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MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolitan of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest growing city in Oregon. Population in census 1910: 2840; estimated, 1911-19,000. Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed giving finest supply pure mountain water and sixteen 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 21 per cent. Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns was first prize in 1910. at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C. Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years. Write Commercial club, including 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

JOLTS AND JINGLES

By Ad Brown

Reciprocity. We passed the bill with simple ease, Like deacons pass the plate, But those dod blasted Hinglishmen Would not reciprocate.

One Medford woman would like to know if shaker salt comes from that Florida Shaker colony.

Speaking of names, just this once, a San Jose minister named Henry True Best is being sued for breach of promise.

A Toledo cat caused a burglar scare by jumping around the house with its head caught in an empty salmon can until the police arrived with a can opener. There was a cat that for a little while couldn't even look at its master, let alone a king.

A telephone case at Salem has been hanging fire for two years because the U. S. Supreme court has said "busy now."

Another celebrated painting has been stolen, this time from Florence, Italy. Must be the banks are planning their 1912 calendars.

BIBLE CLASS TO CONDUCT SERVICES

Preparations have been made for very interesting programs for both morning and evening services at the M. E. church tomorrow.

The services are to be conducted by members of the Men's Adult Bible class of the church Sunday school.

The morning services will open with prayer by D. F. Wilson, followed by an introductory talk and scriptural reading by Ed Steep; a talk on "What is Christianity?" by G. M. Mordorff; "The Value of Bible Study," by Mr. Clark, and this followed by an interesting talk by Walter Reynolds.

In the evening the services will open with prayer by G. M. Mordorff, followed by Bible Lesson and talk by D. F. Wilson; "Do Men Think?" by Mr. Kennedy; "Why Should Every Christian be a Bible Student?" by R. G. Bennett. There may be other topics discussed by different members of the class. There has been prepared special music for the occasion by H. B. Chidester.

NOTICE L. O. O. F. Work in the third degree Monday night. Refreshments. By order of noble grand. 161\*

Violin Maker. Repairing of all stringed instruments. Violin repairing a specialty. Corner of 8th and Central avenue. 177\* CHAS. HARRIS.

Haskins for Health.

ATTEND THE MASS MEETING.

RESIDENTS of Medford and vicinity will have an opportunity this evening of hearing the foremost advocate of good roads in the United States, Samuel Hill. His address at this time is of more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as the county is in the height of a campaign for better highways. Every voter in Medford and vicinity should attend the mass meeting and hear Mr. Hill.

MEDFORD AND BROADWAY.

BLANCHE RING, in an interview in a New York paper, says that she found the audiences the same all over. "There is very little difference between Medford, Or.," says Miss Ring, "and Broadway, except that the people are likely to take you more seriously and it is a little more difficult to make the kind of comedy that Broadway likes go with a country audience." All of which is probably correct. The Broadway audiences are composed, in the main, not of New Yorkers, who are a very provincial lot, but of the people of the Medfords of the United States who are in New York on a sight-seeing trip. It is an acknowledged fact that the Broadway shows are kept alive by the transient population of Manhattan.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

THE Southern Pacific company has taken a step in the right direction—it has ordered the depot of the Rogue River Valley Railroad company cleared of mercantile institutions, and henceforth that building will be used only for railroad purposes, as it should be. In the words of a popular song "Every Little Bit Helps." It is to be hoped that the Southern Pacific will keep up the good work and clear the right-of-way in the center of the city of unsightly warehouses, moving them further south. The center of the city should either be the site of modern structures or be parked.

THE ROAD BOND ISSUE.

No man who labors with his hands in Jackson County, or who depends upon wages for his maintenance and support, can find a good reason why he should not vote in favor of the bond issue of one and a half million dollars to be expended all within Jackson County upon Jackson County roads, and so far as the authorities can control the matter, he paid only to American resident laborers. We can see why the tax payer who pays into the County Treasury a considerable amount of money may have fears that this burden of indebtedness will increase his taxes, and yet we think that his fears are groundless. That amount of money properly expended in Jackson county within the next four years will build three hundred miles of permanent and scientifically built roads, and this three hundred miles of road would be divided up and placed over the county about as follows: Fifty-six miles running from the California line through Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill, and Woodville to the line of Josephine County;

Sixty miles more will cross the county in the other direction commencing will say at Ruch postoffice on the Applegate, running through Jacksonville, through Central Point, through Agate to Eagle Point, and from thence straight north to Trail;

About 18 miles from Eagle Point to Butte Falls; About 20 miles up Big Butte; About 20 miles or more from Eagle Point up Little Butte creek; From Butte Falls to Prospect; From Agate to Sams Valley postoffice and to Beagle and down to Gold Hill on that side of the river;

From Ruch down the Applegate ten or twelve miles to the Josephine County line; From Ruch up both Big and Little Applegate to the foot of the mountains;

From Ashland to the Klamath County line via Wagner Springs; and From Woodville up Evans Creek through the populous part of the creek valley, and other roads which should be made permanent. That is to say, the three hundred miles of road at \$5000 per mile will make great highways across the county, through the densely populated portions both north and south, and east and west; and will make durable highways of same character up every creek of any consequence in the county. This work will require an immense amount of labor for men and teams.

