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MEDFORD, OREGON.
Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon.
Population—U. S. census 1910; 8840; estimated, 1911—40,000.
Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving fifteen miles of street being paved and contracted for at a cost exceeding \$1,000,000, making a total of twenty miles of pavement.

Postoffice receipts for year ending March 31, 1911, show increase of 41 per cent. Bank deposits a gain of 22 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World."

At the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1910, and a car of Newtown was First Prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver.

Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial club, enclosing 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

THE PORTLAND HOG AGAIN.

A NNOUNCEMENT is made by the Southern Pacific that the freight rates formerly in effect from Portland to southern points, recently reduced by order of the state railroad commission, are restored beginning July 1, for interstate business.

In other words, the Southern Pacific will charge Medford shippers 20 per cent more for hauling freight originating outside of the state than it will charge for the same haul for shipments made from Portland.

The existing rates were established after a full and fair investigation and hearing of both railroad and shippers by the state railroad commission. The railroad appealed to the federal court for an injunction, and the court, after due deliberation, sustained the commission.

The rates in effect have, then, been adjudged fair and equitable by the final authority. The cost of hauling from Portland is the same to the railroad, regardless of origin. The proposed increase, then, is unfair, inequitable and unjustifiable.

As any shipper can avoid paying the new rate by merely consigning his shipment to Portland and rebilling it there, the increased rate means no additional revenue for the railroad—simply a source of annoyance to the shipper.

The tariff from interstate points for interior points has always been the terminal rate to Portland plus the local rate from Portland. Now, however, the tariff will be the terminal rate plus the old local rate, which the courts have held excessive and unjust. In other words, Medford's rate will be the rate to Portland, plus the local rate, plus about 20 per cent.

For instance, the tariff upon paper from eastern mills to Portland is 75 cents per hundred weight. From Portland to Medford it is 59 cents. The present freight rate from the east is 75 cents plus 59 cents, or \$1.34 per hundred weight. Under the new tariff, the old rate from Portland of 79 cents is restored and the rate from the eastern mills to Medford will be \$1.54 cents per hundred weight, the haul of 331 miles from Portland costing more than the 3310 miles from the mills to Portland. But by rebilling at Portland the total rate will be \$1.34, a saving of 20 cents per hundred weight, or \$90 a car.

So the increase is not along the usual lines of making the shipper pay "all the traffic will bear."

Why, then, is the freight rate raised?

Who will the increased rate benefit?

Not the railroad—it means no additional business, no additional revenue, nothing but ill will all along the system.

Not the interior shipper. It puts him to the trouble of rebilling his cars at Portland.

Not the interior cities of Oregon. It penalizes them as jobbing or distributing centers for interstate business.

There is but one person or class benefited—the Portland jobber.

It becomes self-evident, then, that the increase in rates is made for the sole benefit of the Portland jobber.

Every little town in Oregon is slapped, every interior shipper is punched, to please the Portland jobber.

Medford has several cases before the interstate commerce and the state railroad commissions for more equitable rate adjustments. In every one the Portland jobber, through the rate committee of the Portland chamber of commerce, has had attorneys present to oppose Medford and to assist the railroad in combatting our contentions.

At every turn of the road the rate committee of the Portland chamber of commerce has been actively fighting the efforts of the small towns to build themselves up by becoming distributing centers in a small way.

Portland is the most short-sighted metropolis in the world. It strives to become great by stifling the growth of all the smaller towns—forgetting that only by their growth can Portland grow.

Portland has milked the state for years. Yet it has never given back anything. It furnishes no brains, no enterprise, no capital to develop Oregon. Instead, it is actively fighting the earnest efforts of the few live towns to develop themselves.

The increase in freight rates is but a fair sample of treatment that can be expected from Portland. It is one of the lemons the metropolis has always passed to its little brothers.

Why, then, should the smaller towns patronize those who have so often shown enmity?

Medford merchants should give Portland jobbers a jolt they will remember.

There is but one way to do it—boycott them.

Buy in San Francisco, in Seattle—anywhere but Portland. Jobbers of these cities will gladly pay the freight differential.

It won't have to be done long. And thereafter Portland merchants will have a little consideration and respect for at least one of the small cities of Oregon.

The entire community should back up the Medford traffic bureau in its commendable efforts to prevent the new rates from going into effect, to thwart this new injustice—this unwarranted slap at the welfare of the cities along the Southern Pacific.

People of Medford should demand of their merchants that they cease buying goods from Portland jobbers, until they change their attitude.

Medford must fly with her own wings. Let the flight be a strong one.

