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LONDON, Jan. 11 .- For three days the operations of the British army in Flanders were directed by telegraph from the home of Sir John French, near Hyde Park, London, during the took Weilington three days alone to get a message to Whitchall and as long to receive a reply during the Waterloo campaign, General French was able to communicate directly with Sir John Archibald Murray at the base headquarters at St. Omer,

to England, the following details are learned :

General French arrived at Folke- thereon. stone, wearing the overcoat and rather soiled cap of an enlisted man. He made no attempt to disguise himself otherwise, and on the channel boat attracted no notice whatever. At Folkestone he was met by Lord Kitchener and both proceeded by mo tor to Weimer Castle, near Deal, where Premier Asquith resides. There a council of war was held, attended also by the leaders of the two political parties.

COMMUNICATION.

and teams from another state and quors are sold, to sell intoxicating lieven boarded their hands and were enreful not to leave a dollar here of

### COMPARISON OF CHARTERS.

most persistent is the assertion that the board has undue as a shipping point by rail it easily leads the county, and power in the ordering of street improvements. As a mat- all lines of business flourish and practically every farmer ter of fact, the new charter gives less power than the old. has money in the banks.

Section 80 of the present charter gives the majority of the council the power to order an improvement and to assess the cost, notwithstanding any protests that may be made by the property owners. Section 84 of the new charter forbids the assessment on any part of the cost of any improvement on property benefited where a majority of the property owners protest, excepting by the unanimous vote of all the members of the board.

New Charter . Provided, how-Present Chater Sec. 80. In the event that the not- Sec. \$4. ce so given he for the improvement ever, that if the owners of a majorof a street or a part thereof, the ity in amount of the property subject council, after first hearing all pro-tests against said improvement, may, shall protest against the assessment notwithstanding said protests, if it deems the improvement of material benefit to the city, proceed to ascer-tain and determine the probable cost the cost of any portion thereof to be of making such improvement, and as-sess upon each lot or part thereof ad-jacent to said improvement its pro-portionate share of the cost of said the board of directors. mprovement.

The old charter provides delinquency after ten days' notice after assessment notice is published. The new charter six months' time, as follows:

> Present Charter New Charter

Sec. 55. If within ten days from Sec. 90. At any time after si the service of the notice of the final months shall have elapsed from th At any time after si publication thereof \* "the sum as- date when any assessment became de sessed upon any lot or parcel thereof, linquent as aforesaid, the lien theregeneral's recent visit here. While it is not wholly paid to the city record- of against any parcel of property took Wellington three days alone to er, the council may thereafter, at any shall be assigned by the city to the time it may see fit, order a warrant first person who offers to pay and

France. From a man who was in close touch with Sir John during his recent visit and to return the proceeds of such sessment, and the particular parcel sale to the recorder, together with of property upon which said assess-the warrant with his doing endorsed ment is a lien, and the person to thereon.

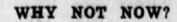
> Regarding control of the liquor traffic, although any provision is invalidated by the prohibition constitutional amendment after January 1, 1916, the old charter con-To the Editor: tained the famous joker that enabled Medford to have home rule until the home rule amendment nullified it four vears ago:

New Charter **Present Charter** Sec. 19. To license, tax, regulate or prohibit bar rooms, drinking shops, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, shops, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, dance house and all places where dance houses and all places where spirituous, mat or vinous liquors are sold or kept for sale. IRRESPEC- sold or kept for sale, subject to the TIVE OF ANY GENERAL LAW OF constitution and general laws of the To the Editor: Mayor Purdin in his spiel on the new charter says: "Let us go back to the good old times of our late acto the good old times of our late ac-tivities," or words to that effect. Now what were those good old times f We paved about twenty-one miles of streets at a cost of about \$125,000; not any time license drinking shops, sold, to sell intoxicating liquors on the contractors brought their help or other places where intoxicating li- Sunday.

quors on Sunday

The recall is assured by the state constitution, although omitted from the present charter:

laborers the sugar beet has helped, and to the whole county of Ventura it has meant putting the land in touch with the MISSOURI ATTACKS DESPITE proof to the contrary, lies are still in circu- best methods of production known to farm life. It has lation regarding the new charter. Among these, the brought farming in the Santa Clara valley up to date, and



TITLE remains to be said upon the new charter. Its pros and cons have been thoroughly discussed. ' It is today with the supreme court. The up to the voters themselves to say whether Medford will pany be forfeited and that a fine be begin the New Year by taking a long stride forward in imposed. municipal affairs, and hence start off with a progressive The A

spirit. Great advance has been made in recent years in the seience of city government. The old system of city man- baking firms in St. Louis are memagement by divided responsibility and multiplicity of bers of a combination formed by the officers is passing away. Business methods and efficiency | American Bakery company, and that are replacing polities. The commission form has proved under an agreement among them the tion of time until the commission form becomes the uni- owners. versal rule-the waste and inefficiency of the old system proving too expensive for taxpayers.

The best features of the commission form, as proven by the experience of some four hundred cities, are embodied Mt. Put eigars. in the new charter. While not perfect, it is a long step in advance over the present charter, written for a small town and patched up by many amendments to fit growing conditions.

The new charter, or substantially the same charter, will be adopted at some future day if rejected tomorrow, for Medford is bound to progress. Why delay? Why not sustain the city's reputation as a progressive city, at this opportunity, and show that while reactionaries are in noisy evidence and the anvil chorus is ringing, it has not killed the old Medford spirit of doing things.

A vote for the new charter is a vote for efficiency in city affairs and a vote for progress.

# Jackson County Leads State in Highways Says Samuel Hill

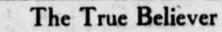
surface, which practically conforms to the Maryhill surface.

