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OME IMPRESSIONS OF CENTRAL OREGO

and Eastern Oregon by railroad north a hundred miles. This vast territory can be made more or less tributary to Medford in a its possibilities and its future?

through the interior to the Columbia with black pine and brush. river. Here they were joined by At Bend the sage brush country Governor West, Samuel Hill and oth- is reached. Bend is at the northern ers and made the return trip to Med- have of the mountains, and from ford over practically the same ter- thence north stretch vast plains covfrom Medford to the Columbia river sands of acres are under water and trips made by the party ran the total soil is a sandy loam, deep and rich, mileage up to nearly the three cypher only requiring water to make it a

Route Autos Followed.

proposed town of Crater, the project- the principal occupation. ed townsite of Wakefield, the new

from Butte Falls via Fish Lake Pass are of earth and construction costs known as part of the Great American to Pelican Bay, Fort Klamath, thence little. The country has a natural Desert, but the soil is fertile, and north skirting the base of the Cas-I slope, which makes irrigation an easy with water or with labor and new eades to Crescent and Bend. It is problem. an easy country for building rail- After crossing the Crooked river. To the west can be seen nine snow roads. Part of the way the right of which by the way, is spanned by the capped mountain peaks, extending mum of expense in record time.

Big Pine Belt.

advantage. Most of the forest land depth. when cleared, however, will be valuless except for grazing, though it is Here and there are narrow valleys, and in a good year, that is, when the

When the projected plans of James; profitably. For years to come lum-J. Hill shall have been carried out, bering will be the main occupation Medford will be linked to Central and resource of this territory stretch-

Carey Land Projects,

As the Deschutes valley is neared commercial way. Central Oregon some 25 or 30 miles from Bend, can with proper enterprise and ener- most of the country has been covered gy on the part of Medford merchants in various Carey Act irrigation pro-and with anything like equitable jects. Some of these are making rates, become part of the back coun- good and some are more or less get try of Medford. The question naturich quick schemes, to judge from the ally arises, what sort of a country is amount of land contracted and the this vast inland empire, and what are amount of redemption work actually done. Undoubtedly all this portion To answer these questions as well of the country will some day be iras to see the country at first hand, a rigated, although its elevation and party of Medford citizens left here short season fit it principally for recently in automobiles, driving dairying. Most of it is covered

ritory. The party was absent eight ered with sage brush and juniper. days and traveled nearly a thousand Here the only extensive irrigation miles. The shortest possible road work has been carried out. Thouwas found to be 380 miles. The side alfalfa is grown profitably. The garden spot. The elevation is about 3500 to 4000 feet and the frequency The route followed was up the of frosts limit the productive season. Rogue River via the Crater Lake Potatoes and vegetables are grown road, to Arrant's camp, thence to and some fruit, which seems to have Fort Klamath; thence north over the become acclimmated. The short

Irrigation Easy Problem.

Redmond. Metobias. Madras and northward from Bend for thirty or in this direction are unlimited. Shaniko to Grass Valley, Moro and forty miles with prospects of still From Metolins to Shaniko the Wasco; thence to the Columbia at further extension. The Deschutes country is still but sparcely settled. river water is diverted in many can- Thousands of acres remain in the or-The route of the Hill railroad runs als and latternis. All of the canals iginal sage brush. It was once

