

### MANY ON THEIR WAY SAYS NEELY

Spokane Capitalist Returns After Winter in Spokane Saying That Many Easterners Are Headed for Medford and the Rogue Valley.

Harry J. Neely of Spokane, capitalist and part owner of the famous Burrell orchards of this city has returned from Spokane where he has spent the winter stating that hundreds of homeseekers are headed for Medford from the Middle Western states with which he has been closely in touch through his business associates. He looks for a big year in Medford and the Rogue River Valley. "From all I can learn," states Mr. Neely, "there are hundreds of investors in the middle west who are turning their eyes toward Medford and the Rogue River Valley. During the winter C. M. Speck who is associated with me in the Burrell orchard has been in Chicago and he states that he will bring a large party out soon all of whom will invest in the valley. "The valley looks good and I am sure that it will see the greatest year in its history."

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### WILL SOON LET ROAD CONTRACT

As Soon as Specifications Are Out County Will Call for Bids for Construction of Highway Between This City and Central Point.

One of the first moves to be made this season by the county court in its efforts to get good roads for Jackson county will be the letting of a contract for the improving of the road between Medford and Central Point. The work is to be done by contract after County Road Engineer Harmon has completed specifications. The county's road machinery and supervisors will be scattered over the county as possible for the present. There is much repair work to be done. The county court has ordered the material for the building of a temporary crossing over Bear Creek near Central Point where the bridge was recently closed by order of the court it being unsafe for travel. It is thought that by the end of the week that the temporary crossing will be in use. More money will be spent this year on Jackson county roads than during any previous years, but as it will be expended on permanent work it will be welcomed by the tax payers.

### BIG INFUX THIS YEAR SAYS HAFFER

Lumber Man Returns From Extended Trip East—Says Medford is Well Advertised But Says Something Beside Big Red Apple Should Be Boosted.

Edgar Haffer has returned from a two months' visit at Chicago and other eastern cities. He states that there will be a large influx of homeseekers here this summer, but does not hold out rosy prospects for operation in lumber manufacturing, due principally to unfavorable conditions prevailing in the lumber markets. "Medford is well advertised," states Mr. Haffer, "but people are beginning to fear that the apple business is being overdone. We should lay more stress upon pears, alfalfa, mining and timber and less upon the apple to attract the class now heading this way. Small tracts are going to be in demand, but inflated prices are apt to hurt the valley by keeping people away. "Times are picking up all over the country, and financial conditions are much improved over last fall. Yet I don't look for much lumber manufacturing in this district until the lumber market improves." Mrs. Haffer accompanied Mr. Haffer east and returned with him.

### WRITES CHECKS THEN COMES HERE

Receiver for Zion City Discharges His Duties and Leaves for Medford—Would See Valley in Its Spring Beauty.

Gus D. Thomas, who has been receiver for the Zion City Estate and was discharged a few days ago by the Illinois courts, is expected to arrive in Medford next Monday or Tuesday. The final duties of his arduous service, which was one of the most brilliant triumphs in American financial operations, was the personal signing of ten thousand separate checks in amounts ranging from 7 cents to \$37,304.88. This was accomplished in two days, and the entire number simultaneously placed in the mail, on March 1st, aggregating \$675,000. Mr. Thomas is an ardent admirer of Medford. This will be his second visit, the first one being in last August. He is a personal friend of Mr. Malbone who has been ceaseless in his efforts to get him to come back and see the valley in all its glory of spring perfection. Whether Mr. Thomas will take up his permanent residence here will not be decided until after his arrival, but a determined effort will be made to create a Medford citizen of one of the

### NO PLACE LIKE THIS HE SAYS

Shorty Hamilton is "Tickled to Death" to Get Home Even for a Few Days—Is Counting the Weeks Until His "Exile" is Ended.

"There is no place like Southern Oregon," sings Shorty Hamilton to his many friends as he greets them in Medford since his return home for a few days visit from San Francisco, where he has spent the winter that the Misses Hamilton may study music, and Shorty is singing it from the depths of a soul weary with city sights. From now till dewy eve he is sounding the praises of his home town and states that in a few months his "exile" will be ended, and he'll be back to stay. "Yes Frisco is a gay old place," says Shorty, "but I'm not a very gay old bird so I prefer Medford. This is the beauty spot of the west and one should go into exile as I have to really appreciate it. And say, I guess the old town is going ahead, hey, what?" greatest optimists and result getters in the Union. A "going-away" boarder need not worry you if you keep a good boarding house, and advertise.

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