



One of the pictures in the collection of Mrs. H. A. Stanley, 35 Crater Lake avenue, is this city water tower which stood where the public library, built in 1911, is now located. According to the "History of Medford" at the library, water was brought in an open ditch from Bear Creek and pumped into two wooden tanks. In 1902 the ditch was abandoned and a pumping plant established on the west bank of Bear creek. Mrs. Stanley's pictures for the most part originally belonged to her uncle, H. G. Nicholson, pioneer Medford merchant. Mrs. Stanley, the former Gladys Curry, is a member of an early-day family and her parents were John W. Curry and Anna Plymale Curry.

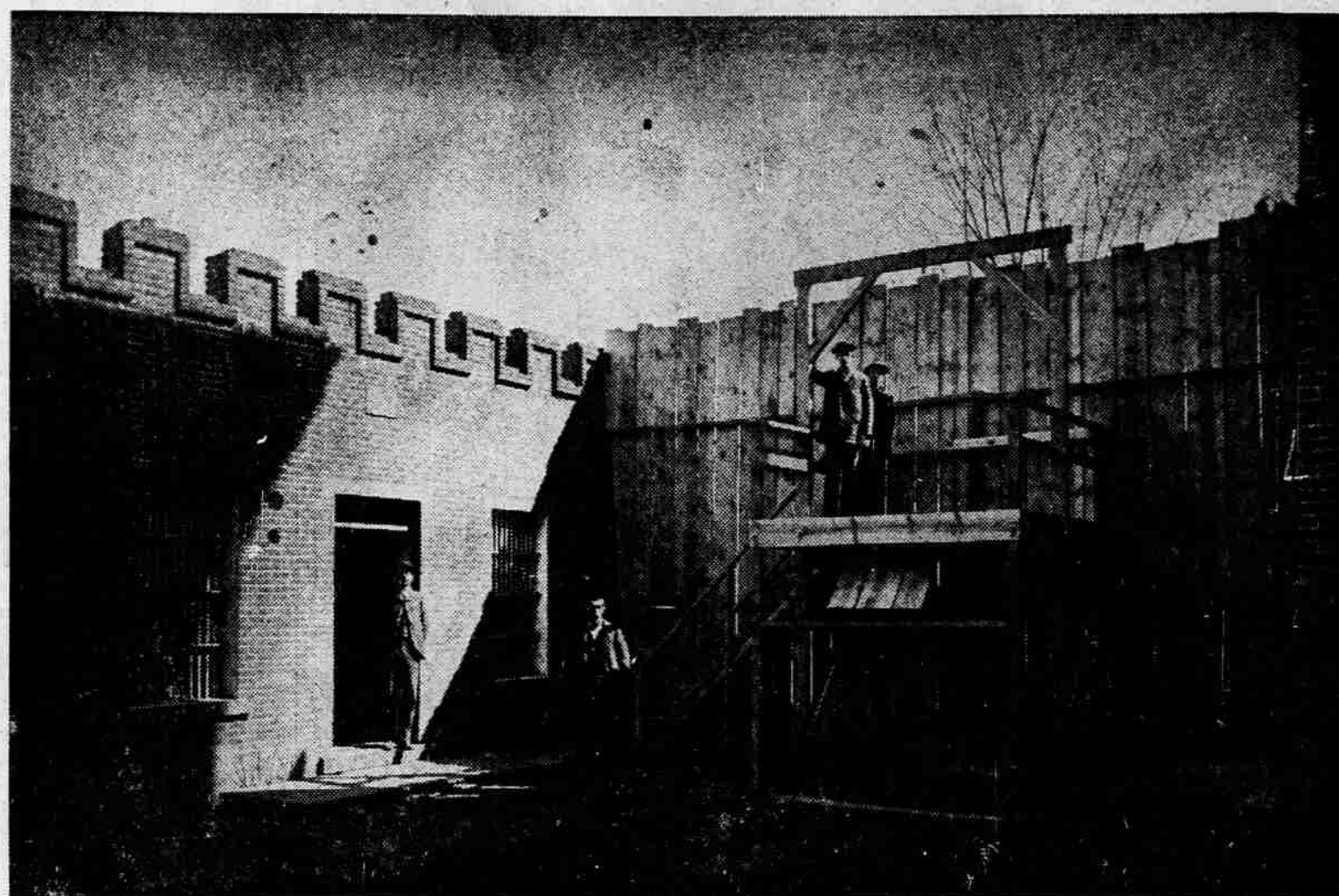
Pictures From Days of the Past

By Olive Starcher

Today The Mail Tribune turns back the clock. Instead of mirroring present-day activities and events, today's pictures are of Medford and southern Oregon scenes and events of the past.

