

VAWTER FUNERAL FROM RESIDENCE 2:30 P.M. MONDAY

William Ira Vawter, founder and president of the Jackson County bank, joint representative of Jackson and Douglas counties in the state legislature, attorney, capitalist and leading citizen, died Friday evening, February 4, of Bright's disease at his home at Main and Holly streets, Medford, aged 52 years. Taken ill two months ago, Mr. Vawter rallied and seemed on the road to recovery when a relapse occurred and the end was sudden. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Vernon, associated with him in the bank, and William, a university student.

Mr. Vawter was born in the Willamette valley, was a graduate of the University of Oregon, coming to Medford in 1888, founding the Jackson County bank, pioneer bank of Medford, and practicing law. With A. A. Davis and G. W. Howard of San Francisco as partners, a few years later, he formed the Big Bend Milling Co., which acquired and still holds large property interests in the Butte Falls timber belt, in Klamath county and in the Big Bend, Washington, country at Davenport, as well as being heavily interested in San Francisco city property. His personal investments in city and county realty are heavy.

Mr. Vawter was one of the highest ranking officials in Oddfellowship, being prominent in the state grand lodge. For twenty-six years he has been a Pythian. He was also a member of the Masons, the Knights Templar, Shriners and Woodmen of the World. He was a charter member of the University club as well as the Golf and Country clubs.

Mr. Vawter served as joint representative of Jackson and Douglas counties in the legislatures of 1905, 1907 and 1915, holding important committee chairmanships and wielding great influence. He was defeated for speaker in 1907 by a narrow margin and declined a nomination for congress and was favored as a gubernatorial possibility for 1918.

Mr. Vawter was widely known throughout the coast and popular wherever known. He was prominent in the social life of the community as well as in business circles. He was public-spirited to a degree and heartily supported every project for the upbuilding of city and country. His loss will be keenly felt throughout southern Oregon. He was a member of the Baptist church.

The remains will lie in state from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock Monday at his residence, the funeral being held at 2:30 o'clock, Dr. Hill officiating. The body will be taken to Portland on the afternoon train for cremation. The Masons and Odd Fellows will participate only as an escort from the house to the train. Banks and business houses will close as a tribute of respect.

Dr. C. M. Hill, president of the Baptist college, Oakland, Cal., a brother of Mrs. Vawter, is en route to attend the funeral.

UNION MEETINGS BEGIN NEXT FRIDAY

Union prayer meetings have been held the past two weeks in the different churches and in several homes, a church census of the city will be taken the first of the week and the other necessary preparations are being made for the union evangelistic meetings which begin at the Natatorium Friday evening, February 11, to be conducted by Evangelist Frank Mathis, assisted by Bernard Vessey, who has charge of the singing. He is ably assisted by Mrs. Vessey, both of whom are splendid musicians. A large chorus of the best talent from all the churches has been organized, has been practicing and will be one of the big features of the meeting.

The evangelists come very highly recommended, having held successful meetings all over the United States, and as there has not been a union meeting here for some time, wonderful results are expected.

DIED
NORRIS—Ella Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Norris of Midway orchard, died at her parents' home this morning at 3:30 o'clock, aged 14 years. Deceased had been a sufferer from tuberculosis for some time. Besides her parents, Ella's death is mourned by two brothers and one sister and a large circle of young friends who knew deceased well and loved her for her many kindly and womanly ways.

Funeral will be held from Per's undertaking parlors at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and burial will be in the Jacksonville cemetery.

FIRST CAR OF TOMATOES SHIPPED TO MIDDLE WEST

The first carload of canned goods ever shipped out of Medford to a middle western point was shipped Friday by the Rogue River Valley Canning Company to the Dodge City Wholesale Grocery Company of Dodge City, Kansas. The shipment consisted of 1009 cases (24 cans to a case), of selected stock No. 3 1/2 tomatoes, and brought a record price of 95c per dozen f. o. b. Medford, or \$1.90 the case. This price represents an advance of about 40 cents the case above the average price on canned tomatoes, and when the freight charge of 62 1/2 cents the 100 pounds, which the buyer must pay, or \$375.00 for 20 tons (to which capacity the car was loaded and which represents the minimum car tonnage required for eastern shipments), the unexcelled quality of the locally manufactured product can readily be appreciated.

Another carload has been contracted for and will leave shortly for the same destination.

