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## BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

Monday evening the Jacksonville board of trade will hold the regular meeting for October. There are several important matters to come before the board, one of which will be the election of officers to serve for the ensuing six months. One of the strong factors that go to make up the success of any organization is that of having each member feel and be of equal standing and one way to accomplish that is to pass the offices around, a few not to monopolize all the higher positions. There are many members in the Jacksonville board of trade who would make efficient officers and they should each be given a chance to do some special hustling in the work of building up the town.

The special committee consisting of Chas. Dunford, James Cronemiller and C. P. Briggs having in hand the matter of securing information as to the feasibility of securing a co-operative telephone service for Jacksonville and the adjacent farming districts will be able to make a report as to the methods of organizing a company and the cost of the telephones, wire, etc. The farmers are very anxious to have a telephone service and there is little doubt but what fully 100 members can be had to begin with and it could be eventually extended until the whole of Rogue River Valley was embraced and general telephone system had similar to that had in the Eastern States and which is now being installed in the Willamette Valley.

To get a passable road during the winter months for three-fourths of the people of Jackson county to reach their county seat is a problem that is up for Jacksonville to solve. The city council made an effort at their meeting and failed and it is for the board of trade to suggest a way for securing a road that is not occupied by the channel of a creek. The special committee, composed of Judge Day, George Lewis and Charles Dunford have investigated the various routes proposed for the Jacksonville-Medford-Central Point road and will probably be able to make a report.

The matter of securing a morning mail service for Jacksonville from Medford was referred to the transportation committee which consists of T. J. Kenney, J. S. Orth and Judge S. J. Day, and that committee will doubtless be able to state whether the betterment of the Jacksonville mail service can be secured or not.

Towns now a days are built up by organized effort and are not the creation of centuries of slow growth as were the cities of the old countries of the world. And natural advantages alone will not build up a town as has been proven by the stunted growth of many a town. The competition between towns is quite as sharp as between individual business men and the town doing the most hustling is the one that attracts the greater number of homeseekers and investors. To accomplish this result takes the unit-

ed effort of the people of a town. The world's activities today are controlled and pushed along by unions and the town that is not united as one body is quickly left to the rear by its aggressive neighbors. The board of trade is the power that comes where all work together and if Jacksonville is to get onto the map again all here must work together and that through the board of trade.

## NEW VERSION OF THE COMMANDMENTS.

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. C. Beekman the Sentinel has received a copy of a new version of the Ten Commandments that is quite applicable to Jacksonville. These commandments are in pamphlet form and on the title page it bears the following unique imprint: "Wrote by the Company of Mysell-Rollins at their Temple of Printing on the Street Clay of the number twenty-two, San Francisco." These commandments are given below and they should be read by every resident of Jacksonville and then put into practice for this town has a host of transgressors who are helping other towns quite as much or more than they do their own town:

I  
Thou shalt not go away from home to do thy trading, nor thy son, nor thy daughter.

II  
Thou shalt do whatever lieth in thy power to encourage and promote the welfare of thine own city and thine own people.

III  
Thou shalt spend thine earnings at home, that they may return from whence they came and give nourishment to such as may come after thee.

IV  
Thou shalt patronize thy home merchant and thy home printer, for ye, verily doth not thy home printer spread over the land tidings of thy goodness and greatness that the people shall patronize thee.

V  
Thou shalt not ask a printer to take less than his price. Remember by asking to retreat from his price thou interest that he is a robber. If he hath not dignity thou wilt get done by him somehow.

VI  
Thou shalt not ask for credit, as goods cost much money, and the merchant's brain is burdened with bills. His children clamor daily for bread, and his wife abideth at home for lack of such raiment as adorneth her sister. Blessed, yea, thrice blessed, is the man that pays cash.

VII  
Thou shalt not suffer the voice of pride to overcome thee and if other towns entice thee consent thou not, for thou mayest be deceived. Remember the fate of the calf that left its mother and followed a steer away from home and lost its supper.

VIII  
Thou shalt not ask for reduced prices for thine "influence" for guile is in thine heart and the merchant readeth it like an open book. He laugheth thee to scorn and shouteth to his clerks "ha! ha!"

IX  
Thou shalt not ask thy printer to take two dollars for a three dollar job because some other printer will do it for less money. The other printer may steal his stock and underpay his help. If thou trade with such as he thou art an accessory to his crime.

X  
Thou shalt not bear false witness against the city wherein thou dwellest, but speak well of it to all men, that thy home city and its people may be proud of thee.

