REAMES TO ARGUE LAND GRANT CASE AT SAN FRANCISCO

United States District Attorney C. L. Reames left Friday for San Francisco where he will appear twice before the United States circuit court of appeals presenting arguments for the government on the appeals of both the United States Cashier company case and the form of decree in the Oregon & California land grant case.

The O. & C. case is the case famous on the records of the federal courts as No. 3340. It involves 2,500,000 acres of valuable Oregon lands which were granted to the O. & C. by congress for the construction of a railroad from Portland to San Francisco. Following a decision of the United States supreme court, Federal Judge Wolverton recently signed a decree which refers the matter to congress for disposition of the lands in such a way that the railroad will receive $2.50 an acre, no more. The railway claims the ownership of the timber, worth many million dollars, aside from the equity of $2.50 in the lands, and has asked the higher court to alter the form of decree to embrace that view.

The Southern Oregon case, involving 93,000 acres of land in Coos and Curry counties, which has been decided along exactly the same lines as the O. & C. case, will be heard by the court Tuesday.

SUGAR BEET SEED AS PROFITABLE CROP

Geo. Austin, cultural expert for the Utah sugar factories, who is making his second visit to the Rogue river valley, was in Medford yesterday. He finds conditions in the beet fields satisfactory and declares that the season for planting sugar beets will extend for a month yet in this valley. This suggestion is in consonance with the statement of this paper sometime ago, in which it was said that the great hurry to get the beet seed into the ground was ill-advised. Mr. Austin urged those who have not yet planted beet seed to do so.

Mr. Austin believes that the conditions in this valley are very favorable to the production of beet seed. This cannot be done successfully in every soil and climate. It is a very profitable feature of the business. A yield of 1500 pounds of seed can be estimated for each acre. This seed is worth 15 cents a pound, when produced at home. When shipped from Austria and Germany, it costs 30 cents a pound, with the freight added. Mr. Austin believes that our climate and soil are ideal for beet seed production. Should they prove to be, it will mean a very profitable industry to add to others of this valley.

THE MEADOWS

Layne Wyland and wife drove to Medford Sunday afternoon and returned Wednesday afternoon, bringing Mr. Hackersmith, who recently purchased their ranch in the Meadows, with them. Mr. Hackersmith is staying with his daughter Mrs. Dave Cottrell, while here.

Ike Coy of Gold Hill, a well known miner who has been working at the Mountain King mine for some time past, was taken to Gold Hill Tuesday for treatment of an incipient case of blood poison resulting from a blow on the finger which had caused a serious infection. A couple of men with axes were added to the force the same day. Several new tunnels are being driven and the old ones extended, with a splendid showing of ensulfide in each. Development work seems to be very successful.

Mrs. Dock Hutson, with her son, Clyde, and two daughters, has returned from Gold Hill.

Dr. W. P. Chisholm of Gold Hill, and his daughter Margaret spent Tuesday in the Meadows, taking the doctor's son Tom back to Gold Hill with them the same evening. The doctor was much pleased with the results of the retorting being done on the Little Jean ores.

A number of gentlemen from the east who are financially interested in the Mountain King mine visited the property for three or four days the past week and seemed mightily pleased with what they saw. Work is still being pushed with day and night shifts.

Another epidemic of alum-malaria has broken out. Miners and prospectors seem much excited over Gold finds.

News From Our Neighbors

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

Since our last report, Rev. John Wesley Sharp, a Free Methodist, came out from Medford, took the Eagle Point-Persist auto stage for Elk creek.

Mrs. George Weeks and family also took the auto stage at the same time for the same place.

Mrs. Bass, a San Francisco lady, has been here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wolfley, but since that time Mr. and Mrs. Wolfley have been called to Salt Lake City, where he is engaged in business.

Last Sunday we had the pleasure of having one of the Sabbath school classes of the Baptist church of Medford with us all day. They came out in the morning and met with the Sunday school in the church, attended preaching services in the forenoon, bringing their lunch with them, and had an old-fashioned picnic dinner along the shady bank of our beautiful Little Butte creek, and in the afternoon roamed its banks. At about 5 o'clock dinner was served by the ladies of the church at the Farmers' hotel and in the evening rendered what was supposed to be an Easter program, but was more like a foreign missionary meeting, but it was a very interesting entertainment, and some of the pieces rendered were fine, and perhaps all, but many of the children spoke so low that I could not hear what was said, but judged they were good by the way they were cheered by the vast audience, for the church was about full. To my mind, the piece rendered by Miss Pauline Johnson, representing the life of a China girl in her native land, describing the manner the girls are treated, and the little value placed on them, how they are destroyed by the father in many instances among the poor, and the torture the poor girls have to endure in the process of flattening their heads and compressing their feet. She spoke so that everyone in the house could understand what was said, and when she closed was cheered most heartily. The teacher of the class then read an article, "The Experience of Mary Magdalene," that was very touching. Miss Winnifred Hank, a member of the Eagle Point Sunday school class, was the only member of the class that took any part in the exercises, and she recited a very appropriate piece on the resurrection of our Lord. Taking into consideration that out of the thirty-three girls (thirty-four, including Miss Winnifred Hank, there were none over about 14 years of age), they did remarkably well and we, citizens of Eagle Point, will be glad in the near future to give them a hearty greeting.

