

WHAT TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS WHEN YOU WRITE--LOCAL CONDITIONS TOLD AS THEY ARE

William M. Colvig, President of the Medford Commercial Club Prepares Statement of Facts for Use in Offsetting Persistent Knocking of This Section by the Other Cities of State.

By William M. Colvig, President Medford Commercial Club.

Tell them that Medford has between 10,000 and 11,000 inhabitants, and that its rate of increase during the last census decade was second in the United States.

Tell them that it is an American city, as shown by its register of voters; that out of 1600 enrolled for the city election only 59 were of foreign birth, and only two of all of these voters did not write their names on the register.

Tell them that Medford has more miles of hard surfaced paved streets than any other city of its size in the civilized world; that it has 17.27 miles of such streets.

Tell them that the city has a gravity water system that cost \$450,000, and that the water is pure, soft mountain water, brought a distance of 22 miles by underground pipes; and that the emergency reservoir has a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons.

Tell them that our sewers have cost \$214,651.24, there being 26.21 miles of sewers, and 27.01 miles of water mains.

Tell them that no city in Oregon can show a better bill of health than Medford for the year 1911; that the total enrollment in the four public schools and one high school is over 1600 children, and that since the opening in September, 1911, not one of these schools has been closed for any length of time whatever on account of contagious diseases, such as mumps, measles, smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, etc., because there have not been any of these diseases prevalent in the city during said time.

Tell them that the record of the secretary of state's office for 1911 shows that only Portland and Salem, of all the cities of the state, have a greater number of registered automobiles in use, Medford being third in the list.

Tell them that the character of our citizenship is unexcelled; that among the social clubs of the city the University club is one of the most prominent, its membership representing graduates of 49 different universities and colleges.

Tell them that Medford city bonds find ready sale at a premium, because moneyed men have confidence in the future of the city.

Tell them that Medford is a well governed city; that the tax levy for state, school, county and city purposes aggregates a total of only 28.5 mills for the year 1911. Impress upon their minds the fact that a levy of 28.5 mills is lower than the levy in any other city outside of Portland in western Oregon, except the city of Albany, which also has 28.5 mills. The following is from the official records:

Ashland	40.5	mills Eugene	30.7	mills
Central Point	32	mills Marshfield	40	mills
Grants Pass	37	mills Albany	28.5	mills
Roseburg	32.5	mills Salem	32.6	mills

And after having told them all of these facts, then say to them that Medford is in the center of Rogue River valley, Jackson county, southern Oregon, and that a person has but one life to live, and why not spend it under the genial skies of Rogue River valley? This valley is one of the leading apple and pear countries of the world. It took the sweepstakes prize on apples at the Spokane Apple show, 1909; and its growers were awarded the title of "Apple Kings of the World." In 1910, it took first prize in a carload exhibit at Vancouver, B. C., and again in 1911, with a like exhibit at Spokane it took first prize. No county in the United States has a larger area devoted to pears, and no country in the world ever produced pears of a more excellent quality. The valley is sheltered from every inclement wind by the mountains which surround it, and when all the country east of the Rocky mountains is smitten by blizzards, nature here is in her calmest mood, and spring-like weather prevails. At no time during the past winter was the mercury at Medford below 29 1/2 degrees above zero. It was 17 1/4 above at Los Angeles. The average rainfall for 23 years, as taken from the government records, is 27.21 inches. There have been but 1 1/2 inches of snow in the valley this winter, and it laid on the ground about five hours.

The Medford Commercial club is an Oregon corporation; its membership includes all the live business men of the community. It will vouch for the truthfulness of every statement contained in this article, for each is confirmed by the records.

