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DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS.

Application will soon be made to the several towns in the valley from Ashland to Grants Pass for franchises for electric railways. If granted upon the terms asked, the road will be constructed, together with car lines on the streets of the various towns to be as the population would warrant the same.

The privileges to be asked for in the various towns are such as will add to the value of property. The line connecting the towns will increase the value of property along the line and rapidly increase the population surrounding the towns. The country to be traversed by the line has at this time not sufficient population to make the investment one that will bring any returns to the investors, but it must be built with an eye to the future.

To be profitable an electric line should have a population of one thousand per mile. Those building a line with less must undertake it with a view of developing the country.

The granting of franchises in towns is often opposed by citizens who do so conscientiously from an exaggerated idea of the value of the same. The facts are that electric lines in cities of less than fifty thousand do not pay. The street car lines of Portland, when its population was much more, passed through several successive receivers' at great financial loss to the successive owners before they began to pay operating expenses and maintenance. Even with a population of 400,000 the car lines of Portland will return no profits to stockholders for years, because of the expenditures for improvements and extensions.

For many years Salem has had a street railway system which passed through the bankruptcy of several companies. Today in a city of twenty thousand people, this system does not pay.

There are many hundreds of fields more inviting for the electric railway builders than this valley, because of greater population. Investors are seldom controlled by sentiment. They look for dividends and profits. In cities that have large population a car line as soon as put in operation becomes profitable. Such franchises have great value, but those who compare the value of a franchise in a town of ten thousand or twenty thousand with one in Seattle, Portland or San Francisco do so without a proper understanding. Until a town reaches a population of one hundred thousand its inhabitants do not pass the walking distance. The franchises in small towns possess no value except as part of an interurban system. They are necessary to make it a possibly profitable undertaking. Operated without being a part of such system, they have not been and never will be profitable in a city of less population than fifty thousand.

No one will pay for a franchise or submit to unreasonable restrictions for a franchise in cities of less population, for the simple reason that it is not a high-class investment, and would be poor business sense. There are too many communities inviting such investments along liberal lines, and offering encouragement and assistance.

Too often have honest investors been driven away from communities that imagined they were destined to become great cities, and never returned. The towns languished when the proper terms to an investor, who was looking to the possibilities of the future, would have resulted in an activity that would have bounded into an increasing and permanent prosperity.

THE ROUT AND DEFEAT.

The defeat of Henry and election of McCarthy in San Francisco cannot be welcome news to the upright citizen. It is not so much the defeat of Henry as the character of those who prevailed that must make decency and patriotism pause and reflect. Civic honesty has been run over by the offal cart. The result speaks in disparagement of the standards and ideals of our voters, and proves that in some parts of the country our politics is still of the jungle.

It is not only from San Francisco, but Cleveland, where Tom Johnson, after years of self-sacrifice that took him from affluence to poverty while he was making the best governed city in America out of Cleveland, and New York and other cities comes the news that the barbarians are still strong and powerful.

The result takes one back to the conquests of the Huns and Vandals. Was it not Macaulay who said that the Huns and Vandals that would destroy us would come from our great cities? Are they to start from the Golden Gate, under the leadership of Ruef and Schmitz?

We may look for rancuous times in that country. Political debauchery triumphing under the conditions then existing may be expected to turn upon those it calls its

SENATOR ROBERT MARION LA FOLLETTE



SENATOR LA FOLLETTE WILL LECTURE AT THE MEDFORD OPERA HOUSE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LADIES OF ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL GUILD.

prosecutors with the ferocity of the cave men. Revenge will be theirs, and the years of famine must be retrieved in great loot, for the famine may come again.

THE WATER MUDDLE.

If it is a business proposition, the city council should make a compromise with Mr. Hanley, if the right terms can be secured, and so settle for all time the water question.

Mr. Hanley has offered to settle with the city for \$20,000, deeding 250 inches of water from Wasson canyon and Little Butte, thus doubling the city's available water supply. The city council offered \$12,000, and the offer was refused. Probably a compromise somewhere between these figures could be effected.

The difficulty is that the city has no funds. The \$12,000 offered was money that would be saved in cost of pipe by diverting from Wasson canyon instead of continuing to the original diversion point on Little Butte. But the city faces a serious loss if Mr. Hanley continues successful in his blocking tactics through the aid of the court, and the completion of the pipeline is indefinitely delayed, the unfilled wood main permitted to deteriorate and the use of Bear creek water forced.

It is a shame that Mr. Hanley's case against the city for alleged broken contract cannot be settled on its merits in the courts and the right of way suit also disposed of in similar fashion, and it is up to the city authorities to decide whether the city loses most by delay or by compromise, and whether the extra water secured is worth the extra money.

If our supreme court had the control of the publication of lengthy notices of tax sale, perhaps the Oregonian might relent.

SPLENDID VIEWS OF ORCHARDS FOR EXHIBIT

Lawrence Gregory Prepares Set of Orchard Views That Are Marvels of Beauty.

Lawrence Gregory has prepared a set of ten color photos nearly 24 inches square of orchard scenes in the Rogue River valley, which will be watered at the Spokane national apple show to be held this month in a contest for a \$100 prize. He also has prepared a large view of an apple tree in bearing which will be entered in a contest for a \$50 prize.

The photos are marvels of beauty. The first work of producing the pictures was carefully handled and then each photo was colored with the most painstaking care. The effect is truly splendid and the views should do much good while on exhibition in Spokane.