I did not get your letter in time Medford, Ashland and all Jackson for your New Year's edition, but I county will derive great benefits from suppose you will be issuing the reguthese roads, in my opinion, as people from California will find it a pleaslar daily and weekly during the year ant run next season. The improve-

ment of the road to Crater lake will be another great asset to Jackson I would like to say to the Mail

county Tribune, in my opinion Jackson coun-I wish also to extend to the peoty has done more for the improveple of Jackson county, and Medford ment of highways than any single especially, my cordial greetings for the New Year, and the hope that each county in the state of Oregon. In England today they are placing year will be more prosperous than the a nine-inch concrete base under all last. Yours truiv,

SAMUEL HILL. their roads, and as a rule they are putting on top of this a tar macadam Portland, January 10



(Ben Lampman in Gold Hill News.) His faith was matchless; when they His faith was matchless; if a wight took his farm; men armed themselves might say, "Christ, the reformer, lest he might do them harm. But much back today," then would be smiled he gently and as softly said fix his vision on the hills, and pay "He found no place whereon to resthis rent and straighten up his hills; and change his raiment and anoint His head"; and as one gladdened by his hair, and how his head and wait a wondrous gift, worked on the secthe Christ in prayer. So all the wise tion and somehow made shift. Oft as hoys of the village school made sport he tamped the tie or wrenched the bolt, the village loungers lolled and of him, and oft-times named him dubbed him "dolt." "fool' His mith was matchless; came an His faith was matchless; dolt and wil hour when o'er the range the sulfreak and fool-beyond instruction in len clouds did lower, when sages the world's ernde school-naught viewed the lightnings with affright, could they teach him but he would then would he make acclaim that all forget, nor could they parley, for his was right. For, so he reasoned, it course was set. And men who danced was very plain that all was needed with folly as a maid, and lads who was a little min. And when the imm- laughed when the last eard was S the seat of the great Oxnard sugar factory, the town der sprang from erag to peak he his- played, and counter clerks who blew their pay for beer, were wont to won-



that large amount, and the householder whose property was assessed to pay for the same did not have an away and left no available means in return. It was good times for the "gang" in power who created offices without number as inspectors and ficer, shall be filed with the secrevarious other offices and installed tary of the city, demanding the retheir relatives and pets therein, and the effect was to paralyze the condition of the common people, but the uncommon people had their rake-off when they were able to purchase lien certificates bearing 15 per cent interest (the new charter allows 12 per cent interest when it should not be more than 6, if at all). The uncommon people have unwittingly shown their hand too soon in their anxiety to restore the regime of "good old times" with its multiplicity of offices and opportunity to purchase more 12 per cent liens. Lincoln said that God must love the common peo ple because he made so many of them, but he did not say anything of the encommon people who are self created in their own conceit.

The common people have an oppor tunity to relieve themselves of the additional burdens sought to be impos ed upon them by the uncommon people by voting against the new char

That change in the new charter regarding the liquor traffic disguised to cotch men and women who are unfamiliar with politics reads as fol lows:

. subject to the constitution and general laws of the state of Oregon." Now four or six years ago the legislature passed a special law enabling the city of Medford to pass any measures for its government, irrespective of any general laws of the state, leaving the license of saloons entirely with the city council; so if in 1916 the council wishes to li cense saloons they may do so, irre spective of the prohibition act.

J. S. HOWARD. .Editor's Note-In the above ap peal to prejudice and betrayal of ig norance, Mr. Howard has his wirehadly crossed when he asserts that eity or legislative action can nullify the state constitution.)

State Constitution

New Charter Sec. 141. Recall Petition.--- A pe-Art. II., Sec. 18. There may be reopportunity to put in a day's labor tition, signed by qualified electors of quired twenty-five per cent, but not the city equal in number to at least more, of the number of electors who to help pay for those improvements that bore so heavily upon him, and a dead town today is the result of those heavy expenditures that took so much

tion of a successor thereto

### THE RESULT OF SUGAR BEETS

A of Oxnard is necessarily the business center for the tened raptly, and they called him sugar beet industry, only recently established.

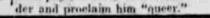
The growing of sugar beets in the valley has proved highly successful; the farmers were quick to realize the CONB SAGE TEA IN numerous benefits to be derived from this wonderful product. It meant progressive, intensive farming and the crop ping of much theretofore idle land, and resulted in great prosperity to beet growers, and the influence which the beet grow assumed in the agriculture of the community was thick with a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur. at once commanding.

The acreage planted yearly varies between 10,000 and

The valley farmers receive for their beets every year approximately \$1,000,000. The intensive farming necessary to make beet growing successful also made good and wealthy farmers of men who farmed their land but poorly and with little profit to the county or to themselves before.

In a word, the sugar beet was largely instrumental in giving to the farmers comforts and luxuries. Merchants, realty men, bankers, professional men, mechanics and day Ambulance Corvies Deputy Co

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The acreage planted yearly varies between 10,000 and 18,000 acres, this being regulated by meteorological condi-tions and the market price of other competing staple crops of the county. The factory is equipped with the latest modern machinery and a daily slicing capacity of 2000 tons of beets. The factory opens as soon as a sufficient quan-tity of beets have attained maturity, and that depends on the weather conditions during May and June. Generally harvesting starts in July and is finished in November. The sugar beet, lowly as it grows in the ground, has done much for the Santa Clara valley. It has brought into existence the thriving town of Oxnard, where before was only a great farmstead. When the American Beet Sugar company began the erection of its plant at Oxnard, or rather when the man-agement picked out the site, there was no dweller on the present townsite. The factory became at once the nucleus of a settlement. Today Oxnard has 3500 people. The valley farmers receive for their beets every year

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