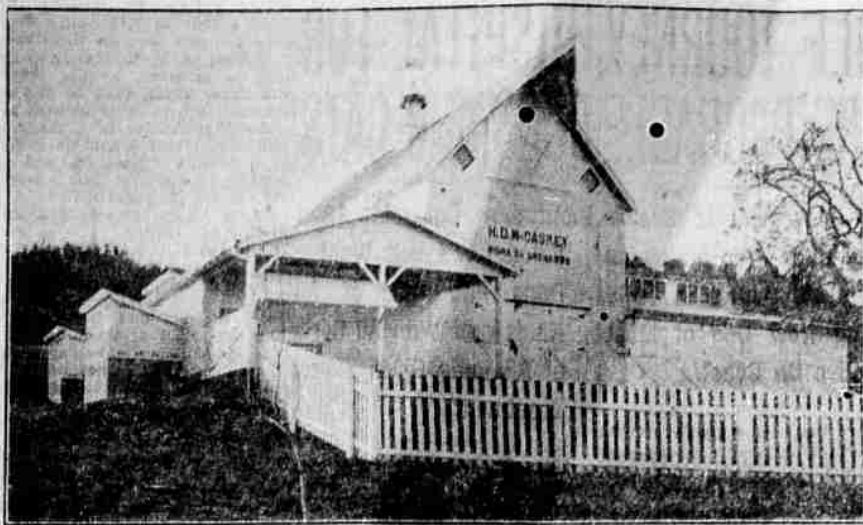


Here Is Jackson County's Model Barn Where Horses Live Like Kings



Better in construction than many dwellings and rivaling even the construction of expensive homes, the ranch barn at the Bora Da orchards, owned by H. D. McCaskey near Central Point on the Old Stage road, is an outstanding farm building constructed in Jackson county last year. While no official figures were available, it is thought that the barn cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

In its building, of which Frank Miller was in charge, no details were overlooked and no expense was spared to make these details as perfect as possible. It is the last word in a ranch barn, and embodies construction ideas never in use before and was several months in the building, with seven to eight men at work practically all through the time.

The barn is approximately 80 feet long and 50 feet high and has room in its hay loft for 30 tons. It has four individual box stalls for horses, with a door leading into each stall, oiled and varnished with

a special preparation. The stall walls are over six feet high, and have iron bars of two feet in length on top. Each stall has an individual drinking trough as a preventive measure against the spread of disease should one horse become infected.

Each manger has an individual hay shoot for hay to be thrown down from the loft, which is separated from the stalls by means of a heavy wall and sliding doors to eliminate dust from that part of the barn in which the horses are quartered. For further protection of the horses, an indirect lighting system, utilizing a large number of windows, is another feature of the barn, the entire interior of which has been whitewashed and painted.

The tool shed and implement room, 50 feet square, is located in the center of the building and, like other parts of the structure, is equipped with electric lights. A completely equipped blacksmith shop and a harness room, the latter equipped with a stove, are on the northwest end of the barn, and

on the opposite corner, a tool room and a woodshed are located.

The roof is covered with a double layer of asbestos shingles and is braced through a new system originating in the mind of Frank C. Clark, local architect. The hay doors at the top of the barn also embrace a new idea in opening and were so built by the carpenter in charge, Frank Miller. Special provisions have been made for the drainage of the barn premises through the use of pipes and the barn itself rests on a foundation of concrete.

The barnyard is neatly fenced with white pickets, designed by William Foley, orchard foreman, and an outside water trough is protected from the rays of the summer sun by the means of a special covering built several feet above. The trough is equipped with an automatic filler and does not require the services of a man to keep it supplied with water. A photograph of the barn is shown on this page of the New Year's section.

THE NEW YEAR'S SECTION

In this special New Year's section, there has been no effort to duplicate the large and elaborate New Year editions of the past.

Instead of publishing what would have been, more or less, a duplication, the effort this year has been to, merely emphasize a few of the major developments which have distinguished the past twelve months.

In looking over the year 1928, it appeared to us, there was no question as to what development locally deserved first place. This was the amazing growth in size and importance of the Farm Grange movement.

Four or five years ago the Farm Grange was scarcely heard of in Jackson county. There had been a few Granges since very early days, but they had long ceased to function, or had meetings rarely.

Now, outside of the larger cities, the Grange is the dominant force in rural life, not only economically but socially and politically. There are eight district Granges and the total membership is approximately 1000 with new members coming in every month.

