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JACKSON CREEK ROAD A GO.

The Jacksonville board of trade road Committee had the best of success in canvassing for funds for the improvement of the Jackson Creek road and the creek channel and succeeded in getting \$510 pledged from citizens of Jacksonville, property owners in the vicinity of the road and by the business men of Medford. Among the large donors were:

J. Nunan, \$65; Estella Levy and Pauline Kareuski, \$50; Iowa Lumber Company, \$50; Mrs. S. E. Ish, \$50; C. C. Beckman, \$20 and C. W. Kahler, \$20. The remainder of the amount was made up largely in \$10 and \$5 subscriptions. Thursday morning a committee of Jacksonville citizens went before the county court and asked that the county assist in improving the road. The needs of the road and the equity of the request was presented by Mr. Beckman and Mr. Nunan, they showing that in all the history of Jacksonville not a dollar of county money had ever been expended on a road or a bridge in this district. In fact the Applegate, Sterling and the old stage road passing through Jacksonville were each opened by private enterprise. The court after considering the matter decided to appropriate an amount equal to the amount contributed by the citizens, or \$510. Of the \$200 given by the town of Jacksonville the court would not give an equal amount, Judge Prim holding that it would set a precedent that would bring a burden to the county by reason of the towns making appropriations for roads in their vicinity possibly so large that the county could not well meet them. The county court will have County Surveyor Jones relocate the road so that its boundaries may be definitely known. The county court will assume general supervision of the improvement, County Commissioner Patterson being in charge. Mr. Patterson expects to secure J. P. True, of Griffin Creek, who has had large experience in road work and in handling a grader and who is a hustler to work to take charge of the grading gang. Commissioner Patterson will exert his utmost to secure the construction of a road and the opening of a creek channel that will be as permanent as is possible to be had under the difficult conditions that are to be contended with. Those knowing Mr. Patterson have no hesitancy but what the work will be done in a thorough manner and that the money will be expended to the very best possible advantage.

Councilman T. J. Kenney at the council meeting Tuesday evening when the matter was being considered of having cottonwood cuttings planted along the breakwater to protect that feat of hydraulic engineering remarked with his usual sarcasm that it would be well to consult the board of trade as to whether the cuttings would grow or not. As Councilman Kenney is president of the

Mossback Club which holds its meetings the same evenings as does the board of trade, thus preventing him from attending the board meetings and gaining the much desired information, the Sentinel will endeavor to enlighten this Jacksonville Rip Van Winkle. Nurserymen think when they get 80 to 90 per cent of their grafts to grow that they are having very good success, but of the grafts that Mr. Kenney is familiar with, smooth workers have been known to make as high as 100 per cent grow and produce bountifully. As to whether Councilman Kenney, chairman of the street committee under whose supervision the breakwater was constructed and the cottonwoods are to be planted will have so good success with these grafts remains to be seen.

The Jacksonville board of trade has won out in the effort to secure the improvement of the Jackson creek road notwithstanding the strong opposition of the Jacksonville Mossback Club, and a fund of \$1220 has been secured toward making this needed road betterment. Of this amount citizens and property owners contributed \$510, the county \$510 and the town of Jacksonville \$200. To secure a permanent roadway and permanent channel for Jackson creek the sum raised may not be enough to accomplish the purpose. If when the work is well under way it is found that a deep, well protected channel for Jackson creek cannot be built for the amount of money on hand the board of trade will undertake to raise such additional amount as may be necessary to make the improvement a successful permanent one and to give to Jackson creek a channel that will carry off the tailings that now threaten to cover hundreds of acres of fine alfalfa land and totally ruin it. Jacksonville never does things by halves and it is not going to half do this road improvement.

Town Recorder Henry Dox has called a citizens convention to meet at the Town hall on Monday evening, February 15, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various officers to be voted for on the town election to be held Tuesday March 1. The citizens and business men of Jacksonville should make it their business to attend this convention and not stay away, as so many of them have done in the past and then find fault because the candidates nominated and elected were not the men they desired to have charge of the town affairs. Another matter that should be borne in mind is that the citizens owe a duty to their own and the public good that makes it imperative that they should accept a position in the town government, should they be called on. To shirk this duty is but to make it possible for incompetent or unscrupulous men to get into office, with the sequence of high taxes and neglected public utilities.