All those who are in any way interested in the Rogue River Valley cannery are proud of this sale, and very hopeful of a greatly increased business this season. The capacity of the present factory is sufficient to turn out three times the business done last year, and present plans contemplate the addition of much valuable new equipment and machinery and the munning of the plant night and day. With a night shift 600 cases of tomatoes can be turned out every 24 hours.

The management hopes during the next few weeks to sign up a large acreage, particularly of tomatoes. Kentucky Wonder string beans and loganberries and all growers in the valley are urged to communicate with Mr. Hoke or Mr. Larned. The cannery has the interests of local growers at heart and stands ready to contract for select quality produce at a price higher than most canneries will pay, and which will yield the growers a fine profit. It is poor economy to "jew-down" the grower and no such policy will be followed.

The Rogue River Valley cannery with additional capital and enlarged equipment should speedily grow and become a local industry of which the valley can be proud. But to this end the co-operation of the growers, wholesale and retail, is needed and above all the loyalty of the local consumer. If the local brands were inferior it would be unreasonable to look for the active support of all distributors and consumers in the valley, but in consideration of the fact that they are absolutely unexcelled in quality it is most certainly reasonable that the manufacturer should trust to the heartiest support at home.

MRS. CURRY'S CHARGES ARE PROVEN UNTRUE

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—Charges made by Mrs. William Curry of Rogue River, Jackson county, that her husband, who recently died in the asylum here, had been mistreated during his confinement in the institution, were disproved at a hearing held before the state board of control yesterday afternoon.

The woman charged that her husband had been struck by attendants and also that he had a hole in one of his hands big enough to run "a hoe handle through." Dr. Steiner, superintendent of the institution, emphatically denied the charges and Rev. Father Moore, who attended Curry as his spiritual adviser, also said they were untrue. G. E. Terwilliger, the undertaker, who cared for the body, also declared there was no hole in either hand of the man.

County Judge Tom Velle Friday received a letter saying: "Hon. County Court: You have murdered my husband. Send me at once two months' board and cash for railroad fare home."

Mr. Curry had been insane for seventeen years, according to his wife, and was sent up to Salem at the request of Mrs. Curry after having been pronounced insane by Dr. Clancy after a brief period of treatment at the Sacred Heart hospital.

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EXPERT TO AID IN WORKING OUT MARKET SYSTEM

Through the efforts of Harris Weinstein, director of the department of markets, E. L. Goodsell, London and New York expert, is coming to the Pacific coast, en route to California. He will make a tour of the apple growing sections of the northwest. His first stop was at Twin Falls, where he addressed the Idaho horticultural convention on February 3. The second is at Spokane, where he will appear before the business men's luncheon on Tuesday, February 8; on the following Tuesday evening, February 15, he will address the regular meeting of the Seattle Commercial club. On February 16 Mr. Goodsell speaks in Portland at the luncheon of the Ad Club and at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

Mr. Goodsell's help has been asked in working out a marketing system for some of the California products that are now glutting the market. There is a great movement on in California toward manufacturing and marketing by-products of fruit, especially dried peaches.

Mr. Goodsell's long connection with fruit interests in Covent Garden, London, as well as his experience in New York, makes him well qualified, in Director Weinstein's opinion, to aid the growers with helpful information. During the past winter and fall he has been the right-hand man of John J. Dillon, director of department markets for New York. He officiated as public salesman at the barrel apple auctions held in the orchards of Gardner, last September. These auctions are alleged to have raised the price of barrel apples 75c to \$1.25 a barrel.

Mr. Goodsell has very pronounced views concerning the possibilities of greatly developing the European markets for northwestern box apples and pears. He sees a great future export business direct by steamship from the Pacific northwest, and has prepared some definite plans along this line.

CATE TO DISCUSS SCAB AT PHOENIX

Claude C. Cate, county pathologist, assisted by Superintendent F. C. Reimer of the experiment station, will hold a meeting at the Phoenix school house on Tuesday, the 8th inst., to discuss with the orchardists the question of apple and pear scab, and the best means of controlling and finally eradicating that pest. Mr. Cate will use the stereopticon slides in illustrating the scab in all its stages of growth, suggest the sprays to use for its destruction at the proper periods of its progress and tell the fruitists how to determine when to spray.

In addition to a large attendance of fruit men, Mr. Cate requests that as many school children sufficiently advanced to understand the discussion and the illustrations remain after school is dismissed and take advantage of the opportunity to begin early to learn something about fruit production and pest elimination. They will enjoy the pictures of the pests and the latter will be instructive.