The Grange in Jackson county is not only very much alive, it is aggressive and enlightened. As the foundation of prosperity in this section rests upon the condition of agriculture—the status of the farm—the importance of the Grange cannot be exaggerated.

For this body of men and women is determined to place agriculture upon a better basis, to take it out of the "poor farm" class, and place it where it rightly belongs, as a self-respecting and permanently profitable business.

Such a condition would not only benefit the farmers, but the community as a whole, and every business man in it. The Grange, therefore, deserves the support, and sympathetic interest, of every person, with the welfare of Southern Oregon at heart.

By this we do not mean, that everything the Grange has done or may do, should be blindly approved. The Grange like any other human organization, may at times develop weaknesses or make mistakes.

But we do mean, that the stronger and more active the Grange, the better for all concerned, and it is therefore a pleasure to do our bit in this direction, by giving the Farm Grange of Jackson county the place of honor in this New Year section of 1928.

An Ontario paper says a municipal election cost the city 30 cents a vote. As a rule you can't estimate the cost until the paving contracts are awarded.

Correct this sentence: "Others may yearn for movie heroes," said she, "but all I want is the love of a man as homely and common as I am."

A Michigan woman got life for selling hooch. Many a man has drawn a life sentence just for taking one too many on a moonlight night.

Bolivia and Paraguay won't fight. By the time an orderly is assigned to each general, there won't be anybody left to serve as cannon fodder.

The reaction has begun. The ladies in the chorus are wider now, and maybe in time something will be done about the seats.

Perhaps hell is a place where everybody is educated and cultured and superior and nobody knows how to have a good time.

The papers say Boston teams can now play ball on Sunday, but don't explain why Sunday is an exception.

OVER MILLION CANS PUT OUT BY BAGLEY CO.

1928 a Record - Breaking
Year for Talent Cannery
—73,000 Cases Shipped
Out — Payroll Over
\$12,000 a Month—Plant
Is Enlarged.

The Bagley Canning company this year processed over 70,000 cases of fruits and vegetables, or an exact total of 1,174,366 cans. In putting up this pack 5,221,659 pounds of Rogue River valley raw products were used. This represents 2,965 tons of farm products, or almost 150 carloads on a basis of 15 tons per car. The importance of this tonnage may better be visualized when compared with outgoing shipments of green peas, as the average carload contains only about 12 tons. On the same basis, the amount of products used by the cannery would amount to considerably over 200 cars. The cannery's payroll this season averaged better than \$12,000 per month or over \$60,000 for the entire year.

The Bagley Canning company was organized at Talent about 16 years ago. The business, while completely reorganized and converted to new ownership in 1916, has continued under the same name and present management since that time. In 1924 the business was removed to Ashland and merged with the Ashland Preserving company plant at that place, and additional and improvements have been made until it is now one of the best equipped and modernly arranged canneries of its size in the state.

While a good local business is enjoyed, the majority of its products is distributed through outside coast markets and middle west and eastern states, as well as a considerable amount of beans, particularly, are exported to the British Isles and other European countries.

Farm products are drawn from all parts of the Rogue River valley, including Josephine county, where considerable berry acreage has been developed. Practically all the apples handled come through the Medford packing houses, and a large amount of pears and berries are put in cold storage in Medford.

The Bagley Canning company's business has been increasing consistently and steadily the past several years, due largely to the increasing popularity and demand for Rogue River valley products. This year's volume represents a very satisfactory increase over last year's operations.

The company is incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon, and the personnel of officers consists of Ralph Kozier, president and manager; W. J. Ferns, vice-president; E. B. Adamson, secretary and treasurer, who with J. W. McCoy and P. F. White of Ashland, constitute the board of directors.

Artificial sun bathing parties during which guests bathe in the rays of ultra-violet ray lamps are becoming popular in England.

RESUME PAVING CITY STREETS AFTER 17 YEARS

First Extensive Paving Since
1911 Done Past 12
Months—Over Four Miles
of Black Top and Con-
crete Laid—City Growth
Demanded Improvements

New paving in the city of Medford in 1928 aggregated 4.35 miles and grading and surfacing totaled approximately the same amount, according to statistics in the office of City Engineer Fred Scheffel.

This construction marked the first resumption of paving on a large scale in this city, since 1911. The coming year promises to equal the 1923 record, as many petitions for paving and grading, are on file, subject to favorable action by the city council.

