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**GOVERNOR WEST
 AND SAM HILL
 START HIGHWAY**

Samuel Hill, the most prominent
 good roads enthusiast of the north-
 west, has accepted the invitation of
 the county court to turn the first
 shoveful of earth on the Siskiyou
 grade, Oregon's first section of the
 Pacific highway, next Friday after-
 noon. Governor West was wired
 that he will be here. State Treas-
 urer Thomas R. Kay and Secretary
 of State Ben Olcott, who, with the
 governor, compose the state highway
 commission, have been invited, but
 are uncertain as to being able to at-
 tend.
 The party will gather at Medford
 at 11 a. m. Friday morning and
 motor to Ashland, where they will be
 entertained at luncheon by the Com-
 mercial club of that city. The trip
 to the foot of the new Siskiyou
 grade, where the ceremony will take
 place, will follow immediately after
 the luncheon.
 Medford has been invited to send
 about thirty representatives. Citi-
 zens desiring to attend should no-
 tify Benj. C. Sheldon, chairman of
 committee on arrangements, at once.

**D. M. LOWE OF ASHLAND
 HIT OF CHICAGO LAND SHOW**

A telegram from Mr. C. C. Cham-
 man to the Portland Commercial club
 from Chicago Land Show says:
 "Oregon is attracting tremendous
 attention and the booth is crowded
 with real farmers and earnest seekers
 after information. Many sections of
 the country spending ten times as
 much as Oregon are passed by with
 only the ordinary interest, while
 Oregon is riveting the closest attention.
 A special individual one-farm exhibit
 made by D. M. Lowe of Ashland is a
 tremendous hit and will probably con-
 tinue to be the biggest triumph of the
 Chicago Land show and will certainly
 advertise the Rogue River valley in
 an effective way.
 Mr. Lowe has received and is ac-
 cepting invitations to speak before
 many organizations. This exhibit has
 been the theme of unusual newspaper
 publicity.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE
 AT BAPTIST CHURCH**

The union Thanksgiving service
 will be held at the Baptist church on
 Thursday at 10:30 a. m. Rev. W. F.
 Shields will preach the sermon. All
 are cordially invited to be present.
 You have many things to be thank-
 ful for.

Married

Russell H. Swank and Ethel May
 Smith were united in marriage by
 Rev. W. F. Shields at the Presbyter-
 ian manse Tuesday, November 25.
 Mr. Swank has taught in the Gold
 Hill schools and also in the high
 school of Astoria, and his bride is
 one of the beautiful young girls of
 the Rogue River valley. Her par-
 ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, for-
 merly lived in Medford, but now re-
 side near Tolo. Mr. and Mrs. Swank
 will live in the valley.

Charles W. Austin and Mary E.
 Wilson were united in marriage by
 the Rev. W. F. Shields at the Pres-
 byterian manse, Saturday, Novem-
 ber 22. Mr. and Mrs. Austin are
 from Butte Falls, where they will
 make their home. Their many
 friends in Medford, where they are
 well known, wish for them rich
 blessings in their new life and home.

At the Isis

The Oxford Trio will appear at
 the Isis theater this evening in songs,
 both new and old. This act comes
 highly recommended. A good bill
 of pictures, including the two-reeler,
 "The Conscience Fund," Pathé
 Weekly No. 54 and "Reginald's
 Courtship," comedy.
 An extra program has been ar-
 ranged for the children's free mat-
 inee Thursday.

BLIGHT—ENEMY AND FRIEND

EVERY orchardist must heartily co-operate in the
 effort to eradicate blight, for this infection strikes at
 his invested capital.

Blight can be controlled here. It can be eradicated.
 All that is needed is thorough inspection followed by
 hearty co-operation on the part of fruit-growers. The
 county is furnishing the inspection, the grower must fur-
 nish the co-operation.

Blight is the great friend of the Rogue River orchardist
 as well as the great enemy, for it eliminates competition
 from other districts where unfavorable climatic conditions
 render the warfare against it hopeless. It keeps down the
 production of pears in the United States and Europe and
 makes the industry extremely profitable in the few regions
 where it can be controlled. It insures a world-wide market.

A Medford orchardist, while taking a course at the
 Oregon Agricultural college, compiled from information
 given by various government and state experiment sta-
 tions throughout the country, the following authentic sum-
 mary of the pear industry in the United States:

