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BAKER CITY IS STILL TALKING OF THAT REWARD

Says the Baker City Democrat: Manager Ashley of the Baker Commercial club has not given up his claim upon the reward of \$5000 offered by the Medford Commercial club to any community in the United States that can show within a 10, 20, 30 or 40-mile radius as many diversified resources as the Jackson county town.

In talking with the representative of the Democrat, Manager Ashley makes the following statement:

"It will be easy to win the \$5000 offered by Medford. It is a pretty broad claim for Medford to make and I am wondering why some enterprising community has not taken them up on it before. I do not wish to be understood as trying to discredit Medford's standing as to resources, for I realize that Medford is one of the richest districts in the northwest, and can boast of being one of the most favored sections in Oregon, but, when their club openly defies any community in the United States to show as many diversified resources tributary to it, I feel that it is unfair to the other sections of Oregon, for here are other communities in this great state of ours just as favorably situated, and upon which God, in His wisdom, has bestowed some of nature's riches, and I sincerely feel that Baker county is one of the favored regions. As to resources, well, we have so many here that it would take a force of stenographers 16 years, working day and night, to name them. Take for instance our gold mines. The United States records will show that this section produces over 90 per cent of the gold output of the state, leaving Medford included in the other 10 per cent. Then take our livestock industry. Baker county in 1909 had 334,935 head of cattle valued at \$227,200, while Medford had but 19,311 head, valued at \$198,735. For the same year Baker county raised 115,570 head of sheep, valued at \$274,395, as against 10,933 head for Medford, valued at \$28,631.

"The total value of taxable property in Baker county is \$27,671,000 for the same year as against \$26,438,066 for Jackson county, all of which will show that Baker has some of the resources.

"In a letter received from the manager of their club he states that it is up to me to produce the data covering Baker county and that the final position will be taken by his club upon receipt of a definite statement from me supported by verified facts as to the showing Baker county is able to make. Well, that is a good way for them to look at it, but if they are game they will come out in the open and show up. All I ask is a fair chance. I think that the only way to decide this is to select a committee of three whose opinion would be unbiased and then each community submit a list of their resources to such committee, but the Medford club seems afraid to come through. It is not so much the reward that I am interested in, but it hardly seems fair to the other communities in Oregon that Medford should make such claims in their booklets, for many prospective homeseekers are led to believe that Medford is the only diversified section in Oregon, while there are other sections just as favorably located."

HERE'S A SOCK FOR ALL TO SHOOT AT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—James Wallace's sock has set a mark for all the other New York Christmas ho-ho-ers to shoot at. James is the president of the Central Trust company, and into his stocking have been poured fifty thousand—count 'em—dollars. This little gift came by way of a "bonus" voted by the directors of the Central Trust company to its president, and was given in the same spirit of Yuletide generosity that prompts the bestowal of Sunday school candy labeled "for a good boy."

Haskins for Health.

JACKSON COUNTY BOY IS KILLED

The many friends of Robert Spencer, who formerly resided on Griffin creek, will be pained to hear of his death which occurred at Los Angeles on the 26th of last month. His death was the result of burns received from an electrical shock from high voltage wires. He was an electrical engineer employed by the Edison Electrical company. He was superintending the installation of a new system in the city, the wires were being connected to test it when there was a flash of fire as lightning, and Mr. Spencer was knocked down and dreadfully burned. He lived about 26 hours, being conscious most of that time.

Robert or Bob, as he was most familiarly known, was a graduate from the Medford high school in the year 1906. He was held in the highest esteem by both teacher and pupils.

In his profession he ranked among the best electricians in the state, was one of the engineers on the great dam at Rosevelt, Arizona.

He leaves a wife who is prostrated with grief by his sudden terrible death.

Other relatives who survive him, are his parents of San Jose, three brothers, Edgar C., of Fresno; Leroy, of San Jose, and James A., of Afton, N. M.; also three sisters, Mrs. Wm. J. McMillan of Santa Paula, Mrs. A. C. Nicholson of San Jose and Mrs. William Cole, of Oroville.

U.S. ALLOWS CENTS A DAY LIVING EXPENSES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—Postal clerks of the local division of the railway postal service today each received a check of \$2.07 from the government to pay the cost of beds, food and other expenses for the months of July, August and September. At this rate each clerk received three cents daily for his living expenses.

At the last session of congress \$250,000 was appropriated to pay the postal clerks' living expenses while they were on travel duty. This was divided up among every postal clerk throughout the country after the cost of distribution had been deducted from the sum.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—President Taft is urged to secure an increase in the forest service appropriations sufficient to insure protection from fires in resolutions adopted today by the conservation association, representing Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California.

RESOLUTION.
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Medford:
Section 1. There is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Medford an annual election for the election

of city officers, pursuant to the charter of said city, and also for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said city the following proposed act to amend the charter of said city:
1. An act to amend the charter of the City of Medford, Oregon.
Said annual election is ordered to be held on January 10, 1911, between the hours provided in the charter, for the holding of annual elections.
The following officers shall be elected at said election: One councilman from each ward, and a mayor.
The following are the places in said city designated as the places at which said election will be held:
First ward—Over Haskin's Drug

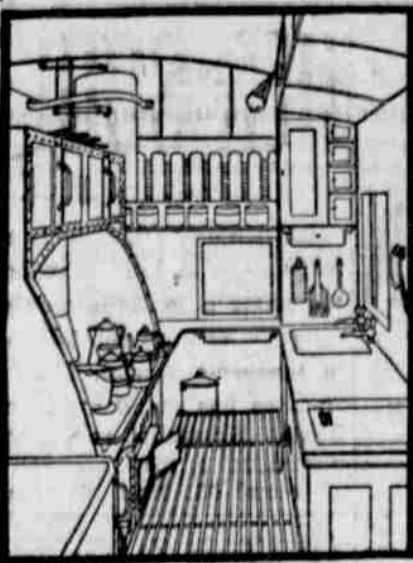
Store.
Second ward—Hotel Nash sample room.
Third ward—City hall.
The following are hereby designated as judges of said election:
First ward—J. W. Ling, judge; L. L. Damon, who shall also act as clerk; D. T. Lawton, who shall also act as clerk.
Second ward—Joe Derry, judge; Wm. Ulrich, who shall also act as clerk; J. H. Bellinger, who shall also act as clerk.
Third ward—P. W. Chelgren, judge; H. H. Lorimer, who shall also act as clerk; John Summerville, who shall also act as clerk.
The foregoing resolution was passed by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, on December 21, 1910, by the following vote: Welch absent, Merrick "aye", Emrick "aye", Wortman "aye", Elfert "aye", and Demmer "aye".
Approved December 22, 1910.
W. H. Canon, Mayor.
ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

Notice is hereby given that the annual city election ordered by the foregoing resolution for the election of the officers, and the approval or rejection of the act to amend the charter therein specified, will be held in said city at the time and at the places designated in said resolution.
ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.
Dated December 22, 1910.

Free reading rooms at Presbyterian church, open every evening from 6:30 to 10 except Sunday.

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