The cost of the year's paving and grading will total slightly over \$165,000.

The first paving operations came in the spring of 1928, with the laying of 24 blocks of concrete paving, at a cost of \$70,212.28, all in residential areas. The streets completed were South Kent, North Bartlett, North Ivy, North Court, North Oakdale, and West Third. All were in thickly populated districts, and all were stretches, left uncompleted in 1911.

Asphalt was laid upon the following streets, at a cost of approximately \$60,000, Arcadia and Spencer streets in the southeast portion of the city, Portland avenue, and Almond streets on the East Side, and North Holly street in the vicinity of the Senior high school. The total distance asphaltered was 18 blocks.

More Paving In 1929
South Park street is being paved, but will not be completed until next spring, and is the only street on the 1928 building program, unfinished and not open for traffic at the end of the year.

Forty blocks were graded and gravelled, all of the work being in the mill district, or on the outlying districts. They were graded to paving grade so if in the future the property owners should desire paving, it can be procured at a minimum delay and cost. The grading and graveling entailed an expenditure of \$35,000.

The streets graded and gravelled were: Edwards, Newtown, West Twelfth, Welch, Western avenue, East Jackson, Lincoln, East Ninth, Haven and Clark.

Additional sewers built or extended during the year totaled a distance of 4.5 miles, and cost \$42,143.19. All were in new residential sections, facing a rapid growth. The improvements were made on the following streets: Boardman, Manzanita, Chestnut, a 300 ft. x 4 ft. sewer, Chestnut, Clark, Illinois, Iowa, Narregun, Cedar, Haven, Hamilton, Hawthorn, West Holly, King, Lincoln, Newtown, Peach, Mary, Marie and May.

Also, during the year, protective measures and work against Bear Creek floods were taken. This included the widening, deepening, and removal of brush from the banks of the stream, and the building of a dike representing an outlay of \$8800. Besides reducing the flood damage peril, the flooding of the sewer system by backwater of the flood is eliminated.

FIR-PINE LUMBER COMPANY NEW & GROWING CONCERN

A thriving and infant member of the lumber industry is the Fir-Pine Lumber company, which was organized last January and has operated since February 1, with Walter Inch, as president, Mrs. Una Inch as vice-president, and Sid L. Brown, well known Medford resident as secretary and treasurer. In 1928, the plant's output totaled over two and three million feet of lumber, with an average daily employment of 45 men, and a payroll for eleven months' operation of close to \$50,000.

