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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—8540; estimated, 1911—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest 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 Spitzenberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Northwest apples.

First Prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by product of Northwest.

Rogue River apples brought highest prices 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.

THE LAW ON ROAD SIGNS.

A CENTRAL Point correspondent, E. E. Walden, asks whether it is not a misappropriation of county funds to pay road supervisors their salaries unless they comply with the law and erect sign boards at road crossings, and therefore a misdemeanor on the part of county officials to pay these salaries when supervisors ignore the law.

Section 6317 of Lords Code reads as follows: "Every supervisor shall erect and keep up at the forks of every highway and every crossing of public roads, within his road district a guide or finger board, containing an inscription, in legible letters, directing the way and specifying the distance to the next town or public place situated on each road, respectively; provided, that the road supervisors shall not be paid after submitting their report to the county court until they have shown to the satisfaction of the court that the provisions of this section have been complied with."

Section 6318 provides the following additional penalty: "Any supervisor of roads who shall neglect or refuse to perform the several duties enjoined upon him * * * shall forfeit for every such offense not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, for the use of his county, to be recovered before any justice of the peace having jurisdiction of the same, in the name of the county court; and it is hereby made the duty of the court to sue for the same; provided, that if any supervisor conceive himself aggrieved by the decision of the justice of the peace, he may appeal to the circuit court, as in other causes."

These statutes like many others, have been more honored in the breach than in the observance. Not a county in Oregon has enforced them. It would be straining a point to say that failure to enforce them was a misdemeanor on the part of the county court, but there is no reason why they should not be enforced. That is what they were made laws for, and Jackson county might as well lead the state in this regard as in others.

The law gives Mr. Walden and other taxpayers a remedy however. Upon complaint the county court would have to act under section 6318, while any taxpayers can enjoin the county officials from paying any supervisors until they have complied with the law and erected sign posts.

It is certainly the duty of the prosecuting attorney to inform taxpayers concerning the law. That is what he is elected for.

The village press has described itself as a "lousy calf," rather than a braying burro as would be supposed from the noise they make, and it ought to be an authority upon this subject if none other.

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING.

THE Lord helps those that help themselves. Medford has a chance to help herself and all southern Oregon as well.

Medford can build a railroad to the Blue Ledge, opening the greatest copper mining camp in the northwest, developing the greatest natural resource, providing work for many men and prosperity for the community.

Medford has waited for ten years for the Southern Pacific to build this branch feeder—and it can wait ten years more with the same result—nothing doing, unless Hill started a line.

Medford has waited three years for the Hill system to build—nothing doing until the Pacific and Eastern is completed to a junction with the Oregon Trunk—and no reason why Hill should build a feeder for Harriman.

It would be a good thing for the community if the Southern Pacific built the road—it would be a better thing if the Hill system built it—but it will be the best of all if the people built it themselves.

It will arouse us from our unwonted lethargy, unite the people for the common good as they have not been united for months. It will still further develop the Medford spirit—the unselfish one for all and all for one spirit, the spirit that has made the community.

A united community, pulling together, can accomplish any end and fulfill any hope and the building of a railroad to the Blue Ledge, is an object worthy of the utmost effort.

What Medford has accomplished so far, she has accomplished alone, without help from without. She has grown almost overnight from a straggling unkempt village into the best paved, sewered and watered city of her size in the world. Medford is now a well known name throughout the country—and Medford citizens accomplished it by their own energy, stamina and brains.

"She flies with her own wings" is the state motto of Oregon, but Jackson county is the only part that really flies with her own wings, and the time is ripe for her greatest flight.

The railroad to the Blue Ledge must be built—and Medford must build it. Opportunity is knocking, let us open the door.

THE QUICK OR THE DEAD?

AN EFFORT has been and is being made to unite the rest of the county against Medford—to have the county line up politically with Ashland as against this city. One of the sponsors of this movement is the Ashland Tidings, which has dubbed Medford "His Swinship."

Ashland for many years controlled the politics of the county—and was supremely selfish in its control. The remnants of the old political ring seek to renew this control and to this end have named George W. Dunn as their candidate for county judge.

There is no reason why the attempt should be made to arouse the rest of the county against Medford, except the village animosity and jealousy with which Ashland has long regarded Medford. As a matter of fact, Medford has done and is doing far more for every section of the valley than Ashland ever dreamed of doing.

Medford money and energy have given the stimulus that increased population and raised valuations of all realty in the county. Medford has brought in the capital that is developing orchard and farm, that is opening up

mines and establishing industries, that is utilizing waste water power and irrigating the desert, that built the Pacific & Eastern and will build to the Blue Ledge.

