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

Population—U. S. census 1910—2840; estimated, 1911—10,000. Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water, and 15 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 15 per cent. Summer fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the West" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910.

First Prize in 1911 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C. First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

Rogue River bears highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years. Write Commercial Club, enclosing 1 cent for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

POULTRY FARM OF HUGE DIMENSIONS IS INCORPORATED

Proposing to found and operate a poultry farm which will be stocked with 5000 to 8000 laying hens the Medford Poultry company has been incorporated in this city. James W. Dunlop who has been actively engaged in poultry raising for some years is the promoter of the company and aside from taking a large amount of the stock will manage the business. The new company is incorporated for \$25,000 and will erect its plant on a 23 acre tract northeast of the city, said to be ideal for such a purpose.

Success with a small plant led Mr. Dunlop to take up the matter of a larger one. During the past two years he has been very successful and has closely studied the business which is said to be one in which success depends entirely upon the brains put into it. Mr. Dunlop with 200 laying hens has made them pay him \$2 a year net and states that this is not a high average.

The poultry plant will be one of the largest in southern Oregon. The climate here is said to be ideal for such a purpose while the tract of land secured has all of the qualities demanded for such a purpose. Water can be had in abundance with which to grow kale, clover and wheat while the soil is high and dry containing considerable gravel in which is of great benefit to the chickens.

Mr. Dunlop's success with a smaller plant led his friends to suggest the matter of a larger plant. When he stated that he was handicapped by a lack of funds for the erection of the necessary buildings and the like they suggested a stock company to him and offered to subscribe liberally to the capital stock. The company has now been incorporated, the greater part of the stock subscribed and building will start soon in order that spring will find them ready to proceed.

TO TAKE "MOVIES" OF LAKE TRIP

For the purpose of taking moving pictures of the trip of scientists from all sections of the globe to Crater Lake, two expert moving picture men will accompany the party next month according to Will G. Steel who is arranging the details of the visit. The American Lithograph company is planning to take the pictures. Every arrangement is being made to take care of the party and transport them to the lake and back. Sixty of the leading scientists of the world will make the trip.

HELP BUY THE HALO

ELSEWHERE the Mail Tribune prints a communication alleged to be from Benton Bowers, the celebrated Ashland progressive who enjoined the building of the Medford bridge because the county court would not construe a bridge for his own use at his Tolo ranch. It is not at all improbable that Mr. Bowers could prove a complete alibi regarding the letter. It is dated Ashland, Aug. 21, and the Ashland papers state that Mr. Bowers left Ashland Aug. 20 for the Willamette valley, doubtless to stimulate his progressive spirit in a more congenial atmosphere.

This fervent communication, which breathes in its every line so much patriotic ardor and solicitation for the down-trodden taxpayer emanated from the office and upon personal stationery from the office of the honorable E. D. Briggs, and is couched in the peculiar phraseology, fairly bristling with Briggishism, of that sometime corporation lawyer, now the self-constituted McMahon of Southern Oregon in whose behalf Mr. Bowers has recently been passing the hat to reimburse for his patriotic obstruction.

It is not intended to cast any aspersions upon the ability of Mr. Bowers as a letter writer, but merely to shield his fame during his absence. It is not to be doubted for a minute but that Mr. Bowers could, if he wanted to, soar in eloquence to the heights of "small intestines." No one who knows him, doubts it. Nor is it to be questioned but that Mr. Bowers is capable of settling offhand in advance the problems before the supreme court. His civic patriotism is also beyond question, for did he not compel the people of Ashland to run the city boundaries around his home so that he could enjoy city privileges without paying city taxes? And do not all patriotic warrant shavers want county construction to cease, so that the money can be used to redeem at par warrants bought below par?

The questions regarding the right and obligations of Jackson county to assist in the construction of the Medford bridge, as Multnomah county assists in the Portland bridges, the charter obligations and restrictions and other legal points involved, are now before the supreme court for final solution. Pending decision, argument, except concerning the animus paraded as patriotism, of the obstructionists, is useless.

The Medford bridge is a public necessity. Medford is therefore spending its agreed share in construction, pending a supreme court decision on the balance. The contract is let to a Marshfield man. How it benefits a "few frenzied financiers on the rough edge of despair" is a puzzle only brilliant minds like those of Mr. Bowers or his epistle writer can fathom. Medford pays a fifth of the county taxes and is entitled to a share of the improvements—and has received none.

