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MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolitan of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon.

Population—U. S. census 1910—8840; estimated, 1911, 10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finer supply pure mountain water, and 17.3 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 19 per cent.

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

at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910.

at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

STURGIS EXPLAINS HIGHWAY TROUBLE

Overcharge and Refund in Meadows-Woodville Road by Supervisor Hayes Aired in Detail by Meadows Road Supervisor.

To the Editor: The Gold Hill News appears to take exception to the county court's ruling in the J. W. Hayes matter and laboring under a delusion or misinformation, so would like to give a few facts from the shoulder to try and set it straight.

In the first place the court did not start the trouble. I brought the matter up myself and was accused by the court of being "sore" at Hayes as my reason for investigating the matter.

The News carries the idea that the overdraw of \$126.14 covered the entire season's work, when as a matter of fact it occurred during the alleged contract of connecting the Meadows-Woodville road.

Now, a word about the contract: It appears the county judge had a verbal understanding with Mr. Hayes (without knowledge of the county commissioners) that he was to receive \$700 and 1000 pounds of powder from the county, and a donation of \$300 from Woodville.

The evidence shows he charged the county \$3 per day for his own time, \$2 a day for a cook, \$2 for a camp boy, padded the time of at least two men, charged part of the crew \$1 a day for board, charged part of the provisions to the county, and left several unpaid bills in the Meadows, some of which are still unpaid.

In his report of the job to the road engineer he stated that he built two miles of grade mostly of solid rock. Now here is the actual measurement:

Brush slashed 10 feet wide, \$3 1/2 rods.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT MEDFORD.

FOR the benefit of the visiting merchants the following summary of facts about Medford is given: Medford has a population estimated at 11,000. The census of 1910 gave 8840, an increase of 393 percent in ten years, and with one exception the greatest in the United States.

Medford is the center of an orchard belt consisting of over 75,000 acres of commercial orchard, principally choice apples and pears. For three years Rogue river apples have won first prizes at apple shows and for six consecutive years local pears have held the price record of the world.

Medford is the center of a timber belt containing 25,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber, largely sugar and yellow pine. It is surrounded by a rich mineral district which has produced upward of \$35,000,000 in placer gold.

In the past four years Medford has spent \$1,715,193 in public improvements. Medford has 16.77 miles of streets paved at a cost of \$824,307.

Medford has 26.54 miles of sewer costing \$214,854. Medford has 27.4 miles of water mains costing \$244,558 and 23 miles of gravity water main costing \$275,000.

Medford is the designated terminal of the Oregon Trunk (Hill system) from central Oregon and will also be the terminal of the extension of the Oregon Electric from Eugene south.

THE RETIRING COUNCILMEN.

A PUBLIC vote of thanks should be given by the citizens of Medford to Messrs. W. W. Eifert, H. G. Wortman and F. E. Merrick, retiring councilmen, who have labored so long, steadfastly, unselfishly and efficiently for the city's development and welfare.

When these gentlemen were first elected Medford was a straggling town of about 3500 population, with not a paved street, with a tin water system supplying Bear creek drainage, with a single short sewer and a miserably inefficient municipal lighting plant.

But the great monument that perpetuates the labors of these three councilmen is the gravity water system—the best financial investment the city ever made, which is rapidly working a transformation in the appearance and attractiveness as well as the health of the city.

The water system is peculiarly the project of these former officials. They were the original water committee, appointed to examine, and select an adequate water supply, as well as secure rights of way and oversee construction.

They secured water from the Little Butte creek, fed by the snows of Mount McLoughlin, built 23 miles of gravity mains and an adequate reservoir, expending \$275,000 in the work. The gravity pipe has been supplemented by a distributing system consisting of 27.4 miles of cast iron mains costing \$244,500.

Since the completion of the gravity system 18 months ago, water users have quadrupled and the water system is not only paying its own bonded indebtedness and laying aside a sinking fund, but paying in addition a large part of the interest on the city's other indebtedness.

Lawns are now possible all over the city, as well as avenues of shade trees, while in six months there has not been a case of typhoid fever.

The water system is designed to supply a city of 25,000 to 30,000 people, showing how the committee planned broadly for the future and its needs. And this represents only one of the many activities of these councilmen. The new council will have to hustle to equal this record.

JOSEPHINE ABOLISHES ROAD TAX: \$30,000 FOR HIGHWAYS IN 1912

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 17.—The sum of \$20,000 will be expended on county roads by the county court during 1912, states Judge Stephen Jewell. This sum will not be adhered to the cent or dollar, but represents about the amount which will go into road construction and improvement.

This does not, of course, take into consideration the proposed bond issue. The county court has abolished the road tax in vogue heretofore. Commissioner Woodcock, in explaining this action of the court, stated that the road tax question resulted in expense in some districts when the money was needed far more in other districts.

The law, said he, reads that when a road tax is collected one-half of the money paid by a district was to go back on the roads of that district. Now it happens often that one district does not need one-half the money it pays, while other districts need more than they pay.

To balance up matters and use money where needed, it was decided to abolish the particular tax known as road tax and make the general taxes do duty where needed the most.

The county court is also confronted by another question, and that is, shall a roadmaster be employed? Heretofore Judge Jewell has acted in this capacity, but he tells the commissioners that the expense is too much for him to stand individually. Several men have applied for the position, asking a salary in

amount all the way from \$1200 a year to \$1800 a year. The law reads that some member of the court can act in this capacity if it is desired, hence Judge Jewell has proposed to the commissioners that if they will set aside \$300 a year as reimbursement for his expenses and some remuneration he will continue to superintend road matters. Judge Jewell states that he is not anxious for the job, as it keeps him from home much of his time and often late into the night, but he will act if it is not decided to employ a roadmaster at a salary of from \$1200 to \$1800 a year.

