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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: 8240; estimated, 1911—18,000.

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 22 per cent.

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

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

Write Commercial club, including 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

BRAVERY OF CHILD SAVES FATHERS JEWELS

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 7.—The bravery of 11-year-old Gladys Tilden, daughter of Douglas Tilden, the famous sculptor, saved her father the loss of \$1500 worth of jewelry early today when two masked burglars broke into the family residence here.

"Don't cry," warned one burglar, "or I'll blow your head off!" Disregarding the threat Gladys leaped from her bed and ran straight at the intruders.

"You get out of here!" she cried, "That belongs to my papa."

Frightened at the child's cries, the men dropped the case and fled. Then the child went into the bedroom of her parents, and awakened them. In the sign language she informed them of what happened and the called up the police.

An Explanation

ASHLAND, Ore., Oct. 3, 1911.—To the Officers and Board of Commissioners of the First Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society: The Woman's Civic Improvement Club of Ashland, having been requested by the Ashland Commercial club to take charge of the fancy work and art department at the First Southern Oregon District Society Fair, which is being held at Medford this year, entered into the work most heartily, and succeeded in securing a beautiful collection of choice articles. A few days before the opening of the fair, report was received that suitable buildings were not being provided. In order to make sure as to the truth of this report, the secretary and vice president of the club went to Medford and inspected the building provided for our use. It was found to be rough board building, constructed in such a manner as to be proof neither against rain or cold. The exhibitors were not willing that their goods should be placed in a building where it was possible for them to be damaged by rain, and no ladies could be found who would hazard their health in a building with no provisions for heating. There was no alternative but to drop the matter as far as the fair this year is concerned.

We still intend to keep faith with the people who have kindly sent in their work, and purpose having same on exhibition here in Ashland at a later date, offering premiums as set forth at time articles were solicited, for we realize that unless we do, it would be difficult to arouse interest to secure a collection another year. The question now is, are we still entitled to a portion of the money appropriated by the state for the premiums this year, inasmuch as Medford will have no premiums to pay in this department to either Grants Pass or Ashland? We think we are.

(Signed) MRS. O. J. STONE, Pres. MRS. R. L. BURDICK, Sec'y.

ROAD INJUNCTION THREATS.

ON ANOTHER page Attorney E. D. Briggs of Ashland sets forth his reasons for threatening injunction proceedings to stop road construction in Jackson county. Mr. Briggs speaks for himself, and perhaps for Ashland. At any rate the interview speaks for itself. It abounds in prejudice and misinformation.

Ashland has, or thinks it has, a grievance against the county court. It feels that it has been neglected. Therefore, in revenge, it would destroy the county's credit and render impossible the sale of bonds and force the depreciation of warrants.

If Ashland is dissatisfied with the county court, it has the remedy of recall provided by law. Why embarrass the innocent purchasers of nearly half a million dollars' worth of securities to fatten the warrant shavers and the cent-per-cent sharks? Why wreck the credit of a county to gratify spite?

The terms of two members of the county court, constituting a majority, expire next year. Ashland will then have the chance to elect their successors and to defeat the incumbents, if it does not invoke the recall.

It is not the purpose of this article to defend the county court. In the interest of fair play, however, some of the more glaring misstatements made by Mr. Briggs should be corrected.

In the first instance, there has not been a half million dollars spent this year on road work. Up to September 1, there had been spent a total of approximately \$138,600 divided as follows: By supervisors, \$39,920; by road crews in quarry work and macadam construction, \$41,802; on bridges and bridge work, \$25,810; on contract roads, \$30,500.

This money was not spent around Medford, but all over the county. Supervisor Jones' reports show that \$2461 was spent south of Ashland. In the Talent-Phoenix-Ashland district \$4335 was spent by Supervisor Van Dyke. Road crew No. 1 did \$16,093 in work, most of it on the Ashland road.

The total cost of road work for this year will approximate \$160,000, or \$60,000 over the levy. Last year the excess over the levy was approximately the same amount. On January 1, 1911, the county's indebtedness was \$288,000. It will approximate \$435,000 on January 1, 1912. Some seven or eight years ago, the indebtedness approximated \$150,000. The county is some three years behind—and this in half a century of operating—and so is nearly every county in Oregon that does things. So much for the threatened bankruptcy.

Ashland does not pay one-third of the county's taxes, as Mr. Briggs says. As a matter of fact it pays only seven per cent of the taxes. It is not nearly so important. Ashland's assessed valuation is \$2,500,000 against Medford's \$6,100,000 in a total of \$35,000,000 for the county. Medford then pays over twice the taxes that Ashland does.

Another point about Ashland's being "entirely ignored." For many years, Ashland controlled county politics and dominated courthouse and county court. Up to three years ago an Ashland man was county judge. Up to the first of this year an Ashland man was the dominating and all powerful figure in the county court. Ashland has ever had its share and more of county road improvement.

In this connection, to show the county-wide distribution of the road fund, are given the following supervisors' reports showing the total money spent by them up to September 1: District 1, \$2461; district 2, \$4335; district 3, \$1984; district 4, \$5933; district 5, \$5361; district 6, \$1388; district 7, \$2564; district 8, \$950; district 9, \$2035; district 10, \$4800; district 11, \$5211; district 12, \$2893. Total, \$39,920.

