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Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population—U. S. census 1910—5540; estimated, 1912—10,000.

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THE FRANCHISE APPLICATION.

THE application for a trolley franchise from the Minney company will probably receive favorable consideration at the hands of the city council, providing a close scrutiny of its provisions shows that the city is sufficiently protected and its interests safeguarded. If it is not, the referendum can be invoked.

The Rogue River Valley railroad, which is endeavoring to delay consideration of the franchise until it also applies for one, has in the minds of most citizens forfeited whatever rights of consideration it may have had by failure to act, by poor public service, by extortionate rates and by its penny-wise, pound-foolish, penurious and discourteous policy.

The entire valley needs the stimulus of the electric line, and the systematic work of the successful syndicate of realty developers back of it. When the people want and need it, and the syndicate also wants and needs it, it ought to be easy to get together.

The Mail Tribune does not favor any blanket franchise that might sew up the city and keep out all other lines for an indefinite period, but does not understand that the franchise sought imposes any such conditions; or that the Minney company has any desire along these lines—in fact it has announced that it will give a cash subsidy to any one who would carry out its plans and present them the franchise, thus enabling the company to devote its entire energies to the development of its property.

THE NEW YEAR'S ISSUE.

FIFTEEN of Medford's retail merchants, advertised in the New Year's issue—not because they expected any immediate returns other than the cumulative effect of keeping before the people, but because they were public spirited enough to recognize the value of such a publication to this region, knew that it cost money to print, and desired to help make the publication a creditable one. This fifteen is a considerable increase over a year ago, when only six merchants were represented. Eventually all may come to see its benefits.

One jobbing house was a liberal advertiser—all the rest refused patronage, though the Mail Tribune has made the fight for freight rates that enables the jobbers to do business. The railroads, which the paper has fought, were liberal patrons. Other support came from varied sources disclosed by a glance at its columns.

No financial support was asked from the commercial clubs of the valley, and all were invited to contribute descriptive articles for the communities, yet only Ashland, Phoenix and Rogue River responded—the others were evidently asleep.

An edition like that issued annually by the Mail Tribune is an expensive affair on account of the cost of cuts. The better support given, the better paper possible, and the better advertisement for the valley. However, unless more appreciation is shown, the feature will have to be discontinued hereafter.

For those who co-operated in the publishing of the New Year's issue, especially its few patriotic advertisers, the Mail Tribune desires to express appreciation. It also desires to thank J. A. Weston and Kunselman and Gerking, photographers, and the Oregon Journal and the Southern Pacific railroad for the loan of cuts.

Plea for Fruit Growers Cooperation

The announcement of the organization of a co-operative fruit growers association comes as a welcome announcement to most growers of fruit in this part of Rogue River valley. Not that any especial refection is intended upon the fruit associations now doing business here, for all realize, or should, that local as well as national conditions have combined this year as no other year for many, to make the profitable marketing of even our superb fruits a hard task for the individual or the association handling same. The largest production of fruits, tubers and cereals ever produced in one season in the United States, coupled with a change of administration and consequent caution of the money investing public being largely responsible. But after all has been said, there still remains much that the grower of fruit can accomplish for his benefit by universal organization and co-operation in marketing his fruit and buying all necessary supplies pertaining to production of same. No other business of such vast importance to the individual is conducted along such unsatisfactory lines, judging from general expression of those interested. Representing as it does a whole year of toil and expense to grower, upon which he is oftentimes solely dependent for a livelihood, with every phase of which he is thoroughly familiar in detail in the most expert way, until the time for marketing is reached. Then he apparently shuts his eyes to all expert methods, and turns it all over to strangers, admonishing them to do the best they can for him; oftentimes those who are totally irresponsible and they in turn turn it over to others who are equally so, all of whom are totally uninterested with the best interests of the grower or valley, and more than to get all legitimate commissions possible in handling of same.

portunity is offered in the present system of selling fruit, returns being based on such meagre reports that the grower cannot satisfy his misgivings should he chance to have any.

There are many honorable and highly competent commission firms to whom this in no way applies, I arise to emphasize the necessity of universal organization of the fruit growers, for right here is where we growers are weak. We fail to respond to the call for our own protection until too late, or in such a feeble, unorganized, unsympathetic and unharmonious way that little or no good can be accomplished even by those who are willing to work and sacrifice for the good of all. Of course we can not expect those who own large blocks of stock in other fruit exchanges from which they are getting good returns in dividends to affiliate with us in a co-operative organization of fruit growers, but let us hope there are not many such, even among the large growers in the valley, who would feel influenced on such account, to in any way hinder or oppose such an organization among the vast majority of small fruit growers who do not find themselves so situated.

