

VOTE FOR WATER BONDS AND A GREATER MEDEORD FUTURE GROWTH OF CITY DEPENDS UPON SECURING SUPPLY OF WATER

Tomorrow morning citizens of Medford will be called upon to vote an issue of \$300,000 bonds for the purchase of an adequate supply of pure mountain water and the construction of a gravity system of municipally owned water works.

Medford has reached a point where it must have an abundance of pure water in order to supply the wants of residents.

Because Medford has no such water supply, it is daily losing population that would otherwise remain here.

Because Medford has no such water supply, residents must pay double insurance rates, and the city is likely at any time to be completely wiped out by fire.

Because the city is now dependent upon wells for drinking water, an epidemic of typhoid or some other disease is likely to ravage the community.

The bond issue is not too large, as the money is to be expended in the construction of income-producing property.

It has been the history of other cities and will be the history of Medford, that after the plant has been constructed its income will take care of it, and it will mean in the long run cheaper taxation as well as cheaper water.

A good water system is always a profit-producer to the community owning it, and no matter what the initial expense, is the best investment that can be made.

Abundance of pure mountain water is the best advertisement a community can have and the most attractive feature to the homeseeker. Medford cannot grow without water, and plenty of it. It cannot be made healthful. It cannot be beautified. It cannot be made attractive.

A vote for the bonds means a vote for progress, for a greater Medford, for a healthier, cleaner, prettier and better city.

A vote for the bonds means that Medford is on the map to stay—to become what nature destined it to be—the metropolis of Southern Oregon—the best and the most progressive of cities in the vast region between Portland and Sacramento.

The Proposed Water Supply

- 1. Wasson Canyon Springs is the purest mountain water obtainable and is furnished direct from springs fed by the melting snows of Mount Pitt. 2. It is one of the oldest undisputed water rights in the state and controls the entire flow of the canyon, and has been held for more than half a century.

HANLEY GUARANTEES CITY AGAINST LOSS BY WATER. M. E. Hanley, in his agreement made with the city council water committee, gives the following guarantee protecting the city: 'Contemporaneous with the execution of said instrument shall be an undertaking upon my part to the effect that I will defend the right of the city of Medford to the use of 300 inches, minus measurement, under a six-inch pressure, of the waters of said stream, and the right of said city to divert the same from said watershed. By said bond the time within which I shall be required to protect or defend the use of said 300 inches of water by said city shall be limited to a period of ten years. Said undertaking shall be a good and sufficient undertaking in a man not to exceed \$25,000, and may be either personal security or that of a surety company.'

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BLUE LEDGE MINE DISCHARGES ITS MINERS. A. T. Duhamel, proprietor of the Hotel Edison at the Blue Ledge mine, who arrived Wednesday evening on a business trip to Medford, received a telephone message from his wife Thursday stating that development work at the Blue Ledge mine had been ordered shut down and all but 15 of the hundred odd miners employed there discharged.

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What D. T. Lawton Says. Every one who has seen the water of the city is to purchase is enthusiastic over it. Among those who are familiar with Wasson Canyon springs is D. T. Lawton. He states that he considers the proposition the best that the city could obtain.

NEW PAMPHLET PLEASES GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN. Governor Chamberlain has acknowledged receipt of one of the new Medford pamphlets in the following letter to the Commercial club.

WILSKYTOWN, Cal., April 2.—An application of impetigo and food caused seven people in this mining town last week of an illness which all declare was pneumonia, though some say it was influenza.

DELDGE ENDANGERS WEST VIRGINIA TOWNS. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 2.—A continual downpour of rain for three days throughout West Virginia has caused flood conditions that threaten great damage.

After two months of hardship, privation and suffering, trudging through swamps, rivers and forests and over snows and mountains, deserted by his two companions, George C. Meyers, who left San Francisco January 21 to walk to Portland and win a \$5000 wager put up by two California millionaires, arrived in Medford at 8:20 Thursday morning.

Meyers is a man about 30, medium height and gives the impression of a rather slight build. He shows but little trace of the physical strain he has been under. By profession an actor, he came to the coast last fall from New York, and while in San Francisco overheard the terms of the wager, and offered to undertake to win the stake.

On his trip up the north fork of Little Butte creek he investigated all possible sources of water supply in that district and found three, any one of which had considerable merit, but the one source which unquestionably presents the most advantages is that of Wasson canyon.

Water committee of the Medford Commercial club. The report of the city soliciting committee showed \$275 cash, subscribed toward the publicity fund and monthly subscriptions of \$319 per month signed.

OSGOND REPUBLICANS TO MEET IN CONVENTION. Oregon's republican state central committee has been announced by Chairman C. A. Wragg to meet in Portland, Ore., April 19, for the purpose of calling a state convention and appointing the delegates. The convention will meet about a month later and will choose four delegates to the national convention, which will be held in Chicago, June 16. The state convention will also nominate four candidates for presidential electors.

POPULISTS IN NATIONAL CONVENTION AT ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS, April 2.—The populist national convention came to order a little late this morning. James H. Perris, chairman of the national committee, made an address in which he made the declaration: 'The people's party is the only party with a membership thoroughly united, entirely harmonious, up on great issues under discussion. It is the only party in which the most violent opponents to its platform and its great leaders are not inside the party itself.'

porary chairman and made an address covering the leading economical questions of the day, paying particular attention to the national currency. Prior to opening the convention, Bryan made an effort to secure an agreement to adjourn until after the republican and democratic conventions, with no result except to delay the proceedings.

MEDFORD SHORTLY TO HAVE A GAS PLANT. Medford is shortly to have an up-to-date gas manufacturing plant. Dr. C. R. Ray states that his company has ordered a complete outfit from the west and will install the new plant before the summer is here. A franchise was granted last year by the city council, which has been acquired since by Dr. Ray, who is now having material for the latest of illuminating factories.

THREE PERISH IN FIRE AT HESTER STREET TENEMENT. NEW YORK, April 2.—Three were killed and 15 injured and 1000 evacuated in a fire that destroyed a five-story tenement at 40 Hester street early today. The dead are: Bened Weinstein, wife and infant son, suffocated in their apartments; the fifth floor. That more lives are not lost is largely due to the action of three policemen, who rushed to the building and arrested the 10 sleeping families, whose only means of exit was the fire escapes, the stairways being a mass of flames when the fire department arrived.