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CEASELESS EFFORT NEEDED.

It's a habit with a great many of those of us who call ourselves Oregonians to approach new projects like a crab. We go sidewise, backwards or crawl aroundanything but a direct approach. When it is desired to attain certain ends, we begin to figure how they cannot be attained and find a thousand obstacles blocking the way. In short, we figure how not to do things, instead of how to do them.

Persistence, courage and brains can accomplish almost anything. There never was a stone wall that could not be climbed or gone around. There are few obstacles that cannot be overcome if tackled aright. Desired ends that cannot be attained, if reasonable and proper effort is made are scarce. Nothing worth while comes without effortand sometimes long continued effort. The gamblers gains—the get-rich-quick gains—are not worth the having, for they cost so little.

It is the struggle for things, the battle to overcome obstacles, the long, hard fight against odds, rather than the actual attainment, that gives life its zest. We work to win, but rob a victory of the effort it cost and the glory has departed.

Any community, ambitious to become something more than a country crossroads, has a struggle before it—and During March & April the more ambitious the town, the harder the struggle, hard er perhaps in Oregon than in some other states, for conservatism tends to impede progress and development is proverbially slow. There is no reason under the sun why Oregon, as rich or richer in resources than her sister states, should have so long lagged behind in development.

Medford, a city of newer Oregon, has accomplished wonders for a small city, but there is still much work to do before ambitions will be realized. There must be no halt in the program of progress. The coming summer must see greater growth than the city ever realized before Street paving and public improvement must be pushed vigorously. Systematic work to secure factories and pay rolls must be undertaken in earnest, while the publicity work must be carried on more vigorously and on a larger scale than ever before.

Medford has the name of going after what she wants and getting what she goes after. She must live up to the name and play the game. No city is built without effort, and united, persistent effort at that. When an obsaele confronts the city, it must be rolled out of the road, for the path of progress must not be blocked, even temporarily.

Medford's future is brighter today than ever before -but it is so only because of the unturing efforts of the past. To realize that future, ceaseless effort must be put forth in the present to do things—so that Medford may indeed become a city in all that the name implies.

#### GOOD NEWS FOR MEDFORD.

The authentic announcement printed exclusively in The Tribune that development of Medford's coal field is to be undertaken upon a large scale and that boring for oil will begin at once, is the best news published in Medford since the legislature voted an appropriation for the Crater Lake road. For many months the prospective developers have been acquiring property and options that would make the proposition worth while if expected results materialized. They have already invested over \$100,000 in the purchase of land, and preliminary work justifies an extensive investment.

It is planned to mine eventually 7500 tons of coal a day. The coal bed is one of the most extensive in the west, according to government geologists, and extends for 12 undes along the eastern slope of the valley. Within a few months 500 miners will be working. Whether or not oil will be found the future alone can determine, but indications are favorable.

Colonel J. F. Mundy and Patrick Murphy, the leading spirits in the promotion of the projects, are practical coal and oil operators of the Springfield, Ill., district. Allied with them are a number of eastern coal miners, who have seen the local field and are satisfied that the prospects justify development.

The opening of coal mines means an enormous initial expense. Railroads must be constructed and equipped. a mining town built, expensive machinery installed and countless other juvestments made before any returns are received. The coal land itself costs a fortune to agquire.

The coal mines, if developments prove what they are expected to prove, will be the greatest asset Medford or the valley could possess. Not only will they furnish occupation for hundreds and a steady payroll, but every avenue of business will feel the impetus. Factories will follow cheap fuel, and many industries become establish-

It is the duty of everyone to assist the promoters in every way possible in their efforts to develop the country. They have asked nothing of the community but fair play.

Neither subsidy nor other consideration has been demanded—only a chance to risk big sums of money in something that no one hitherto has had either the knowledge, nerve or resources to tackle. Hearty co-operation on the part or the community should be forthcoming to enable the in- the Jacksonville Pest. The creeks are vescers to bring their plans to a successful reaturity.

Upon the success of these plans hinge many other pros-pective enterprises, for Colonel Mundy and associates are the most progressive promoters that ever vicited Medford. and have brought moneyed men of the east into touch with being staked on. the countless undeveloped resources of this region, one of the richest sections in the world in undeveloped resources, so that an era of development may follow.

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