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TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS.

The press dispatches Friday carried the announcement that the committee on naval affairs have decided to recommend to congress the immediate construction of two new 18,000-ton battleships at a cost of \$11,000,000 each.

Here is how the secretary puts it: "A 40-acre farm of irrigated land will comfortably support a family of five. It costs \$55,000 to make a 12-inch gun. The money that goes to pay for this gun would reclaim 1571 acres of land, providing homes for 196 people.

Probably not one patriotic sensible American questions the duty and wisdom of providing amply for the national defense, but for years the estimates for militarism have been going steadily upward and onward.

More federal money spent in agricultural education, in parcels posts and in other aids to the farmer, and less on battleships would assist greatly in solving the problem of the cost of living.

To bring the question home: We are told that owing to President Taft's policy of retrenchment Medford cannot have a weather bureau, yet the administration has \$22,000,000 to build two additional battleships.

The American people will soon reach a point where they can no longer ignore the elemental question of subsistence. They are making a poor preparation for it by their financial neglect of the farmer.

HOTEL SITUATION ACUTE.

The hotel situation in Medford is becoming acute. Though the season has not yet fairly opened, hotels cannot begin to accommodate the new arrivals.

Spring and summer will witness an enormous increase in the number of homeseekers and prospective investors. Steps must be taken at once to provide them with accommodations.

The hotel owners of Medford should unite and erect at once a frame building large enough to accommodate the overflow and care for those whom our advertising has brought here.

The need of houses and dwelling was never more apparent. Hundreds of cottages would be occupied at once if available. There is not a vacant house or store room of any kind in the city and there is now and always has been a dearth of cottages that could be rented.

What is the use of advertising city and county and bringing people here if we cannot provide quarters for them after they arrive? If the hotel owners do not rise to the situation the Commercial Club must take the matter in charge and secure someone who will.

MORAN AND MURPHY READY FOR BATTLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Queen Moran and Barlow Tommy Murphy, both safely within weight, are resting for tonight's 20-round battle at Coffey's Club.

All the Printer's Fault. "What because of that paper you were going to start in the interest of uplifting the poor tramp?" asked the interviewer.

MEDFORD IS BADLY IN NEED OF GREATER HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

To the Editor: The late Grover Cleveland once said, "We are confronting a condition and not a theory."

Now thus far our city has been able to cope with any situation and solve any problem that confronted it. Here is work for the ladies of the Greater Medford Club.

There should be an office maintained well in the center of town, the business of which to be kept in touch with the hotels and rooming houses, and in no way be a competitor of those regularly in the business.

There is still another plan. A temporary building might be erected that would furnish shelter and a clean bed, or as we may expect mild weather from this on a small city of tents might be maintained.

ED ANDREWS.

JACKSON COUNTY SHOULD BUILD

(Jacksonville Post.) It is within the easy possibilities for Jackson county to alone finance that section of the road between Medford and the limit of the Crater Lake reserve.

The sum of the state was to contribute for the section of the road in this county was only \$50,000. The amount would be a mere nothing for Jackson county to raise.

Quite Satisfactory. Stern Father: Young man, the lights in this house are put out at 10 o'clock.

How She Loved Him. He—When shall we wed? She—Oh, just! Why do you take our engagement so seriously?—Fliegende Blätter.

