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MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolitan of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population, 1912-13, 6880; estimated, 1912-13, 7000.

"Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1908, and a lot of Northwest won First Prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

FRUIT GROWERS FORM EXCHANGE

The Rogue River Co-operative Fruit Growers' association was formed at a meeting of a number of interested growers held Saturday afternoon.

J. A. Perry was elected chairman and S. A. Nye was elected secretary. The first speaker, C. C. George, extolled the co-operative plan and gave as his opinion that the present Rogue River Fruit & Produce association is on the wrong track.

S. L. Bennett told the members of the state laws regarding the formation of both the co-operative and the stock companies and the advantages and limitations of both.

Mr. Newman then made a motion that a co-operative association be formed. The motion was carried without a dissenting vote. It was decided, upon motion of S. L. Bennett that the membership fee be placed at \$10. Carried.

Question of what the indebtedness of the association should be limited to brought out suggestions of \$5000 and of \$10,000. No action was taken on the matter.

The question of a name for the association was then brought up. The Medford Co-operative Fruit association was proposed, seconded and defeated. The following names were then suggested: Co-operative Fruit Growers' association of the Rogue River Valley; Rogue River Co-operative Fruit association and finally the name which was adopted, Rogue River Co-operative Fruit Growers' association.

The chairman upon motion then appointed the following committee of seven to submit all necessary details for the permanent organization of the association to be completed at a meeting to be held next Saturday: William Budge, S. A. Nye, S. C. George, N. L. Narrogan, F. H. Cowley, L. H. Houston and J. A. Perry.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

THE Jackson county court that has just gone out of office deserves a word of appreciation for the progress made by the county under its regime.

The members of this court have given Jackson county the first macadam roads in southern Oregon. They have started the foundation for an extensive system of fine highways. They have built many fine bridges across our streams. They have opened up new parts of the county and made possible greater development.

The court has made tourist traffic possible by work done on the Pacific highway and on the Crater Lake highway. It has left enduring monuments to its progressiveness throughout the county—and will be far more appreciated in the future than it is today.

It is easy to find fault. The man who knows least is always a wisecracker. The man who never saw a mile of good road is the only man capable of building one—in his own estimation. The man who never managed any sort of a business successfully always can run the other fellow's—and these are the ones who find most fault with the old court.

The court has been cruelly and maliciously libelled for political effect. Two character assassinating editors spattered it with muck. But their wild accusations proved false. The members of the court emerged with clean records and untainted hands, while one of their detractors fled to Oklahoma to escape a libel prosecution and the other gone to a more congenial climate.

The court made mistakes—who doesn't? Under the American system of electing men at small salaries, untrained for public office, we expect mistakes and forgive them if they only do things and keep their hands clean.

Judge Neil has done much for the county. He never turned down a meritorious proposition. His fault, if it was a fault, was in trying to do too much. Practically every bridge in the county was constructed under his administration and he will live in history as Jackson county's bridge builder.

James Owens has been the conservative element in the court, and a treasury watchdog is always needed. However, Mr. Owens has been progressive and in favor of extensive road and bridge work. He has made good as commissioner.

Frank Brown has only held office for a year, but has made such a good record that it is greatly to be regretted that he refused a nomination and election. He is the type of man who ought to serve the public, but who has such extensive private interests that he cannot well afford the sacrifice.

Sincerely a section of Jackson county that has not received substantial improvements under the retiring court and we are sure there is not a section in which the members of the court are not held in grateful esteem and that the entire county joins in wishing them a happier New Year in private life than the muckrakers gave them in public life.

THE TROLLEY FRANCHISE

IN the consideration of franchises, the city council should bear in mind that the development of the adjacent country by an interurban trolley is more to be desired than the building of electric lines within city limits, which while a convenience to the people, do not mean much to the prosperity of the community.

From a development point of view, each mile of operated railroad outside the city is worth more to the city than two miles within. It is the interurban feature that is the developer, not the lines within the city.

The Barnum application means the electrifying of the Jacksonville line and its extension through the city and its operation along lines made famous by Barnum. It means no new territory opened and developed, and cannot, in the nature of things give much of a stimulus to the development of the county.

The Minney proposal, on the other hand, means the opening up of a new section of the country, is built primarily to develop the land traversed, and is the first link in an interurban belt line that will eventually encircle the valley. Backed by a successful company whose chief business is land development, it should mean new people, new money, new enterprises and new payrolls.

For those who have the future of the city as well as country at heart, there seems only one thing to do, and that is secure an up-to-date trolley system while we have the chance.

