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### TO HELP JACKSONVILLE.

The Jacksonville board of trade has three matters of much importance to the welfare of this town and of the adjacent country now in hand and there is every certainty that they will be consummated. One is to get a new route for the Central Point-Jacksonville road from Hanley Butte to an intersection with the Medford road at the point where the boundary line of the Hanley and Duncan places touches the Medford road and then for a change in the road on to Jacksonville that will make the Jacksonville-Medford road on an airline and the finest boulevard in the county. The change in both the Central Point and the Medford road is made necessary by the encroachments of Jackson creek upon the roadway. The road committee expect to have their petition ready for signatures the last of this week and they will hurry the matter so as to get the required notices posted 30 days before the December term of county court at which time the petition will be presented for action by the court.

The committee to secure a better mail service for Jacksonville and the Applegate country are now securing signers to the petition asking for a morning mail from Medford. So soon as the required signatures are received the petition will be forwarded to Congressman Hermann for endorsement and for him to present it to the postal department. There is an urgent need for this morning mail as under the present service two Portland mails and one San Francisco mail arrives here at noon and business men have but two hours in which to make up their replies and get the afternoon mail north and the night mail south. The Portland papers lay twelve hours in Medford and the San Francisco papers six hours before they can be forwarded to Jacksonville. The present mail service works a great inconvenience on the Applegate people, mail for Ruch, Buncom, Watkins, Applegate, Steamboat and Kubli and the other lower Applegate offices being delayed 24 hours. A morning mail would give the Applegate offices their mail the same day that it arrives in Medford.

The rearranging of the voting precincts of this section of the county is another matter that is of interest to a large number of voters for the present arrangement makes it impossible for many to reach their polling places except by traveling long distances that are totally unnecessary. The board of trade committee are consulting with those interested and when they decide upon a satisfactory plan for adjusting the boundaries of the precincts in and about Jacksonville they will present the matter before the November term of the county court.

The Jacksonville board of trade has a large amount of immigration literature for free distribution, copies of which will be sent to any address upon application.

Residents of this vicinity are asked to co-operate with the board in sending out this literature and to send copies to their friends in other sections of this Coast and in the East. There are many persons who would gladly come to this section did they know of the advantages that can be had here. From California many immigrants could be had, persons who find that section too hot for them and all opportunities so fully taken up that they are unable to make satisfactory investments. From the coast section of Oregon and Washington many settlers could be had for this Valley, for the excessive damp climate of that section, the dark, foreboding skies for six months of the year together with the heavy forests, the stumps and blackened logs, tend to discourage many persons new to the country and they seek more congenial surroundings and greater comforts. The East is getting so overcrowded that those not born with a golden spoon in their mouth have a lively hustle of it to secure farm land or a business venture. The industrious, ambitious young men and women go west and settle in the section of which they have heard the most and which has the best advantages to offer them in climate, farm, commercial, manufacturing or professional lines. The Rogue River valley has a climate not excelled by any section of the United States and industrially it is comparatively an undeveloped section and here hustling men and bright women can find better opportunities to make a successful start in life than in any other part of the Pacific Coast.

Corn husking in Rogue River Valley is about completed for this season. The acreage this year is the largest ever grown in the Valley, but the yield in most fields is below the average, the unusual dry summer having injured the growth of the stalks. Rogue River Valley is the only section of Oregon where corn grows and ripens thoroughly and where corn is grown as one of the leading farm products. While the nights are not hot enough to make the growing of the big dent varieties of corn of the Middle West and South a success here yet the smaller northern varieties of corn are grown here quite as successfully as in the Northern and Eastern states. When corn here becomes more fully acclimated and the farmers generally employ more improved and thorough methods of planting and cultivation the average yield will be greatly increased. As now carried on the yield runs from 20 to 60 bushels per acre, the latter amount only being in fields that have good soil and the best of cultivation, 40 bushels being the usual yield under average conditions. The acreage is being increased each year as more land is brought under cultivation, the corn being used as a rotation crop with grain and alfalfa. The orchardists are large growers of corn they planting corn in their new orchards for the first few years after planting the trees.

Aberdeen, the Washington town on Gray Harbor, lately the scene of a conflagration that burned three-quarters of a million dollars worth of property in the business part of the town is rallying from the blow and is determined to help itself and to keep the town one of the most prosperous places in all Washington. At the time of the big fire the citizens declined outside aid stating that they were amply able to help themselves and now they have undertaken to secure the addition of 150 men to the town's pay roll by offering free site and free water and also to give free fuel to a company that propose to put in a paper mill that will cost \$350,000. It was this spirit of self reliance and push that built up against the most adverse circumstances Spokane and Seattle as well as many of the other thriving towns and cities of the West and Jacksonville could profit greatly did the citizens of the town have

more confidence and more determination in working for the upbuilding of their own town, for towns no more than a business enterprise grow without hard pushing on the part those concerned. Nerveless business men soon fail and nerveless towns soon die of dryrot.