The large and small grower of fruits should respond as a unit to this call to get together at the city hall in Medford next Saturday, Jan. 4, at 2 o'clock p. m., as in unity there is strength.

Fruit growers all realize the urgent need of such organization and if they fail to respond and conditions are not improved on in years to come they will have but themselves to blame.

As a modest fruit grower I appeal to the fruit growers of the valley to get together and see if the educated fruit growers of Rogue River valley cannot formulate, organize, and operate a successful co-operative fruit growers association.

S. C. GEORGE.

Are You Afflicted With Piles? This disease, whether acute or chronic, is easily and rapidly overcome by using Meritol Pile Remedy. Gives positive and permanent relief when all others fail, and we heartily recommend it to any sufferer. Haskins' Drug Store.

Our Correspondents

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS

O. M. Garvin has returned from a California trip.

Jay Hathaway left Monday morning for his home in Corning, Cal.

Geo. B. Ross and Henry Manry made a business trip to Grants Pass Monday.

Miss Esther Pankey left on the excursion to California Monday afternoon.

Miss Gladys Bolls of Medford spent the first of this week with relatives here.

Mrs. Ira Gleason spent part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gleason of Phoenix.

Benton Bowers of Ashland spent Monday morning here.

Mrs. I. C. Robnett, Miss Myrtle Gleason, E. R. Gleason, B. H. Young, Rev. Brunk, Miss Pearl Pankey and Irvin Bobb were Monday afternoon visitors to Medford from here.

R. H. Ellsworth is on a holiday visit to various coast cities this week and T. O. Holden is running the feed store in his absence.

Mrs. Chamberlain of Ray Gold, Geo. McDonough of Sams Valley, Verne Pendleton of Table Rock, W. J. Scott of Upper Rogue river were business visitors here Tuesday afternoon.

C. B. Gay and Henry Bodford of Medford spent a few hours here Tuesday.

W. J. Nichols of the forestry service is visiting his family here.

Ernest Minuth and the Central Point High School basketball team are making a week's tour of northern cities this week.

Mayor W. A. Cowley was a business visitor to Medford Tuesday morning.

Mrs. H. H. Tuttle and daughter, Mrs. Broadbent, Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horring, Mrs. Wayne Leever, Miss Hoke, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Myers, Thos. D. Ross were among the people from this vicinity in Medford Tuesday afternoon.

C. C. Kelsoe and wife of Derby are visiting friends in this vicinity for a few days.

Miss Lona Dunlap of Grants Pass is here for a visit with relatives and friends.

The Misses Miller of Sacramento who have been visiting relatives here returned to their home in Sacramento Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Miss Mary Miller for a short visit.

S. S. Aiken of Prospect spent Tuesday here.

Lydia Deford of Sama Valley is here visiting Miss Clara Ginn.

Evangelist Love of the Church of Christ of California, is here holding meetings at the Baptist church.

Miss Emma Albers of Salem is here visiting Miss Pearl Neale.

Mrs. Jerome of Medford spent New Years here with her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Leever.

C. B. Gay and wife of Medford, spent New Years with relatives here.

Lona Dunlap returned to her home in Grants Pass Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Beebe had a watch meeting Tuesday evening in their beautiful home in the suburbs of this city.

The regular monthly Epworth League social was held Tuesday evening at the Y. M. C. A. building and was greatly enjoyed by all the young people present. Various games were played during the evening after which delightful refreshments were served. After the social a watch meeting was held. All present report spending a very enjoyable evening.

Herman Simpkins left Wednesday afternoon for a several weeks' visit at Chico.

Lloyd March has returned from a several days' visit to Yoncalla.

Miss Myrtle Gleason spent the middle of the week with relatives in Phoenix.

Some of our young people accompanied the Central Point orchestra to Jacksonville to the dance Tuesday evening.

New Years day was spent quietly here the bank, post office and other various places being closed for the day.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

(By A. C. Howlett.)

There was a meeting of the young men of our town called to be held in the church on Thursday evening of last week, for the purpose of organizing an Athletic club. There was quite an attendance and the organization was perfected by electing Rev. L. L. Simmons, our Baptist minister as president, Jake Jonas, secretary, and Thomas Nichols, Jr., treasurer. There is to be another meeting Thursday night.