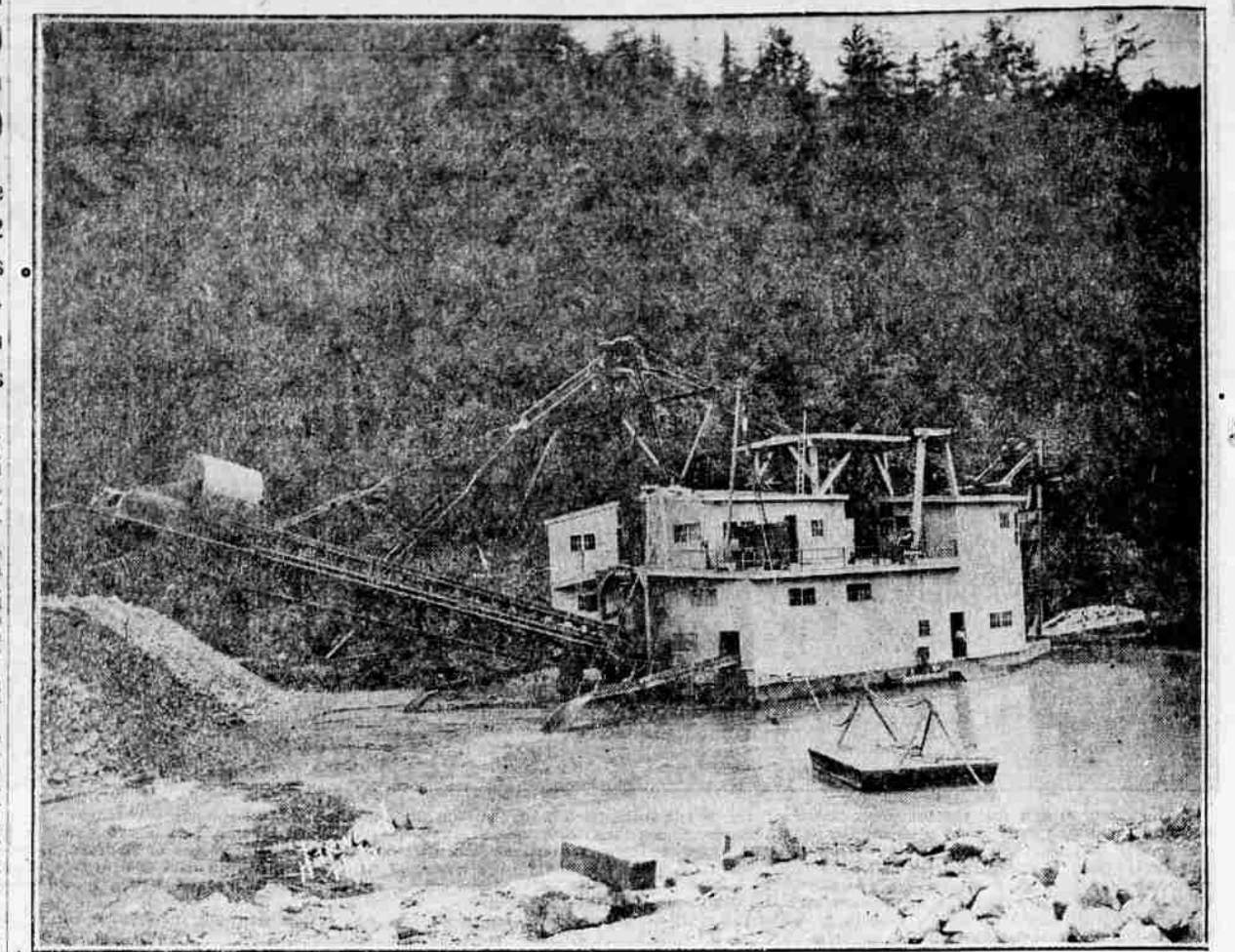
The plant is the one formerly owned by Joe L. Gagnon, and it was remodelled by the present operators, it is situated in southwest Medford. At present the sawmill is shut down, but the box factory is operating.

The concern has shipped about 125 cars of shooks to date, chiefly to the California market, as canneries and meat businesses. A large percentage of the box shooks output is used in the local apple and pear business. The plant also specializes in the cutting of unusual sized timbers, and among the orders of the character filled were for material used in the construction of the American Fruit company warehouse, and the C. and E. warehouse. Orders for outside plants have also been filled during the year.

The company has plans for improvements the coming year, but no definite program has been outlined, according to Mr. Brown.

Schools Closed to Cupid
SHELBY, N. C.—(AP)—Teachers in Shelby public schools are under contract not to marry during the school term. No time for honey-moons, board officials explained.

Giant Gold Dredge Now Operating In Foots Creek District



The Ludlum gold dredge, which was assembled during 1928, has been operating recently in the Foots Creek district. The big dredge floats in a small lake and caters from the bank guide its operation from side to side. Water for the lake comes from the creek and its location is changed as the big machine progresses. A good sized crew under the supervision of D. H. Ferry, keeps the dredge busy day and night and, it is estimated, there is an area of operation sufficient to keep the machine in operation for at least 16 years at the present rate.

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In view of these facts we should not forget that this Grange organization was organized for the benefit of working out the agricultural problems for the rural community. We have different committees working for or at least supposed to be working for us.

Our marketing committee working to find a more stabilized market for our products, we have our legislative committee working out better means and ways to suit the need of the rural people. We have our home economy committee and others of less importance.

I feel that the Granges of Jackson county have considerably important work but I feel that what has been done through-out the different subordinate Granges should be supported by our Jackson county Pomona Grange.

Wishing all the Granges and rural people throughout the land a very prosperous New Year, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
John A. Anderson, master of Central Point Grange.

Sams Valley Grange

Some of the accomplishments of the Sams Valley Grange are: Holding our high school after an attempt was made to move it to another district. The retaining of the high school was through the vote and influence of the Grange.

The exhibit by the Sams Valley Grange at the Jackson County product show was one of the best exhibits ever put on by the community. It was through the Grange that the Sams Valley community was represented with a float in the Jubilee of Visions Realized. This was the first time that any such representation was given the community.

The organization at one time joined the high school in purchasing some flooring to be used in a hall or playshed and later donated the Grange share to be used in the playshed. They are now donating their time and labor towards the construction of the shed.

