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**EDITORIAL**

Put the new court house in Central Point, if you want too. Nobody here is going to object, that we know of.

Through out the state and throughout the Nation are to be found individuals as well as companies with capital who are looking for suitable locations in which to establish clay products plants, beet factories, fruit and vegetable canneries, small factories, flax farms, fox farms, etc. Perhaps Central Point is just the location. How would these seekers for such a place know about it better than from a live Commercial club with a live committee working on just such subjects?

The new "morning paper" at Medford is now a reality. The Medford News is appearing every morning. Jackson county now has a morning paper and an evening paper. The field, from a newspaper standpoint, is well covered. The appearance of The Medford News is quite metropolitan and we welcome it with a breath of relief and satisfaction. Here is wishing it well. As Medford grows, so will Central Point and as the daily papers of the metropolis grow, so will grow in size and importance, the "American," Jackson county's weekly paper.

The burning of the frame building on our main street last Friday night marked the destruction of an old land mark. The dance hall was built about twenty-five years ago. When built it was a two story frame building and about the only building on the north side of the main street, looking big and lonesome at that time. It was used as a theatre for some years, later the top story was removed. Of late the building has been used as a dance hall only. It occupied the prominent corner of the city and the spot will make a handsome location for a modern brick—if not grabbed for an oil station.

As election grows nearer it becomes easier to forecast the result. By ignoring straw votes and putting the same time in listening to expressed sentiments from all classes of people we meet, as well as by reading opinions of various papers from all parts of the state, it becomes more apparent daily that Stanfield is losing some of his once sure support. The senatorship now lays between Steiwer and Haney, with Steiwer in the lead both east and west of the mountains.

For governor at this time, I. L. Patterson has a little the best of the bet, although a week ago some thought it was a "toss up." Should Patterson be elected, and it now looks like he would, he will make a good one. He is safe, sure and sane. A god man to lead the ship of state.

Should Steiwer get elected, and it looks now like he would, he is honest, capable and will work with the administration.

Queer things sometimes happen at elections, but, we repeat, it looks now like this is to be a Republican

year for Oregon  
The so-called "Housewives' Bill" for state control of power with the spending in the hands of a small board with full power, will go down to defeat by a big majority and well it should, as it is only another freak law to greatly increase our already too high taxes. The "Housewives' Council" act should be snowed under.

**COUNTY SEAT REMOVAL**

A question of much importance to Jackson county to be voted on at the coming November election is the removal of the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford.

At first thought most any outsider or stranger would think that Medford was the county seat, simply because Medford has about 12,000 population while Jacksonville has a few hundred.

And Medford, so the maps show, is on the Southern Pacific railroad and Pacific highway while Jacksonville is on no railroad whatever and off the main highway. But Jacksonville has been the county seat for many years—before any one ever heard of Medford.

Medford grew when it started, while Jacksonville is still Jacksonville with no modern improvements or little signs of progress. These are truths, not insinuations for or against any town or cause.

Sentiment is with Jacksonville. Jacksonville is romantic and a nice place to visit or drive through on a sunny Sunday. Jacksonville is one of the oldest gold camps in Oregon and the ground there is still rich in the precious metal. The court house in Jacksonville is an old out-of-date building. It is not fireproof, it leaks, it is quite too small and crowded, the jail is too small and the buildings are badly in need of immediate repairs. Medford wants the county seat. She has made the county an offer. Vote to remove the county seat to Medford and that city will build a city hall half again as large as the present court house, and will rent the new city hall to Jackson county for five years to be used as a court house for only five dollars rent. Also the city of Medford offers to donate the grounds free to the county for the new court house when it is ready to be built. Medford claims that the money spent in rides, oil, gas, time and inconvenience going and coming from Jacksonville is more than the extra tax for a new court house that some say will be about one mill.

Now Jacksonville is not keeping still by any means. They claim over there that at this time our county cannot afford a new court house to cost any place from \$200,000 up. They say, over there, that our taxes are too high now and why try to increase them for a new building. They are also partial to the present site and present building for old time sake—sentiment. Jacksonville has always been the county seat, why change it?

