

MEDFORD MUNICIPAL EXPRESS PROPOSED

(By E. L. McClure.)

The Oregon plan is synonymous with progressive in ideal popular politics. It has made Oregon famous throughout the United States, and the great political parties have been compelled to proclaim progressive principles.

Medford would become more famous than the state of Oregon if it inaugurated a municipal express to pick up and deliver at regular periodic intervals all the articles for delivery in Medford and adjacent rural routes.

The Medford municipal express would furnish an exhibit of a practical delivery system, from all to all, at the maximum of convenience and minimum of expense, which could not be exceeded except by a pneumatic tube connecting every house with a central station. The Medford plan would solve the express problem like the Oregon plan has solved the political problem, and cause the inauguration of the United States postal express, placing all producers in direct contact with consumers throughout the United States.

The high cost of living caused by lack of facilities to connect supply and demand wastes more than is consumed. The proposed express system would stop the waste by distributing it, and reduce the cost of living as well as give all the people access to the best in the market.

Lack of system has made the minimum express rate so high that it has prohibited a vast latent business, exceeding all present express traffic, that would develop immediately under low rates. The system would eliminate all repetition entries and unnecessary clerical labor, make but one trip for all over the territory for each periodic delivery, which would pay the cost of operation by cutting the 25-cent rate to 2 cents.

The cost of delivery for small shippers would be the same as for large shippers, because there would be no waste of energy in waiting for business, advertising or unnecessary trips. All the clerical labor of making out waybills and addressing articles would be performed by the shipper; the express service consisting only in picking up the articles, carrying them to destination and delivering to the address; there would be no more cost, proportionately, for one, or a hundred, shipments by the same person, and would give a perfectly dependable service to all.

The city officials should investigate the kind and cost of vehicles necessary for the express service, prepare the forms and blanks, rate and instruction book, and prospectus, for public information and criticism. The enterprise would do more good for the public than any other of the many projects now being promoted by the enterprising spirits of Medford.

Wettest August Since 1847.

PORTLAND, Sept. 2.—The wettest August in sixty-two years, rainfall being 3.57 inches. The nearest approach was in 1898 when 3.03 inches fell. This is shown by the records at Vancouver, Wn., the oldest in the coast.

LANDS SALMON ON SWAYING BRIDGE

Perched high above the Rogue upon the swinging foot bridge at Gold Hill, a lone fisherman hooked, fought and successfully landed a twenty-pound salmon on Saturday afternoon last, the contest lasting for over an hour and ending only when the angler had completely subjugated the big chinook, hauling him in hand over hand to the swaying flooring of the bridge. Just why the fisherman, who had miles and miles of permanent river bank and dancing riffles to choose from, should have elected to cast his line from the wire netting of the bridge is a debatable problem, but at any rate he made good—and without running any risk of the proverbial ill-luck to which the gentle art of angling is liable.

Ed Simmons, who watched the long fight, shrouds the affair in mystery by stating that the swing-bridge fisherman was a stranger to Gold Hill, and conjectures from the ease with which the unknown negotiated the swaying footboards of the bridge and hauled in his capture that some captain of the far off Gloucester fleet is now traveling incognito through the valley, making first-hand comparisons between the boneless cod of his native shores and the fighting salmon of the great Pacific.

MOTOR CYCLING FOR HUGE WAGER

On the first lap of their journey around the world—a feat attempted on a tandem motorcycle with a \$10,000 purse as an incentive for the trip—Harry Humphries and his wife, arrived in Medford Sunday from Los Angeles, the starting point of the globe circling journey.

In all there is 65,000 miles to be covered by the travelers and according to the time limit of 1000 days they must cover 65 miles a day to win the wager which has been made between Mrs. Humphries and Oscar Hammerstein, the well known theatrical magnate.

The couple will spend the day in Medford and will appear at the Star Theater tonight.