It may be truthfully said that the present method of constructing highways in Jackson County is the most expensive way in which our road work can be done. Without the bond issue we must pay the labor by county warrants, and these have been forced down by various causes to about 90 cents on the dollar. One reason why they don't bring par is that their circulation among the people is necessarily local; and another reason is that the person who invests in County Warrants must await their final payment before he receives one penny of interest. The poor man cannot afford to hold his money this long, and so it is bought up by money men whose whole object is to force down the par value of the scrip to such a figure that in long run after waiting years until it is paid, their investment may equal par and 8 per cent per annum on their money. We cannot do very much business in this manner. The county has been trying it; the county is only \$937,000 in debt at this time, with an assessed valuation of nearly \$40,000,000. This is not a very heavy indebtedness for such a wealthy community. Some of our citizens say that we should go on and levy a tax heavy enough to produce a large amount of money for road purposes. This would be a burden upon the present tax payers, while the bond form of indebtedness would distribute the burden along a period of twenty years and others will help pay it who come after us. Let us suppose that the city of Ashland, or Medford, or Central Point, or any other city of the county would attempt to pave their streets by paying out city warrants. They would soon find that their warrants would drop to 75 cents on the dollar, and even lower. Jackson County Warrants at one time brought 8 per cent instead of 6 per cent as now, and when they brought 8 per cent Mr. Beekman of Jacksonville will tell any citizens of the County that he bought more than \$50,000 of Jackson County Warrants at 30 cents on the dollar.

Is it business to attempt any great enterprise in this manner? We do not do it in our paving contracts; we do not do it when we inaugurate an expensive water system; we do not do it in our school districts when we want to build a fine school house, because it isn't good business to attempt it. In all these instances the people contract a BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

It is said that our county court and its assistant advisory board do not know how to build scientific roads. This is probably true. They do not know how to build steel bridges across Rogue River, but they have had good ones built. The people who furnished the money to construct the railroads in this valley did not know how to build railroads but their money brought people here who did. The City Council of Medford, nor any member of it, could not have laid the 24 miles of water main from the mountains to this city; the engineering difficulties were beyond their capacity, but they had it done by employing such engineers as understood the work. So there is no argument in this.

Some carping critics say they are afraid of graft. Many of us have spent our lives in this country and we have never known graft to be attached to the expenditure of public funds. The cities of Ashland and Medford have expended, through their common councils, large sums of money during the past two years in public improvements, and I have not heard any of those officers being accused of graft, or any other form of corruption. Their judgment may have been criticized, but we are all liable to err.

The county court is composed of officers elected by the people. If they fail to do their duty they are subject to recall. Two of the board have only one year more to serve. If they are not efficient the people in their sov-

ereign capacity will have the opportunity of replacing them with better men, if they can be found. The advisory board has been selected with great care; each member of it has more than forty years history in Jackson county, and no man can truthfully say that they are not in every way, highly honored, intelligent and responsible citizens of this county. Other men might have been selected from among the new blood that has come into the county, who possess greater qualifications for the work, but they are not so well and favorably known to the people as the ones chosen. Jackson county is the first to take advantage of the amendment to the state constitution which formerly placed a limit upon county indebtedness to such an extent that a bonded debt of this kind could not have been created. The people of Jackson county favored this constitutional amendment for the express purpose of contracting an indebtedness in the building of scientific roads. If this bond issue fails to carry the county court will be compelled to levy an assessment equal to the emergency which confronts us, and by that means raise a sufficient amount of money to do some little permanent road building within the county, just as they have attempted to do in the past years. But that would be an expensive way of building roads, and if we follow such plan we will not have a respectable system of highways in Jackson county in the next fifty years to come. Besides, the credit of the people will be greatly damaged, inasmuch as the county warrants will undoubtedly suffer a heavy discount. Then why should we not carry on this great public enterprise in the county in the same manner that cities and school districts accomplish like undertakings within their respective fields of operation? The expenditure of this money among the people during the next four years will create a payroll of \$50,000 per month, and these immense sums of money will be paid out to the most deserving of our people, and will improve the financial conditions of the county, and before the bonds mature, twenty years off in the future, they can be easily refunded at 3 per cent and run another twenty years. The amount of money already raised for road purposes will pay all the interest with a balance left for expenditure in the upkeep and the repair of the smaller and shorter roads within the county. For these reasons I believe that it would be a very serious mistake for the people to turn down this proposition. We should maintain the proud position that we occupy in the state of Oregon as being the most progressive people of the state, which is already indicated by the great improvements that have been made along all lines in the county during the past three or four years. We have more beautiful rural homes than any other county outside of Multnomah; we have a larger extent planted to orchards than any other county in the west; the eyes of the people of the world have been directed toward Rogue River valley. They are coming here by the hundreds to see what we have; they appreciate our mild and genial climate; our grand and beautiful scenery, our rich and fertile soil, our many and varied resources, but they turn away in disgust when they attempt to travel over our public roads. Let every man do his duty on the 30th of September, and vote YES on the bond issue. WM. M. COLVIG.

