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MEDFORD'S MUNICIPAL PROGRESS.

Medford's municipal progress is shown by two events of the week—the securing of a gas manufacturing plant to supply the city with gas and the opening of bids for the largest street paving contract yet awarded in Oregon.

The gas franchise was secured by J. K. Anderson of Pasadena, who will begin construction at once and expend \$100,000 in the next year, laying 20 miles of mains, erecting two tanks and equipping a plant sufficient in size to supply a city of 25,000 people.

The paving contract provides for hard surface pavement on nearly ten miles of streets and will increase Medford's paved area to a total of 15 miles, making it the best paved city of its size in the country.

Every day brings something new in the creation of a city. With the completion of the Pacific & Eastern to the timber belt this spring will come the development of the lumber industry upon a large scale, supplying payrolls for many men.

Fifteen thousand acres of additional orchards have been and are being set out, raising the planted area to a total of 65,000 acres, the products from which will, within a few years, mean 10,000 cars of fruit a year from the Rogue River valley.

Every hour in the day sees a new comer alight from the train to make his home either in the city or in the valley—half of them purchase orchard property.

Surely no city faces a brighter future than Medford in this year of our Lord, 1910.

MOTOR CAR SERVICE.

The installation of motor car service by the Southern Pacific gives the Rogue River valley the best car service in its history. It is now possible to visit any town in the valley in either direction and return after a short stay.

The schedule provided by regular trains and the motor car will prove most convenient to residents of southern Oregon and adds another advantage to life in this pleasant valley.

The Southern Pacific is to be congratulated on its progressiveness, and its evident desire to accommodate its patrons.

COUNT BONI ASKS WIDOW TO WED

Is Handed a Mitten—Would Take Baroness Vaughn, Widow of King Leopold of Belgium, to Wife, But Loses Out.

PARIS, March 26.—Boni de Castellane, divorced husband of Anna Gould, former Princess De Sagan and now Duchess de Talleyrand, recently offered to marry Baroness Vaughn, widow of the late King Leopold of Belgium, according to unquestioned authority today. Boni was flitly rejected.

Friends of Count Boni believe that the volatile De Castellane sought to replenish a somewhat flattened purse by an alliance with Leopold's widow.

Boni is up for re-election to the chamber of deputies this year, and it is said that he has nothing with which to make a fight for the place. His only asset is his title, and according to society's statistics the matrimonial market at the present time is extremely dull.

Boni was awarded a tidy sum recently by the courts under a contract entered into by Anna Gould before her marriage to him, whereby Miss Gould promised to pay her prospective husband a stated marriage portion yearly. The sum, however, taken in consideration with the Boni menage, is paltry.

ZELLERBACH BUYS OUT PORTLAND PAPER HOUSE

PORTLAND, Or., March 26.—The Pacific Paper company of this city has been sold by its founders to the Zellerbach Paper company of San Francisco, one of the largest paper companies in the west. The entire stock, business, etc., of the plant is transferred, along with the business and stock of the Idaho Paper company at Boise, a subsidiary of the Pacific company. Louis A. Colton of San Francisco will take charge of the Portland house at once. The price paid for the two properties is said to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

Haskins for Health.

DENY POWERS IN SECRET ALLIANCE

Austrian Diplomats Openly Show Chagrin at Their Failure to Keep Russia Out of the Balkans—Federation Is Wanted.

VIENNA, Austria, March 26.—The report that Russia and Austria had made a secret agreement concerning Balkan affairs was discredited today when government officials announced that there was no agreement and probably would not be any reached for some time to come.

Austrian diplomats openly show their chagrin and disappointment at their failure to secure Russia's promise to cease from interfering in the Balkans.

It is common knowledge that Austria was planning to "interfere" by working out plans for its expansion to the southwest.

Just as it was believed that this purpose had been accomplished, a semi-official statement reached here from St. Petersburg that Czar Nicholas favored a Balkan federation and hoped that Turkey would join it.

It is known that Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria wants a federation of the same sort, and he is a close friend of Nicholas.

Ferdinand said recently that nothing he fears so much as an understanding between Russia and Austria, because it would paralyze the federation.