way has already been brunshed. Oregon Trunk with the most remark- from the Three Sisters on the south Oregon that seem to have much of a Constuction work, once the Caseades able steel bridge in Oregon, there is to Mt. Rainier on the north. are crossed, can be done at a mini- no irrigation. Though falling in elevation the country becomes drier. Throughout the whole of Central Orecountry is largely forest. There are exceed an annual average of eight or a center of the sheep industry. some large sugar and yellow pine nine inches. Some of the sage brush Central Oregon probably produces tracts traversed, but most of the in this section has been cleared off the finest sheep in the world. No timber is black pine. The elevation and grain farms are supplanting sage finer were ever exhibited at fairs between Fort Klamath and Bend will brush and juniper. The lack of than those seen by the Medford exprobably average from 4000 to 5000 transportation hitherto has checked cursionists. However, the extension feet. The yellow and sugar pine the development of this section, of civilization is limiting the ranges, is ripe for the axe. The black pine Last year the average yield of these and there is said to be less than half is valueless for timber, but can be dry farms was not over eight bushels the sheep now raised in Central Oreutilized at a profit for paper making, to the acre and the crop was consid- gon than there were a few years ago, There are several basins and valleys ered a failure. In a good year from From Shaniko it is 70 miles to the more or less extensive in area, used 20 to 25 bushels are harvested. The Columbia and the country is one for hay and stock raising purposes, only water secured is from wells vast rolling wheat field. The plateau Some of this land can be irrigated to which run from 400 to 1000 feet in between the John Day and the Des-

tain crops and grasses can be grown yields of alfalfa. The country is farm is 800 acres, while 2000 ac

MINING CONGRESS TO WORK TO PRESERVE COUNTRY'S MINERAL RESOURCES.



President Taft will speak at the annual convention of the American Mining Congress, of which John Dern, of Salt Lake, is president, to be held in Chicago from October 24 to 28

It will be the object of the convention to work with the law makers at Washington to prevent waste of the country's mineral resources. Walter L. Fisher, Secretary of the Interior, who has just returned from Alaska, will have something to say on the development of that ter-

E. A. Mongtomery, vice president of the Congress, was a poor prospector before he sold a "strike" cla'm in Nevada to Charles M. Schwah.

sparsely settled most of the land is not at all unfrequent. It is the Harriman lines, and will be the oper- the realization of its dreams of met-

takes up and under cultivation being tendency in this, as in all wheat com- ating headquarters. From here a ropolitan greatness. still in the hands of the original tries, to increase the land holdings branch will undoubtedly be extended homesteader. Scientific dry farming and thereby lessen the population, toward Prineville and Burns, It is

methods can be made productive.

Sheep Raising Falling Off.

Shaniko was formerly the center of

chutes River is famous for its wheat. It is one of the granaries of Oregon.

Two Towns With Futures.

There are but two towns in Central delight Central Oregon. tages, timber, water, power and other things which make life worth while. " tract, and has a start toward becoming quite a city. Its population i energetic and enterprising, and realize the need of team work. There are 125 members of the commercial club in a town of less than a thousand population. No municipal im provements have been attempted other than water and electricity. Streets are not graded, buildings are all of wood, but there is the air and bustle about the new town that au-

gure well for its future. The New Town-Metolius,

nent home.

Another town along the railroads projected extension which thinks it has a future is Crescent, midway between Bend and Fort Klamath. Cres-

Central Oregon Scenery.

