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More Jacksonville people trade at Medford than at either Phoenix or Central Point and the reason for it is that there are more stores at Medford and they carry larger stocks and have a better selection of goods than do those at Phoenix or Central Point. Had Jacksonville more stores and better stores than Medford this town would hold its own trade and get much trade from Medford and the other Valley towns, the same as Medford does now. Yet with this fact manifest there are persons in Jacksonville who think that a board of trade would be an injury to the town by getting up a boom that would cause more stores to be opened up in Jacksonville to the serious injury of those now here. That is a moss-back idea that is entirely at variance with all modern business experience. The more stores a town has the more trade it has and that is why Medford is doing more business than Jacksonville. Not a day passes but what there are Jacksonville people going to Medford to purchase articles not on sale in this place or to have a larger stock to select from and while those people are in Medford they are liable to buy many other articles that could have been had of the Jacksonville merchants. Healthful competition is the life of trade, and a town without business competition is as dead as Jacksonville would be with but two or three stores.

Jacksonville is one of the liveliest towns in Southern Oregon this summer, but there are contingencies that could arise that would make it one of the deadest towns in all Oregon. Should the great copper syndicates decide that they did not want the output of another district put on the market to still further push the price of copper down, now lower than it has been for a couple of years, and block the development of the Applegate copper district, and the Iowa Lumber Company give up their undertaking here and the Jackson county Lumber Company get out of here, which they will do in less than twelve months as their timber will all be gone by that time, it would make a crash on Jacksonville that would leave empty houses and dust-covered goods as a stern reminder what it is to a town to lose its payroll. A strong board of trade could ward off this disaster by securing the development of other industries that would give a payroll of sufficient strength to keep business moving and the growth of the town increasing. It rests with the business men of Jacksonville whether they will allow a contingency of circumstances to kill off their town, or whether they will so strengthen their town that no ordinary mishap will affect its growth and prosperity.

There is every evidence to prove the assertion that the butte to the west of Jacksonville is a veritable mountain of gold. No other district in Southern Oregon has produced the quantity of gold that has come from the Jacksonville butte section. All the streams that rise on this butte are rich in gold and

the gold that has been taken from Jackson creek, Rich gulch, Forest creek, Humbug, Footh creek, Galls creek and the other streams of this section amounts up into the millions of dollars. The great number of gold bearing ledges that are found on this butte indicate where this placer gold came from and when the proper development work is done there is every probability that quartz mines equally as rich as the placer mines were will be opened up. The great revival in the mining industry that has come to Southern Oregon within the past year will draw the attention of big mining men in the country to this section and development work will be undertaken on a scale that will be sure to open up quartz mines as rich as any on this coast.

There is an opening on Rogue river for some person to put in a park and a resort. During the summer months there is not a week and at times scarce a day but what there are picnic parties going to Rogue river to spend the day and the general complaint is that there is no grove or suitable shady places for picnic parties to rendezvous in. A well located park convenient to good fishing waters would draw big crowds and the owner could make it a profitable investment by conducting a lunch and confectionery stand and other money making park attractions. By planting maple cottonwood and other quick-growing trees a well shaded park could be had in a very few years. The cost of maintaining the park would be very small and the timber it would produce and the pasture early in the spring and late in the fall would be a factor in making the park a good investment.

A very large percent of the trade of Jacksonville and vicinity goes to Medford to the gain of that town and the loss of Jacksonville. If Jacksonville people want to build up their town they will have to patronize each other to the greatest possible extent and thus keep their money at home. No one ever heard of a Spokane or a Seattle person buying anything in another town that could be bought in their own town. The loyalty to their towns has been the chief factor to the marvelous growth that has made Seattle and Spokane from a discouraging beginnings to the largest and most prosperous cities in the Northwest. That same loyalty displayed by the people of Jacksonville would double the business of the town within a year and give a pronounced impetus to its already prosperous conditions.

The almost unlimited water power of Rogue river, and it is almost unlimited, for a dam can be put in that will develop six to ten thousand horsepower every mile for more than 150 miles of its course, will cause a net work electric car lines to be built over this Valley. There will be one line from the Southern Pacific railroad up Rogue river to Crater Lake. The present steam road from Medford to Jacksonville will be electrified and the road extended on to the Upper Applegate copper district and down the Applegate to the gold mines and marble and lime-quarries of that district. Another line to come in the near future is from Tolo to Jacksonville and on by way of the foothills to Ashland. And these roads may be built sooner than even the most sanguine expect.

