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### Real Estate Agents

G F Billings et al to Geo W Roper; 5 acres tp 39 s, r 1 e.	\$ 700
Jefferson D Wimer et ux to John H Bagley; sw 1/4 of sec 12 and sw 1/4 of sec 13 and nw 1/4 of sec 12, tp 36 s, r 4 w.	2000
Amanda T Neil and husb to J H Bagley; nw 1/4 of sec 12, tp 36, r 4 w.	500
S S Aiken to Geo H Aiken; land in Jackson county.	10
E E White to Nellie Hendricks; 1/2 int in 2 1/2 acres in Ashland.	2
W B Roberts et ux to Horton H Haskell; land in tp 36 s, r 2 w.	7000
Eugenia L Atkinson to John W Richardson lot 20, Hunsakers add, Ashland.	4500
Kate F Grainger and husb to Elizabeth A Smith; lot 1, blk 39, Ashland.	950
J W Merritt trustee to W C Leever; lots 13, 15, blk 11; Central Point.	90
J R Landreth et ux to J L Hammersly; lot 7 blk 6, Gold Hill.	500
J L Hammersly to Belinda Masterson; same.	500
Paul Swenning et ux to N C Miller; n 1/2 of nw 1/4 and n 1/2 of sw 1/4, sec 2, tp 37 s, r 1 w.	2000
Mary A Pryce to H C McNeil; same.	35
J S Grigsby to L B Grigsby; prop in sec 25, tp 36 s, r 2 w.	350
W F Wooden et ux to R E and O T Brown; about 2 1/2 acres Ashland.	1
James Evans to Mrs E L Farra; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Amys Cottage Grove add, Central Point.	2200
John H Bagley to Elmer E Bagley trustee; land in sec 12, tp 36 s, r 4 w.	1
J H Bagley to Elmer E Bagley; nw 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 1 and sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, sec 12; tp 36 s, r 4 w.	1

### School Law Decision.

Attorney-General A. M. Crawford has rendered an opinion, at the request of Supt. J. H. Ackerman, as to the course to be pursued regarding the disposition of money and territory in a school district, which ceases to be a legal organization by reason of a failure to comply with the school laws. Mr. Crawford, in his opinion, says:

"Referring to your question as to what could be done with the money, if any is on hand, and also with the territory embraced within its boundaries when a school ceases to be a legally organized district under school laws of 1903, permit me to say that, under the school law of 1903 the County Superintendent and the County Judge and the Commissioners of the county in which the district is situated can, upon its dissolution, upon petition of three of the legal voters of the district, annex it to another district or divide it and annex it to two or more districts. Upon dissolution the money raised by special tax should be returned to the taxpayers who raised it, and if any money is on hand from the county or state taxes it should be returned to the County Superintendent, that he may distribute the same among the other districts, or if the territory of the district dissolved shall be promptly annexed to some other district then its proportions of the public money should belong to the districts so consolidated. But if the territory of the district which has ceased to be a legal district is not annexed to another district, but is treated as the public domain, without any organization, the public funds must be returned and be distributed by the next apportionment made by the County School Superintendent."

**GOOD NEWS TO YOUNG MEN**—The young ladies of the Epworth League will have a handsome booth in the court house park on the Fourth of July, where they will dispense lemonade made by a maid, home made candy made by a dandy, and luscious ice-cream that will give pleasant dreams. Young men bear this in mind and don't fail to be on time with Mary, Marie, Irene and Evaline.

Ben Hayman, a former commissioner of Jackson county, and who is residing at Rock Point was in Jacksonville Monday. Mr. Hayman is one of the old-timers of the Rogue river valley and has many friends in Jacksonville among the pioneers.

### Mining Deals on Footh Creek.

Robert Christian, a Chicago mining man, has bargained for nearly all of the land on lower Footh creek. Beginning at its mouth he has purchased about 700 acres of land belonging to G. W. Lance for \$35000. This body of property lays at the mouth of the creek and extends up Rogue River to P. Duffield's ranch. Joining the Lance place on up the creek the Bilger heirs, Geo. Neube, and Saxer holding 46 acres apiece, has been obtained by Mr. Christian. On the right hand fork John Short has let a right of way through the creek channel for \$3000. On the left hand fork 60 acres of land owned by Grant Mathews and 10 acres belonging to M. O. Hara have been obtained, bringing the limit of this deal up to the famous Black Channel mine. The work of development is to be done with a dredger, one of the inventors being Mr. Christian, himself.

Fifteen feet of water are needed to float the huge boat which is to be used, and several men have for the past two weeks been working on the dam which is being built across the creek for the purpose of raising the water to the required height. A large force of men will be put on soon.

**JACKSONVILLE'S MODEL POSTOFFICE**—Postmaster John F. Miller has had the entire woodwork and the linoleum on the floor of the postoffice room revarnished, this being the 117th time, according to Bum Neuber, secretary of the Jacksonville Improvement Association, who keeps accurate account of all improvements made about town, that Mr. Miller has had his office polished and brightened up in the six years that he has been postmaster for Jacksonville. The result of this repeated varnishing and polishing is that the woodwork has the tint and shines like highly finished mahogany. This varnishing is not alone on the wainscoting and casings, but is on every article of wood about the room, the lock-box case and the counters, tables, chairs and sorting table in the rear office. In the way of furnishings the Jacksonville postoffice has few equals in the United States and in its neat appearance and convenience there is certainly not six other offices in all the county that can even be compared to it. The floor in both the front and rear office is covered with linoleum and not a particle of dirt is even to be seen about the room, for that litter of torn envelopes, newspaper wrappers, etc., to be seen on the floor of nearly every postoffice is never seen here. The walls of the front office where the patrons receive their mails are decorated with handsome engravings and oil paintings, and interspersed with the pictures are brackets upon which are flower pots and from the ceiling flower pots are suspended, all containing heavy, foliaged plants and trailing vines, the dark green of which gives a most pleasing effect to the office. In fact one feels on going into the room that they were entering a place which is a combination of a parlor and a greenhouse. Mr. Miller's office is one of the attractions of Jacksonville and not a stranger, who has a love for the artistic, visits the town but what goes to the postoffice to admire its beauty and to note the contrast between it and the average postoffice. The handsome appearance of the office rooms is but in keeping with the thorough and systematic manner in which the work of the office is carried on. Mr. Miller gives the closest attention to every detail of his work and the patrons of the office are never annoyed with wrongly sorted mail, and with the railway mail clerks he holds an enviable reputation for always correctly routing his mail. In making up his reports Mr. Miller is always on time and the postal inspectors pay him the compliment of having his books and office work in better shape than is found in but few postoffices on the Pacific coast. Jacksonville is proud of its postoffice and well may it be for it is such an office as would be a credit to any town in the United States.

H. M. Morris has the farm belonging to Rev. Robert Ennis on Jackson creek rented for this year. There is an orchard of 15 acres on the place, but Mr. Morris does not expect to realize much from the fruit other than the grapes of which he will have about four tons. The peach trees were so injured by frosts that there will not be over 10 bushels of peaches, while the apple trees not being sprayed for several years past will have little valuable fruit. This orchard last year produced a fine crop of peaches and the renter, Chas. Sullivan, shipped them north and never heard of them afterwards not even getting a notice from the commission man to remit the freight. This has been the experience of other orchardists and it is little wonder that no interest is taken in fruit raising by the small farmers around Jacksonville.

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