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NEW COPPER TOWNS.

Northeastern Oregon is all expectation over the possibility of having a second Butte. A rich copper district has been opened in Wallowa county on the Imnaha near where that stream empties into the Snake river, and a Chicago company has undertaken its development. The mines are in a frightfully mountainous section and the work of installing the smelter is very expensive. A railroad 10 miles long had to be built through the gorge to connect the mines with the Snake river and a large steamboat was built to continue the transportation service on to Lewiston where connection is had with the O. R. & N. railroad. The concentrator and smelter has two saw-mills cutting the lumber for their use and for the town, which is named Eureka and which though but a few weeks old contains a 100 room hotel, two merchandise stores, a drug store, a blacksmith shop and a large number of dwelling houses and has a population of over 100. There is a big rush on and soon a bustling city will be built up there.

The Applegate copper district will be a repetition of the Imnaha district and so soon as the English syndicate begin active operation there will be a rush for that district that will eclipse any former rush ever known in Southern Oregon. A good sized town will be built up within a month, that will likely grow into a city that will be one of the largest in Southern Oregon.

There will be a special meeting of the board of trade next Thursday evening at which time there will be several important matters up for consideration. The leading topic will be the water service and fire protection for Jacksonville. The special committee, composed of Gus Newbury, M. M. Taylor and John S. Orth, appointed at the last meeting of the board of trade, are at work gathering data for their report, which will be in writing, and which will embody all the facts and figures that they can secure relative to the proposition. There will be a full discussion of the question and each member of the board will be expected to give his views as to what plan he thinks best for securing a betterment of these public utilities. It is a fact that can not be gainsaid that the most serious handicap to Jacksonville's growth is the lack of a larger water supply and under gravity pressure. The present supply of water is as pure as to be had in any country, but is mostly from wells and the small gravity system now in use supplies so little water as to be of benefit to but a small portion of the town. One of the first questions a stranger asks about a town in which he contemplates locating is what is its water service. If he finds that unsatisfactory he is likely to seek another location. If the home-seeker is a moneyed man he is the more likely to travel until he finds a town that meets all his requirements. It is investors that Jacksonville most needs and to get them the town must offer them such inducement as will attract them here.

At the meeting of the board of trade on Thursday evening of next week the question of getting up an exhibit of the products of this section for the immigration rooms in the Union depot in Portland will be considered. Chairman Emil Britt and the other members of the committee on manufactures have taken the proposition in hand and will present the matter to the board. It is their idea to embrace the mineral, timber, farm and manufactured products of this section in the exhibit so that all classes of prospective settlers may learn of the varied resources of the country about Jacksonville. No other section of Oregon can show a greater variety of products than can this county and if there is a good showing made in the immigration rooms in Portland it will be the means of bringing many people here who will take up manufacturing, fruit raising, stock raising, mining and the dozen other vocations that are open to the energetic settler. The products of a country shown to a stranger are more convincing than all the descriptive matter that he could be induced to read. So many glowing, over-drawn statements are sent out by over-zealous towns regarding the advantages and inducements of their sections that immigrants are becoming shy of all printed immigration matter, but they will give close heed to an exhibit of the products of a district, for then they can judge for themselves as to the advantages and opportunities and draw a conclusion as to whether it would be a suitable place or not for them to locate.

A movement is under way among the business men of Jacksonville to establish an early closing hour for all business houses and the question will be brought up for consideration at the next meeting of the board of trade. The plan is to make the hour 8 o'clock for the fall months and then an earlier hour for the winter months. Now that the long summer evenings will soon be by there is no occasion for stores to keep open 14 to 16 hours each day. There is so little trade during the evening hours that the profit will not pay for the light and fuel used, and the proprietors and clerks should have a little time at least to rest and recruit their vigor for the next day's work, as well as to have the evening's to spend with their families and to enjoy needed recreation.