Walnut growing is soon to be one of the industries of Oregon and so great is the demand for trees that a Portland nurseryman has placed an order in France for additional trees with which to fill his orders. It would be a profitable venture for some nurseryman in this Valley to grow these trees for the general market. Here in Rogue River Valley walnuts are so well adapted to the country that they reproduce themselves as do the wild walnuts of the East for if the nuts are not picked they will grow about the tree as readily as do acorns. The cost of growing walnut trees is much less than that of fruit trees for there are no pests to contend with and here where there are no cold severe storms in the spring to kill the tender sprouts the young walnuts grow as readily as the native forest trees.

County Judge Chas. Prim announces that the county court will take up as a special order of business Thursday, November 5, at 9 a. m., the re adjustment, where necessary, of the boundaries of the precincts of Jackson county. The Judge requests that all persons interested in changes in their precincts be on hand next Thursday morning and present their reasons. The law provides that at the November term of county court preceding the biennial state election the county court may make such changes in the precinct boundaries of their counties as may be required. As a state election is to be held next June the precinct boundaries can only be changed at this November term of the county court, and no change can again be made for two years. Jackson county has so increased in population in the past two years that nearly all of the precincts need to have their boundaries changed in order to better accommodate voters and to conform to the state law which says that a precinct shall not contain more than 300 voters.

## LOCAL NOTES.

All the latest magazines and periodicals at the City Drug Store.

Miss Annie Keegan is spending the week at Lake Creek on a visit to Miss Minnie Sidley.

A. W. Elmer went to Applegate Monday to spend a week with friends and to have a hunting trip.

E. F. Brickley has gone to Forest creek where he will be foreman on the Spalding placer mine for this winter.

The Jacksonville High School scholars are now wearing a class pin that is neat in design and has the class colors for this year, white and gold.

Frank Mengoz, Eric Anderson, George Waite and Sylvester Arrowsmith, who each hold fine copper claims on Squaw creek, were in Jacksonville this week arranging some deals in mining property.

Mrs. W. M. Colvig, who is Grand Chief of Honor of the Degree of Honor for Oregon, went to Portland last Sunday and will spend the week there attending to duties pertaining to her office.

Kindling Wood—\$1.00 a load at yard or delivered. Iowa Lumber Company.

Mrs. C. W. Conklin had a gathering of some of her Medford friends Thursday at her home for dinner, all being teachers who were in Jacksonville attending the institute. Her guests were Miss Hokenyos, Miss Jeffrey, Miss Ferguson, Miss Fielder and Miss Hoge.

T. H. Brown of Antioch is spending the week in Jacksonville the guest of his niece, Mrs. T. C. Norris. Mr. Brown, is one of the directors in the Antioch district and he states that the board has hired Mrs. G. L. Johnson of Medford to teach their school which is to commence next Monday. Mrs. Johnson is to receive a salary of \$40 per month.

Adam Linn has been spending the past week in Jacksonville visiting with his brother, David Linn and friends of pion-

eer days. Mr. Linn spent from 1854 to 1857 in Jacksonville and then went to Eastern Oregon and later to Arizona where he has since resided. Mr. Linn is a mining man and while here he has examined several propositions for Chicago capitalists.

O. D. Owen, who some time since bought out Orr & Demmer's grocery store in Medford, has moved the stock of goods to the Adkins block in that place. The new store room is 30x140 feet with a large warehouse to the rear which gives Mr. Owen one of the largest store rooms in any town in the county. It is Mr. Owen's intention to put in a stock of groceries and similar goods that will be complete in every respect and so large that he can fill any order that may be brought to him.

Prof. S. P. Robbins and his bride arrived home Sunday afternoon. They found their home all in readiness for them and a nice lunch which had been prepared by Mrs. E. E. Washburn and Mrs. C. L. Reames. These ladies put the house to rights and had it in perfect order for Mrs. Robbins and the yard, porches and woodhouse had been given finishing touches by George Birdseye and Ephraim Wilson, two boys who had volunteered to help the ladies make the home coming pleasant to Mr. and Mrs. Robbins.

Wedding stationery, the latest out, at the Sentinel office.

E. A. Spalding, a prominent mining man of Tacoma and who is at the head of a syndicate that bought some extensive placer grounds on Forest creek has been in Jacksonville for the two weeks previous to this arranging for the commencing of work on his mine. Thursday Mr. Spalding left for Forest creek and he will put men at work at once to get ditches and plant in order by the time the rains set in to afford water for piping. Mr. Spalding has some rich ground and there is every prospect that he will have a good clean up next spring.

The marriage took place in Woodburn Oregon, on Saturday last of Mr. William Johnson of Applegate to Miss Edith Wilson. Sunday Mr. Johnson and his bride arrived in Jacksonville and took dinner with Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Pauline Hines, and in the afternoon they drove to Applegate where on Humbag creek Mr. Johnson has a fine farm. Mr. Johnson had his home all furnished and Mrs. Hines had spent the week in getting everything in perfect order for the coming of the new housekeeper. The young people first met at Eugene when both were students at the State University. Mrs. Johnson is an educated, practical young woman with none of the frivolousness of the average college girl and she has made a most favorable impression with all whom she has met since she came to reside in Jackson county. Mr. Johnson is a young man whose education has made him broad and practical and he is counted one of the most successful and industrious young farmers of Applegate.

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