

THIS IS BIGGEST LITTLE CITY

The Rockford (Ill.) Morning Star contains a very interesting interview with Miss Kate O'Connor who was recently in Medford from Rockford, Ill. In it she pays a high tribute to Medford. Among other things she says:

Medford is all that its enthusiastic friends claim it to be. Fargo, North Dakota, has for its slogan, "The Biggest Little City in World." I believed it until I saw Medford, which is not only the biggest little city but the most beautiful and up to date little city on the map. It has more paved streets and automobiles than any other place of its size. The orchard lands that I went out to see lie about eight miles from Medford, and about three miles from Talent, on the Southern Pacific. It is in the heart of the Rogue River valley, and comprises fifteen hundred acres. It is out here near Medford that Gov. West of Oregon has placed the "honor men," the convicts from the state penitentiary to work on the roads. This humane executive took fifty prisoners and placed them under oath that they would not try to escape and sent them out upon the highway to work. They were without guards or shackles and were paid twenty-five cents a day for a shave and tobacco. Only three attempted to escape and remorse drove them back to a hostile camp of forty-seven men, who organized themselves into a posse to capture their recreant brothers.

The fruit orchards of Rogue River valley are worth seeing. Miles and miles of blossoms until the air is fragrant from apple, pear and peach lands.

Mrs. Potter Palmer and many eastern women have large orchards in

RAILROAD FROM SPOKANE TO MOHAVE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Final surveys are completed today by the Southern Pacific railroad company for a new low grade line extending from the heart of the Inland Empire, in Eastern Washington on the north, to Mojave, on the south, tapping new but promising territory in Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California. The Oregon-Washington railroad and Navigation company and the Union Pacific service will be required to share the cost of construction, but their ratio will be light.

The new line will tap the Southern Pacific main line only twice, and for the most part will be constructed from minor lines already in use. The greatest amount of work to be done will be in Washington, between Homestead and Spokane, and in California in reconstructing the old Colorado railroad. Work of broad gauging the latter will begin in a few months it is said.

TO CONNECT POWER PLANTS: WILL DEVELOP 84,000 H. P. (Continued from Page 1)

together with power lines, are: Prospect, 20,000 horse-power; Gold Rav, 4,000 horse-power; Fall Creek, 3,500 horse-power; Shasta River, 500 horse-power, and the two Klamath Falls plants with 1,250 horse-power. In addition will be the new plant on the Klamath river, with a capacity of 55,000 horse-power, the largest plant owned by the company.

this valley, that are not only beautiful but bountifully productive.—Rockford (Ill.) Morning Star.

SITUATION IN MEXICO CRITICAL; REBEL FORCES ROUT FEDERALS.



INSURRECTOS "DRAWN UP AT JUAREZ" E. V. GOMEZ

The situation in Mexico is critical. Rebel advances have routed the federal forces in several instances, but the government insists that the insurrection movement will be suppressed notwithstanding. A report that Senor Emilio V. Gomez, who was selected as President by the rebels, had been arrested is denied by General Orozco.

FIRST EXCURSION TO BUTTE FALLS A SUCCESS

A large number of local people took advantage of the opening summer excursion on the Pacific & Eastern Sunday and spent the day at Butte Falls. While cloudy weather kept a number at home who had planned to make the trip, the coaches were fairly well filled nevertheless. The excursions bid fair to become as popular this year as last when they were run each and every Sunday.

The excursionists Sunday spent the day visiting the little city in the timber and the many points of interest in that neighborhood.

CREST OF COLORADO FOOD PASSES NEEDLES

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., May 20.—The crest of the Colorado river flood has passed. Needles and the town is safe, according to telegrams received here today. Throughout Saturday night and Sunday every able bodied man in Needles labored along the river front with bags of sand and shovels. The river was confined to its course and little damage done.

The circuit of the recently organized New York-Connecticut league will be composed of Danbury, Conn., and Middletown, Newburgh, Kingston, Peekskill and Port Jervis, N. Y.

COMMUTES SENTENCES OF LABOR LEADERS

LONDON, May 20.—Home Secretary McKenna announced today in the house of commons that the six months sentence of imprisonment imposed on Tom Mann, the labor leader, has been commuted to two months.

Mann was charged with having incited British troops to mutiny during the recent coal strike.

Home Secretary McKenna also ordered the release of Guy Bowman, editor of the Syndicalist, who was serving a two months term in prison on a charge of uttering incendiary literature.

WIFE'S SEA-SICKNESS SAVED DUFF-GORDON

LONDON, May 20.—Lady Duff-Gordon today told the board of trade investigators of the Titanic disaster how it happened that her husband Lord Cosmo was among the survivors. She said:

"I was violently seasick and positively declined to enter the lifeboat unless accompanied by my husband. An officer finally permitted my husband to go with me."

Lady Duff-Gordon flatly denied a report that she objected to the lifeboat in which she and her husband escaped returning to the Titanic to rescue drowning persons.

Lord Cosmo was then recalled and cross examined, but he did not change his previous testimony.

PRESBYTERIANS TO MEET IN ATLANTA IN 1913

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 20.—The Presbyterian general assembly in session, decided on Atlanta, Ga., for the 1913 meeting. The southern wing of the church will also meet there.

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SIXTY SEATTLEITES PLUNGED INTO BAY

SEATTLE, Wash., May 20.—No more fatalities have been discovered today as a result of the accident at the Colman dock, when the slip on which the passengers were clambering aboard the steamer Flyer yesterday gave way, and 60 persons were hurled funnelwise into Elliott bay. The known dead are: Mrs. Florence E. Loarned and Carl Bruder, one year old son of Mrs. E. C. Bruder.

Several narrow escapes occurred. Newton Johns, a negro bootblack, proved to be the hero of the occasion. He tied a rope about his waist and for half an hour continued to drag one person after another to shore. At least a dozen lives are credited to his rescue work.

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