If the county court has wasted \$500,000 as Mr. Bowers says, it was with his consent and approval. Medford didn't get it. Why did he not enjoin the construction of roads and bridges in other sections? Why wait until stirred by petty small town jealousy and enmity to strike at Medford alone? Why did he not enjoin the Derby road, if the money was wasted?

Mr. Bowers, or the learned writer who uses his name, breaks into the realm of truth when he confesses that one of the reasons for his display of patriotic fervor in the taxpayers' behalf, is to help elect a new county court that will distribute the county funds as he thinks proper. And to help the election along, recourse is had to such appeals to sectional prejudice as this erudite epistle.

It is well, however, for the world to be informed of the pure and disinterested motives that actuate Mr. Bowers in his assumed role of guardian angel of the down-trodden taxpayer, for if Mr. Bowers, or his amenuensis, did not thus take the public into confidence, how could the people ever suspect it? So when Mr. Bowers asks again for contributions, come through with the coin needed to complete the halo, for halos cost money and lawyers demand fees.

Benton Bowers on the Medford Bridge

Ashland, Ore., August 21, 1912.

To the Editor:—Replying to your article in issue of the 29th, headed Bowers et al, of Ashland, and other articles published in the past that were absolutely without any foundation whatever, but published for the purpose of creating animosity between myself and Medford citizens, and animosity between Medford and Ashland, will say:

I am only reporting the fact when I say, that it is common talk among the people throughout Jackson county, that the Medford papers are owned and controlled by the same push, that has dominated or controlled the action of the county court for the last year or so. This may not be true. But as a reader of those papers for the last two years, I submit that in their editorial opinions their treatment of many public questions which touch the taxpayers pocket, they give the impression of being practically under one management.

Some one in framing the Medford charter undertook to throw the boundaries of a city about the place and yet leave the county responsible for building and maintaining the county roads through Medford. The county roads stop at the boundaries of an incorporated town and our Supreme courts have ruled that all roads and highways inside the corporate limits are under the control of the city government, and that the county court has no authority over the highways inside the city limits. And in regard to the legislature saying that the county should pay for bridges on the county roads in the Medford district, Main street has been a city street for 12 years prior to

way? Is it the county court pushing this matter up to Medford, or is it Medford pushing it up to the county court? Neither Mr. Carlton nor myself care how many bridges Medford has built, or torn down in the city limits. But we do object to the county paying the bills. What has Jackson county got for the \$500,000 debt, incurred by our county court this last two years? Investigate and see if you cannot find where thousands of dollars have been spent, with practically no benefit to the tax payers of the county. For instance the road built from near Derby to Rogue River at an expense of \$2200 per mile, leaving districts that have lots of travel entirely neglected, and the injunction we obtained was to guard the county funds until we can get a county court, that will regard the law, and the public interests by using the road fund for building bridges on the county roads instead of the city streets. Yours truly, BENTON BOWERS.

UNEARTH PLOT TO BLOW UP SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 23.—The police were busy today trying to get confessions from six of the seven men arrested at El Cajon yesterday and who, the police declare, were on their way to San Diego to dynamite the city. Early yesterday James Rooney was quietly arrested by a mounted officer near Old Town, and he is said to have broken down and told the policeman that he was one of the seven armed men who had started from Los Angeles for the purpose of blowing up certain buildings in this city.

As a result of his story a squad of twelve policemen in charge of Detectives Meyer and County Detective McDull went to El Cajon, 15 miles out and arrested the six other men at point of rifles. The prisoners say they are Leonard Vance, H. Gorty, Sam Rosenberg, H. E. Shea, A. Johnson and Robert Ray. It is said that all of the men were mixed up in the free speech fight here, and that two of them lost their positions here because they belonged to the Industrial Workers of the World.

A search was made of the hotel at El Cajon, and an automobile trunk, containing carbines, rifles and 1,000 rounds of ammunition and several short pieces of two inch pipe were found. The pipe was cut into short lengths and capped at both ends, with holes bored in one end for the fuses. They are regarded as complete bombs, and ready to have dynamite packed into them. The police say that they have succeeded in stopping a murderous plot to destroy many buildings and lives in this city.

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