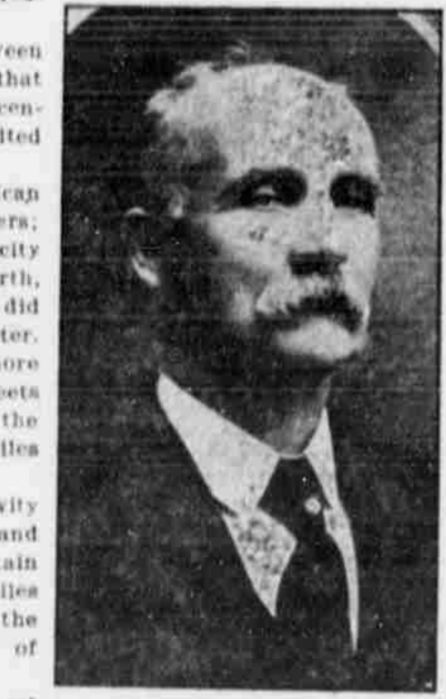
Tell your friends to buy tickets directly to Medford, and from thence it will be easy to travel out and see the rest of the state, and that if they want further information to write to the Medford Commercial club

MANY DROWNED WHEN SHIPS CRASH

LONDON, March 16.—Passengers on the steamer Oceana, which collided with the German bark Pisagua off East Bourne early today say that between fifteen and twenty persons were drowned when the Oceana's lifeboat capsized.

Panama Bill Presented.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The Panama canal bill as endorsed by the house committee on interstate commerce was presented to the house today by Congressman Adams, chairman of the committee.

The bill fixes a maximum rate of \$1.25 per ton in toll rates and denounces railroad ownership of steamship lines. It also estimates the cost of operating the canal will be from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 yearly.



SITUATION IN MEXICO CITY GROWS WORSE

Alarmed by Steady Growth of Sentiment Against All Foreigners Americans and Germans Band Together to Defend Themselves.

Rebel Force of 2000 Men Are Encamped Within Five Miles of City May Attack Soon.

MEXICO CITY, March 16.—Alarmed by the steady growth of sentiment against all foreigners, American and German residents of Mexico City this morning banded here and are prepared to defend themselves against a threatened outbreak.

An anti-American demonstration occurred at Tampico and a similar outbreak is expected here. President Francisco I. Madero has started troops to Tampico to restore order there.

A rebel force of apparently 2,000 men today is encamped within five miles of the city. The rebels are not expected to attack the capital until they are reinforced by the arrival of General Pascual Orozco and his men.

Leader Is Executed.

EL PASO, Texas, March 16.—Captured by rebels near Santa Rosalia, Friday Adams, chief of staff of General Francisco Villa's federal army was shot to death by direct orders from General Pascual Orozco, commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces, according to advices received here today from Ciudad Chihuahua.

General Orozco plans a similar fate for any other federal authority who may fall into the hands of the rebels.

Major Adams is the first federal officer to be executed since Orozco's proclamation was issued.

JOHN ROGERS TO HANG FOR CRIME

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—John Rogers, convicted for the murder of Benjamin Goodman, a jewelry salesman, for the purpose of robbery, was sentenced here today by Judge Wilson of the superior court to be hanged. The date of the execution will be set later.

Goodman was murdered for his diamonds in a cellar near the Barbary coast. His body was found in a gutter under a pile of decayed grapes.

PASADENA, Cal., March 16.—Henry W. Wilkinson of Columbus, O., aged about 30, was found dead in an alley in South Pasadena today with a bullet hole in his temple. A revolver was lying beside the body, four chambers empty. The police believe it is a case of suicide.

27 HUNGRY MEN GRAB EATS AND ARE CONTENT

After a Session Tonight on Haymarket Square Near Hotel Nash the Men Will Depart for San Francisco.

Crowd is Well Satisfied With Treatment in Medford and Will Make no Trouble.

Twenty-seven members of the I. W. W., the advance guard of a small army en route from Seattle to San Diego, arrived in Medford last night by freight from Portland. They were housed in the city jail and this noon were given a meal at the expense of the socialist party and the restaurant keepers of the city.

This evening will be an open air meeting with I. W. W. speeches on Haymarket Square. Following the session the speakers, with the rest of the band, will take freight car accommodations toward the south. It is not the intention to remain in Medford more than twenty-four hours and all haste will be made to San Diego, where a monster gathering of the clan is scheduled.