The question will be settled November 2. We hope it will be settled with no hard feelings from either side. It can be and should be.

Personally, the Central Point

American has nothing very large to gain or loose whether the court house is in Medford or Jacksonville. We can pay our few hundred taxes one place as well as the other.

If Medford gets the court house, we will still drive to Jacksonville occasionally, because it is a nice drive and we like the people there.

The result, in our opinion, rests entirely on how many people vote. If all vote in the county who can vote, Medford will receive the county seat and the question will be settled for all time to come.

**SUNNY SOUTHERN OREGON**

Rogue river valley in southern Oregon is one district in which damaging frosts are unknown during the early fall season. Despite the fact that we recently experienced a heavy rain, the first of the fall season, clear weather ensued without a semblance of frost.

As a result of this favorable condition, a wide variety of flowers are blooming, profusely, in nearly every year. Tomatoes are still ripening on the vines, and other vegetation is making a marked growth. Lawns are taking on a deeper hue of green. It seems more like spring than fall.

In various other districts vegetation has been destroyed by severe frosts. Flurries of snow have been recorded and in those districts all semblance of the summer season has disappeared.

Rogue river valley enjoyed eight months of almost continuous sunshine this year. Picnic parties basked in the warm sun of an early spring along the banks of Rogue river and other streams in February. The first fall rain of any consequence fell after October was ushered in, making eight months during which local residents lived outdoors and in the wide open spaces. Few districts in the world enjoy this record. It is one which makes this valley and all of southern Oregon a pleasant place in which to live. It is a magnet that will eventually draw thousands of other home-seekers who desire to escape the more rigorous climates of other districts. Well may this district be termed sunny southern Oregon.—Jackson County News.

**THE MOTHER KNOWS**

The Aimee McPherson scandal with its charges and denials, its confession and demunciations, its slow unfolding of wholly unlovely drama, has developed one admirable person—an old fashioned mother. She is Mrs. W. C. Ormiston, whose son Kenneth is the man in the case.

Mrs. Ormiston has given a statement to a San Francisco paper. It carries no shrieks. It is calm and is simply worded. In it one discerns that unbending honors that would even brush aside a beloved child in order to right the wrong and that age-old intuitiveness that enables mothers to see moral matters with perfect clearness. That is what she said.

With this great mass of evidence showing that Mrs. McPherson was not kidnapped, with the warrants issued for her arrest, there is no use for even a mother to try to persuade herself that the story told by my son is true. We tried to bring him up as a god-fearing ritious man and until he met Mrs. McPherson there was nothing to mar our joy and pride in him. Since then there has been nothing but trouble. When Kenneth sent his letter to the district attorney we were hurt for in them our son confessed a wrong ut we believed them. Now we cannot. There is too much on the other side. He must come forward and tell the truth, clear up this mess which has kept us in constant misery since his name was first brought into the investigation.

Mothers know and children who try to deceive them are but deceiving themselves. This mother is tired of deceit and is too honest to hide the fact. She wants her son to be a man and clear this mess even if he be hurt in the clearing.

Mothers are great institutions.

**UNION CHURCH**

Title for Sunday school lesson is "Jesus Teaches Humility." John, chap. 13. Outline, 1. Warning against pride, vs.1-17. 2. Warning to Judas, vs.18-30. 3. Warning to Disciples, vs.31-35. 4. Warning to Peter, vs. 36-38. The sermon subject for the morning service will be "The Life of the Clearer vision." In the evening service the subject will be "The Inexorable laws of the Spiritual life." The young people's societies will meet at 6:30 and it is desired that good, prompt attendance will be

Harry Nealon of Table Rock was a visitor Tuesday.

**RAILROAD FARES REDUCED FOR LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION**

Reduced round trip excursion fares from all parts on its lines to Portland will be put into effect by the Southern Pacific for the Pacific International Livestock exposition to be held there October 30 to November 6.

In announcing this yesterday F. S. McGinnis, passenger traffic manager for the railroad stated that livestock men and breeders from all parts of the West are expected to participate in the show which is recognized as the livestock classic of the Pacific coast.

G. C. Vincent is another new subscriber to the American this week.

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