A prominent official close to the Austrian throne said today that it appears that Russia is trying to help the Balkan states become strong enough to resist Austrian aggression. He assumed that Foreign Minister Isvolsky of Russia is trying by double dealing and delay to prevent Austria from accomplishing anything in the next two years, when Russia probably will be in a position to actively assist the states against Austria.

Then it is expected, in the light of today's developments, that Russia will come forward and openly defy Austria in connection with her policy in the Balkans.

Don't forget the want ads.

OLD ("BLUE") JOE.

Where are the friends that were once so dear to me, The statesmen of old that I spanked upon my knee? Gone from the House to mingle with the foe; I hear their foolish voices calling, "Poor Old Joe."

CHORUS:

I'm going. (Chorus of Democrats) Yes, going. I'm going. (Chorus of Insurgents) Yes, going. My cigar is burning low; I hear southwestern voices calling, "Poor Old Joe."

Gone are the boys that used to heed my horn; Gone are the goats I fed on husks of corn; Gone from the House to skirt dance with the foe. I hear their wailing voices calling, "Poor Old Joe."

CHORUS:

I'm going. (Chorus of Democrats) Yes, going. I'm going. (Chorus of Insurgents) Yes, going. My cigar is burning low; I hear southwestern voices calling, "Good-bye, Joe." —N. P. Babeock in Oregon Journal.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

The outrageous graft of the American ice company has forced the nation's agents at Washington to go into the ice business for themselves. Our agents asked the ice company for bids twice last spring and got the same offer each time on frozen water. The rate was approximately \$7 a ton. The treasury department was not satisfied with this and installed an ice machine in the basement of the postoffice building. They found, after running the machine one week, that during that time the average cost of producing ice was 60 cents a ton. The graft of \$6.40 per ton is so patent that our agents intend to install the machine. The dispatch says that at the next session of congress probably a bill will be introduced to erect a national ice factory.

The graft is still harder on the public, declares the dispatch, as the average price of ice in the District of Columbia to the consumers is \$8 a ton. I will submit the above as sufficient evidence to sustain the predictions frequently declared by the Socialists. That is that competition forced the great combines, "sometimes called trusts," into existence; and, in turn, as competition is a hard master to serve, the great companies were compelled to invent and bring into existence the trusts. The trusts are composed of one man or more. Thomas W. Lawson says there is no one supposed to know who they are. They are something like the American Investment company.

When their representative appeared before the court to obtain a franchise, in Jackson county, he was asked who the members of his company were. He said that he did not know who they were. The trusts have to do all the hidden work that competition has compelled those great combines and mergers to have done; they have to see that all the offices of any import are controlled by large shareholders of those combines and mergers.

They (the trusts), when it is necessary, whisper in all or any officers' ears from the president down, telling them what to do. So we Socialists declare that the immense robbery, comically called grafting (it is not grafting fruit trees, either) will compel the nations of the world in the very near future to accept Socialism. The great menace of those combines is already driving the people into Socialism by the thousands. D. B. REAME.

CHANCE PEEVED BECAUSE KLING IS NOT REINSTATED

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 26.—Frank Chance, manager of the Chicago Cubs, is very much peeved because holdout Catcher Johnny Kling has not yet been reinstated by the national commission and his application is filed away with other unfinished business.

Chance was so peeved that he took a little shot at Ban Johnson, chairman of the national commission.

"Ban Johnson does not want Kling to get into' condition by the time the season opens," said Chance. He did not say just why Johnson did not want Kling in the game.

Chance believes the application will be granted, but that his star backstop will not get into the game before the season is well under way.

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WHY YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LIBRARY

It has often been suggested and even advised that donations of \$100 or more be solicited from some of our leading, open-hearted citizens for the library project, and with this fund to immediately begin operations for a public library—that is, an institution for the benefit of all.

No — although the necessary amount could undoubtedly be procured from these same men, who have already demonstrated their generosity for the people's comfort and improvement, the burden must not be imposed on a few. The library is essentially a democratic institution. It is designed for all sorts and conditions of men and hence needs the aid of all the people. The public library has been called the "flower of modern forms of co-operation." Hence it must have the hearty support of each citizen. On no other basis can it have a sure and lasting foundation. It must be regarded as just as essential a part of our system of public and free education as our school system. In this aspect it is only right and just that it be supported by a general public tax and not by donations and efforts of a few.