HALL LOSS AT BROWNSBORO IS SETTLED

IN FULL BY THE GRAHAM AGENCY Medford, Oregon, Sept. 23, 1911. This is to certify that the Philadelphia Underwriters Fire Association and Peoples National settled with me without any discount. My insurance was \$75,000. I can heartily recommend the courteous treatment of companies and also S. B. Graham, their agent. C. P. HALL, Brownsboro, Oregon.

WILL HANG ASSASSIN OF PREMIER STOLYPN

KIEFF, Russia, Sept. 23.—Announcement is made here today that Dmitry Bogrof, who shot Premier Stolypin in the municipal theatre here a week ago, was tried by court martial and sentenced to be hanged. The funeral of Stolypin was held yesterday, when the entire city was in mourning.

At the Churches

Baptist Church Notes. Services at the usual hours Sunday. Preaching morning and evening. Sermons by the pastor. Subject of morning sermon, "Winning Souls." Evening subject, "Seedtime and Harvest." Special music at both services. Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m., led by Louis Bennett. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. All are welcome to these services. A. A. HOLMES, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, subject "A Great Man's Last Stand." Preaching in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, subject "A Continual Story." Sunday school at 10 a. m. C. E. society at 6:30 p. m. Good music at all services.

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Service Sunday at 11 a. m., subject of lesson sermon "Reality." Sunday school at 10; Wednesday evening meeting at 8. All are welcome. A free reading room is open to the public from 2 to 5 daily, except Sunday, also Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9. Church edifice 212 N. Oakdale.

A Hint From Paris

Cheap food does not mean poor food here. We have studied the grocery question and your tastes so closely that our prices will surprise you as agreeably as the quality of the goods. They are by far the cheapest and best in this town. Come in today and inspect them.

SHRINERS ATTENTION

There have been reserved for the theatre Monday evening a number of tickets for the ladies of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. I now have these tickets for distribution among the ladies of the Shrine. All of the ladies of the Shrine who have not yet secured their reservations and who desire to attend the theatre Monday evening, will please telephone me not later than Sunday noon. MRS. H. C. STODDARD.

The family of Prof. J. C. F. Herrington arrived in Medford this morning from Decatur, Illa. Prof. Herrington is principal of the Jacksonville schools.

1911 BUILDING RECORD IS BIG

Local Firms Say More Work is Being Done This Season Than in 1910 Which is Supposed To Be A Banner Year.

According to local building supply firms—the amount of building done in Medford this year will be greater than in 1910.

Paul Hanson, one of the owners of the Medford Sash & Door factory, in this city, is authority for the statement that this season's house building in Medford has been far in excess of last year. Mr. Hanson proves this assertion when he states that his factory has been and still is, employing a much greater number of men than at any time last season.

"The class of dwellings being erected this season," says Mr. Hanson, "does not materially differ from those put up last year and the year before. There are some very large and costly dwellings going up now, and this was true last year. There are, however, a greater number of four and five room bungalows being built this year than last."

For two or three years past the dwellings built have partially covered a considerable area of ground and each building has stood out alone and was consequently more noticeable to the casual observer while this season fewer new additions have been spotted with dwellings, but the inside property has been improved and built upon.

H. A. Thieroff vice president and manager of the Big Firms Lumber company, stated to a Mail Tribune representative this morning that the sale of lumber and mill work in the farming and orchard community surrounding Medford, in fact in all parts of the valley, had increased to a very noticeable extent over the sales of last year, or for that matter, over any previous year.

"The country is improving very rapidly," stated Mr. Thieroff. "The orchard and ranch homes which have been built this season will range in cost from \$2000 to \$5000; none of them less than \$2000 but some of the orchard owners here expended this season alone fully \$10,000 in building improvements, and I call to mind one orchardist who has improved his property to the extent of \$20,000—this in buildings alone. We are working our factory to its fullest capacity, and, as you will see, we have some capacity."

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