The Medford postoffice war is still on and is growing in intensity and it has involved all the prominent republicans of Medford as well as a number of the party leaders in other parts of the county together with a number of the ministers of Medford. Charges and counter charges and denials have been sent on to Washington and it is possible that neither Mr. Woodford nor Mr. York will get the coveted position, but it will go to a new man. As matters now stand Mr. Woodford has had his name sent by the President to the senate for confirmation, but Mr. York has the endorsement of the Oregon delegation and they are holding up Mr. Woodford's nomination.

Marshal W. G. Kenney, who himself is aspiring to the nomination of sheriff on the republican ticket by reason of his fine record as marshal of Jacksonville, is making dire threats of political death to the councilmen who voted for the appropriation for the improvement of the Jackson Creek road. As the Kenney push is a tremendous factor in both the republican

and democratic parties this awful threat is a matter of serious moment to the unfortunate councilmen.

The annual meeting of the Jackson County Stockmens Association is to be held this year in Ashland on Saturday, February 13 at 2 p. m. Every person in Jackson county interested in the stock industry should make it a point to attend this meeting for there will be matters up for consideration that will be of much importance to all stockmen.

The regular meeting for February of the Jacksonville board of trade will be held next Monday evening at the town hall. There will be several matters up for consideration that have a large bearing on the prosperity of Jacksonville and all who are willing to make the endeavor to push the town along are asked to attend.

A local telephone company has been organized by the business men of Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd and the farmers of Ash Swale neighborhood and of the vicinity of the above towns. Work of putting in the lines is to be commenced at once it is expected to have the system in operation within a couple of months.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Miller visited in Jacksonville Monday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dow.

Trespass notices on cloth sent by mail to any address for \$1.00 a dozen.

J. C. Whipp, formerly of Jacksonville and later in the marble business at Ashland is now located in Reno, Nevada.

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

Mrs. Wm. Broad gave a quilting party at her home Tuesday afternoon to a number of her friends, which was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

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

Mrs. G. W. Lance and Mrs. W. P. Bailey, both of Foothills were in Jacksonville over Friday night, guests at the home of W. H. Miller, who is a brother of theirs.

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

Miss Olive Tungate and Miss Nellie Hudson, students in the Medford Business College, came over Saturday and remained until Sunday at the home of Miss Tungate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tungate.

Matt Selby, famer for vocation and miner for pastime, was in Jacksonville Monday from Stirling. Mr. Selby has been plowing of late, the ground being in fine condition and Saturday he finished sowing his wheat. Mr. Selby is a strong believer in good roads and holds that good roads will do more than any other one factor to advance the property of Jackson county.

Hon. Henry E. Ankeny came up Monday from Eugene and was met by Mrs. Frank Ankeny with a buggy and taken to Stirling, where he will spend a few days at his mine of which his son Frank Ankeny is superintendent. Mr. Ankeny is an earnest advocate of good roads and while seldom traveling the Jackson Creek road he contributed \$10 toward the fund that the board of trade is raising for the improvement of this road.

To get perfect rest use one of those silk floss or cotton felt mattresses. They are the best. C. W. Conklin.

Last Friday afternoon Principal Washburn gave the scholars a long recess during which they cleared the school yard of every bit of trash and old papers that so quickly show up about a school house and made a big bonfire of it. There is a fine growth of young oak sprouts and trees in the yard which the larger boys propose to trim so that these oaks will grow into shapely trees thus adding very much to the appearance of the school park.

Wednesday evening the Masons had the honor of an official visit from Hon. F. M. Yoran, of Eugene, grand master for Oregon. At the conclusion of the lodge work a reception was held, followed by a fine banquet in the lodge banquet hall. Grand Master Yoran complimented the lodge on its prosperous condition and did his part, which he can do well, to make the evening a most pleasant one to all in attendance.