FIGHT LAUNCHED TO MAKE CLEVELAND OPEN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 9.—A fight to make Cleveland an open shop city was launched here at a meeting of the Cleveland Employers' association when General Harrison Gray Otis outlined the methods that had been employed in Los Angeles. President Kirby and Attorney Drew of the National Erectors' association spoke in favor of the movement. Eight of the largest employing concerns in the city are allied in the Employers' association.

NEXT CONGRESS TO TACKLE ONE CENT LAW

CLEVELAND, O., June 9.—C. W. Burrows, president of the National One Cent Postage association, announced today that President Taft and Postmaster General Hitchcock had assured him that the question of one cent postage would be presented at the next session of congress. The fight for higher magazine postage would be renewed then, he said.

Look at the classified ads if you have lost something—and if the

WOMAN SAYS LOVER TO BLAME

Helped Him Bury Body of Man, However, in Onion Patch—Took Axe and Crushed Rival's Head While He Sleeps.

NORFOLK, Va., June 9.—Confessing that she has helped bury the body of Harry Davis in an onion bed in the yard of her home at Mason creek, Mrs. Minnie Murdock cleared up the mystery surrounding the finding of his body and accused her lover, Charles Merkle, of having killed him.

In her confession to the police today Mrs. Murdock says that Merkle climbed through a window of her home and finding her with Davis crushed his head with an axe. She declared that she and Merkle were panic-stricken and hid the body under the bed until morning. Then, she said, they dragged it out and buried it in the onion patch.

Merkle and Murdock are held for murder.

"Davis, who is also known as Haradin, was a friend of mine for years," Mrs. Murdock told the police. "Three months ago we quarrelled and he left. Charlie Merkle and I went together after that. We could not agree and I ordered him away. Then Davis returned. Recently Merkle told me if I did not drive Davis away he would kill both of us. A few nights ago Harry and I were sleeping when a sudden noise awakened me. I was horrified to find that my pillow and my body were covered with blood. I turned and there beside me I saw Harry's head, crushed in. Beside him stood Merkle with a bloody axe in his hands. I screamed, and Merkle with lifted axe threatened to kill me if I did not keep quiet. I don't think Harry was dead when we put him under the bed. Then we sat down and waited.

"In the morning we scooped out a hole in the onion bed and buried the body."

BALLOON PUTS MAN'S BEAN CROP ON HUMMER

BERKELEY, Cal., June 9.—With a battered eye and some minor bruises, R. L. Hemphill, who had nursed a garden in his back yard from infancy into a near mess of string beans, appeared in police court today to complain against the balloon that sat on and demoralized his crop. The balloon which sailed from Idora park came down in Hemphill's garden last night, crushed vines and bushes. A few minutes later a park employe came for the balloon. Hemphill refused to let him take it, asserting \$75 damages had been done. The employe said he would go and get the money. He returned with three other husky gentlemen and a special officer and when they, with the balloon, had departed, Hemphill had his decorated eye.

Today he is seeking damages for his personal injuries as well as the destruction of his garden.

BELASCO'S DAUGHTER DIES IN COLORADO

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., June 9.—Mrs. Augusta Belasco Elliott, 20 daughter of Playright David Belasco, is dead here today. Mrs. Elliott was brought here by her father three weeks ago in the hope of benefiting her health. She had been suffering from pulmonary affection since last January. She was born in San Francisco.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that board of directors of school district No. 49, will receive bids for the furnishing of 500 cords, 4 feet, of fir and oak wood. Bids received for all or any part there of, Board reserves right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next regular meeting on June 20, 1911, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon, at his place of business at No. 17 South Front street, in said city, for a period of six months.

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Date of first publication, June 8, 1911.

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Benefit Baseball Game is Being Arranged for Benefit of Medford Band—Will Try and Have Business Houses Close That Day.

"Fats" versus "Leans"—short, stumpy business men playing ball with tall, lanky business men. This will be the order of things Friday, June 23, when the merchants will give an exhibition ball game, the proceeds of which will go to aid the Medford band.

J. L. Summerville and E. C. Ireland are already organizing the teams and with a little practice two fairly good teams should be developed. The game will start at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and an effort is being made to have all business houses closed at that hour that all the employes may go to the game.

JACK SHERIDAN, DEAN OF UMPIRES, HONORED

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 9.—In recognition of his 20 years' service as baseball umpire, Jack Sheridan, dean of American league umpires, today has a handsome gold medal presented by the league officials. He is the only umpire in history so honored.

Steamer On Fire.

FLUSHING, Holland, June 9.—A large steamer believed to be the Leyland liner Oxonian, is afire off Weyland, midway between Antwerp and Flushing. The Oxonian sailed from New Orleans for Antwerp on May.

Bank Suspends.

LONDON, June 9.—The suspension of the Bierbeck bank was announced today. The institution had over 50,000 small depositors. It is estimated liabilities exceed assets by \$2,000,000.

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