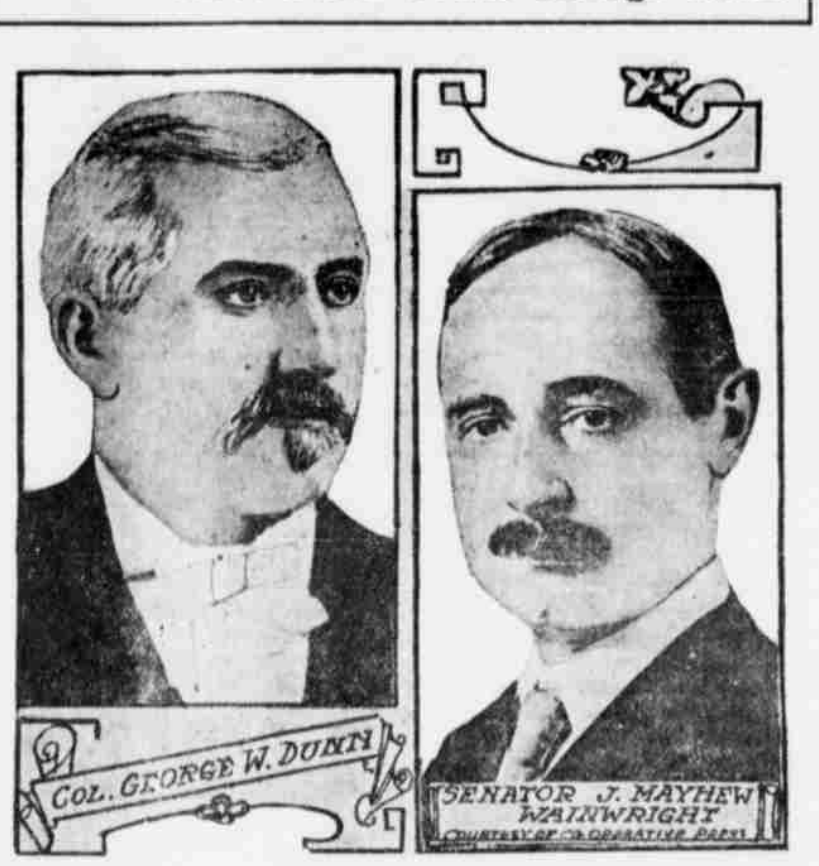
MUST CARE FOR VISITORS

To the Editor: We find it now almost a month in advance of the time when we expected our city would be filled with strangers, that the hotels and lodging houses are turning away people every night, and some have actually been compelled to sit up or walk the streets unable to secure sleeping accommodations.

all parts of the country and they are coming by the hundreds to investigate and we must be prepared to take care of them at once, or they will move on to some other locality.

A. F. BARNETT.

Men Prominent in Big New York Graft Charge Case.



Colonel George W. Dunn of Binghamton, N. Y., was chairman of the New York Republican state committee in 1902, when, according to State Senator Benn Conger, the bridge companies of the state made a contribution from their accumulated funds to the committee.

AVALANCHE KILLS 500.

(Continued from Page 1.) extends up the canyon to serve the camps of Gen. Frisco Dorn and Mace, and in the days when the old miners' federation held undisputed sway there were enacted many exciting incidents.

The Vulnerable Point. Mrs. Holt could be depended upon at almost any time to say the wrong thing with the best intentions in the world.

Worst in Years. SEATTLE, Feb. 28.—"The worst combination of weather in six years" is the way the United States weather bureau characterizes the situation in Seattle and the Puget sound territory today.

Cars Run Blockade. EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 28.—All but one of the passenger trains stalled in the Cascades on the Great Northern have run the blockade today.

OAKLAND NEWSBOY WALKS

WONDERFUL WORK OF FER-DON'S EXPERTS

In the case of little Joe Goldberg, living at 714 Market street, Oakland, Fer-Don and his European Medical Experts have made two hearts beat with joy.

European Medical Experts a great debt of gratitude and to show my appreciation I want the general public to know that I am marvelously benefited through their methods.

When I first brought my daughter Esther to these eminent doctors her neck was so twisted and the cords so contracted that the head lay over on the shoulder. It was impossible for her to hold her head erect.

I have suffered from stomach trouble a long time, and have tried many remedies, but received no benefit. I heard of Fer-Don and the Medical Experts, I called at his office and was examined.

Only Twenty More Cases. The Medical Expert that accompanies Fer-Don has announced that he will only accept twenty more cases while in Medford, as he is so busy with patients already treating and his stay in this city is fast drawing to a close.

OREGON BEST ASSET

Portland Spectator.) The supreme court has decided that the legislative act authorizing the construction of the Crater Lake road was unconstitutional, basing its opinion on section 23 of article 4, of the constitution, which says: "The legislative assembly shall not pass special or local laws for laying, opening and working on highways.

lake, lying like a huge turquoise in its everlasting matrix of rocks, has tempted nature-loving and hardy travelers to venture over the steep and rocky road that leads to it, and visitors from distant states have made the trip, and have been overcome with admiration for its beauty and wonderment at the fatuity of a state, that, possessing such a natural treasure, should make it inaccessible.

JACK BURNS WANTS GO WITH WRESTLER-BOXER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Gentleman Jack Burns, the heavy weight, is bound today for Seattle on board the ship Governor, accompanied by his friend and manager, Doc Jeffreys, the pair having gone for the trip as much as anything, although they hope to persuade Dr. Roller, the wrestler-boxer, to sign for a six-round decision bout before they return.

FARMER REWARDS TRAMP WITH HALF INTEREST IN FARM

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb. 28.—Because he saved the seven-year-old daughter of Samuel W. Jennings, Frank Storme today owns half of a ranch valued at \$30,000. A week ago Storme was a tramp, beating his way on a freight train to El Paso. Several days ago Jennings' little daughter walked in front of an approaching train. Storme rescued her before the heavy locomotive passed over the spot. As a suitable reward he was given a half interest in a ranch.