is beginning to be practiced with hence there is little surprise to find the center of a dry arid plain, and the The scenery through Central Or- success, which comes to Medford success. At Metolius potatoes and that these grain counties of Wasco. wells that supply the city with water egon is picturesque in places, but as Opera House Thursday, October 12, mountains via Beaver Marsh, the seasons however, will make dairying other vegatables were shown, grown Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman are are 800 feet deep. Railroad shops a rule rather desolate. The Crooked sung by Elleen Sheridan, and whiswithout a drop of moisture, which practically stationary in growth, and are to be erected by both systems and river winds peacefully between sheer tled all during the intermission by were superior to those produced in that their population is diminishing employes will live here. "Where the precipices of lava, and the Deschutes those who hear the same. Other town of Crescut to Bend; thence vin The irrigated district extends western Oregon. The possibilities rather than increasing. Though the pay roll is, there is the town," hence tumbles madly through newly poured song hits in the delightful musical country has an annual rainfail of Metolius has a certain future. lava gorges. But the distant Cas-comedy are "Cairo," "I've Been eight inches, the same methods are in There are a number of Medford peo- cades are grim and barren and lack Kissed in San Francisco," "Oh, These vogue as in countries where there is ple in Metolius-J. R. Wright has the soft verdure clad beauty of the Men," "Re-Incarnation," "He Loves forty inches of rainfall. The new the agency for townsite lots; Mrs. Siskiyous, Neither the Deschutes nor My Dreamy Eyes," and "Tell Her in methods of dry farming are not in Clara W. Mondon is the proprietress the John Day compare with the the Golden Summer." "The Flirting general use, though a start has been of the hotel, and it is by far the best Rogue in allurement. Sage brush Princess" brings that beauty chorus made and probably in a few years. hotel in Central Oregon. Newly built, and juniper plains, vast panoramos, of which the Chicago papers spoke the necessity of adopting a new sys- elegantly furnished with all the mod- immense horizons, increase the sense so much the past winter, and Medford tem will be universally recognized. ern conveniences, and a bill of fare of loneliness. Here and there is a will have a chance to see "The Three searcely equalled in Portland, the minature grand canyon that awes Dozen American Beauties," as one of Metolius hotel is the surprise and rather than inspires. Across the the critics recently called them. western horizon gleam the string of Ed Pickard is the proprietor of the snow clad mountain peaks. It all WOMAN SUBDUES A future. These are Bend and Metol- Metrolius thirst emporium. He is creates the impression of a country another Medford man who has east newly made, with the marks of the his fortune with Metolius. Former creator still fresh upon it. The softmany of the towns-all of them. prints of humanity are missed. The congratulating herself on her escape however, expect to return to Medford awfulness and the grimness of the from a maniac whom she subdued some day and make it their perma- birth of the world still cling to the with no other weapon than a hatpin, landscape.

Central Oregon's Future.

Central Oregon has a future and cent is on the projected Hill and Har- ter than that of interior Idaho, Monriman lines and will also be the junc- tana, Wyoming and other sections butt of a revolver. Mrs. Otis then tion for the projected Malheur can- now being irrigated and settled. The seized a hatpin and drove him from you line with the Klamath Falls-Na- climate is distinctly superior, there the house after a hard struggle. tron line. Streets have been cut being but little snow and much sunthrough the woods, and a dozen shine. There will be many disap- today. buildings erected, comprising a hotel pointments among homeseekers who stores and saloons. However, as expect a repetition of the conditions Metolius is a brand new city, there seems to be no immediate pros- of the middle west, but those who in- Breeze, under arrest in San Francisco probable that investigation and ex- such as Hay valley, irrigated from rain falls at the right senson, there Most of its buildings are of brick. pect of the completion of any of these form themselves of conditions and and wanted in Pierce county, Washperiment will demonstrate that cer- small streams, producing abundant output. The average Its sidewalks are of cement. It is railroad lines in the near future, come prepared to meet the emergen-lington, on a charge of wire desertion,

achieve abundant success.

There is work and fresh air and sunshine; there is a response to intelligent labor and an adequate return for invested energy; there is abundant opportunity for the diligent -all becoming scarce in crowded tenements and factory districts of the east.

The Medfordites returned convinced that there are great opportuntites in the land of the DesChutes -but still greater in the valley of the Rogue. Those who made the trip were Governor Oswald West, Samuel Hill, R. H. Thomson city engineer of Seattle, H. L. Bowlby, former highway commissioner of Washington, Charles H. Babcock of Maryhill, M. B. Brooks of Goldendale, Wash., George Mason Trowbridge, managing editor of the Portland Journal; John C. Lewis, Portland; Charles P. Chamberlain, Seattle, Dr. J. F. Reddy, George Putnam, Benj. C. Sheldon and Colonel F. L. Tou Velle of Medford.

FLIRTING PRINCESS HAS MANY POPULAR SONGS

"My Jack O'Lantern" is the title of one of the biggest song hits in Harry Bulger's starring vehicle, "The Fiirting Princess," Mort H. Singer's

MANIAC WITH PIN

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 6 .- Mrs. F.