Almost every American family treasures pictures,

and some of these shown today are from the collections of local families who have lived in Medford and Jackson county since early days. These "early days" go back less than 100 years, however, for the townsite was platted by J. D. Howard, government surveyor, and his son, Charles, in 1883.



Jacksonville was a rough and ready town in the gold rush days, and the lives of law breakers sometimes were brought to an end on this gallows. Located between the courthouse and the jail, a high board fence surrounded the structure in order that the public might not see a hanging. It is believed that at least five persons were hanged on his crude gallows, unused after 1890. This picture, taken by Peter Britt, pioneer Jacksonville photographer, is also from the Nicholson-Stanley collection.



Owned by Mrs. Tessie Morgan, 83, 942 Cherry street, this picture is of Joseph Scott, Mrs. Morgan's father. The water wagon was used until about 1904 to fight fires and to sprinkle Medford streets. John, Mr. Scott's coach dog, and constant companion, is on the seat with him.



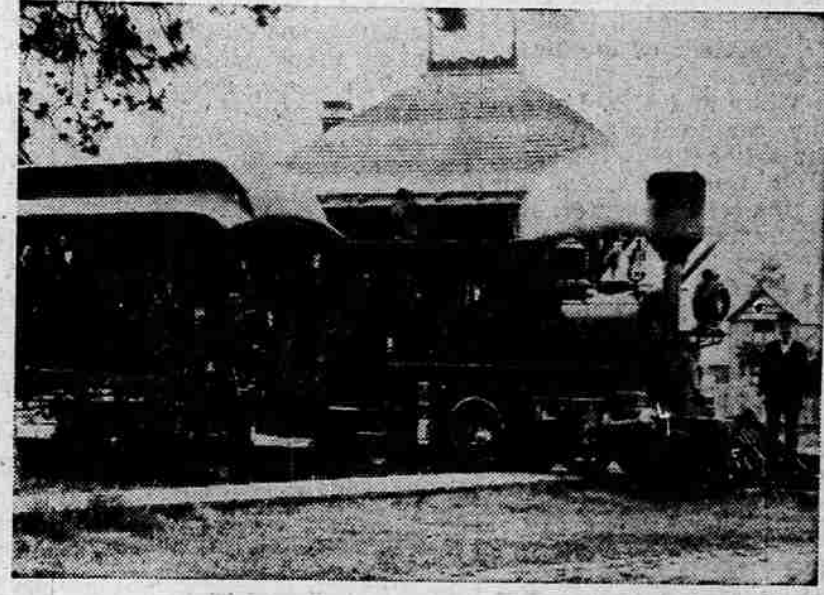
This street scene shows Medford when H. G. Nicholson's hardware store stood at the southwest corner of Main and Bartlett streets, next door to the F. K. Deuel store. A stand filled with umbrellas and a store "dummy" wearing a suit can be seen in front of the Deuel store.



Taken about 1910, this picture shows Grover Medley, now of Joplin, Mo., and Frank Stinson, 311 Vancouver avenue, early-day employees of The California-Oregon Power company. The two men are hauling a power pole with an Eads' transfer team and wagon. Both men are now retired, but Mr. Stinson's son, Lester, is an assistant electrical engineer for the utility. The picture is from the collection of James A. Medley, a brother, 333 West Jackson boulevard.



