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HELPS THE ENTIRE WEST.

The proposed new state of Siskiyou having survived the period of ridicule and abuse with which all new ideas are greeted, is beginning to attract merited attention and even favorable comment from other sections than those embraced in the proposed new commonwealth.

As a matter of fact, there is no reason why any western state should not favor subdivision, in order that the power of the coast at the national capital may be increased. The west will always have a woeful minority in the United States senate, and the creation of new states will alone help the situation, and so help the entire west.

As a matter of fact, there is so little in common between the people of Siskiyou and the people of western Oregon and central and southern California, differences in resources, climate and temperament, that it is an injustice to deny such a vast region opportunity needed for development, and only by the creation of a new state can needed opportunity be secured.

The Portland Journal, which is much broader and fairer in its treatment of public matters than the Oregonian (which cannot see south of Eugene), and is therefore a paper for all Oregon and not the Willamette valley alone, comments as follows upon "Siskiyou":

"The Journal does not think it probable that the proposed state of Siskiyou will be formed, at least not in the near future, but it sees no reason for any active opposition to the project in Portland, or other parts of the state. So far as Portland's commercial interests are concerned, a state line cuts no appreciable figure. Trade movements follow lines of least resistance, and toward most favorable points, regardless of domestic political boundaries. The formation of a new state might help and hasten the development of Coos bay and harbor, but this is something that all Oregon should approve and aid. The Coos bay region is entitled to railroads and it is properly the site of a large, important and growing seaport. There is plenty of room for it, without damaging Portland. What Portland needs is the development in all ways of all parts of Oregon, and the Oregon country. The formation of a new state might also hasten the building of the Crater Lake road, which would be of advantage to Oregon, as well as to 'Siskiyou.' Then a new state would give this region two more senators, and to that extent would strengthen the Pacific coast in congress.

"So, while it is not to be expected that the Oregon and California legislatures, to say nothing of congress, would consent to the formation of a new state, we see no good reason for any strenuous opposition to it. If the enterprising people up there can pull the project through, hurrah for them, and for another bright star on the flag."

SMITH'S SENSIBLE ADVICE.

Dr. J. C. Smith, mayor-elect of Grants Pass, gives some very sensible advice on the value of harmony in a city in the following interview in the Rogue River Courier:

"There is an important thing which needs attention at this time and that is the useless and senseless fight between factions. Cut them all out altogether, for we are one town, and no two sides should be recognized. We want prosperity for everybody, and it is the duty of every good citizen to do what he can to bring this about.

"Everything that causes friction is a menace to the prosperity of the city; therefore, let us put all these things aside and work in harmony for that which Grants Pass needs at this time.

"United, we will accomplish much, but if divided we cannot expect to accomplish anything. I repeat, let us keep down factional differences, and to this end we should get together."

That is the case in Medford. We have had harmony for the past year, and as a result the city has gone forward by leaps and bounds. For almost the first time in the city's history, we have had a city council that worked together, with the result that more public improvements have been made than in any half dozen years previously.

That progress may continue and the program of municipal improvements mapped out for Medford for the coming year may continue, harmony should be maintained, and the present city council re-elected.

Those endeavoring to arouse factional strife and discord by precipitating contests in the various wards should think a second time and sacrifice the gratification of petty animosities for the common good.

"OPPORTUNITY NEWS."

In every newspaper there is "opportunity news." A maker of machinery may find a three-line item about a new business enterprise, a prospective user of his machine—and this "news" may be worth hundreds of dollars to him. In every line of business the "opportunity news" is valued, is hunted for eagerly.

The advertisements constitute opportunity news for everybody—for the shopper, for the buyer and seller of property or chattels, for the work hunter or the worker hunter. And, as in the cases of business enterprises, a few lines of type may sometimes be good fortune in embryo.

JACKSON COUNTY, SISKIYOU

(Portland Spectator.)