- Maine—Industry practically amounts to nothing.
- Vermont—Industry passed away 20 years ago due to blight.
- Connecticut—Only about 50 acres in the state.
- Rhode Island—Only a home orchard industry.
- New York—Industry holding its own and increasing slightly.
- Pennsylvania—Pear growing on the decrease for several years due to
 blight. Indications now of renewed interest.
- Maryland—Industry about holding its own. Mostly Kieffers.
- Delaware—Industry seems threatened owing to blight. Mostly Kieffers.
 (Note—Kieffer pears are supposed to be the least susceptible to
 blight.)
- Virginia—Pears here very susceptible to blight and industry not in-
 creasing.
- West Virginia—Industry amount to practically nothing. 95 per cent
 Kieffers.
- Tennessee—Practically no commercial industry.
- Kentucky—Practically no commercial industry. Blight serious.
- Georgia—Industry has never been profitable. Orchards ruined by
 blight.
- Florida—Industry on decrease.
- South Carolina—Industry believed to be increasing. Kieffers.
- Texas—Once an enormous industry started but now practically gone.
 Kieffers practically the only variety.
- Arkansas—Practically no plantings being made.
- Alabama—Industry not increasing.
- Wisconsin—No commercial orchards in the state.
- South Dakota—Wind too severe for pears.
- Iowa—Only one town supplied by a local market.
- Kansas—Pear growing at a standstill.
- Indiana—Industry on a decline owing to blight.
- Missouri—At a standstill. Kieffers mostly grown.
- Illinois—Industry decreasing owing to blight.
- Michigan—Slightly increasing. Mostly Bartletts.
- Nebraska—Few commercial orchards. Principally Kieffers.
- Oklahoma—Serious blight. Very small industry.
- Montana—Does not amount to much. Blight.
- Utah—On the decline.
- New Mexico—Pear growing on the increase. Several valleys offer con-
 siderable promise. Blight not serious. Mostly Bartletts.
- Wyoming—Considerable plantings of Bartletts and Kieffers.
- Arizona—Probably increasing.
- Colorado—Limited to western slope. Blight severe.
- Idaho—Industry wiped out by blight—but one producing orchard left.
- Washington—Industry standing still. Bartlett, Clargeau and Nellis.
- California—For years the leading pear state. Enormous development.
 1880-1900. Blight serious in last ten years. But output probably in-
 creasing.

To this must be added the ravages of blight the present
 year. Practically every district in the northwest has suf-
 fered more or less severely. Campaigns for blight control
 are now being waged in Yakima, Wenatchee and Hood
 River. Eastern Oregon is the severest sufferer.

The federal census for 1910 shows a decrease in the
 number of bearing pear trees in the decade since 1900 of
 16.8%. The pessimistic reports from experiment stations
 shows that the industry is not holding its own in the na-
 tion. The hope of the future lies with districts like the
 Rogue River Valley, that can control its ravishes.

No grower should attempt experiments for the control
 of blight. Bluestone, Cooper's spray and other fake cures
 must be eliminated. There is but one proved method for
 its control, though France, the United States government,
 Cornell university and nearly every agricultural college in
 the country has been seeking a cure for decades. The
 unscientific orchardist cannot hope to accomplish what
 the trained scientists of the world have been unable to
 solve—and his experiments have cost the valley dearly.

The French government offers a standing reward of
 100,000 francs for a cure for blight. It has been offered
 for thirty years, without a taker. The efforts of the U. S.
 department of agriculture are detailed in the orchard col-
 umn by Professor O'Gara, who shows that every cure so
 far found that kills the blight, kills the tree.

The success of the industry is assured if blight is con-
 trolled. It can be, by the co-operation of the grower—
 and no labor and no money should be spared for its con-
 trol. Hence it is a matter of self-preservation for the
 orchardist to lend his heartiest co-operation in the clean-
 up campaign now in progress.

AN ILL-ADVISED MOVE

CIRCULATION of petitions at this late day to change
 the location of the postoffice is ill-advised and can
 only result in community discord and delay in construc-
 tion. The plans for the building are now being drawn and
 any interference would result in at least three or four
 years' additional delay—which perhaps is all that the
 petitioners hope to accomplish.

The petition threatens to renew the old east side and
 west side of the tracks controversy—divide the commu-
 nity into factions when unity is essential. A divided com-
 munity cannot succeed—its energies are wasted in self-
 destruction.

The west side was built up because of the unprogress-
 iveness of landlords and property owners in the older por-
 tion of the city. These landlords raised rents on the main
 street to a prohibitive point, and supplied no storerooms
 on side streets, forcing the building up of the west side.
 In the postoffice matter, the west side won because of its
 superior enterprise in raising a fund for the purchase of
 the site donated as a subsidy to the government. Had the
 east side shown similar enterprise, it would probably have
 secured the building.

There should be no east side or west side—only Med-
 ford. What benefits one part of the city benefits all. The
 expenditure of the \$100,000 for the federal building will
 benefit the entire city, and the city needs the expenditure.
 The benefits of the postoffice as a center of business
 are overestimated, just as the depot as a community center

was. Prophets predicted ruination of Main street when
 the depot was moved—but the predictions failed of real-
 ization. It will not injure the old part of the city to change
 the location of the postoffice to the newer, though public
 convenience will demand the location of a branch near the
 present site. Moreover, the entire matter was threshed
 out and disposed of years ago.

This effort to reopen old sores is a purely selfish one
 —and will moreover be a futile one. The people of Med-
 ford do not sanction any such dog-in-the-manger policy.
 Medford is not ready to commit hara-kiri to enable land-
 lords to raise rents.

**AMERICAN INFANTRY
 SENT TO EL PASO**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—At Gen.
 Bliss' request, the war department
 today ordered the 20th United States
 infantry to El Paso.

**IRREGULAR MOVEMENT
 ON STOCK EXCHANGE**

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Narrow
 and irregular price changes marked
 opening dealings in stocks today.
 Amalgamated and the Harriman
 stocks were heavy, while Reading
 and U. S. Steel made slight gains.

The engagement of \$3,400,000 more
 gold for export to Canada held
 prices in check. This makes a to-
 tal of \$10,000,000 during the move-
 ment to Canada. Virginia-Carolina
 Chemical dropped 1 1/4. Bonds were
 irregular. The market closed
 dull.

Heavy Storm at Sea
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