No one heard of Nickell, of the Democratic Times, doing any good for Jacksonville except to work a graft on the town. No word of commendation for the town ever appears in either of his papers nor does he advocate one measure for the upbuilding of the place. His dealings with Jacksonville are of the jug-handle kind—all one side—and he has given nothing in return for the thousands of dollars that he has grafted from this town except to make it the laughing

stock of the surrounding towns as one "dead easy" to work. But the day for his grafting in Jacksonville is at an end and he will have to confine his operations to Medford and other new fields.

Nickell, the grafter from Medford, was in Jacksonville Monday a short time, but for once his graft failed on him and all the business he secured was about a dozen orders from his former subscribers to stop sending them the Medford Democratic Times. A few more trips like that of last Monday and Nickell wont have any subscribers at all in Jacksonville to his Medford tail-sheet.

The readers of the Medford Mail would doubtless appreciate the improvement in that paper if the "hot weather" would so heat editorial shears that they could not be used to scissor out "boiler plate" reading matter palmed off by the "editor" of that paper on his wearied readers. But then even "hot weather" can't create brains for a man not brainy enough for an editor.

Jacksonville will yet have a board of trade, and a live hustling one, too, that will be a leading factor in securing the industrial development of this section and of bringing to Jacksonville a payroll that will give solid prosperity to its business interests and a permanent growth to the town.

Sitting down and waiting for the Almighty and circumstances to build up a town is rather a slim dependence, for the Almighty helps only those who help themselves and circumstances and advantages are a detriment when not backed up by the strong efforts of energetic citizens.

### LOCAL NOTES.

Larkin Reynolds, who has been quite sick for several weeks with bilious fever contracted while working at the Whitman Hurd mines near Steamboat, was able to sit up for the first time last Friday and there is every prospect that he will soon recover his health.

Mr. R. G. Gale and Mrs. Gale, County Clerk J. S. Orth and Mrs. Orth left Tuesday for an outing in the Whiskey Peak section, of 10 days or more.

Miss Krause, Miss Buckley and the Misses Donegan will leave for Colectin next Wednesday where they will spend a week at that favorite resort.

Alfred Collins and Walter Hackel two young men from Watkins, were in Jacksonville Friday buying a load of supplies. The young men have mining claim on Little Applegate from a pocket of which they recently took out over \$3,000. The ledge is so promising that they will extend their tunnel 100 feet with the expectation of finding more pockets.

Deputy Sheriff Oris Crawford, Mrs. Crawford and Miss Francis Morelock, a niece of Mrs. Crawford, left early Saturday morning in a rig for Bybee Springs where they will spend a couple of weeks. During Mr. Crawford's absence Deputy Treasurer Robert Dow is assisting Sheriff Rader in his office, the work in the treasurer's office is so light at the present time that Mr. Dow has little to do in that office.

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Jacksonville, Oregon.

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No 15	No 11		No 12	No 16
p.m.	a.m.		p.m.	a.m.
8:30	8:30	Lv. Portland.....Ar.	7:50	7:45
10:35	11:00	.....Salem.....	4:34	5:40
	p.m.	.....Albany.....	3:16	4:30
11:35	12:30			
a.m.		.....Eugene.....	1:42	3:00
1:15	2:08			
		.....Roseburg.....	a.m.	p.m.
4:35	5:50		10:40	11:45
10:05	10:45	.....Grants Pass.....	5:25	6:15
10:34	11:14	.....Gold Hill.....	4:50	5:30
10:57	11:36	.....Central Point.....	4:29	5:04
11:10	11:45	.....Medford.....	4:19	4:52
	a.m.	.....Phoenix.....	4:10	4:41
11:28	12:02	.....Talent.....	4:06	4:38
11:38	12:12			
		.....Ashland.....	3:35	4:24
p.m.	12:55	.....Montague.....	12:03	12:30
12:35	4:28			
		.....Sacramento.....	a.m.	p.m.
a.m.	5:10		10:50	11:50
5:10	5:30	Ar. San Francisco.....Lv.	24:22	8:05
8:55	7:55			

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A fine boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall is the latest addition to the population of Jacksonville, the little fellow arriving Thursday from the realm beyond the blue of the skies.

Prospectors, campers, timberland cruisers will find our stock of staple and fancy groceries quite complete, and prices always the lowest at Nunan's, Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyden have renamed their restaurant and now it is Hooligan's restaurant. Among the mill boys and mining men Mr. Lyden is known only as Hooligan, many of them knowing him by no other name and it was as a compliment to him that the boys called the restaurant Hooligan's and now that is the title of that popular eating house.

Frank Ennis, a miner well known in all Southern Oregon, evidently proposes to do some fishing during his vacation while his placer mine is shut down, for he had shipped to him Tuesday at Merlin a half dozen of bamboo poles of extra length from J. F. Millers hardware store. If there is not a scarcity of fish in Rogue river it wont be the fault of Frank and his 30-foot bamboo poles.

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