KEENEY JUDGE OF POULTRY SHOW; OPENS WEDNESDAY

Except for the return of entry blanks from those who will have poultry on exhibition at the poultry show next week, Wednesday being entrance day, the arrangements for the first show of that kind ever held in Medford are about complete.

Judge F. R. Keeney, one of the most prominent and popular poultry judges in the west, and who served as commissioner from Oregon in the poultry shows at the Panama-Pacific exposition last year, will be the judge of the pens in this city, having consented to serve the Southern Oregon Poultry association next week. Prizes will be awarded on Thursday. That will be a big day at the show.

Claude C. Cate, the recently appointed pathologist for this county, has secured the services of a lecturer from the Oregon Agricultural college. One of his addresses at the show will probably be delivered on Thursday.

Talks by other poultrymen will be made during the days of the show period, from Wednesday to Saturday, inclusive, besides other features of interest.

The exhibits promise to be unusually interesting, in view of the fact that so many farmers have recently concluded to increase the flock on the ranch and to improve the quality of the stock, both for egg and table poultry.

The Medford garage, now unused, at the corner of Bartlett and Eighth streets (known also as the Emerick garage), has been engaged as the place to hold the show. It is large, comfortable and well lighted by windows, but the California-Oregon Power company will give it brilliant artificial illumination, as well.

Committees in charge of the arrangements and all of the details of preparing for the show have worked hard and faithfully to put conditions in shape for a big week among the chickens. Special mention should be made of the services of President Hunter and Secretary Peebles, together with the valued and valuable assistance of Committeemen Webb, Gardner, Fritsche, Meyer, Milsche and Carpenter.

That the interest aroused among poultrymen and those who have hitherto given little thought to the farm flock will go far toward augmenting the output of poultry and its by-products hereafter in this valley goes without saying. The Southern Oregon Poultry association has begun its practical work in the proper manner and notably in the right spirit.

Bids for Wood
School District No. 49 will receive sealed bids at the office of the clerk until 5 p. m., Feb. 8th, 1916, for 400 cords of wood, of either body fir, oak or laurel. Same to be delivered at school buildings, between May 1st, 1916, and August 15th, 1916. All wood must be cut from live trees. Each stick to be four feet long and not less than eight inches or more than 18 inches in diameter. Wood to be measured on the grounds by Jackson county scaler of weights and measures, and all measurements to be satisfactory to both parties.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
H. S. STINE,
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The fifty-four carloads of coal shipped into this valley during the past year, at \$300 per forty-ton carload, took away from circulation in this county during that time \$19,440. The bulk of this coal was shipped from Wyoming.

With apparently an inexhaustible deposit of coal along the base of Roxy Ann and Mount Grizzly, east and southeast of this city, thousands of tons of which have already been exposed, it seems strange, local business men are saying, that a concerted effort is not made to develop the various mines and save that sum of money for use at home.

The coal so far offered is "dirty"; that is, it contains foreign substances that should be washed out. When that is done the quality of coal left is good for ordinary fuel purposes. Thousands of tons of it have been used in this city and vicinity with good results—and that, too, from the exterior of the vein along the base of the mountain. As depth is attained the quality of the coal improves rapidly. A depth of 565 feet has been reached at the Sunnyside on the dip. The vein is from twelve to eighteen feet thick, so far as exposed.

The operation of coal mines would give employment to many local people, and its output distributed at home would save local money for local uses. The industrial feature of the mine in operation would be a large item.

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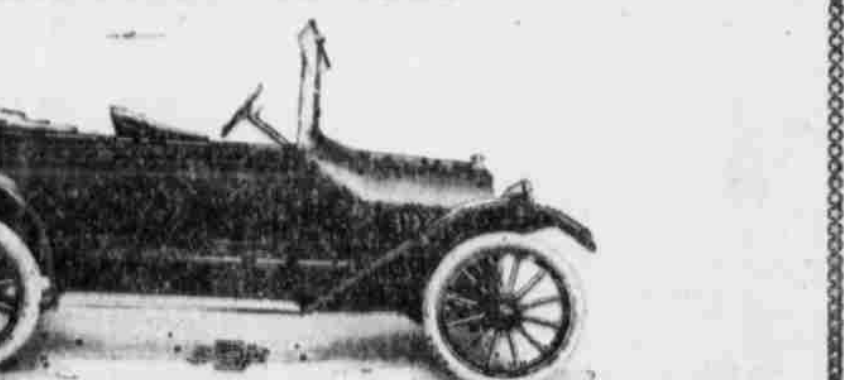
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