## PROFIT IN COPPER MINES.

The old saying about being as profitable as a gold mine bids fair to be changed to as profitable as a copper mine for none even of the fabulously rich gold mines yield the immense profits that the

copper mines now return to their owners. Of these big dividend payers the Calumet and Hecla of Michigan leads the list having paid its stockholders \$82,350,000 on an original investment of \$2,500,000. Three other copper mines in the same belt have also paid handsomely, the Quincy yielding profits aggregating \$13,820,000, the Tamarack \$8,490,000, and the Osceola \$4,247,000. The Montana and Arizona copper properties make a good showing in the dividend-paying list. The Amalgamated, Anaconda and B. and M. C. mines, in the former state, have paid \$21,195,540, \$22,500,000, and \$27,725,000 respectively. The United Verde, Senator W. A. Clark's celebrated mine at Jerome leads the Arizona list and it is coming to the front as one of the great copper mines of the world. It is yielding to the Senator more than \$500,000 a month clear profit and it is now reported that he lately refused an offer of \$40,000,000 cash for it from an English company. It is largely with the profits of his Arizona and Montana copper mines that Senator Clark is now building a railroad from Salt Lake to Los Angeles. The Mountain Copper Company, the English syndicate that were lately negotiating to secure the Applegate copper claims, is finding their mine which they are operating at Keswick over in Shasta county, a very profitable investment for it has already paid them dividends amounting to \$3,633,700. Outside of the United States the world's record is held by the Rio Pinto, a copper mine in the south of Spain, owned by an English Company and which employs 11,000 men, for it pays dividends of from \$7,000,000, to \$9,000,000 a year.

The use of electricity has made an enormous demand for copper and this demand is increasing at a rapid rate each year and as copper is one of the least plentiful of the metals there is no likelihood of it falling in price very materially by season of over production or lack of consumption. With the great profit that there is in copper mining no mine that prospects well will lay idle very long and as the Applegate district has been conclusively proven to prospect as rich as did any of the other great mines of the West there is a certainty that it will be developed in the near future.

The coming of cool weather is bringing stoves back to use again and that will increase the danger from fire for many people are careless about cleaning out the soot from their chimneys and that with the cobwebs that have accumulated during the summer months will burn with the first big fire that is made in the stove. The insurance records show that two-thirds of the fires originate from defective flues. In nearly all houses the chimneys are so constructed that they soon settle and draw apart up in the attic and sooner or later on the soot burning out the fire passes out to the adjoining woodwork, covered with cobwebs and dust that is as inflammable as powder, and then there is lively work for the fire company. As it seems that fires from flues show no decrease each year in number, it would be well for builders to make it easier for the firemen to fight them. As houses are now built there is no way for firemen to get a hose into the attic to get water onto a fire except to cut a hole through the roof or the gable. Cutting a hole through the roof just makes matters worse for it gives vent to the fire which flames up and frequently drives the firemen off from the roof and then the fire is soon beyond control. Cutting a hole in the gable does not increase the risk so much, but it delays the firemen in their work and gives the fire more time to gain headway. To avoid this delay and risk every house should have a small window in the gable so as to afford a ready opening to enable the firemen to get water at once onto the fire. Such an opening would cost but little and it might be the means of saving a house from destruction by fire.

Jackson county is now in a splendid condition financially and warrants are above par, except those of small amounts. During the six months from March 1, 1903 to October 1, 1903 the debt has been reduced by \$15,506.15, leaving the indebtedness October 1, 1903, \$99,756.50 with \$8,837.39 in the hands of the treasurer to pay warrants now called in. This substantial reduction to the county debt has been made with no increase in the tax levy and in a year when more road and bridge work has been done than in any previous year in the history of the county. The tremendous flood of last winter wrecked or damaged half of the small bridges and culverts in the county and seriously injured several of the large bridges and destroyed long distances of road grade. To repair these damages has taken a very large sum of money. This is the first year that really substantial, systematic road work has been carried on in the county. A rock crusher and an additional road grader was purchased last spring and their operation has taken considerable money. There has been no niggardly economy practiced to cut down the expense account, but all departments of the county business have been conducted on a liberal, progressive basis, with proper economy enforced in all expenditures to be made. That the affairs of Jackson county have been handled in such businesslike manner is a high compliment to the county board and all taxpayers should be willing to give them the credit that is theirs.

Houses for rent is the pressing want of Jacksonville and scarcely a day passes but there are seekers, either personally or by letter, for houses by persons who wish to move to Jacksonville, some to become permanent residents and others to spend the winter in town while they can look around and make the selection of a farm and get for their children the benefit of the fine school advantages to be had in this place. No safer nor more profitable investment could be made than to put money into well built, modern cottages of from five to ten rooms here in Jacksonville.

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