Iowa Lumber and Box Company.

Affairs with the Iowa Lumber & Box Company are shaping up for a fine seasons business and there is every certainty that their output for this season will be more than double of any previous year since they began work here. Their big planing mill and box factory in Medford, which is to be 80x150 feet is almost completed and the work installing the machinery has been commenced and it is expected to have the factory in operation by the first of March. Adjoining the factory a lumber house will be erected 60x80 feet in which to season dressed stock. These buildings are located just north of the stockyards and the Southern Pacific will at once put in a spur so that cars may be placed for loading along side of the factory. Manager Edgar Hafer has been working early and late and he is employing some 25 men in construction on the factory buildings. The Company will continue their yard in Jacksonville with a full stock of all kinds of building material.

The Company has let the contract for operating their saw mill and logging camp located west of Jacksonville to M. H. Roundtree, E. C. Steiger, S. S. Walsh and F. M. Roundtree. These men are all practical sawmill men and loggers and are from Centralia, Washington, the heart of the big lumber district of that state. H. M. Roundtree will be general manager, S. S. Walsh, woods foreman; E. C. Steiger, sawyer in the mill and F. M. Roundtree, now in a camp at Centralia but to be here next week, will be engineer of the road donkey and he will have an engineer with him to handle the yarding donkey. Chas. Matney, for seven years a hook tender in Washington camps will take a like position in the camp here.

Work will be begun Monday to put in a road to a fine body of fir and sugar pine of some 3,500,000 feet. The road will be part skid and part fore-and-after. Some needed improvements will be made in the mill among them being to put in an end slip and a bullwheel for hauling in logs in addition to taking logs from the side roadway. The lumber will be delivered to the wagons at the mill and hauled direct to the factory at Medford. The contract to do the hauling has been let to Robert Gorvin and William Gibson. Mr. Gibson is expected here next week from Redding, where he hauled all last summer, with 16 horses and eight wagons. Four four-horse teams will be used with a trail wagon to each team. One trip a day will be made and the teams will lay over night at the mill.

Death of Chauncy Nye.

Chauncy Nye died at his home in Flourence Rock precinct Sunday night January 31. Mr. Nye had not been feeling well for several days and 80 hours preceding his death he passed into a comatose state from which he never rallied passing from apparent sleep to death without a struggle. The funeral took place Tuesday; interment being in the cemetery at that place. Mr. Nye leaves an aged wife, a son Nelson and daughter Elsie, both residing at home and Mrs. Etta Florey of Eagle Point and a brother N. B. Nye of Medford.

Mr. Nye was born in Macom county, Michigan, May 29, 1827. In 1851 he came to Oregon, stopping first at the new mining camp, now Jacksonville. Later on he took up a donation claim on what is now the Bybee Bridge place. After a few years he moved to Foothills where he was married and resided, when he moved to Upper Rogue River, where he has resided. Mr. Nye was elected a member of the first territorial legislature from Jackson county in the session of 1853-4. He was a Whig and with Dr. Louis Thompson of Douglass county were the only representatives of that party in the lower house of the legislature. Later he became a Republican and was for years a leader in that party in Jackson county. He was a man of sterling integrity, respected by all who knew him and he was a pioneer who was truly a credit to the state he helped found.

The Eastern Star ladies had with them Thursday Mrs. Helen Gatch, grand worthy matron for Oregon of the order. Lodge work was first carried out, Mrs. C. W. Conklin being the recipient of the large and beautiful bouquet that each candidate earns who safely and successfully survives the shock given by Aderal Chapter's frolicsome goat, after which a reception was tendered the Grand Worthy Matron, followed by one of those elegant lunches that the Jacksonville ladies so well know how to prepare. The evening was one of the delightful pleasure to both the members and their guest. Mrs. Gatch is a woman of high intellectual attainments and an enthusiastic worker in the discharge of her duties as the executive head of one of the most prominent fraternal orders in Oregon.