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FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1910.

BIG RUSH ON.

Medford Seems to be Mecca for the Strangers.

MEDFORD, March 3.—The women of the Greater Medford club have launched a spring campaign for civic improvement and city boosting that is setting a hot pace for the men of the Medford Commercial Club. Beautifying the parks, a rose show, increasing the list of books in the public library, an incinerator for the city and getting more hotel accommodations for the city are the principal matters to which the women are giving their attention. Medford seems well supplied with hotels, but there is such a rush of strangers to the city that the hotels cannot accommodate all, and frequently people have to sit up all night. Last Friday night sixteen persons of those who arrived in the city on the late night train had to accept the hard comfort of the chairs at the hotel for the night. The women are considering the plan of renting the Christian church tabernacle and the Bungalow skating rink and fitting them into rooms for transients, and putting a matron and assistants in charge.

ASK FOR BIDS.

Old Coos Bay Wagon Road Suggested as Route.

Coos Bay News: Inspector Whitney of the railway mail service was in town Friday and informed Postmaster Curtis that he was anxious to have the chamber of commerce take up the matter of having a reasonable bid submitted for bringing the mail from Roseburg over the old Coos Bay wagon road. It is claimed that bids submitted for the Myrtle Point route are higher than the department will pay. A strong effort is being made to have all Coos county mail brought in via the Drain route, which would be fully as unsatisfactory for Coos Bay people as is the Myrtle Point route, and would work a hardship on the Coquille people, who get their mail several hours late every day—same as the Coos Bay people do now. The most satisfactory service, and the service that will do justice to both sections of the county, is to have the Coos Bay mail come over the Coos Bay wagon road and have the Coquille river mail come over the Myrtle route, as was done prior to the change made this winter.

OREGON AUTO MAP.

Wonderful Grandeur of State Open for Tourists.

PORTLAND, March 4.—G. F. Beck with his staff of road-mapping engineers, has reached Portland from California, and will commence work immediately on all of the important highways of the state for the Automobile Club. Mr. Beck's work is the most important undertaking yet inaugurated in Oregon to advertise scenic charms and attract to the state the growing throng of tourists who would see America in all its wonderful grandeur. All of the local automobile owners expect great results from the proposed mapping. The state association has sent word to Chairman W. J. Clemens of the road mapping committee that it will gladly support the work of the Portland association in carrying out the Beck plan. Numerous letters are being received by Mr. Clemens offering support, and suggesting the scope of the work that is

now ready to commence.

The preliminary list of roads to be mapped, as framed by the committee is as follows: One route from Portland to Sandy, two to Mount Hood, one to Wilhot Springs, one to Salem, one from Portland to the southern boundary of the state via Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland, one road from Medford to Crater Lake, one from Crater Lake to Klamath, one from Klamath to Lakeview, one road from Lakeview north to The Dalles via Summer Lake, Bend, one road from Shaniko to The Dalles, Prineville and the Deschutes country, one road from The Dalles to Pendleton via Wasco, Olex and Heppner, one road from Pendleton to Weston, connecting with the Walla Walla road, one road from Portland to La Grande, Union and Baker City, one from Portland to Forest Grove, two roads from Portland to McMinnaville, one from Portland to Tillamook, and one from Tillamook to Nehalem. Other routes will be included in the work of the engineers, every important scenic attraction of the state that can be reached now by a highway capable of being traveled by automobiles, being on the list for attention.

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