The money spent by road crews to the same date is as follows: Crew No. 1 (Ashland road and Gore Lane), \$16,093; crew No. 2 (Desert and vicinity), \$6155; crew No. 3 (Prospect road), \$9695; Griffin creek quarry and crew, \$9859; total, \$41,802.

The total cost of bridges to September 1 is as follows: Upper Rogue river at mouth of Butte creek, \$8325; Rogue river bridge near Eagle Point, \$12,213; across Big Butte, \$3212; Footh creek \$1225; Bear creek, Central Point, \$835; total, \$25,810.

The cost of road contracts to September 1 was as follows: Derby road, \$23,833, of which Col. Frank H. Ray paid \$6500; Florence rock grade, to complete, \$19,243, of which the Crater Lake Highway Commission advanced from popular subscription \$10,000; and the Reese creek road, \$4014, a total of \$47,095, of which the county paid \$31,595.

All may not agree with the methods and the system of the county court, but before injunction suits are threatened, based upon misleading statements, it would be well to ascertain the facts.

It is to be hoped that the "conservative progressivists" of Ashland will not act with undue haste in attacking the county credit but earn their title by acting both conservatively and progressively.

The Central Point road attacked is the most needed of any in the county and one of the most traveled. There is less excuse for stopping construction upon it than upon any other road work yet attempted.

THE SIDE TRACK BUG-A-BOO.

FOR some years the cities of Southern Oregon and Northern California have been threatened with the bug-a-boo of being side tracked from the line of transcontinental travel and being placed upon a branch road.

It was stated and loudly heralded that the "Natron cut-off" would place all the country south of Eugene and north of Dunsuir upon the side track and that through traffic would all go over the new line.

Those who were familiar with the construction of Harriman roads in Oregon have always taken this statement with a grain of salt. They knew that while such a program might eventually be carried out it would not be in their generation.

Confirmation of this view is forthcoming from Klamath

Falls, where the Portland excursionists last week discovered that no work has been done this season to close the ninety mile gap between Klamath Falls and Natron.

It is evident that the eastern chiefs of the Harriman line pay little attention to recommendations made by the local managers, and that the only money furnished for rail construction in Oregon comes out of the system's earnings in the state and are probably charged to operating expenses. Certain it is that none of the money secured from bond sales finds its way here for new construction except in the double tracking of main lines.

The present main line will remain the main line for many years to come.

TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS.

A Hint From Paris

PORTLAND, Ore.—J. A. Pender today is held to answer to the grand jury in connection with the murder of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her 3-year-old son who were killed in their cabin on a small ranch near Seapoose early in September. Pender's examination was held before Justice of the Peace Hazen at St. Helens, Ore. The evidence against Pender is purely circumstantial. Pender lived on a ranch near the Wehrman home.

OLYMPIA, Wash.—After 50 years service with uses ranging from a dance hall to federal court, the old Olympia city hall was knocked down today for \$10,000. Contractors are ready to erect a new municipal structure.

OLYMPIA, Wash.—Claiming to be the healthiest city in the country, Olympia proudly points to her September vital statistics, which show 11 births and but one death.

TACOMA, Wash.—Witnesses from England and Australia are hurrying to attend the trial of Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazard, "starvation specialist," whose trial for the killing of Miss Claire Williamson, an English heiress, starts tomorrow.

TACOMA, Wash.—Governor Hay, Congressman Warburton and other speakers will take part in the first Columbus day to be held in the state here October 14. The day was made a legal holiday by the last legislature. Attorney B. S. Grosscup will speak on Christopher Columbus as "The First Insurgent."

NEW YORK.—"One Round" Hogan of California is a step higher on the pugilistic ladder as a result of having won all the way from Jack Dorman of New York in a ten round bout. Both men were several pounds over the lightweight limit.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal.—One hundred strikebreakers arrived here today and were immediately put to work in the shops of the Southern Pacific railroad. Although scores of strikers were at the station when the train bearing the strikebreakers arrived, there was no demonstration.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Inspiration for the idealistic heroes and heroines whose deeds enoble the pages of Booth Tarkington's novels, does not come from the domestic life of the famous author, according to the news that just has leaked out here that Tarkington and his wife have separated.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Refused an eight hour day and recognition of their 199 tailors in the employ of three large tailoring establishments struck here today. Strike headquarters were immediately opened at the labor temple.

TACOMA, Wash.—Puyallup is worried because President Taft may not see the town. A change of route between Tacoma and Seattle, so that Mr. Taft could inspect the Bremerton navy yard, wiped out the ten-minute stop planned for Puyallup. It is sending in a protest.

TACOMA, Wash.—Charging that the Western Union telegraph wires pulled down a section of the Bankers' Trust building and shattered bottles, casks and jugs of wet goods worth \$4200, the Langert Liquor company is suing for that amount and for \$4000 more for additional damages.

TACOMA, Wash.—Neil Chasman, a fireman who was discharged for hugging a girl in the neighborhood, now claims she led him to the act so she could have him dismissed from the service and secure the appointment of a friend of hers to the place.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Jim P... the Indian boxer from... Athletic club, lost a... son of the Rainier... Columbia City... fast fighting... Plaster floored... in the second with a right in the jaw, but the gong saved the Rainier boxer.

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