L. C. Moore and wife of Ashland came up Sunday evening and Mr. Moore took the stage for Elk creek Monday morning, but Mrs. Moore returned to Ashland.

John McAllister and wife who live on the north fork of Little Butte came on Monday and Mrs. McAllister went on to Medford, I understand for medical treatment.

Rev. W. J. Keny one of the prominent farmers and stock raisers of Little Butte was a pleasant caller at the Sunny Side Monday for dinner. Also, Wm. Newtown of Lake creek and H. W. Brooks of Medford. Mr. Brooks is soliciting for the Oregon Journal, his territory embraces this and Douglas counties and he says Eagle Point is the banner town in his district for subscribers for the Journal, an evidence of progressiveness of our people, for judging by the amount of news papers, magazines, etc., taken at this post office we must be an up-to-date class of readers.

There was quite an excitement in our town Monday. One of our boarders came rushing in and reported that the sheriff of Klamath county was here after a horse thief, and that he was one of our most highly respected citizens, so of course your correspondent started out to get the facts for the Mail Tribune and learned that it was Mr. J. M. Holman, Indian agent of the Yauax reservation and an Indian who had come in to repay a horse that Irvin Culbertson had traded for, from a white man on the reservation last summer that had been stolen from the Indian, named Earnest George, the papers were taken out before our justice of the peace, John Watkins and placed in the hands of our Deputy Sheriff, Roy Ashpole, and Mr. Culbertson was to bring the horse out today, Tuesday. Mr. Culbertson, it seems was well acquainted with the man he traded with and I understand had loaned him considerable money that he will probably lose. Mr. Culbertson has the sympathy of his many friends in the community where he lives as well as in this place where he is well and favorably known.

Ed Dutton, one of our wide-awake young men living on the south side of Antelope creek was in town Monday getting the stretchers to put up a lot of wire fence on "The Desert" as he has leased a tract off of the railroad company's land and some of the irrigation company's, managed by Mr. Cummings.

Thomas McCabe and his son Henry, were in town last Saturday. Mr. McCabe brought in a lot of apples and potatoes for market. His son has been living at LaGrande for some time past.

Roy Ashpole one of hardware merchants was called upon, as deputy sheriff to go up on Salt creek to serve subpoenas on parties in a legal action.

Thomas Cincade, wife and Thomas Cincade, Jr., were among the visitors in our town Saturday.

R. C. Rowley who has a home-stead near the Trail stage road moved to Medford Saturday.

Austin Green and one of the Hustlin boys came out from their homes on Long Branch Saturday. he took home with them a cider press and intend to make up a lot of apples they have on hand into cider.

Green Mathews one of our thrifty farmers and stockmen was in town Saturday, he says that his son's nose that was broke, is getting along all right.

Mr. Downing and family who have been visiting his cousin Mrs. O. E. Nichols, left for Long Branch last week.

Jewel Col and family, a brother of Clay Cole, one of the engineers on the P. & E. railroad, have been visiting his two brothers here the past week or more.

Mr. J. L. Havey, foreman and manager of the McKnight orchard was doing business in our town last week.

Mrs. Conley and her daughter were calling on friends here Saturday. Mrs. Conley lives on a farm just above town.

S. S. Aikin of Prospect came out Saturday on the Eagle Point-Perlat stage and remained at the Sunny Side until Monday morning taking the car for Medford. He says that Mr. Natric has been doing some good substantial work on the road above Elk creek, and speaking about the road reminds me that our two outgoing county commissioners, Frank Brown and James Owens, went up to examine that work Saturday returning Sunday and in an interview with

them leared that they were highly pleased with the manner and amount of work done. They also speak in high terms of the work done by the supervisor in that district, Dave Ruce, and say that he is the right man for the place, that he knows every nook and noll in those hills and knows how to handle his men so as to get the work out of them.

James Payton who has been working under Mr. Natrick, came out Saturday to get supplies for himself.

WILLOW SPRINGS TWIGLETS

The young sprouts of Willow Springs gathered at Everett McKee's home last Wednesday to celebrate the jolliest time in the year. Games and popping corn were some of the sports, after which a delicate luncheon was served. All attending report the best time they have had this year.

Earl Taylor spent Christmas afternoon with friends in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols are spending the holidays with Mrs. Nichols' parents in the Willmette valley.