Bought a piano which is in the community auditorium being used for all organizations using the hall.

Co-operated with the Ladies club in building a ranch needed fuel in the community kitchen. Acquired a building site for a new Grange hall.

Planned and financed a very successful farmers' Fourth of July picnic.

Mixed and distributed squirrel poison at cost.

Purchased salt and binding twine in ton lots realizing a noticeable saving.

Written sixteen Grange Fire Relief insurance policies.

Through the urge of the Grange the largest vote was cast at the general election that had ever been cast in the district.

Have organized and produced one of the best drill teams in the state of Oregon which has put on initiatory work for five different classes outside of their own community.

Have grown to a membership of 127 and steadily increasing.

Booked orders for fertilizer through farm bureau.

Sams Valley Grange is doing their share in putting over the project of the farm bureau organization.

The Grange is an aid to social advancement in every community where there is an organization.

Enterprise

Back in 1912 there was a movement to organize the Grange in this county by Deputy Master J. W. Turvey. A number of

Granges were organized at this time but did not stand the storm. With the exception of Enterprise No. 439, in the beautiful Evans valley, which kept Jackson county on the Grange map for twelve long years, all others failed. Enterprise Grange was organized on June 12, 1912, with fifteen charter members.

A. F. Potter, master, Mrs. E. P. Chandler, Mrs. S. F. Potter, D. J. Sharp, Fred Minthorn, Helen Chandler, Alvin Scott, Alice Chandler, M. N. Scott, W. K. Godding, J. E. Smith, Mrs. Tom Owens, O. E. Steward, Anna Godding, and E. P. Chandler. Sister Owens is still an active member in this Grange.

Mr. Smith still lives in the valley, but has dropped his membership. The rest have either passed over the Great Divide or scattered to the proverbial four corners.

Enterprise Grange has a membership of 51, with eight applications on file, which shows we are still going. We meet at 11 p. m. the second Saturday of each month in our own hall. The hall sitting is on the outside of the door, and a standing invitation and double welcome to meet and visit with us.

J. R. Bowen, Master.

Eagle Point Grange
The Eagle Point Grange was organized March 26, 1925 by Deputy Master Blackwell with 26 charter members. At this time it has a membership of 180, numerically speaking it ranks about 15th in the state.

From the time of its organization until the present no Grange has been more active in community work. A summary of its activities and achievements will reveal these facts.

This Grange sponsored a 5-year road-building program carrying with it a special levy of 5 mills each year, to construct 30 miles of new roads, making accessible large tracts of land and many homes, which have heretofore been isolated during the winter months.

Mail routes will be established upon completion of these roads. They also sought and secured night and day service on all telephone lines coming into the Eagle Point office.

During the year 1927 the members of this Grange constructed one of the most spacious and well designed halls in the state at a cost of \$7,000, not to mention liberal donations of labor and some cash. Here the Grange meets twice each month to discuss questions bearing on the conditions, and labor affecting production, distribution, and consumption of wealth; also other economic questions that are of vital importance to the farmer.

The lecturer has charge of the Grange and here the writer wishes to compliment and commend Mrs. Gertrude Haak for the many interesting and educational programs she has furnished during the past three years.

As deputy master she has also spent much time (gratis) in the organization of four new Granges in this county.

The Eagle Point Grange has always advocated the perpetuation and maintenance of a county fair, and annually contributes one of the best exhibits of farm products to be seen anywhere.

J. R. Kline, master of this Grange for the past three years when interviewed and asked as to the main objective of his Grange, stated:

"We adhere to the policy of patronizing home industries and insist that home grown products should be given preference in the home markets. But in view of the large imports from other states, of producers of the same

or inferior grade, produced by cheap foreign labor, there remains but one course of relief for the home producer, that is the organization of a farmer-owned and controlled buying and selling agency to handle all products produced and consumed by the farmer.

"My Grange has cooperated with all other Granges in bringing this about and are happy to relate that success is about to crown our efforts."

An Oregon Drug Garden

One of the largest projects to be undertaken in this section is that of L. O. Harold in the reclamation of 135 acres of beaverdam land in the Lake Labish district, says the Grange Star. Mr. Harold has a crew of men at work and it is said that \$12,000 will be spent in clearing and draining the land. Mr. Harold is one of the largest growers of mint in this section. He is also a refiner of peppermint oil, having the only plant of the kind in Oregon. He has been experimenting with other essential oil plants for some years and which grow some of them, others than mint on the new tract. In fact, he will have a regular drug garden.