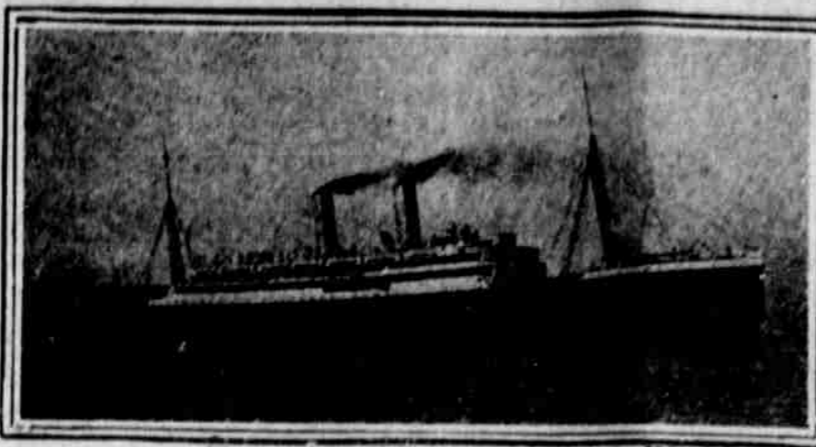
Governor's Son to Be Married.

NEWBURY, Vt., Sept. 2.—Many prominent guests from out of town are expected here Monday for the wedding of Miss Katherine Cobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic L. Cobb, and Noble Foss, son of the governor of Massachusetts and Mrs. Eugene N. Foss. The marriage will take place in the evening in the First Congregational church.

Edmonton Ready for Royal Visitor.

EDMONTON, Alta., Sept. 2.—Edmonton is decked out in gala attire in anticipation of the visit of the Duke of Connaught and his party. The distinguished visitors will arrive here tomorrow morning and remain for two days. Many splendid features of entertainment have been arranged.

STEAMSHIP THAT CUT COLLIER IN TWO.



THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN

Outward bound, with 700 passengers aboard, the Empress of Britain, one of the largest and finest of the Canadian Pacific steamships, hit the Helvetia, a collier, amidships, at a point ten miles west of Quebec, cutting her in two. The collier sank immediately, requiring quick work to save her crew. The bow of the Empress was smashed in and her forepeak filled with water, but she was able to creep back to safety.

KILLS DEER IN CITY LIMITS OF TOLO

W. Weybright of Tolo has a good story about the killing of a fine forked horn buck in the very center of population of that hamlet. Mr. Weybright, who is employed as electrician by the power company, generally joins the boys at the section house for the evening meal, and it was while engaged in the destruction of flapjacks that he glanced out of the back door and beheld the buck prancing down the avenue. A quick run for the rifle and a snap shot added venison to the menu. The buck was a big fellow for his points and in fine condition. Presumably he has been driven from the hills by hunters.

Exhibition at Sherbrooke.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Sept. 2.—Canada's eastern exhibition was opened here today and will be continued through the coming week. In the number and variety of its attractions the exhibition this year eclipses all of its predecessors. Several large buildings are filled to overflowing with attractive displays of manufactures, fruits and flowers, agricultural products and live stock. Aeroplane flights and an excellent racing program are among the added attractions for the visitors.

Postoffice Clerks in Session.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 2.—Several hundred delegates, representing a total membership of 25,000, were present here today at the opening of the annual convention of the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks. The gathering will remain in session through the week. Salaries, hours and conditions of labor and other matters of importance to the clerks in the postal service are to be considered.

New Commander at West Point.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sept. 2.—Colonel C. P. Townsley, recently in command of the Portland (Me.) artillery district, today assumed the duties of superintendent of the United States Military Academy. Colonel Townsley succeeds Major General Thomas H. Barry, who was recently assigned to the command of the eastern division, with headquarters in New York.

BURGLAR, CAPTURED, IS FEIGNING INSANITY

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 2.—In a city jail cell, feigning insanity, tearing his hair and talking in unknown tongues is J. J. Daly, aged 22, burglar caught while at work in a room in the Arlington Hotel early yesterday morning. Fearing he will kill himself the police have stripped him of clothing. When Daly was caught in the room his pockets were filled with stickpins, jewelry and small trinkets.

"TOGGERY BILL" WON THROUGH HIS GENIALITY

"Toggerly Bill" Isaacs of Medford has risen in the short period of nine years from the proverbial "pack" to the proprietorship of one of the most modern gent's furnishing shops in southern Oregon. "Bill" is only an affectionate nickname that the boys have conferred on William F. Isaacs in recognition of his genial and whole-souled attitude toward them, and, in fact, toward all whom he meets. "Bill's" success and the success of his toggerly is due to his warm, friendly nature, combined with honesty and efficiency in all his dealings. In the occasion of the recent convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association "Toggerly Bill" contributed much toward entertaining the delegates.

No one who had the good fortune to meet him at that time would doubt that his winning personality was a considerable factor in the success he has now won.—Oregon Merchants' Magazine.