The interests of the county are the interests of Medford. The city can only grow as the country develops, and it is Medford that is responsible for most of the development.

Judge Dunn fully reflects the unprogressive and reactionary spirit that dominates the Ashland ring, that fought road bonds, that wastes its energies in knocking, instead of cooperating in creative development work.

What did Judge Dunn ever do for any portion of Jackson county, during his life long residence as a citizen, or in his official capacity as county judge? What move did he ever originate or promote or assist for the upbuilding of Jackson county?

Judge Dunn points to his record, which only shows the negative virtue of economy and inaction. His path is strewn with the blighted buds of lost opportunities. Even when Jackson county woke up and began to do things—he continued in slumberous lethargy—and played no vital part in its development.

Shall the people of Jackson county return to the long since discarded ways of a day whose sun has forever set? Or shall we continue the march of progress into a brighter future?

Do we want a dead one as leader or a live one? That is the issue before the people of Jackson county at the primaries, April 19.

PYTHIANS ATTEND ASHLAND MEETING

The district convention of the Knights of Pythias was held in Ashland. Thirty lodges of this city were present. The party made the trip by automobiles, several members filling their cars and the Gort auto livery carrying the others.

Frank T. Wrightman, grand chancellor; L. R. Stinson, grand keeper of records and seals, and Past Grand Chancellor W. M. Calk of Portland made interesting talks on the principles and good of the order. A very sumptuous banquet was served by the members of Ashland lodge.

Medford lodge, No. 39, will have work in the third degree next Monday night and Ashland lodge promised to bring a good attendance to Medford.

Those who attended the convention were: H. G. Wortman, J. F. Hutchason, E. G. Trowbridge, Jr., E. W. Potter, M. A. Rader, A. C. Hubbard, W. T. Kentner, L. L. Damon, E. T. Kline, Ernest McKee, Earl Reynolds, B. J. Trowbridge, W. W. Ewert, G. H. Gort, B. M. Collins, Ray Bunch, Al Elsenhart, A. W. Mackey, J. H. Brown, J. A. Perry, B. F. Mulkey, J. E. Dent, L. W. Whiting, J. S. Qualles, J. P. Phlegar, E. G. Trowbridge, H. T. Haswell, T. C. Noe.

ITALIANS TRY TO LYNCH WIELDER OF BIG SHOVEL

EUGENE, Ore., April 2.—Sheriff Bown today brought here for safe keeping W. McLean, an American laborer at the Southern Pacific construction camp, twenty-three miles from here, whom a gang of Italians attempted to lynch last night. McLean and an Italian had an altercation and McLean knocked his opponent senseless with a shovel. Thinking their countryman dead, the Italians attacked McLean, who ran to camp and was protected by several other Americans, who stood off the mob with a gun. The Italian's injuries are not serious.

Rosecrans Is Floated

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 2.—The tanker Rosecrans, which went ashore March 12, was floated today and will be taken to San Francisco tomorrow.

Brand Rumor as False

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Reports spread by a morning news association that the war department has ordered all militia held in readiness to go to the Mexican border was branded as false here this afternoon by government officials.

Baldheads

More Women Are Bald Than Men, Says Authority.

This is a startling statement, but it's true according to an article published in a standard magazine this year.

One thing is certain PARISIAN SAGE will surely prevent baldness by stopping the hair from falling, but it won't grow hair after the head is bald.

Ladies, look after your hair, destroy the dandruff germs with PARISIAN SAGE and dandruff will disappear. It stops scalp itch over night and is guaranteed to be the most refreshing, refined and agreeable hair dressing that can be obtained. Sold by Chas. Strang and druggists all over America for 50 cents.

"My hair was falling out, and I was troubled with itching scalp. I received no benefit until I used PARISIAN SAGE."—Mrs. George Thunder, R. F. D. 5, Marshall, Mich.

POULTRY CAR TO BE IN MEDFORD MONDAY

Monday, April 8, the poultry demonstration car of the Oregon Agricultural college will arrive in this city at 3:32 on its itinerary through the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue river valleys and remain until the next morning.

The poultry raisers of the state will have at this time an opportunity to make any inquiries as to the raising of poultry.

The car will be equipped by the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college, with all modern appliances used in the business of poultry raising, will carry exhibits consisting of the principal breeds of poultry and will be in charge of Professor C. C. Lamb, principal demonstrator, and R. B. Thompson, assistant.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction L. R. Alderman will arrange for the school children to visit the car at a specific time at each place.

To Study Orphanage Matters

CLINTON, S. C., April 2.—The orphanage superintendents of the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida met today in annual session at the Thornwell orphanage, near this city, and will devote three days to the discussion and study of various matters and problems of interest to officials in charge of orphan asylums.

