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STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson, ss:

On this 1st day of May, 1910, personally appeared before me G. J. ... Notary Public for Oregon.

MEDFORD, OREGON.

Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California and fastest-growing city in Oregon.

Population, 1910, 9,000.

Bank deposits, \$2,750,000.

Banner fruit city of Oregon—Rogue River apples won sweetest prize and title of "Apple Kings of the World" at National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909.

Rogue River apples brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past five years.

Write Commercial Club, enclosing 6 cents, for postage on finest community pamphlet ever written.

It's a railroad bluff—but it won't work.

Teddy bearded the lion in his den—and pulled his beard.

Next Saturday will tell the story whether Ashland is too slow for a trolley line or not.

Is Attorney-General Crawford paid by the people for gobbling the Rogue river water rights?

Medford school bonds sell above par—which shows what capitalists think of the city, despite its big indebtedness.

The "unsurveyed" is finally open to settlers. However, squatters never wait for such formalities—no conservation here.

Ashland asks the rest of the valley to aid the Normal school, but what kind of co-operation does Ashland return when only a few citizens aid the Crater Lake road and other citizens threaten to block the electric line, wanted by all the valley?

"The business of the country is too big for a little matter like this," says Jim Hill, in speaking of the government's check on railroad rapacity. Jim Hill hits the nail on the head. The only result will be to prevent the unloading of new issues of watered stock on the public.

In agreeing to retain Professor O'Gara and place him at the head of fruit inspection in Jackson county, the county officials have done the wisest thing of their official career, and one that will be unanimously indorsed by the fruitraising and commercial interests of the valley. It is a move that will be worth many thousands of dollars to the entire county and insures the future protection of orchards.

Candidates are announcing themselves for office. It is to be hoped that Wilbur Jones will consent to run again for the shrievalty. Jackson county never had a better sheriff or the tax-collecting department a more businesslike administration than he has given it. Partisan politics in county affairs should cut no figure—the best man should be elected, no matter who he votes for, and Sheriff Jones is the best man in the county for the job—and will be elected hands down, if he will but run.

OUR FUTURE THREATENED.

THE destiny of the Rogue River country in the future is closely allied with irrigation. Without irrigation the future development of this country will be greatly hindered and in a measure destroyed.

The other night the Commercial club passed resolutions directed against the appropriation of the waters of Rogue river for power purposes unless such appropriation was made subject to the future uses for irrigation. This protest, even if heeded, will be of little avail, for the reason that another corporation has made two appropriations on Rogue river in Josephine county which, if approved and utilized, will seal the waters of this river against use for irrigation from the source to a point ten miles below Grants Pass.

Strange to say, one of the prime movers in this corporation which seeks to take all the waters of this stream and dictate the terms of irrigation to the people of Josephine county is the attorney general of the state, to-wit: A. M. Crawford, who is under the law the legal adviser of the board of control.

Complaint is made from Josephine county that the state engineer, Mr. Lewis, has given out letters discrediting other projected plans of irrigating in the Grants Pass country without personal knowledge or personal investigation, which are denounced by engineers who have made examination as being absurd in their estimates and deductions. These have been published and paraded by the attorney general and used as argument in support of the scheme of his company, which seeks to sequester the whole river so that those who wish irrigation must come to them.

Both the attorney general and the state engineer are officers of the state, and they should know that they are expected first to protect the interests of the public to the extent that the waters of Rogue river shall not be tied up to private corporations to be used to exploit the public.

Section 47 of the water code provides that if a proposed use of water conflicts with the public welfare that it shall be referred to the board of control, and that it shall be the duty of the board to refuse an application if the public interests so demand, and that the application may be approved for a less amount of water than that applied for if there exists substantial reasons therefor.

Under these provisions the board of control has ample authority to protect the people of this part of the state, and it behooves the people of Medford and of the entire Rogue River valley to see that they are protected.

Abundance of power can be generated from the streams in southern Oregon in the mountains above the irrigable lands, or down Rogue river below them at much less cost per horse power than by the erection of dams where the water is needed for irrigation.

It is time to move, and move quickly. A few days' delay may mean the approval of these applications. If we are to save the needed waters for irrigation, protest must be made against all these applications for power and means must be taken to see that they are properly presented and prosecuted before the state engineer and the board of control.

The question is this—shall we fight for the future irrigation of this county and its prosperity, or sit in idleness while Rogue river is gobbled by those who wish to exploit us?

A MOSSBACK'S VIEW.

