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ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR MEDFORD.

The Southern Pacific company, through General Manager J. P. O'Brien, has promised Medford a \$50,000 passenger depot, the largest in Oregon, outside of Portland. It will be of concrete and brick, steam heated throughout, interior finished in Oregon fir, and modern in every detail. The depot grounds and right of way will be parked.

The new depot will be considerably larger than those recently constructed at Eugene and Albany, and the same size as that erected at Walla Walla, Wn. It is designed to fill every need of a city of 50,000 inhabitants, which shows that the Southern Pacific is building for the future, realizing Medford's future. And the best thing about the announcement is that work will commence within two weeks.

The Southern Pacific is justified in erecting the largest depot outside the metropolis, in Oregon, at Medford, because Medford gives it a greater business, both freight and passenger, than any city in Oregon outside of Portland. The volume of business, both in number of cars and in cash, was greater in 1909 than in any other city and railroad business is what tells the story and reveals the resources, development, growth and future of a city plainer than any other statistics—even more than the 50 per cent increase in bank deposits and 33 per cent increase in postal receipts.

The Southern Pacific is naturally friendly to a community that gives it the business that Medford does, and Medford is naturally friendly to the Southern Pacific, having always received fair and courteous treatment at the railroad's hands.

MEDFORD SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD.

San Diego, California, has set the world an example worthy of imitation in building a system of good roads. Bonds have been issued for \$1,250,000, which will be used to construct an ideal system of highways throughout the country. The interest on these bonds will amount at 6 per cent to \$75,000 annually, a less amount than Jackson county spent last year on road work. A bond issue of similar amount would not increase taxation in Jackson county, but would enable roads unexcelled throughout the country to be built all over the county. But Oregon's obsolete mossback constitution forbids counties from issuing bonds so that a constitutional amendment will be necessary before a real system of good highways can be secured in Oregon.

Medford, the most progressive city in the state, should take the lead in this matter and start the circulation of an initiative petition submitting to the voters of Oregon the needed amendment. It will require approximately 9000 signatures before the measure can go before the people, and now is the time to start the ball rolling.

Good roads meetings held in Portland have accomplished nothing beyond raising a purse to hire two or three speakers in a "campaign of education." This may be needed in the mossback sections of the Willamette valley where heads are so thick they have to be cracked by main strength to get an idea into them, but the poor roads of the present ought to be education enough to convince even the silurian of the need of good highways.

A campaign of education cannot be half as well conducted by orators, who only reach a small element of the people, and most of those who turn out to listen do so because they are already advocates of good roads, as it can through the press of the state. A press bureau to supply to all newspapers constantly, the arguments and details needed, will do a hundred times as effective work as any number of speakers can. Practically all the papers will print this matter free and so make good roads possible in Oregon by securing the needed votes to enact the constitutional amendment.

HOGS IN SECOND PIGHOOD

(By Eph L. Musick in the Del Norte Record.)

That sectional strife is becoming rampant on the Pacific coast has been quite well evidenced during the past few months. On the heels of the recent setback administered to the embargo, South California state, another phantom ship of state has been launched in entirely different headquarters, but for similar reasons. Then, off with your hats to the new state of Siskiyou!

The counties of Southern California are "on the hog train" because they are being forced to pay their legitimate portion of the state taxes,

or Los Angeles is, and Los Angeles thinks it is all there is south of Tehachapi. The real trouble is that California has bred the same old hog once too often. The old hog has reached her second pighood, and, of a consequence, has gone back on her motherhood nature. The same is true of Oregon. The "Portland hog" and the "Salem pig" refuse to share their harbor improvement slop; hence a squeal from the little piggies. In the move to create the new state of Siskiyou, seemingly, but two counties, Jackson of Oregon and Siskiyou of California, are taking the initiative and doing all the boasting.

MEDFORD TEAM TO PLAY KLAMATH FALLS

Basketball Game Is Scheduled for Next Monday Evening in This City.

Monday evening at 8 p. m. the first basketball game of the season will be played. The contesting teams are the Klamath Falls and Medford high schools.