Hear Riot Witnesses

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., April 2.—Scores of witnesses were heard by the coroner's jury and grand jury which is investigating the fatal riot last Tuesday. Nine companies of militia left here today, three remaining. The township election is tomorrow, but no trouble is expected, as there is not much interest in the campaign.

THIS WILL INTEREST MOTHERS

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, a Certain Relief for Feverishness, Headache, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. They break up colds in 24 hours. They are so pleasant to the taste children like them. Over 10,000 testimonials. Used by Mothers for 23 years. They never fail. Sold by all Druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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ISIS 10c THEATRE 10c THE FOUR DONNELLYS in complete change of program TONIGHT KITTIE & TOMMY DONNELLY will do a double singing and dancing number, singing "I Don't Believe I That There is a Man in the Moon."

WHERE TO GO TONIGHT STAR THEATRE Under direction People's Amusement Co. Always in the lead. TODAY'S PROGRAM "CHOLERA ON THE PLAINS" Stirring Photoplay of early days in the west. "MY PRINCESS" This will pull at your heart strings. "THE FACTORY GIRL" A story, true to life. "THE ROMANCE OF A DRY TOWN" An up-to-date Western Comedy. AL SATHER in Song. WOOLWORTHS, the Musicians. Admission 10c, Children 5c. MATINEES EVERY DAY. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT On Thursday, April 4, we will give a Benefit for the Greater Medford Club. Tell your friends about it. You should all be there.

Hall & Myers Taxi Co. Taxicabs and Touring Cars. Phones: Pacific 1100 Home 1400. Time Rates: City on Payments, \$2.00 per hour. Country, \$2.50 per hour. Waiting Time: 10 Cents Every Four Minutes or \$1.50 Per Hour. Ladies Shopping, \$2.50 Per Hour. Doctors' City Calls \$2.50 Per Hour. Taximeter Rates: Service Day or Night. Take the Brown Cars.

Benefit Performance Greater Medford Club Thursday Afternoon and Evening April 4th AT STAR THEATRE Price 10c

MEDFORD THEATRE KLAU & ERLANGER Present (Direction Joseph Brooks) Their Newest and Most Sufficient Attraction Since Ben Hur Direct from One Year of Triumph at David Belasco's Republic Theatre, New York REBECCA of SUNNYBROOK FARM By Kate Douglas Wiggin and Charlotte Thompson Founded upon Mrs. Wiggin's Famous Rebecca Books THURSDAY, APRIL 4th Prices: \$1.50, \$1.00, 50c Seat Sale, Monday, April 1st at Haskin's Drug Store

BOXERS READY FOR BIG MILL

Tomorrow night before the Medford Athletic club the biggest event ever here in the line of boxing will be staged, the two principals, Tommy McFarland and Bobbie Evans are well known to the local followers of the game, Evans having shown us what he could do, while of McFarland we can only judge him on his reputation and the class of boxers he has met those who have seen him train in the gymnasium have placed the stamp of approval upon him.

Both kids are well put up and in the best of condition and there is no reason why it should not turn out to be one of the best contests to be seen anywhere.

It is an assured fact that before the main event starts every seat in the Angle opera house will be filled up, it not alone being expected the bout will be a great one, but there are a few hundred fans who are anxious to see McFarland to get a glimpse at the Fond du Lac lad who for ten furious rounds gave the world's lightweight champion, Ad Wolgast, the hardest battle in his career.

In addition to the main event there will be two good preliminaries, one a special event between Art Collins and "Ironman" Al Moore, a pair of husky middleweights. When this pair gets to going they are apt to make the fans sit up and take notice. In the other event Young Dixon, who has fought two draws with Evans, may take on an opponent for four rounds.

Tomorrow night's card should be a banner one in the history of athletic events in southern Oregon. Seats on sale at Nash hotel.

Makers of Cotton Goods Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—One thousand manufacturers of cotton goods, representing many sections of the country, were on hand this morning when the American Cotton Manufacturers' association began its sixteenth annual convention at the Raleigh hotel in this city. The meeting will last three days. Most important of the subjects which will come before the association will be the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the effects that the proposed tariff changes may have on the cotton industry.

Birthday of Oldest Ruler

BERLIN, April 2.—Duke George II of Saxe-Meiningen, the oldest of European rulers, received congratulations today to his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary. The duke was born in 1826 and came to the throne in 1855.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Superior Judge Lawlor today admitted to probation Chauffeur Frank Kernan, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Annie Dwyer, who was run down November 12 by a machine driven by Kernan. Judge Lawlor explained that his action was due to the fact that relatives of Miss Dwyer asked him to show leniency to Kernan.