With the formality and gravity that the solemn occasion and portentous event demanded, the Jackson County Press Association met, and decided to secede from Oregon. Not since Old Man White seized the island in Big Sandy, and with his on-in-law, Tom Tozier, and Tom's hired man, whose name careless history fails to record, established the Free and Independent Tozier Nation, and bade defiance to the United States, and particularly and specifically to the constable of the township, have we heard anything that so fills us with sorrow and alarm as does this action of the Jackson County Press Association. All the big papers of Jackson County were represented when the momentous vote was taken: The Ashland Flare-Up, the Beagle Eagle, the Climax News Dispenser, the Asbestos Daily Roast and Free Press, the Medford Mail Tribune, the Sams Palladium of Liberty, the Persist Monthly News-Reporter, the Draper Civilizer and the Agate Try-Weekly Vindicator, and the great editors, like Lars Porsena of Clusium, swore they'd suffer wrongs no more. Notwithstanding the fact that Medford is the only wet town in Jackson county, there was not a dry throat in the convention when the editors solemn-

ly voted to separate themselves from the commonwealth, let poor old Oregon shift for itself, and organize the grand new state of Siskiyou.

The Spectator regretfully and reluctantly gives its full permission to Jackson County to secede from Oregon. But Jackson County must not fondle the thought that pussilanimous dread of Jackson County's Press Association's dire threats of what would happen if she were not allowed to secede peacefully moves us to this action. We fully understand that the Jackson County Press Association is ready to ride in its saddle girths in Oregon's best blood to accomplish the horrid designs of its traitorous secessionists; but Oregon is ready to ride, too—aye, up the very bridle-reins, in the blood and ink of the Jackson County Press Association to preserve her honor and integrity.

But we want no internecine quarrel, whose horrid tumult would streak Jackson County's pale air with gore, and fill her hitherto peaceful and smiling orchards with the grisly, gibbering victims of a fratricidal war. Let the Jackson County Press Association have its way; let Jackson County go in peace. Farewell, a long farewell to Jackson County, Oregon. And hail! to Jackson County, Siskiyou.

Done at Medford, Oregon, December 17th, 1909.

W. H. CANON, Mayor of City of Medford.

ROBT. W. TELFER, Recorder of City of Medford.

The city of Jacksonville, the business men of Jacksonville and the citizens of Jacksonville have had their experience with a cheaper form of light than electric light several years ago. Before considering a cheaper form of light get their experience.

In looking around for trees to plant that orchard of yours don't forget to see L. E. Hover. He has the goods as orders for over 200,000 trees for this season will prove.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE CHRISTMAS EDITION

Among the exchanges received by the Spectator recently were two that deserve especial mention. They were the Christmas editions of the Medford Mail Tribune and the Columbian, of Vancouver, Wash. In the Tribune, the resources of the Rogue river valley are alluringly depicted with descriptive articles telling all that is worth knowing about that favored section of Oregon. This special edition of the Mail Tribune is an artistic and valuable paper, a credit alike to its editor, Geo. Putnam, and to Medford.—Portland Spectator.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, there was submitted to the voters of the City of Medford, Oregon, at a special election held for that purpose on December 14th, 1909, a proposed amendment to the charter of the City of Medford, hereinafter set forth, and

Whereas, on the 15th day of December, 1909, the city recorder, in my presence did canvass the vote given for and against said amendment, and

Whereas, it was ascertained and determined upon said canvass that there were 395 votes cast for and 77 votes cast against said amendment, the total number of votes cast at said election being 472, and that said amendment received an affirmative majority of all the votes cast at said election.

Now therefore, I, W. H. Canon, as mayor of the City of Medford, Oregon, in obedience to and by virtue of the authority and power vested in me as such mayor, do hereby make and issue this proclamation to the people of the City of Medford, aforesaid, and do announce and declare that the whole number of votes cast at said election, and the total number of votes cast for and against said charter amendment was as hereinbefore stated, and that the said amendment received affirmative majority of the total number of votes cast at said election and that the said amendment shall be and is in full force and effect from the date of the publication of this proclamation, and that the following is the full text of the said charter amendment:

A charter amendment to the charter of the City of Medford, Oregon, amending sub-section 42 of section 25 and section 100 of said charter, fixing the time for which contracts may be entered into and franchises be granted by said city.

The people of the City of Medford do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That sub-section 42 of section 25 of the charter of Medford be amended so as to read as follows: 42. No franchise or contract shall be granted by the City or City Council for a longer period than ten years, except street railway franchises, which may be granted for such period as the city council or legal voters of said city may see fit.

Section 2. That section 100 of the charter of said City of Medford be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 100. No contract shall be entered into by the city or any franchise granted by it for a longer period than ten years, except franchises for street, railways, which may be granted for such periods as the city council or voters of said city may see fit. No franchise shall grant any exclusive right or rights.



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