A representative of the Mail Tribune attended an informal session of the order at Smith's hall this morning. The important business on the calendar was ways and means of securing a noon meal. When the socialist party agreed to provide or to find providers for the dinner there was great joy in the crowd. "We have been treated all right in this city," said one leader. "It wasn't exactly comfortable sleeping in the jail last night but it was cold that we might just as well have been outdoors. This dinner at a restaurant makes a hit, though."

The same man told how the party had huddled together on the top of one box car and had ridden thus for miles. "We went right through Salem, all together in a bunch on the top of the car and maybe we didn't make the people look. It was raining a cold rain and we nearly froze, but there we sat like a crowd of sheep in a snow storm."

According to the members of the order here the advance agent Lone Wolf, who blew through Medford some time ago, has been a busy man since he departed from this place. "He has been at Vancouver, Aberdeen and Seattle, where we have had red hot meetings and now he has gone south to San Diego. The Lowly Wolf travels fast."

Among the men are a number who seem to be well educated. They were all well washed up this noon and did not look like the "hobo" description often given them. At some of the restaurants they helped carry in wood, etc., to help earn their food. There seems no reason for the public to fear any depredations from this crowd as they are well satisfied with the treatment given them here.

AMID THUNDER OF GUNS AND WITH FLAG FLOATING BRAVELY MAINE SINKS TO HER REST

One Last Cheer Rings Out From Fleet as the Decks of Twisted Metal Covered With Roses, Goes Down, and the Last Cannon Boomed Farewell as Flag Sank Beneath the Waves.

HAVANA, Cuba, March 16.—Accompanied by American warships and the entire Cuban navy, the bulk of the famous battleship Maine was towed out this afternoon into Florida straits, nine miles from Havana, and her flag floating bravely from the masthead, was sunk to the bottom of the sea amid a thunder of guns from her convoys. One last cheer rang out from the whole fleet as the mass of twisted metal, its decks covered with roses, went down and the last cannon boomed farewell as the flag sank beneath the waves.

In honor of the dead who perished when the explosion which wrecked the Maine sounded the first call to Cuban liberty all business was suspended here today. The government buildings were closed and from every flagstaff in the business section of the city entwined American and Cuban flags, crepe bonnet, spread in the breeze. Every Cuban soldier and thousands of citizens were hands of crepe.

Previous to the departure of the battleships and the wreck thousands of Cubans visited the city hall where the bones of 56 victims of the Maine lay in a long row of coffins. Just before the fleet's sailing the caskets were put aboard the cruiser North Carolina which accompanied the Maine to sea, and when the last vestige of the famous fighting vessel had sunk beneath the waves, started north with the remains of her sailors bound for their final resting place in Arlington cemetery.

MERRICK PLEDGES BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IF ELECTED

F. E. Merrick today filed his declaration for county judge subject to the republican primaries in April. He is opposed by George W. Dunn of Ashland.

Mr. Merrick stands upon an excellent platform. His announcement pledges him if elected, to stand for the bonding of the county and to begin the construction of a scientific

system of permanent roads. He further states that he believes \$1,500,000 not too much for this purpose, but that a dollar's value must be had for every dollar spent. He will oppose increasing the county's warrant indebtedness and will endeavor to reduce the same. He also states that he will assume full responsibility for a business administration of every county office.

THINK ELOPERS ARE AT OAKLAND

Acting on a strong clue that Mrs. A. W. MacPherson and A. B. Rice, the farm hand with whom she is said to have eloped, are running a boarding house at Oakland, Cal., Constable August Singler has telegraphed the chief of police at that city to make the arrest. Word of the arrest and identification is expected this evening.

Mrs. MacPherson, wife of a Griffin creek farmer left her home on Jan. 24, taking her two children with her. The farm hand, Rice, disappeared at the same time. Several clues to the couple's whereabouts have developed but nothing definite was learned until today when information said to be authentic came to Constable Singler. A raid on a lone cabin near Butte Falls was one of the features of the husband's search for his wife and children.

Mr. MacPherson has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture and it looks as if Singler had pulled it down.

GOVERNMENT TAKES A HAND IN COAL STRIKE

LONDON, March 16.—The cabinet considered today as a means of settling the great strike a draft of a minimum bill prepared by Chancellor Lloyd George. By the terms of this the operators would be forced to grant the principal demands of the striking miners.