CLARENCE EDDY MAKES ANOTHER FIND

Is Known in Medford and Over the Northwest as the Poet-Prospector.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 4.—It is reported from Challis, in Central Idaho, that Clarence E. Eddy has made a very promising strike of three to four feet of ore of Lost Packer character—high in gold and copper. Eddy's new find is by the roadside, about two miles from Loon Center, or Coleman's place, and pans gold even better than the Lost Packer did when he first struck it. The poet-pro prospector has been over there a good portion of the summer prospecting. After doing Nevada, Utah, California and Oregon, he has come back to his first love—the Loon creek district—and believes he has found the mate to the Lost Packer.

Clarence Eddy, the poet-pro prospector, is known in Medford, having at one time been connected with a local paper.

NOTICE.

You must know by this time that the Rogue River Fish Co. has all kinds of lunch goods, smoked fish, salt fish, crabs, oysters, clams, shrimp, dressed chicken always in stock; also five different kinds imported cheese; also fresh mushrooms shipped in three times a week. Telephone your orders for city delivery. We want the ladies to call and see the nice fish and other inviting lines of goods.

ROGUE RIVER FISH CO. Telephone 3063.

* TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. *

FOR SALE—Hack and buggy; good condition; cheap if taken at once. 103 Roosevelt ave.

WANTED—To buy a gentle driving horse. Call Saturday, Singer Machine store, corner Main and Riverside. 197

WANTED—Room and board in private family. George Sims, care Medford Hardware Co. 198

FOR SALE—About 300 acres of choice fruit land, deep red soil, small stream, no rock, quite free of fog and frost; enough wood to pay for same; about 40 acres cleared or partially so; house, barn and other outbuildings; on main county road, 1/2 mile to Woolf Creek station, 4 1/2 miles to Glendale; price \$12.50 per acre as a whole; subdivide on basis of \$10 to \$25. Address Martin Augel, Merlin, Or. 211

WANTED—At Summerville's barber shop at once, first-class barber; also porter. 198

WANTED—The use of horse and buggy for about 30 days; no long drives and best of care given. If you have one you can spare, see the ad man of this office.

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MEDFORD THEATRE

Direct from a Seven Months' Run at Hudson Theatre New York

The Third Degree

By Chas. Klien, Author "The Lion and the Mouse." Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

BENSON'S BARGAINS

Four-room shack, lot 50x150; a good cheap home and a bargain at\$450

Good 4-room house and large lot; a small payment down; balance at 6 per cent\$10000

5 acres of land inside of city limits, good 5-room house and outbuildings; this is a genuine bargain and is worth twice the price asked.\$4000

Good two-room house, fine large lot, best location, near Oakdale avenue; a snap if sold at once.\$550

We have a number of suburban lots which we will close out in a bunch at a bargain counter price, or will trade for ranch.

Small house and large lot on Holly street, \$550. Is this a snap?

We have several income-paying business properties for sale. If you are interested in this class of investment, it will pay you to see us.

We are headquarters for business properties of every description.

Ten acres four miles from Medford and 1 1/2 miles from Central Point, new land, 8 1/2 acres ready to cultivate, new 3-room house, good new small barn, situated on main traveled road; the very best soil in the valley; fine shade trees and a beautiful site for a home.

Large lot with 12 full bearing apple trees on South Central avenue; fine location and a beautiful site for a home; a snap if taken at once.

Forty acres, 16 miles from Medford, half mile from Beagle; 8 acres cultivated; 4 acres in fruit tree 2 to 10 years old, on two good roads; small house, barn, woodshed, etc.; 25 acres inclosed in woven wire fence\$2000

New 5-room house, hardwood finish, new woodshed, well on back porch, lot 50x100, corner Jackson and Fir\$1450

One acre, 9-room house, barn, chicken house, city water, only 600 feet from Riverside avenue.\$3400

5-room modern bungalow on South Central avenue; a snap if taken at once\$2050

Nine-room modern house, Bungalow addition, lot 50x160, corner 4th and Orange, near Oakdale ave.\$3850

28 1/2 acres, one mile from P. & E. depot; a bargain at the price.\$6000

Rooming house—Best location in the city; clears \$150 per month; long lease.....\$2200

27 acres, three miles from Medford; \$1500 house, good barn, all in alfalfa; the best land to be found in the Rogue River valley; terms.\$12,000

18 1/2 acres, close in property, finest free soil, 14 acres planted to commercial apples and pears 4 years old, 4 1/2 acres alfalfa; good terms \$11,500

For sale or rent—9-room modern bungalow on Orange street, near Oakdale; rent \$30; price\$3850

Business location—lot 50x100, right in the heart of the city. Call at our office for particulars.\$8500

5 acres inside city limits, high elevation; this tract can be subdivided into building lots or would make an ideal orchard tract. It is a bargain at\$3000

5 acres adjoining city limits, good orchard land and a beautiful site for a home; in one year will be worth double the price asked\$2000

10 acres, one mile from Medford on main traveled road to Ashland; Bear creek bottom land, set to apples and pears 2 years old; trees are strong and vigorous. Here is a beautiful site for a home. Easy terms. Price\$2900

3-room box house and large lot on South Central avenue, completely furnished; good well and chicken house; a genuine bargain; easy terms. Price\$750

Some splendid business properties for sale, close in, good income payers. Call at our office for details.

Our charge is \$1 per month for renting and collecting.

BENSON INVESTMENT CO

Opposite Moore Hotel

112 W. Main St. Phone 3073 Main.