Klamath Falls high school comes to Medford with a clear record. They are making a trip north as far as Portland, playing games at Eugene, Roseburg and several other points along the route. As far as can be learned, Klamath Falls has the strongest team that has made its appearance in the scholastic field of Southern Oregon.

The Medford boys have been practicing hard this week and several good players have been developed. Medford high has determined to kill Klamath Falls' chances for the championship at the start. So under these circumstances a fast and furious game of basketball may be expected. The game will be played at the Wigwam, and music will be furnished by the high school orchestra.

You may need something which someone else has ceased to need. And, perhaps the someone else is advertising the something in the classified columns.

The scheme, which originated in the sanctum of George Putnam, editor of the Medford Tribune, proposes that Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties, Oregon; and Del Norte, Humboldt, Siskiyou, Trinity, Modoc, Lassen, Shasta and Tehama counties, California, clope and tie up. It was quite natural for Siskiyou to fall in line, since its name was to be given to the new organization, and its county seat was to be made the capital. The bait was enough to tempt two counties.

The first gun of the campaign was fired several weeks ago when the Press association of Jackson county went on record as highly favoring the project. Could it have done otherwise? George Putnam, as editor of the Medford Tribune, Medford Daily and Weekly Mail, Southern Oregonian and Jacksonville Times, must have been the whole association. He is a sort of a Billy Hearst on a small scale, begging his (Putnam's) pardon for the comparison. Let it be said to Putnam's credit, however, that when he becomes governor of Siskiyou, He will be governor.

It is quite possible that the above named counties of Oregon would gladly withdraw from the old state, but it is not probable that all the California counties mentioned would head such a call. Editor Given of the Weaverville Journal, the only paper published in Trinity county, after copying from the Bee an account of the Jackson county meeting, comments: "The above item would be laughable if not pitiable, and pitiable if not laughable." Were it possible to get the consent of every voter of the fifteen counties, the result would be but a drop in the bucket to what would then be undone. A state cannot be divided unless a majority of the state so elect, according to the United States constitution; and, in the life of our government, but one state has been divided. In 1863 West Virginia was cut from Virginia, but in the division election a majority of the male population, being in secession, did not vote. For many years to come state pride in California, due to self-creation, will not allow a single foot of territory to be alienated. In Oregon, that pride is not so great; but, if the "Portland hog" now controls the political destinies of that state, how does Jackson county expect to free itself? Will it not be another case of a fox without a tail trying to persuade all other foxes to part with theirs?

The writer has had the good fortune to visit every county of the proposed state—all but two quite recently—and believes their interests, similar in every respect, would be far better looked after if they were brought together under a new state government; but—well, "What's the Use?" The time will come when the Pacific ocean will be the western boundary of at least two new states. Until that time comes, would it not be wise for the dissatisfied voters of both Oregon and California to separate themselves from the influence of corporation dominance?

When Israel Putnam vowed to destroy his enemy, the wolf, he took a torch, crawled into the enemy's den and slew him. Let George Putnam do likewise (he is certainly fearless enough), but let him take the right kind of a light and crawl into the right hole.

FOLLY AS IT FLIES



"A Cold Deal."



On the Links.



Her Usual Plan.



An Unfinished Course.

Mr. Askitt—Willie, what is your sister going to do on her birthday?
Willie (aged nine)—Take a year off, I guess.



Blue Blooded.

Miss Cityman—Seems to me this milk looks rather blue!
Farmer—Shouldn't wonder, miss. Our cows are all blue blooded stock.—New York World.

"Does your son graduate this month?"
"Oh, no! He has another year on the track team."

A Winning Combination.
Good humor and generosity carry the day with the popular heart all the world over.—Alexander Smith.

BUY GOOD LOCATION OPPOSITE FREIGHT DEPOT

Scott Davis and others have purchased lots 7 and 8, block 18, from August Lawrentz, for a consideration of \$2500. This property faces 50 feet on Front street, just opposite the proposed site of the new freight depot of the Southern Pacific.

As soon as you decide to take private lessons in something, begin to watch the classified ads. People who teach also advertise.