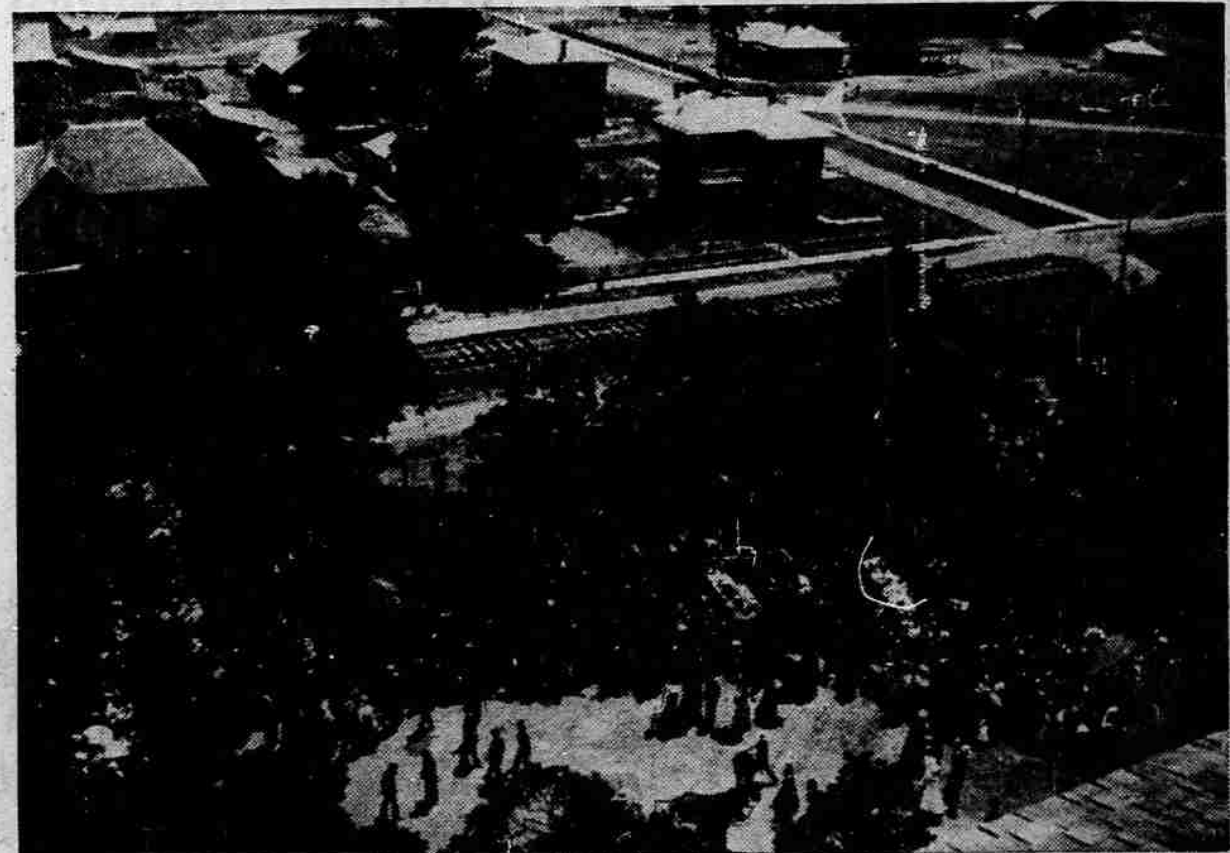
Three of four persons who made a horse and buggy trip to Ft. Klamath and Lake o' Woods in 1893 via Crater lake are shown here as they camped near Lake o' Woods. Pictured (left to right) are Press Phipps, Art Anderson and "Doc" Edwards. Chet Parker took the picture and owns the original.



This picture, from the collection of M. Dale Newton, 807 Grant avenue, is of the old railroad and depot at Jacksonville. Operated by William Barnum, and known as the Barnum railroad, the little train ran only between Medford and Jacksonville.



This is Washington school's 1915 "varsity" football team, and at that time the school stood where the county courthouse is now located. Pictured (front row, left to right) are John Whipple, Leigh Scantlin Lonnie Dally, Earl York (who owns the picture) "Red" Sharp, Winston Vance and Robert Norris; (back row, left to right) Farley Johnson, Willard Sherburn, Elbert (Irish) Coleman and Jay Olmstead. Messrs. York, Norris and Coleman still live here.



This picture is of a group of editors lined up at dinner tables in Medford in 1899. The trolley line parallels Eighth street and its intersection with Oakdale avenue is shown in upper right. The second house on Oakdale avenue (center left) is still standing. The view of the scene was taken from the water tower on the present library park site, and is from a collection of photos owned by Gene Thomas, Medford.