Professor P. H. Daley and two or three others came along to chaperone the bunch.

The same day we had with us L. A. Neil, Miss Ethe Davenport, Miss Angeline Neil and Mrs. Harold A. Lawrence of Ashland and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Foster and son, Day Foster, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wissing and son, Carroll Wissing. After dinner or lunch they went on up the stream to try their hand fishing.

N. P. Hanson of Climax and son were here to spend the night since I last wrote.

Sunday, April 30, the Eagle Point ball team went to Gold Hill to play ball and came home looking rather crestfallen, reporting the game as standing 19 to 1 in favor of Gold Hill, but the boys say that they had a very pleasant time, if they did get licked.

W. B. Chance, the mill inspector, was here this week.

B. Klein, the advertising man, and his two assistants were here on Monday and on Tuesday he and C. D. Mc Intyre of Chicago were here as well. He seems to be a busy man.

Mrs. George von der Heller is teaching in the primary department, on account of Mrs. Ella Shooter, the regular teacher, being called away on account of the sickness of a relative.

C. A. Newstrom, the road supervisor in Lake Creek district, was here for a time the first of the week.

Mr. Davenport of Ashland was here Monday on his way out to Rogue river, where he is now is traveling.

Since my last report Charles H. Toney of Derby has sold his mother to George Brown & Son, and Mike Sadler and Jack Crook has sold his mule to Ed Pettenger of Medford, price $1 cash, per pound.

John Thomson of County was in town Monday and so was Mike Sadler of Lake Creek, Adolph Hedeschult and son, Kenneth, Ross Mosing and wife of Lake Creek, and when they returned Jack had landed, and Mr. Mosing was trying to spend the remainder. Thomas Dunsmuir and his two boys were along in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hedgecoxe and two little sons spent a part of last Friday in Gold Hill, price 50c. Buying

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ASHLAND AND VICINITY

There was no evidence whatever of a rough house at the Commercial club meeting last Monday night, as implied in the late issue of the Record, which on its eighth page goes out of its way, under the heading of "Commercial Body to Reorganize," to state that "The storeroom went down in the general crash. The clock threw up its hands and quit, while soap decorated the walls and ceiling like strewn work." In justification of the organization and out of respect to the feelings of those present, it is only fair to state that the proceedings were as decorous and harmonious as the evangelistic meetings now in progress. The editor was not there in person, but was represented by a reporter whose opinions are evidently biased, for in another item on the identical page it adds insult to injury, under the caption of "Crackemen Get $2000," by stating that "Some members have resigned because they didn't like Greer."

Carl Hoats, Southern Pacific fireman, a former resident here, but now stationed at Hornbrook, has been renewing the acquaintance of many friends in this vicinity of late.

W. S. Voorhees of Napa, Cal., has been in town this week, investigating propositions which might induce him to remove here permanently. He is greatly pleased with the city and its surroundings.

Little Wanda Wise, clinging to a pet kitty, is the subject of a photo, almost life size, as taken recently by the Studio Ashland. The cat is a Persian one of famous pedigree and championship renown, and is the property of Mrs. Belle Schwein, who owns several felines of this species, one of which, named "Bundo," is valued at $100.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Beebe and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kinney motored to Medford on Thursday on a trust combining business with pleasure. Incidentally, they tested the merits of Beebe's new Dodge car, which in no particular was found wanting.

Court Reporter F. Roy Davis of Medford was in town on Thursday afternoon, attending to court matters.

Sewing district No. 18 has been created as per resolution of intent adopted by the council on May 2. The line will be embroidery within terrace bounded by Laurel, Helman and Pine streets.

Road requirements have been the means of creating results in methods for raising the desired amount. Ladies' department store leads among merchants in a plan whereby a certain percentage on sale during May is to be turned into the treasury of association's treasury.

Attorney E. D. Briggs has gone east on a business trip which takes him as far as the Atlantic seaboard. He will return about May 20.

Teddy Prosser has joined the company of Southern Pacific painters who wield the brush on railroad buildings throughout southern Oregon and northern California.

Frank McWilliams returned home Thursday from the Imperial valley, where he has been visiting relatives in Calexico and near Brawley. He gives due credit to that climate for improving his health conditions, but declares he would not live there permanently under any consideration.