While no deals that are yet to be made public have transpired in connection with the Blue Ledge copper claims, yet the Sentinel can say that affairs are shaping into a very satisfactory condition in the Applegate copper district and that the time is not far distant when the period of suspense will be over and there will be big developments that will mean much to the prosperity of Jacksonville.

LOCAL NOTES.

Dr. Gale was called to Central Point Friday morning to consult with Dr. Pleasants on the case of Mrs. Greer, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. James A. Wilson and her little granddaughter, Grace Wilson, returned Friday from Uniontown, where they had spent the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Cameron.

Calling cards, the latest in style and printed so neatly as to resemble copper-plate work at the Sentinel office.

Mrs. Dr. J. S. Parson, Mrs. D. L. Rice and Mrs. Otila Caldwell, of Ashland and all members of pioneer families of this county, were in Jacksonville Wednesday to attend the funeral of James McCully.

Tents, camp stoves and camping utensils at Boyden's hardware store, Medford.

Through a letter received by a Jacksonville friend from Augustine Schmidline, it is learned that he and Miss Nellie Bell of San Rafael, California, were recently married at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidline were both former residents of Jacksonville and they have many friends here who wish them a long and happy life.

Dr. R. G. Gale was called Thursday to Thompson creek to attend the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shearer, who accidentally shot himself with a .41 caliber Winchester rifle. The boy in company with his mother was driving along the road near Knutzen's place on their way from their home-stead to Medford, where they reside, when he got out of the wagon to look for game and having occasion to lay his gun down picked it up by the muzzle, when it went off, the ball tearing away the fleshy part from the inside of his thumb and then passed entirely through the calf of his left leg, just grazing the bone. The doctor dressed his wounds and as they were not serious gave Mr. Shearer, who had come from Steamboat, permission to take his boy to Medford, which he did Friday.

If you want to rent a farm or have land to rent see T. C. Norris, Jacksonville.

One by one the old landmarks of Jacksonville that have long since passed their days of usefulness and have become an eyesore and too often a menace are disappearing as a result of the new growth that has come to the oldest town in Southern Oregon. The old livery barn that has stood on Oregon street since 1890 has gone into the rubbish heap and is no longer an unsightly wreck for strangers to view as they get off the train at the depot. The barn had become such a fire-menace to the depot and the cars on the siding that W. S. Barnum, president of the Rogue River Valley railroad, purchased it of Mr. Numan and the lots on which it stood. The lots will be included in the depot grounds so as to afford more room for extending switches and for the handling of teams in loading cars.

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

Chris Ulrich has lately added several lines to the stock that he carries in connection with his icecream and confectionery goods and there is a probability that he will yet put in a full line of general merchandise. Having too much business to look after he has decided to sell his grist and feed mill, planing mill and implement warehouse at a bargain.

This is a fine opening for a man able to carry on the varied lines to be handled. The feed and corn meal trade could be made a profitable part of the business while the planing mill would bring in considerable income. In connection with this business a line of agricultural implements and other tools could be carried and a profitable trade could be built up, for there is no dealer in this line in Jacksonville and there is a big territory the trade of which could readily be controlled by this town. At present all the trade from this section and the Applegate goes to Medford, farmers having to go to Medford for all their repairs as well. As an advantage to the other business houses the board of trade should take it up and secure an agricultural implement house for Jacksonville.

Henry Wendt, Jr., and Elmer and Thomas Lester gave an entertainment Tuesday evening in the hall at Ruch. The boys were greeted with a good audience and were credited with giving a rattling good show. Following the entertainment a dance was given, the music for which was furnished by Ray's orchestra and it was said to have been a very enjoyable affair.

Frank A. Huffer arrived in Jacksonville Wednesday, from California where he had been for the past six months for his health. For some time past he has been at Lake Tahoe camping out and he now feels quite fully restored to his health. Mr. Huffer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Huffer Sr. and held the honor at the time of his graduation of being one of the brightest students in Jacksonville High School. Mr. Huffer is now a successful attorney at Tacoma.

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