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The remainder of this west half town is owned by persons too numerous to mention, but all have the best of land.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Real Estate Transfers. Burton J. Palmer et ux to W. D. Roberts, 28 acres in sec. 11, twp. 38 S., R. 1W, \$10

Henry Kofeldt et ux to R. E. Cowie, land in secs. 8 and 9, twp. 38 S., R. 1E, 10

R. Schuler et ux to Emma C. Cline, portion of blk. 1, Short's Add. to Medford, 10

L. A. Abbott et ux to W. M. Abbott et ux, portion of lot 14, Ashland Homestead Ass'n tract, Ashland, 10

James S. Day to L. A. Smith lots 5 and 7, blk. 4, Central Add to Eagle Point, 10

Emaline Oden to J. T. Oden land in sec. 32, twp. 34 S., R. 2 West, 5

Earl H. Fehl, et ux to H. F. Wilson, portion of lot 2 Constant Add to Central Point Henry Shafer, Administrator to Grace E. Houston, property in Phoenix, 1425

F. A. Furry et ux to Henry Shafer, et ux, property in Phoenix, 1

L. C. Applegate et ux to Dewey Smith et al, land in sec. 21, twp. 35 S., R. 2 West, 1

W. J. Smith et ux to Cecil L. Smith, 1

P. H. Gray to H. D. Spencer 20 acres in sec. 29, twp. 38, S. R. 3 West, 500

Winifred Cameron to Spencer M. Marsh, 160 acres in sec. 22, twp. 40, S. R. 3 East, 10

Alfred A. Baker to H. E. Brown, 10 acres in sec. 17, twp. 38, S. R. 2 West, 10

John Morris et ux to George W. Morris et ux, portion of lots 5 and 6 in Woolen's Add to Ashland, 250

J. O. Isanson et ux to J. F. Hale, lots 18, 19, 20 in blk. 1 Grand View Add to Central Point, 10

Henry Humphrey et ux to Ernest C. Rowell, lots 2 and 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19 in blk. 2, Orchard Home Tract, 3600

Lucyetta Eliff Enayart to First Nat'l Bank, Medford, lots 1 and 2, blk. 17, in Medford, 10

J. M. Rice to H. Hash et ux, 1 acre in sec. 16, twp. 39, S. R. 1 East, also property in Ashland, 100

Eugene C. Bartlett et ux to Joshua Patterson, 160 acres in sec. 13, twp. 39, S. R. 4 East, 1250

I. D. Pittman to W. C. Swing, property in Ashland, 3000

Minnie Lewis et vir to M. D. Jones, lots 5 and 6, 7 and 8 in blk. 21, in Jacksonville, 465

H. C. Garnett et ux to W. I. Halley lot 4, blk. 23, in Medford, 10

Louis Arthur Rose et ux to Frank W. Wilber, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in blk. 19, in Phoenix, 10

James D. Simons et ux to Sylvester Patterson et ux, 2 1/2 acres in sec. 9, twp. 39, S. R. 1 East, 500

E. E. Phipps to Edyth Phipps land in twp. 39, S. R. 1 East, also property in Ashland, 1

United States to Louis Schneider, 160 acres in sec. 6, twp. 29, S. R. 1 West, Patent

Guy A. Ross to Alice Holloway and Fred Huff, quartz Mining claim in Jackson county, 10

Daniel Hilkey et ux to Marion A. Rader, property in Medford, 1500

Daniel Hilkey et ux to Marion A. Rader, land in sec. 25, twp. 37, S. R. 2 West, 10

T. J. Williamson et ux to Trail Lumber company, 160 acres in sec. 22, twp. 37, S. R. 3 West, 2000

Albert H. Lawrentz to D. J. Lawrentz, property in Medford, 10

Ernest C. Rowell et ux to James Bowling, 1 acre in Orchard Home Addition, 10

Robert Kyle et al, Trustees to First Presbyterian church of Central Point, lots 7 and 8, blk. 9 in Central Point, 10

J. H. Gay et ux to J. L. Cline lots 3 and 4, blk. 40, in Central Point, 10

James L. Cline et ux to Albert V. Whitney, lots 3 and 4, blk. 40 Central Point, 10

E. E. Phipps to Edyth Phipps property in Ashland, 10

Benj. C. Sheldon to Emma C. Sheldon, 170 acres in sec. 29, twp. 36, S. R. 1 West, 10

Laura B. Cameron to William H. Johnson, land in sec. 12, twp. 39, S. R. 3 West, 300

E. R. Seeley et ux to O. H. P. Boreis, property in Medford, 10

O. H. P. Boreis to P. J. Halley property in Medford, 10

W. D. Carey et ux to W. T. Bissell et ux, portion of lot 6, blk. 28 in Ashland, 750

James L. Cline et ux to Albert V. Whitney, lots 3 and 4, blk. 40, Central Point, 10

C. W. McDonald et al to Josephine Clausen, lot 2, Riverside, sub-divisions in sec. 24, twp. 36, S. R. 4 West, 1285

Elizabeth Stewart et al to F. E. Merrick, trustee, 10 acres in Stewart sub-division, 1

F. E. Merrick, trustee to E. A. Finlayson, 10 acres in Stewart sub-division, 1

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