LITTLE GIANT STUMPS HARD

BISMARCK, N. D., March 16.—Senator La Follette announced today that he will continue on the stump here until the last minute of the primary fight which is expected to end on Tuesday with a record vote.

John Bass, with a throng of Roosevelt speakers is following La Follette's route. Bass predicted today that Roosevelt would surely carry the state.

Borah for President
BOISE, Idaho, March 16.—A boom for Senator William E. Borah for president was launched here today by friends of the Idaho junior senator. The organization of the Idaho progressive republican Borah league will be the first step in a campaign which it is proposed to wage in his behalf.

Pastor Found Guilty.
PITTSBURG, Pa., March 16.—Rev. McFarland, aged sixty years, pastor of a Presbyterian mission at Greenville, Tenn., was found guilty here this afternoon of performing a criminal operation which resulted in the death of his former secretary Miss Elsie Coe. Miss Coe, a Pittsburg girl, died January 5 last.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The house today considered the excise tax bill proposed by the democrats as a means of supply \$53,000,000 lost through passage of the free sugar bill. Representative Underwood of Alabama will demand a vote on the measure Monday.

HUNDRED MEN NOW ON TRAIL OF ALLEN GANG

All Telegraph and Telephone Wires Are Cut in Southern Section of State—Raiders Believed to Be Strongly Intrenched.

Meeting Between Government and Bandits is Certain to Mean Great Loss of Life.

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The death toll of the murderous raid of the Allen gang of outlaws today stands at five. It is likely to be increased at any moment. The dead: Judge Thornton Massie; Commonwealth Attorney William Foster; Sheriff Lew Webb; Betty Ayres, aged thirteen, child witness for bandit Floyd Allen; Mrs. Sidney Allen, wife of Sidney Allen, leader in the outlaw gang.
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HILLSVILLE, Va., March 16.—Sidney Allen, leader of the Allen clan of outlaws today escaped from the posse which effected his capture yesterday in his mountain home. News of the escape was brought by a mountaineer who was sent by the posse to warn the authorities here to be on the lookout for the notorious bandit leader.

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 16.—Forty detectives from Richmond, aided by half a hundred deputy sheriffs and a dozen feudists at daybreak today again took up the chase for the Allen gang of outlaws whose raid on the Hillsville court house and its sequel has resulted in death to five persons. Juror Fowler, who was struck by a stray bullet is not expected to live through the day. His death will bring the death list up to six.

All telegraph and telephone wires leading to the towns and villages in the southern section of Virginia have been cut by the outlaw clan, and the raiders, sixteen strong, are believed this morning to be strongly entrenched in a mountain pass, awaiting the coming of the posses. The outlaws are plentifully supplied with ammunition, having dashed across the North Carolina border to Mount Airy Thursday night, raided a hardware store and rushed back to their stronghold in the Blue Ridge mountains.

Loss of Life Certain.
The meeting between the government and the bandits is certain to mean great loss of life. Three internal revenue officers who are familiar with every trail in the Blue Ridge mountains arrived here today and left on mountain ponies to guide the searchers in the hunt.