ANNUAL MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association for the purpose of receiving annual reports, the election of officers, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held in the Angle Opera House, Medford, Oregon, at 10:30 a. m., February 13, 1912.

A CONRO FIERO, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE TO PLAY MEDFORD

First and Second High School Teams Will Oppose Alumni and Regular Jacksonville Teams at Basketball Friday.

Lovers of basketball will have a chance to see a double-header Friday evening when the high school first and second teams will play the alumni and regular teams of the Jacksonville high school.

The first game will be called at 7:30 and will be the curtain raiser—Jacksonville high against the Medford second team. It should be a very close game and a fast one, as the halves will be cut short in order to start the main event at 8 o'clock.

The Jacksonville alumni is said to have a strong team and there is no doubt that the high school has a speedy five. The games will be played at the "Nat" and a large crowd of students and townspeople will cheer the team in its opening schedule game.

TO OPEN STORE WITH CONCERT

Palmer Piano Place to be Opened With High Class Concert by Eames Orchestra, Assisted by Mrs. Olaf Chaffee.

The Palmer Piano Place, Medford's largest piano saleroom, will have its formal opening Saturday evening from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. The Eames orchestra, assisted by Mrs. Olaf Chaffee, will give the following high class program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

- 1. Overture, "William Tell".....Rossini
2. Vocal Solo, "Ratture".....Ellen Cowell
Mrs. Olaf Chaffee.

- 3. Cello Solo, (a) "Le Cygne" (The Swan).....Saint Saens
(b) "To the Evening Star" (From Tauschanser) Wagner
W. A. Eames.

- 4. Duet for Violin and Cello, "Miserere" (from Il Trovatore) Verdi
5. Piano Solo, "Polonaise (in E Major).....Liszt
Adolph Knauer.

- 6. Violin Solo, "Je suis le petit Tambour" (with variations).....Ferd David
Anna Aubrey Eames.

- 7. Vocal Solo, "Slave Song".....Terena Delriczo
Mrs. Olaf Chaffee.

- 8. Finale, Selections on the Lute.....Selected
W. C. Dehley.....258

CITY NOTICES.

ORDINANCE NO. 450. An ordinance to amend the property adjacent to and benefited by the 6-inch lateral sewer constructed along alley through block 29 from Main street to Eighth street, for the cost of constructing the same and providing the manner of carrying said assessment into effect.

The City of Medford doth ordain as follows: Section 1. Whereas, the Council did heretofore provide by ordinance for serving the owners of property adjacent to and benefited by the construction of the lateral sewer heretofore described to appear before said Council to and sign, in case, if any, any said property should not be assessed for the construction of said sewer, and did fix a time and place for hearing any protests, which notice was given in accordance with said ordinance more than ten days before the beginning of the construction of said sewer, but no protests against said construction were made by anyone and said sewer was by said Council ordered constructed.

And whereas, since the completion of the construction of said sewer has been and hereby is determined to be the sum of \$572.

Now therefore, said city doth ordain and declare that each parcel of property adjacent to and benefited by the sewer 6 inches in size, constructed on alley through block 29 from Main street to Eighth street, and that the proportion of the cost of said sewer which each of said parcels of land is to bear shall be based on the benefits derived respectively by said several tracts of land as the amount of assessment on each parcel based on the benefits derived from the construction of said sewer, said several amounts represent the proportional benefits of said several parcels and hereby assessed in the amount set opposite its description below. For the construction of said sewer, the name appearing above each description being the name of the owner, or reputed owner, of each such lot or parcel.

ASSESSMENT NO. 4.—First National Bank of Medford, Oregon, Lot 4, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the north side of said alley, as described in Vol. 28, page 122 and 128, and Vol. 29, page 23, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 5.—First National Bank of Medford, Oregon, Lot 4, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the north side of said alley, as described in Vol. 28, page 122 and 128, and Vol. 29, page 23, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 6.—J. C. Nash, Lot 8, block 29, Original Townsite, City of

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Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the west side of said alley, as described in Vol. 28, page 294, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 7.—M. G. Thomas and W. V. Melchior, Lot 11 and the north 3 feet of lot 11, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the west side of said alley, as described in Vol. 27, page 172 and Vol. 21, page 181, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 8.—Ed Wilkinson, The north 25 feet of lot 11, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the west side of said alley, as described in Vol. 28, page 294, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 9.—Ed Wilkinson, The north 25 feet of lot 11, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the west side of said alley, as described in Vol. 28, page 294, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 10.—Ed Wilkinson, Lot 12, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the west side of said alley, as described in Vol. 28, page 294, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 11.—Altha and Margaret J. Emmerich, Lot 1, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the west side of said alley, as described in Vol. 28, page 409, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 12.—David C. Wilson, Lot 15, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 25 feet on the west side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 326, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 25 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$27.00.

ASSESSMENT NO. 13.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 17, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 14.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 18, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 15.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 19, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 16.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 20, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 17.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 21, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 18.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 22, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 19.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 23, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 20.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 24, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 21.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 25, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 22.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 26, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 23.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 27, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 24.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 28, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 25.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 29, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 26.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 30, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 27.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 31, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

ASSESSMENT NO. 28.—Addie Haller, The north 94 feet of lot 32, block 29, Original Townsite, City of Medford, Oregon. Frontage 94 feet on the east side of said alley, as described in Vol. 26, page 310, of the county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 94 feet; rate per foot, \$1.98; amount, \$187.52.

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