a belated interest in the much-boomed western fruit lands. Consideration of them has heretofore been dismissed almost with contempt. They were get-rich-quick schemes or gold bricks. The New Englander had grown apples all his life, his father before him, and his grandfather before him; and what he did not know about the superiority of New England apples wasn't worth talking about."

The actual presence of the Oregon apple in the New England markets, where it sold at much higher prices than the New England apple commanded in its periods of greatest scarcity and highest quality, has had the effect, however, of replacing that feeling of contempt with a desire to learn more about the business. The New Englanders can never enjoy the wonderful climate that tints the skin and produces the flavor that has made the Oregon apple famous throughout the world; but, according to the Transcript writer, the orchardists are doing more spraying, fertilizing, pruning and cultivating in their orchards than ever before. They have also sent experts to Oregon to inspect our or-

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