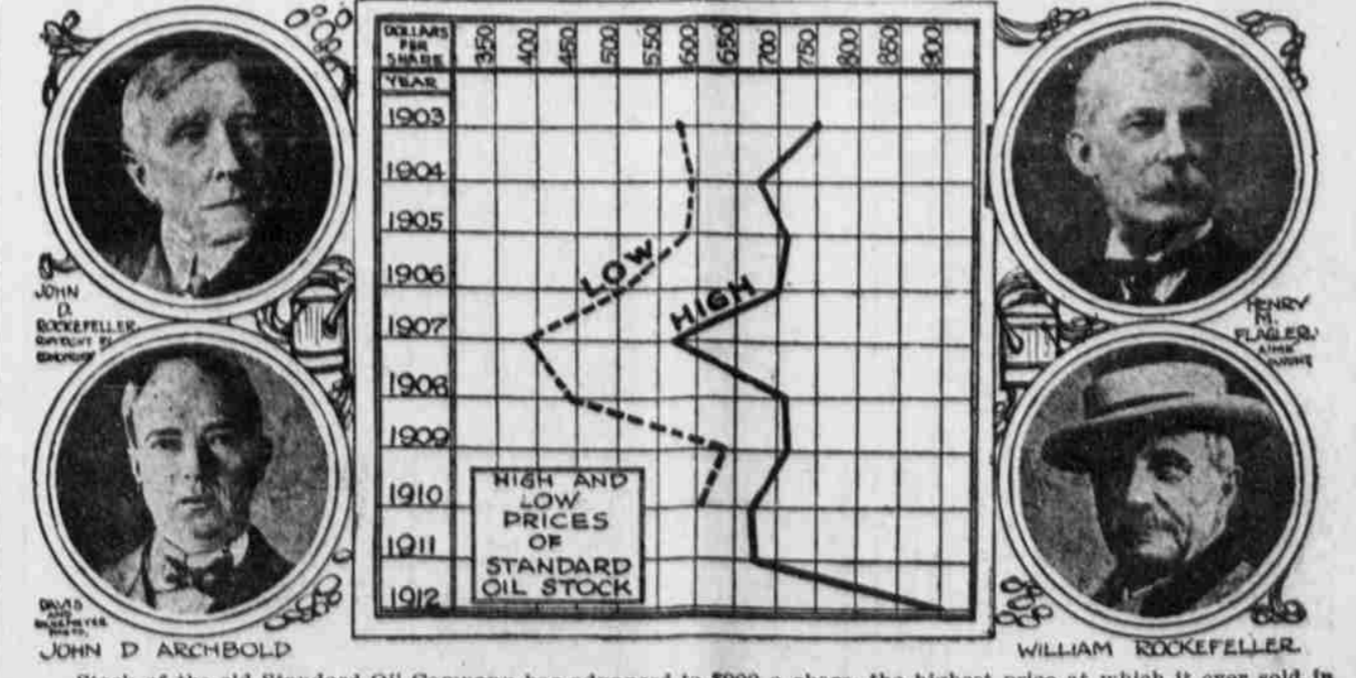
"My wife died like a good wife should," was the only comment Sidney Allen, the outlaw leader, had to make today on the death of Mrs. Allen. She lost her life in a pitched battle with a posse at their mountain home while helping defend her outlaw husband. Allen had expected the posse and was strongly barricaded in his home. As fast as the women of the family could reload rifles he kept blazing away at the posses of detectives and deputy sheriffs. Following a short lull a posse stormed the house Mrs. Allen was lying dead in a corner with a loaded rifle in her hands. Her husband lay groaning in the corner bleeding profusely from a gunshot wound.

Taken When Wounded.
"You got me because I was too badly wounded to man my gun," he told the leader of the posse. The outlaw leader asked if he had killed or wounded any of the posse and expressed regret when told that all had escaped.

Hillsville today still expects the outlaw clan to return and storm the jail in an effort to rescue Sidney and Floyd Allen. A guard of mountain sharpshooters surround the structure and any attempt to effect a capture will meet with stubborn resistance.

Strikers Shoot.
BARRE, Mass., March 16.—Shots today were exchanged between strikers at the Barre wool combing plant and officers. Six officers were injured and five men were arrested.

STANDARD OIL STOCK AT RECORD PRICE MYSTIFIES INVESTORS



Stock of the old Standard Oil Company has advanced to \$900 a share, the highest price at which it ever sold in its history. When the United States Supreme Court last May ordered the dissolution of the company its outstanding securities had a market valuation amounting to \$885,044,700, representing a clear gain in value since the dissolution of about \$221,000,000.

Stockholders in the great corporation, who now hold thirty-four shares in as many different companies where they before held one, are making bitter complaints that dividends are being declared on stocks of the subsidiary companies and millions in new stock are being issued without due notice to them, resulting in severe losses to investors.

So far as the investing public is concerned it is completely in the dark as to the assets and the earning power of the many companies, the officers of which refrain from making public such information.

In the case of the Standard Oil Company majority control was vested in a small group of men, including, in the respective order of their holding, John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler, John D. Archbold, William Rockefeller and the Pratt estate.