The assailant was F. M. Yorke who became violently insane and, entering the Otis home in the early a good one. The soil averages bet- morning hours, attacked Mr. Otis and beat him into insensibility with the

Yorke is in the county jail here

SACRAMENTO, Cal. - John E

Why Ashland Talks of Injunction Proceedings Against County Road Construction

ple, to stop payment of county warrants issued to pay for the Central Point road now being built, made pubing interview:

Said Mr. Briggs:

of Oregon. That if such suit was legality of the bonds be known at

"I asked the county court whether the amount that had been expended "I stated to the court that parties on the roads during the season of had already spoken to me to bring 1911 would be paid from the bond an injunction to restrain the payment that in case the bonds were valid legally and that in all probability has been expended for road purposes that the amount realized out of the within the next few days an injunc- in Jackson county This section of road leading from Klamath Falls to bonds would be expended for future tion would be applied for, and I still the county has not received more than the county line near Parkers Station. improvement of the roads. The think that will be the result. It is a mere pittance of that sum, while The people of the city of Ashland

from the amount of the bonds.

Wants Improvement to Cease. "On examining the records of lic his reasons therefor in the follow- county warrants I ascertained that thousand dollars to sixty thousand dollars a month had been voted by "In regard to the injunction suit the county court for road improvearer and the County Court, a Medford summer, and was informed that paper stated that an injunction suit even this month the amount of road had been brought. This was a mis- warrants would be approximately take, none has been brought. I ad- twenty-six thousand dollars. I sugvised the county court that a friend- gested that these improvements ly injunction suit be instituted in re- cease unless the amount could be taklation to the bond issue and the case en from the bond money, as it would expedited in order to get a decision make a floating indebtedness of the from the Supreme Court of the State county of more than one-half million dollars over and above the bond brought a decision could be obtained issue, and also stated to the court within a few weeks and it would re- that thre would be an injunction suit sult in the county getting the increased premium for the bonds in to restrain him from paying the warcase the decision was favorable to rants that had been issued by the the bonds then it was better that the violation to the state constitution prohibiting an indebtedness to exceed

five thousand dollars. Injunction Threatened.

of the taxes of the county had been entirely or nearly so, ignored by the county court in the matter of the improvement of roads in that section.

Road Expenditures.

money or whether it was intended of the county warrants issued il- more than one-half million dollars tains in Klamath county The Kla-