NOW comes the Myrtle Creek Mail and pays its respects to Medford and the Crater Lake highway as follows: "Medford, the home of 'Reddyites' and 'Reddyism,' strides this puny world like a Callosus and declares her will to be higher than Jackson County or the state of Oregon for verily she did declare that she was greater than the County in the local option issues and even talked of withdrawing from the great commonwealth of Oregon and forming a state of her own, and then in the face of these rank indignities she would ask a decent and self respecting people to go down into their pockets to pay for a highway for her sole benefit. Crater lake is one of Oregon's beauty spots but it don't belong to Medford. Every lover of nature and her masterpieces should see Crater lake but should not be forced to go through Medford reeking with her corruption to see it. Medford is 100 miles away from this wonderful summer resort and a most difficult route to reach it. Crater lake is just 48 miles by township lines east of Myrtle Creek and an easy route with simple road building and less than half the expense that Medford would require, and yet would Myrtle Creek have the nerve to ask anybody everywhere to give from \$50. to \$100. to enable us to get the whole cheese? Not a bit of it. Nor would any other self respecting city, but Medford."

Wouldn't that jar you? Sounds in spots like Dr. Oliver.

And now the query naturally arises, where and what is Myrtle Creek? for the world at large never heard of it.

Myrtle Creek is a hamlet 18 miles south of Roseburg. It has quietly vegetated since the days of the pioneers, hence the opposition to progress. The young editor demonstrates his enterprise by permitting one of the born-in-the-rut mossbacks to write his editorials for him—typical of the energy of the village.

The writer should have studied his geography. He would have found that Crater Lake is nearer, in an airline, to Medford than to Myrtle Creek, and that between Myrtle Creek and the lake rose range upon range of lofty mountains. He should have read the testimony presented by government engineers and old army officers at the Crater Lake hearing, that the Rogue river was not only the most scenic, but the only practical route to Crater Lake from the west; and he would have realized, from evidence presented by the most progressive and far seeing citizens of the state, that the proposed highway would be a benefit to all of Oregon, and not to one locality.

But it would have made no difference if Crater Lake was in Myrtle Creek's backyard—the world would never have known it—Myrtle Creek would never have appreciated its sublimity and grandeur, or realized its possibilities,

or had the vigor to exploit it—the lake would have forever remained inaccessible and wasted its beauty on the silent air.

Compared with Myrtle Creek, Medford may indeed be a "Callosus," whatever that may be. We hope it is something as big as the Myrtle Creek Mail is small. The Mail's argument is typical of the provincial, narrow, moss-back spirit that so long retarded the development of Oregon. It is unanswerable, for who can refute the logic of the bray of an ass.

INDIAN WARS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

(From J. C. Walling's History of Southern Oregon.)

The time was November; the river was very low and had two banks, forming a high and a low terrace. On the higher one the whites slept, while they cooked and ate on the lower one. The Indians, camped but a few yards away, mingled with the whites during eating times, both parties leaving their arms in camp. Wright, it is said, discovered a plan on the part of the Indians to surprise and massacre his force; but he that as it may, he was too quick for them and put in effect his own plan without delay. Sending six men across the river to where they would be opposite the Indian camp and hence able to cut off their passage across the stream, Wright himself sent down among the Indians who were scattered about the camp fires, and shot dead, as a preconcerted signal, a young buck. The other whites, being ready, continued the work of destruction and soon no men were left alive except John Schepchin and Curly-Headed Doctor. These two escaped and were heard of 20 years after, in the murder of Canby and Thomas.

Forty-seven braves and several squaws were killed. Wright's men numbered but 19, including two Indians. Their casualties consisted in severe wounds to Isaac Sanbanch, Poland and Brown. The rest were uninjured. Wright's company then returned to Yreka and were grandly feted by the people. They rode into town accompanied by a guard of honor, their 40-odd scalps and sun-

dry other mementoes dangling from their rifles, hats and horses' heads. Cheers rent the air. The enthusiastic crowd lifted them from their horses and bore them to the saloons, where the best was none too good. Whisky was free for all, and a grand dinner was given in honor of the returned avengers. For a week high carnival reigned.

We have seen how these accounts vary, and probably the reader, in trying to settle his doubts, consciously or unconsciously inclines to the last version. Being the result of long and careful investigation and weighing of testimony of parties of all shades of opinion, it should be accepted in preference to the idea of any one man.

That poison was prepared by parties in Yreka is true, but all the surviving members of Wright's company deny any attempt to use it, and give as their reason the very evident fact that there was no fun in it. Most of them were there killing Indians for the pleasure of doing so, and the use of poison would have taken all the amusement away. In killing them with bullets and knives from an ambuscade all the conditions requisite to pleasure in Indian killing were satisfied. Only sickly sentimentalism could regret the worst fate which might be meted out to such monsters of cruelty and wickedness as the Modocs. It is apparent that in point of cruel vindictiveness and unsparring malignity they were the worst savages who ever inhabited this coast. (To Be Continued.)

COMMUNICATIONS.