Pleads for Simplicity.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 2.—A plea for simplicity in the language of Judge Toltry was made today before the American Institute of Criminal Law by Charles A. Decourcy of Boston, who favored the use by judges of words known as the "language of the street." That that homicides should be tried immediately after the crime was committed was the argument of Judge H. Russell of Oklahoma.

It is said that Hoblitzel and Mitchell, of the Cincinnati Reds, hope to be traded to the Boston Braves. That's a horrible wish!

FAST BOXING BOUT ON FOR TONIGHT

This evening those interested in the boxing game which after an absence of several months owing to the warm weather will see the beginning of the winter series of boxing contests.

For the opening event the Medford Athletic club starts the ball rolling with a ten round main event bout with Frankie Smith and Jimmy Horner, a couple of California lightweights as the principals.

Both boys are well known and well rated to followers of the boxing game. They have had contests with some of the best known lightweights in the country, and in their workouts at the local gym they have verified all the good things that have been said about them.

They are neat, clever and willing workers, possess a good punch and unlike some of the boxers we have seen in action they show judgment of distance and plenty of "ring generalship," the latter being most essential to all successful ring men and a thing that some of the boxers we have seen, sadly lack.

Neither Smith or Horner are or can be accused of being world's champions, but they are a pair of shifty boys who can give any one in their inches a tough argument and it is the writer's opinion that the winner of the Horner-Smith bout would prove an ideal opponent for Bud Anderson and would make the Vancouver pride extend himself as he has never been extended before.

But, gentle reader, writing, describing or reading about the good or bad merits of a boxer does not make a boxing contest, so we all had better turn out tomorrow night and judge for ourselves as to who's who in the local colony of the boxing sport.

There will be a four-round preliminary to precede the main event, and the management of the Athletic club assures the dear public that proceedings will start at 8:30 prompt, so the tied down folks can inform the better half that they will be home from "lodge" meeting by ten o'clock.

Frankie Edwards will officiate as referee and declare who should be crowned with the winner's wreath. Genial Bob Telfer will hold the watch and will see that the boys slumber not longer than the usual ten.

General admission will be \$1.00. Reserved seats on sale Hotel Nash.

Actuaries Meet at Amsterdam.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 2.—The seventh international congress of Actuaries, which brings together once every three years the most noted insurance experts of the world, had its formal opening in Amsterdam today. Japan, Australia and New Zealand are represented at the congress, in addition to the United States and the leading countries of Europe.

Oregon State Fair Opens.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 2.—The Oregon State Fair, one of the greatest agricultural exhibitions of the year in the northwest, opened its gates today for a week's business. The management has added many free attractions this year and a record-breaking attendance is expected.

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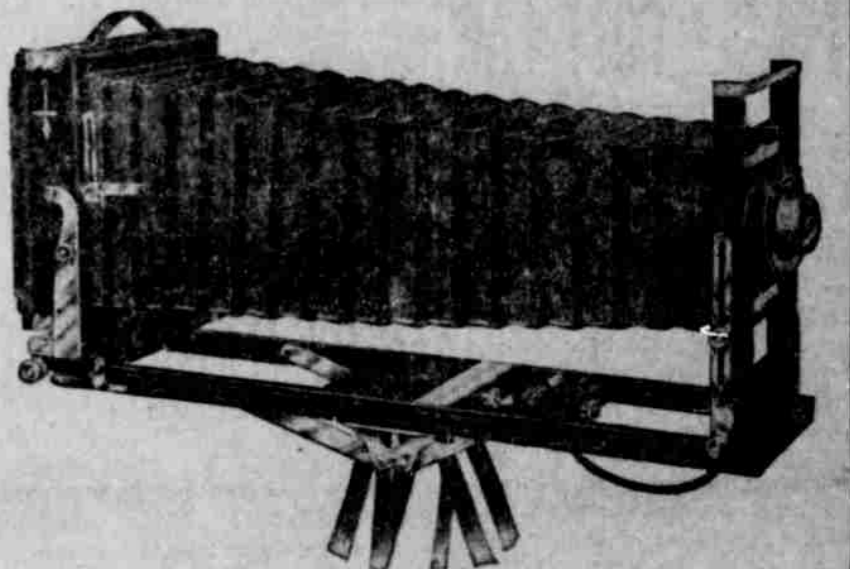
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