

Central Point Items

Perhaps no other section of the state is enjoying more rapid development than is Rogue River valley, and especially is this true with the Central portion of the valley, that which immediately surrounds Central Point. No matter which way the gaze of the observer is turned, whether toward Jacksonville, Medford, Eagle Point, Table Rock, Tolo or Gold Hill, the same condition exists. New buildings, new fences, newly planted orchards, new roads and bridges, new irrigating canals and scores of new things which bespeak great activity in the development of this great valley.

Noticeable among valuable improvements near Central Point the attention is first attracted by the work being done by the county at the Bear creek bridge near this city. The old covered span and the wornout approaches on either end have been torn away to be replaced by modern spans and approaches, the work now being well under way and an improvement which will be highly appreciated by the traveling public. Further on we find new farms and orchards being developed and conspicuous among these will be found the large Modoc orchard and orchard tracts upon the development of which thousands of dollars are being expended and hundreds of acres turned from the virgin state into clean, carefully planted orchards, and long stretching meadow lands. Through the center of this great estate, which is practically in the hands of the developer, the magnificent Rogue river winds and from its clear mountain torrent is taken the water which refreshes the broad acres lying on either side. On the north side of the river the development in the past few months has been something wonderful. Great stretches of newly planted apple orchards, miles of new wire fencing—rabbit tight—great barns and dwellings, and at present seven new tenement cottages facing the public highway are just being completed, and as many more are apt to be constructed, judging by the piles of material now upon the ground. At Tolo there is also great development work at hand and all along the way from Central Point to Gold Hill, from Gold Hill to Sams Valley, from the valley to Table Rock and from Table Rock to Eagle Point and many other points in the valley, new buildings, new fences, newly cleared farms and new highways greet the eye; in fact, Rogue River valley in its entirety is undergoing rapid development, and that part of it immediately surrounding Central Point in a radius of six miles is a perfect beehive of industry, so much so that the vastness of it can only be appreciated by a visit of inspection through the various sections where the real handiwork of enterprising husbandry may be seen.

Francis M. Dougherty of Newton, Kan., an expert mining man, writes C. L. Gant that he will visit this locality in a short time and bring with him a friend from Kansas, who is an up-to-date business man, with much worldly goods, who is seeking a location farther west owing to his health, which is failing in the Kansas climate. Mr. Dougherty is one of the most thorough mining men in the west, is a mineralogist of high repute and for many years occupied high positions with the leading mine operators of Colorado. It is Mr. Dougherty's intention to locate permanently in Central Point, where he will conduct an assay office, as well as other mining lines. We shall welcome Mr. Dougherty to citizenship in the best country on earth.

Miss Esther Merritt visited in Ashland Sunday with the Misses Hensley. There is not an idle man in Central Point. Carpenters, brick layers, concrete men, plasterers, plumbers, painters and men of all vocations have their shoulders at the wheel and business is good.

Table Rock Items

The Table Rock district is one of the most fertile and prosperous sections of Jackson county and has abundant water furnished by the Table Rock Ditch company, and in era is about equal to the Hood River district, which has a world wide reputation. We have one of the largest orchards in the county, owned by R. C. Washburn, and the Palmer Investment company are planning to set one of the largest orchards in the state. Land is cheaper here than in many other places. Buyers are getting their eyes on this section and we will soon be one of the sections with an enviable reputation.

Last week W. R. Byrum sold his 60 acres to Mr. Dunlap, lately from Oklahoma, for \$18,000. Mr. Dunlap expects to move his family here this fall.

Mr. Dodge, the popular civil engineer of Gold Hill, has been doing some surveying here the past few days.

Mr. Carlton and his two sisters expect to make their home here soon. W. A. Sumner received a telegram that his only daughter had died at

San Diego, Cal., where she has been sick for some time. Mr. Sumner left on the next train for that place and has not returned.

Mrs. I. W. Bronell from Onland, Cal., an old acquaintance of Mrs. Frierson, is visiting at the Pendletons this week.

Miss Hazel Fickes is spending a few days with the Fosters at Ayres Spur.

Jessie Storm spent Sunday with Stanley Lydiard.

Fred Hauptman, our popular groceryman, has treated his store to a coat of paint.

E. O. Bissell and family spent Sunday visiting friends here.

B. Conner, one of our prominent orchard men, and Miss Boeske Ruh, were married last week in Portland at Trinity church. Miss Ruh is a highly educated Hungarian lady, whom Mr. Conner met some months ago in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Conner have been spending a short honeymoon in the northwest and are expected here soon, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Conner have the congratulations and best wishes of this community.

KANE'S CREEK ITEMS.

Mrs. Charles Mason will leave in a few days for her old home in Kansas.

Will Lewis transacted business in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell left Saturday for their home at Roseburg, Or., after spending several months here with relatives.

Ed Swinden of Medford was transacting business in this neighborhood Thursday.

Harry Rose has returned home from Alaska after an absence of seven months. He says there is quite a difference in the climate.

Mr. McClellon of Gold Hill has become a resident of this place.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Kanes creek railroad, which will be completed by September 1 of this year.

Forest fires have been raging for the past week in the vicinity of the Braden mine. Very little damage was done, however.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald of Sardine creek spent several days recently as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

BIG CIRCUS IS ANNOUNCED.

Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth, to Visit Medford.

The billboards and dead walls about the city are announcing in all the eloquence of pictorial art that the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth is to visit Medford for one performance only at 10 a. m. on Monday, August 29. Great interest attaches to the event because it is again the policy of this foremost circus to present a street parade in the forenoon. Their new open-air spectacle is the wonder of the age. It cost the management over \$1,000,000. The history of the Barnum & Bailey show is part of the history of

America. With the stalwart P. T. Barnum as its originator and its wonderful achievements perpetuated by James A. Bailey, the management has ever maintained a standard approached by no other show. Barnum was the pioneer of all great arena events. In his day his genius for big things was far in advance even of the present age. He perfected the system which makes the circus of now a possibility.

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Gold Hill Items

(By Spectator.)

Dr. C. H. Smith came up Monday from Galice to look after his mining interests on Sardine creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cardwell, old time residents of this place, now of Klamath county, are here visiting relatives.

Dr. Brower of Ashland was a visitor here last Saturday.

J. E. Davidson and family are taking their annual outing on the north fork of Evans creek or at Willow Flat.

A. J. Olsen, who recently sold out his business at this place, is finishing a commodious and up-to-date dwelling on C street, known as the old Galnard property. Mr. Olsen has had a building fitted up for the steam laundry, which he will have in operation in a short time, part of the machinery having arrived. He has made arrangements for machinery and location for an ice factory, which he will have in operation the coming season.

J. H. Butler and Mr. Pearl of Medford were here Sunday.

J. H. Beeman and family left Saturday for Crater Lake for a month's outing.

William Childers, Morie Eotts, John William, Edwin Olsen, W. L. and James Childers and Fred Turner left Monday morning for a month's stay in the Umpqua mountains via The Meadows.

Fred Eddings recently returned from South Bend, Wash., where he has been employed the past summer.

8000 STEVEDORES GO OUT ON BIG STRIKE

HAMBURG, Aug. 9.—Eight thousand stevedores, ship cleaners and painters of the Hamburg-American Steamship company, are on strike today with 8000 shipbuilding mechanics.

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