Attorney E. D. Briggs of Ashland, county court informed me that the the general impression among boost- our roads here are in bad condition have raised by subscription a large ered is it strange that the people of who appeared before the county court wording of the resolution in regard ers of our neighboring towns that and they are main thoroughfares. to the bonds was that it was to raise Ashland is a mossback town and is On the other hand we look at the ex- improve this road because it was a unlly pay one-half million dollars of Wednesday and threatened injunction money for future improvements and not in favor of the development of penditure in other localities. It is road that was necessarily traveled the bonded indebtedness, and not reproceedings in behalf of Ashland peo- that in all probability nothing that the county An Ashland man is bound plain that the Woodville and Apple- by a very large number of people. ceive recognition in the expenditure that no other expense should be inhad been done would be deducted to get it rubbed into him whenever he gate sections of the county have the Almost every day during the fruit and improvement of its own roads. visits some of these neighboring same grievances that the we have, towns, and it does not set very well and with this immense amount of ed with fruit would leave Ashland for to pay one-half million dollars of on the shoulders of some of us be- money amounting to one-half million Klamath Falls and the country con- their good money to develop portions cause we consider Ashland and the dollars that has been expended upon tiguous thereto. amounts ranging from twenty-five people of Ashland as truly progres- the avenues and roadways leading sive as any other section of Jackson into the city of Medford. The Derby leading to Fort Klamath is a road in a bridge in the center of the city. ty to support a suit which would county. They are not boomers, they road which cost a great many thou- that is used by a great number of costing a number of thousand dollars. stop these expenditures which will are conservative progressionists. It sand dollars, was constructed when people and has been almost impassa- The county court pays nothing to-"In regard to the injunction suit threatened against the County Treasthreatened against the County Treasments during the during the during the during the past people that it would be but for private assistance of ward it, the people of this city did it, people that everyone in the city of accomodate and that had reason to Ashland building that road and keep- but on the other hand in the heart Ashland is opposed to the growth of travel over the road was very limited. ing it up in repair. We have never of the city of Medford is a bridge the city of Medford. If there is such Many thousand dollars has been ex- had a road over the Siskiyon moun- that the city ought to build and maina feeling in existence, I have never pended upon the desert east of the tains leading over into California tain but the people of the city of been able to discover it. I think the city of Medford where there are very and for twenty years an effort has Medford were shrewd enough feeling of the people of Ashland to- few people to be accommodated. The been made to secure a road leading evade the building of that bridge by ward Medford is far more kindly county has graded and graveled the over into California. The county providing in the charter that the than the feeling of Medford toward Gore lane, as it is called, lying on the court has never seen proper to con- bridge should belong to the county Ashland. The people of the city of west side of the railroad track be- tribute one cent to it. For many but it is no more than right if Ash-Ashland by a majority opposed the tween Medford and Central Point, years the portion lying across Bear land puts in its bridges in the city the city of Ashland but they are all isssuing of the bonds of the county. furnishing one good avenue of con- creek east of the city of Ashland, limits, and the city had about twen-They had their own reasons for it, nection between those two towns embracing a large rich teritory of ty of them, that the city of Medford but the reason was not because the and now the county court is seeking agricultural lands has been without should build its one bridge at its own people of the city were opposed to the to put another avenue on the other a bridge across Bear creek, but to expense. improvement of the county roads, side of the track, so that there will be the credit of the county court let it case the decision was favorable to the credit of the county court let it but it was because a section of the two avenues connecting those two be said that within the last year by county paying more than one third

Want Klamath Road.

"The people of the city of Ashland have importuned the county court time and time again to contribute

amount of money in times past to Ashland, who would have to eventseason from one to five teams load- should feel a little sore and decline

"During the past season the city of "Then again, the Dead Indian road Ashland has been called upon to put of any loyal citizen of Jackson coun-

Feel the Injustice. "Therefore as I have said before, ing to indemnify contractors and the people of Ashland contributing it is not because the people of the others for any losses in the premises a large portion of the same, the city of Ashland are not progressive of an injunction. If so I would sugcounty court has placed a \$1700 and do not want good roads, but be- gest that greater care be taken to bridge there which should have been cause they feel that the county court secure payment than was taken to placed there twenty years ago. While in the past has been unjust to Ash- secure payment of the five thousand the bridge is not such a bridge as the land and judging by the past they do dollars subscribed in behalf of the something toward the road leading people of Ashland and that locality not expect to reap much benefit from Rogue River Electric company as a "During the present administration from here to the east of the moun- is entitled to, still it will answer to the county court in the future. If the donation towards building the Derby get across the creek and we try to amount of money that is now being road which subscription, I underexpended upon the county roads he- stand, has not been paid and the tween Medford and Central Point and obligors now repudiate it, so I am "When all these things are consid- any other places in the vicinity of informed."

Medford cannot be recouped from the bond issue, then as one citizen and taxpayer of Jackson county, I believe that the work should cease and curred on those roads until such expense can be met from the proceeds of the bonds, and if the county court is not willing to do that, I think it is not only the privilege but the duty create a floating indebtedness in Jackson county of over one-half million dollars.

Club Not Concerned.

"The Commercial club of the city of Ashland has been credited at being at the bottom of the injunction proceedings. I wish to state that the matter has not I cen before the Commercial club at all The parties desiring such action are not all from responsible citizens of Jackson county and all of them are heavy tax-

"I noticed by a local Medford paper that a party in Medford are will-