Let each one of us ask himself and answer honestly, "Am I not enjoying the benefits of the library which is now supported by the ladies of the Greater Medford club? How much encouragement have I ever given either of word, time or money to show my appreciation?"

Therefore, we feel that any plan by which every man, woman and child of Medford may have the opportunity to contribute to the library support will be most gladly received. We of Medford recognize that our present success and prestige are due to the fact that more than any other town in the west, we have succeeded in securing always the active and practical co-operation of the whole people in all our public affairs.

In the whole people now we are to find the support of our library project.

FIRE IN HOSPITAL NEARLY TRAPS SEVEN PATIENTS RENO, Nev., March 26.—A double fire in the Red Cross sanitarium here early today threatened seven patients with death and partially de-

stroyed the building. The patients were saved from being burned alive by the daring rescues made by the matron and nurses.

Fire broke out in the basement of the sanitarium soon after midnight. While firemen fought the flames the nurses, under Matron Mott and Miss Alice Hopkins, removed the patients.

The fire was extinguished after doing \$500 damage. The patients were returned to their cots, but within an hour another fire broke out.

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\$1800—Two 4-room houses, with 4 lots, 180 feet front by 155 deep, on South Peach street; cash sale.

\$10,000—160 acres; 70 acres in cultivation; 4 acres bearing fruit; half acre of grapes; two good houses; two good barns; well watered; deep red free soil; 38 acres of grain; first-class outbuilding; 3 head of horses; 2 milk cows; 2 heifers; 2 calves; 6 head of hogs and household goods, and all the tools; \$4000 or \$5000 down, balance on reasonable time at 6 per cent interest.

\$16,000—146 acres 4 miles from Eagle Point; 60 acres in cultivation, balance timber and pasture land; 5-room house; 3 barns; 145 bearing fruit trees; 500 3-year-old trees; 40 1-year-old trees; the place is well watered; it has good outbuildings. This land is food for anything that grows in this country and a bargain; terms.

\$25 per Acre—160 acres all level land; red free soil; 10 acres cleared; small orchard; 3,000,000 saw timber; house and barn, with good well of water at the house.

\$2600—143 acres; 40 acres under cultivation; all level, black and red free soil; plenty of wood timber; 6 miles from town; two good irrigating ditches covers the place with plenty of water and good outside range for stock and hogs.

\$20,000—320 acres, stock ranch; 100 in alfalfa; 30 acres ready to seed; 10 head of horses; all farming implements; 9-room house; 2 large barns and other buildings; 300 head of cattle; water right for whole place; terms, half cash, balance 7 per cent.

\$6000—7-room house; all modern; brick cooler; woodshed; 175 feet on Jackson street and 141 feet on Riverside and 84 feet on Pine st.

\$28,000—including stock \$30,000; 560 acres; all good level land; free soil, red and black; 200 acres under cultivation; 3,000,000 good saw timber; 2 irrigating ditches; plenty of water; 100 fruit, mostly apples; 5 barns, 2 new 8 room houses.

\$24,000—300 acres; 7 miles from Medford; has several large springs of water; log house and large barn, good stock or fruit or grain land; terms, half cash, balance 6 per cent.

\$11,000—217 acres; 100 acres in cultivation; has a good lot of pine saw timber; land is mostly all level; has good water right; house and barn and other buildings; all implements go with farm; will make good dairy or fruit, and raises good grain and clover or alfalfa; fine potato land; terms, \$6000 cash, balance 6 per cent.

\$9000—360 acres; 150 in cultivation; 1,500,000 saw timber; has threshed 3000 bushels of grain at a crop; 5-room house and good barn; a good outside range for stock and hogs; cash sale.

\$15,000—320 acres; all level; 100 in cultivation; good lot saw timber; 100 fruit trees; one 8-room house, one 5-room house, 3 barns; 200 acres under fence; one mile from town and school; 2 good irrigating ditches; good outside range; all good black, sandy loam.

\$45,000—40 acres; 25 acres bearing orchard; 15 acres of 2-year-olds, all commercial fruit; good large house and barn and outbuildings; can be irrigated from Fish Lake ditch; 4 miles from Medford; \$15,000 cash, balance 3 year payments. The fruit crop this year ought to bring half of the purchase price

whole place; terms, half cash, balance 7 per cent.

We also have one or two business propositions for sale.