Briggs, G. Hendricks, I. A. Miller, Jennie Mahoney.

A majority of these applicants have gone through all sorts of personal hardships in order that they might secure a title to the land, beside overcoming the inertia of the government in securing a survey and removing the stumbling block of forest conservation from their way.

Nearly the entire area thrown open in township 34 is claimed and the tracts left vacant are few and far between.

KNIGHTS WILL HOLD THEIR MEMORIAL SERVICES TODAY

Talisman Lodge, No. 31, Knights of Pythias, will today hold the annual memorial services in the Medford opera house at 3:30 o'clock. The following is the program: Members form at Temple at 2:45 p. m. and march in a body to opera house. Officers take stations and members and officers remain standing during singing of opening ode. Prayer, Rev. Goulder; service as printed in memorial ritual; selection, quartet; "In Memoriam," Rev. Goulder; vocal solo (selected), Henri Gunson; oration, Rev. Paul Bandy; selection, quartet; services as printed in Memorial Ritual; selection, quartet; close of service by Chancellor Commander.

CLINTON N. HOWARD, of Rochester, N. Y., Will Speak at the Tabernacle on Tuesday Eve., June 7

Subject, "A JOY RIDE ON THE WATER WAGON." Admission free. Music by the Male Quartet.

PULLMANS FOR CARNIVAL.

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service will be of material convenience to summer Newport travel, No. 14 reaching Albany at 7:18 a. m., whereas No. 16 reaches there at 4:18 a. m.

Two extra sleepers will accommodate rose carnival visitors, one each Sunday and Monday on No. 16. Ashland has two sections and Medford twelve on these extra sleepers. In addition, the regular car, including drawing rooms, have all been sold.

SQUATTERS FILE ON LAND.

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The list of claimants in the section above mentioned is as follows:

Newton L. Smith, George F. Jones, Fred Ford, Zera E. Dahack, Frank Jones, A. L. Jones, S. S. Prince, Fletcher Bruce, W. W. Spencer, N. B. Spencer, Mrs. Wilson, J. A. Moore, A. Duprey, B. W. Reed, J. T. Spencer, Charles W. Jeffries, Martin Spencer, C. W. Austin, S. M. Hawk, E. E. Spencer, S. M. E. Hlaye, W. W. Scott, E. E. Emerson, Mary Abbott, Joe Hendricks, O. Adams, J. H. Downing, P. K. McNally, M. Mahoney, G. W. H. Albert, S. M. Clevenger, Leonard Briggs, J. E. Boswell, C. P.

GETTING READY FOR STOCK COMPANY



Mr. Bert Heyes, Juvenile Man With the Athon Stock Company.

The Medford opera house stage will be a strenuous place next week. The scenic artist's brush and the stage carpenter's hammer will vie with the voices of actors in rehearsal in preparation for the opening of Medford's first dramatic stock company in "The Powers That Be." A part of the company arrives tomorrow, and by Monday morning the entire company will be here, ready for work.

MRS. LINDLEY ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF MRS. ULRICH

Mrs. George Lindley entertained at her home on Siskiyou Heights in honor of Mrs. George Ulrich and Miss Ulrich, who expect to leave soon for the east.

Various games and a short musical program was rendered. Dainty refreshments were served, consisting of salads, coffee, ice cream and cake. Those present were: Mrs. Ulrich and G. Lindley, L. B. Brown, Canon, C. H. Corey, Allen, McDonald, Dunlop, Whetsel, Edmeads, Meeker, Van Scoyoc and Messers. Haskins, Fields, Talbert, Eubank, Potter, Ulrich, and a number of others whose names were not learned.

TAFT RECEIVES LETTER THREATENING HIS LIFE

DETROIT, June 4.—President Taft received a threatening letter today declaring that plots for his assassination, and the assassination of Roosevelt and King George were under way. The letter written half in English and half in Polish warned the president to take special precautions to guard his life during July and August.

The letter has caused the secret service men in the president's party considerable worry, but the president is not troubled over it.

PRESIDENT TO CONFER WITH OFFICIALS ON FREIGHT RATES

DETROIT, Mich., June 4.—It was reported here today that President Taft has consented to confer with the presidents of several Western roads affected by the injunction recently effectiveness of freight rate increase. The railroad men are said to be desirous of discussing personally with the president, the government's move against the roads.

The conference will probably be held next Monday.



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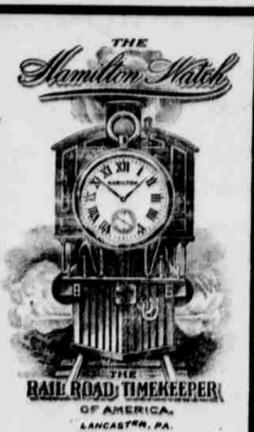
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