PAVING REPRESENTATIVES FLOCKING TO MEDFORD

Attracted by the fact that Medford will do some five miles of paving during the coming year, the representatives of several different paving concerns are gathering in Medford to discuss the matter with the city authorities.

"Cruelty to a bank balance" in the interests of adequate advertising for the store—is usually merely good business policy.

THE ROADS ARE NEVER BAD, THE WEATHER IS ALWAYS GOOD, WHEN YOU WANT TO GO, CALL UP

THE UNION LIVERY

R. O. DUNCAN, Proprietor.

1910 BUICK 1910

"WHITE STREAK," THE FAMOUS LITTLE RUNABOUT THAT HAS MANY IMITATORS BUT NO EQUAL ON THE MARKET.

THE BUICK WHITE STREAK IS NO EXPERIMENT AND NEEDS NO APOLOGIES. ASK ANYBODY. \$1150.00 F. O. B. PORTLAND.

BUICK 30

105-INCH WHEEL BASE, 4-CYLINDERS, 4 1-4x4 1-2. VALVE IN THE HEAD CONSTRUCTION, SLIDING GEAR SELECTIVE TYPE, THREE SPEEDS FORWARD, ONE REVERSE, REMY MAGNETO, COMPLETE \$1550.00 F. O. B. PORTLAND.

VICTORIOUS BUICK 40

Touring Car and Roadster Bodies.

Powerful, Speedy, Durable, Differs Only in Price From Any \$3500.00 Car obtainable. 112-Inch Wheel Base, 4 Cylinders 4 1-2x5 Valve in the Head Construction, Sliding Gear Selective Type, Three Speeds Forward, One Reverse, Remy Magneto, Complete, \$1900.00 F. O. B. Portland.

MEDFORD BUICK CO.

TOU VELLE MANAGER.
Garage Next Merriman's Blacksmith Shop on Riverside Avenue.

An Experience With a Sale

The Same May be Met With Right in Medford

A Woman in Kansas City a few days ago went to an unloading or clearance sale and purchased ladies' goods to the amount of \$21.98 at the sale prices. She bought only those goods with which she was familiar with the regular price and quality. When she returned home she took pencil and paper and carefully the known former prices were set down and when added up it was found that had she purchased the same goods at regular prices, she would have had to pay \$27.85 or a saving of exactly \$5.87.

The same may be done here in Medford right now. Suppose you bought the following:

- 10 yards of dress goods, regular price \$1.00 yard, \$10.00, at sale price, 70c or \$7.00.
- 10 yards of muslin, regular price, 10c yard, or \$1.00; at sale price, 8c or 80c.
- 10 yards of outing, regular price 10c yard or \$1.00; at sale price 8c or 80c.
- 1 Child's coat, regular price \$10.00; at sale price, \$5.69.
- 1 raincoat, regular price \$1.500; at sale price \$1.29.
- 5 pair of child's hose, regular price 35c or \$1.75; at sale price 23c or \$1.15.
- 2 papers of pins, regular price 10c or 20c; at sale price 6c or 12c.
- 2 boxes of hairpins, regular price 25c or 50c; at sale price, 19c or 38c.
- 1 corset, regular price, \$3.00; at sale price, \$2.47.
- 6 handkerchiefs, regular price 25c or \$1.50; at sale price, 17c or \$1.02.

Regular price, \$43.95; sale price, \$31.62.

The total regular price you pay would be\$43.95
The total sale price would be..... 31.62

The total amount saved\$12.33
AN ACTUAL SAVING OF OVER 28 PER CENT.

You can actually save money at these sales and the merchant who tells you you cannot is deliberately misleading you. We invite you here to prove that we do save you money and we wish you to remember that **SATURDAY WILL BE THE LAST DAY FOR A LOT OF THE SPECIALS NOW OFFERED.**

The Hutchason Co.

Formerly Baker-Hutchason Co.

Castle is Divorced.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 13.—Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, last August. A fountain pen in Craig's pocket deflected the bullet and saved his life. Pressure brought to bear by Captain Henry H. Scott, New York at Nome, Tuesday, according to word received in this city today. Mrs. Castle shot William D. Craig, time.