Saturday evening Grange No. 477, elected new officers. The new officers are: Worthy master, W. A. Cowley, lecturer, R. W. Elden; overseer, J. W. Elden; steward, J. R. Rowe; assistant steward, J. Bonnie; treasurer, Mrs. Frank McKee; chaplain, Mrs. O. S. Weicher; secretary, Miss Martina Neal; gate keeper, Albert Forgy; Ceres, Mrs. W. A. Cowley; Pomona, Mrs. J. Bonnie; Flora, Mrs. K. Rickard; lady assistant steward, Miss F. McNasser. Installation of officers will be held the next regular meeting, January 11, 1913.

Mrs. Frank McKee purchased a number of Angora goats and will place them on Bear creek for the purpose of clearing the land.

The Misses Helen and Leah Parker celebrated Christmas with their grandparents in Grants Pass.

Those entertained at Christmas dinners were Mr. and Mrs. Lovern with L. M. Foss and family; Miss Taylor and mother with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dean; Mr. Thompson with the Manning family.

W. A. Parker left for southern California in search of health. It is hoped the climate will benefit him immediately. Mr. Parker will be missed among his many acquaintances.

Notice to all concerned: Telephone meeting at School house Friday, January 3, 1913, at 1 o'clock.

A new organization has been formed this week to be known as the "Willow Springs Good Road Association." The object being to work with the county court and the overseers, and each property owner to do at least two days' work per year in keeping the roads in good repair.

The officers elected are: D. W. Stone, president; Ralph Dean, vice president; R. W. Elden, secretary and treasurer. The boundary encircles Tracy on the south, township line on the west, Rogue river on north and Bear Creek on the east. The next meeting will be held at the school house, Friday, at 2 p. m. These associations have been carried on very successfully in the east and there is no doubt but there will be several more in Jackson county before many moons. All residents within this circle are requested to be present.

Healthy Mothers

Women who bear children and remain healthy are those who prepare their systems in advance of baby's coming. Unless the mother aids nature in its pre-natal work the crisis finds her system unequal to the demands made upon it, and she is often left with weakened health or chronic ailments. No remedy is so truly a help to nature as Mother's Friend. It relieves the pain and discomfort caused by the strain on the ligaments, makes plant those fibres and muscles which nature is expanding, and soothes the inflammation of breast glands. Mother's Friend assures a speedy and complete recovery for the mother, and she is left a healthy woman to enjoy the rearing of her child. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for our free book for expectant mothers.

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M'CARTY WINS FROM AL PALZER

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Luther McCarty today has undisputed possession of the "white" heavyweight championship belt donated by "Uncle Tom" McCarey to the winner in his series of elimination bouts. McCarty clinched his right to the belt yesterday when he defeated Al Palzer, Tom O'Rourke's "hope."

McCarty entered the ring a favorite at odds of ten to eight. The big cowboy was faster and punched harder throughout the seventeen rounds prior to the period when the referee stopped the fight to save Palzer from a knockout. McCarty shaded his opponent in almost every round and in the eighteenth it looked like a sure knockout when the referee stepped between the men and awarded the decision to McCarty.

GEORGE HILL WINS SAN DIEGO RACE

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 2.—George S. Hill of Los Angeles, in a Fiat car yesterday won the first San Diego county automobile road race, making the distance of 183 miles in four hours, fifty-eight minutes and four seconds.

Bob Burman, driving a Benz, had a breakdown and did not finish.

W. H. Smith, in a Mercer, was second. W. H. Carlson in a Stutz was third.

Taft RECEIVES PARCEL FROM JOHN WANAMAKER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President Taft received the first parcels post package sent out from Philadelphia. It was mailed by John Wanamaker, the millionaire merchant. The package contained a shield-shaped green leather case, holding a set of solid gold spoons, one for each state in the union. A larger spoon bore the coat of arms of the District of Columbia. On one side of the case was a solid gold plate, upon which was engraved a fac-simile of Wanamaker's handwriting and New Year's greetings to the President. The plate also bore an inscription stating the case was the first package sent by parcels post from Philadelphia, where the Declaration of Independence was signed.

SAN JOSE SENDS PRUNES OUT BY PARCELS POST

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 1.—Celebrating the New Year as well as the advent of the parcels post residents of this city today sent to all parts of the United States two carloads of packages of prunes as presents. Each package bears a Panama Pacific exposition label and advertises the fact that the delicious prunes enclosed are products of the Santa Clara valley.