The depredations of spring chicks have assumed such a phase that an actual proclamation from city authorities now forbids them from running at large.

The committee on Fourth of July celebrations, through its department of entertainment channels, has asked the city council for an appropriation of $500 to aid the cause.

The local high school has nearly a score of its most skillful athletes in active training, ready to participate in the track and field meet which will occur at Medford on Saturday of this week. Coach Hutchison has the training in charge and is attending to every detail.

Helman's bathing establishment is about ready for its summer patrons, and will open formally on Saturday, May 6. The Natatorium will follow at an early date, and will, as last year, be under the management of Hugh Prasch.

The topic at the evangelistic meetings on Wednesday evening was "Conversion" as a main subject. The attendance was largely of Medford people, over 200 having been present. Having participated in the series of meetings in their home town with best results, they gave encouragement by their presence here of the faith that is in them both as to numbers and active work in furthering the enthusiastic spirit which characterized the meeting throughout. A most cordial invitation was extended them to repeat the visit, and thus by joining forces to add power to the great revival movement in which Messrs. Mellis and Vessey are diligently engaged.

B. Fay Mills, the noted evangelist, who died recently, creates a vacancy among the talent engaged for the forthcoming local chautauqua assembly. The program for 1916 is being arranged as to details and change so as to be in readiness at an early date.

Morris Darveau, heretofore of the spring commission's publicity bureau, having allied himself with the chautauqua movement on wheels under Ellison-White auspices, will take to the platform initially in June. The circuit will include several states. He was publicity manager at Eugene previous to coming to Ashland, a position which the Eugene chamber of commerce, following the example set by an increasing number of communities since the boom and bust days of 1908-10, has abolished. George Quayle, a resident of Eugene, has been elected secretary of the chamber of commerce, merging these duties together with the publicity ones into one position. Darveau, who was onto the job actually a year.

Sidney J. Barstow of Yreka and Miss Laura MacDonald of Central Point were married at the California inn on May 1.

Rev. J. H. Shumaker, pioneer pastor and educator here, died at his home near Vancouver, Wash., May 2, aged 78 years. He was a native of Iowa. About 1872-3 he founded the Ashland academy, a leading seminary of those earlier days which numbered residents of not only southern Oregon, but also southern California, among its pupils. As a Methodist pastor he shared ministerial labors with other denominational workers in a common building at a period when Ashland did not afford such a multiplicity of church edifices as are now apparent. However, it was with the Ashland academy that his name is so intimately connected, applying the practical to an eminent degree in every phase of a liberal education. He leaves a wife, also four sons, of whom Newell lives at Russell, Wash.; Joseph, at Omaha; Charles, Berkeley, Cal., and Frank, at Blackfoot, Idaho.

A leap year dance was given at Moose hall Wednesday evening, under Bull Moose auspices, the attendance upon which was large and the festivities the very merriest. A charter member of the order, who earlier in the evening attended the revival meeting, is authority for the statement, bordering on the sacrilegious, that the ranks of the dancers was perceptibly increased as soon as the tabernacle meeting was over.

Charles Hosley is out again after being housed for six weeks with rheumatic complications. He has "thrown physic to the dogs," and will hereafter confine medical treatment to principles on a chiropractic basis.

Alpha Chapter, No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star, and Ashland Lodge, No. 23, A. F. & A. M., will join together in a social gathering on Thursday evening, May 11, at Masonic hall. Members of the Star, also Masons in general, with their wives, are invited to participate.

Miss Margaret Dodd, librarian at Yreka, has resigned, and the vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Miss Bessie Silverthorne of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edwards have returned from a winter's outing in Florida and various points in the south and east, Mr. Edwards getting as far as Connecticut, while the latter visited in Philadelphia. They came home via California, and attended quite a reunion of the Ashland colony at Pasadena.

"The Rogue," official annual of high school activities for 1916, has made its appearance. It is a handsome volume of over fifty pages, "built" along new and entirely different lines from its predecessors. The volume is dedicated to the faculty of the institution. A generous allotment of reading matter is supplemented by fine specimens of pictorial embellishment. Fern Murphy is editor-in-chief, Elbert Farlow, business manager, and Alice Van der Sluis, assistant. Eunice Grubb, the staff artist, also rendered a like service for preceding annuals. Department representatives were numerous. Leroy Abbott appeared as Beloit of the postgraduates; Dorothy Edwards, dramatics; John Anderson and Ruth Hadley, personals; Leith Abbott, for the boys, and Charlotte Chappelear for the girls, kept tab on athletics. The senior representatives were Harold Prohaska, Helen Moore and Mary Weisenborner. The annual was printed at the Tidings office.

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