Nuts Needing Protection

The Western Nut Growers' association had a very interesting session of three days in Vancouver, Wash., recently. Among the subjects stressed was the need of a special tariff on filberts, and a committee headed by Seymour Jones, Oregon's state market agent, was appointed to work with Washington and Oregon representatives in congress for such a tariff.

The 1928 Turkey Crop

The 1928 turkey crop in the leading producing states as a whole was about four percent larger than the 1927 crop and about as large as the 1926 crop. Most of the north central states produced more turkeys this year than last, and there was a big increase in production in the western states, but all of the southern states produced a smaller number this year than last. In contrast to this indicated increase in turkey production, a recent report issued by the United States department shows a decrease of about 10 percent in number of young chickens on farms October 1 compared with October 1, 1927.

The Nation's Apple Crop

The total production of commercial apples in the United States as estimated early this month is 35,308,000 barrels. In this total the state of Washington is the heaviest contributor with 10,000,000 barrels; New York is second, with 4,238,000 barrels; Virginia third, with 3,700,000 barrels; California fourth, with 2,327,000 barrels, and Oregon fifth, with 1,600,000 barrels. In estimating for the states using the box system a barrel is equivalent to three boxes. Canada is said to have a commercial crop of 2,950,000 barrels.

Utilizing the Wheat Straw

A French engineer has invented a process by which wheat straw, which is now so largely wasted, may be utilized and made valuable. His invention is a machine that presses the straw into a slab about two inches thick and binds it with steel wire. The slab can be used for partitions or in the construction of all sorts of outbuildings. It is also said to have possibilities as a fuel.

Forty years of sound agricultural planning and progress have revolutionized the economic and social life of the Danish people. From a depressed state of pen-

ant agriculture, Denmark stands today as the world's foremost agricultural country. The farmers are now owners of the land they cultivate. The extensive application of co-operative principles has worked this revolution in Denmark and made it prosperous and famous the world over.

Farm Legislation Uncertain

The indications from Washington are that congressional action for farm relief will be postponed until President Hoover takes his seat and calls a special session, which he promised to do.

Co-operative organization among American farmers is making progress. On January 1, 1928, there were listed with the United States department of agriculture 11,340 farmers' co-operative organizations engaged in marketing and purchasing, with a total membership of 3,000,000. The total volume of business transacted in 1927 by these associations is estimated to be \$2,200,000,000, as compared with \$36,000,000 in 1915. One of the most successful lines of agricultural co-operative is in the dairy field. January 1, 1928, 2,479 dairy associations with 600,000 members were listed, with a year's business of \$420,000,000.

Membership in a co-operative association is just as essential to the farmer as the plow or cultivator.

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plus, de-hydrating and by-product plants, and he believes, a larger cannery, making a specialty of canned and candied pears would be a great success, and increase the profits of the orchardist.

Mr. Sparks' views have great weight with members of the county Grange, not only because of his fine record as master of Pomona, but because of his record before coming to Jackson county in 1920.

For five years he was in charge of farm demonstration in Washington State college, and was a member of the state committee cooperating with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, toward a solution of the logged-off land problem. He was one of the six men to receive a diploma for eminent service to the state of Washington, when he left for Oregon eight years ago.

A Life of Achievement

In his home in Stevens County, Washington, Mr. Sparks, was for four years a general manager of the County Fair association, was for two years in charge of the Stevens County Cooperative, and incidentally served as commissioner from that state, to both the Lewis and Clark and Yukon Expositions at Portland and Seattle. It was during this period that when living on a farm he was president of the town chamber of commerce, and also master of the Washington state Grange—certainly a unique distinction.

Born in Clinton County, Iowa, May 22nd, 1856, where he attended school, Mr. Sparks at the age of 20, moved with his parents to western Iowa, then to Kansas, Wyoming, Montana and Washington. He intended to move from active pursuits in Oregon, but the keen interest in agriculture and the farm problem, made this possible, and he was soon leading the reorganization and revitalization of the Grange movement in Jackson county, the sensational growth of which the past few years has been largely due to his initiative and leadership.

In addition to his farm interests, the retiring master of Pomona has extensive mining interests, owning the Highway mine near Rogue River and the quarry in the town.