

# NEED OF HARBOR AT CRESCENT CITY MOST IMPERATIVE

By John Mortimer

The following facts concerning southern Oregon and the Rogue river valley in particular should be given most serious consideration by everyone living in and having material interests in this vast territory:

Our location is such that we have never received the assistance needed financially from Portland capital and have had to look elsewhere for money for development purposes and have had to pay excessive rates of interest which in itself is a great handicap.

People have come into this district from all parts of the United States and recognizing our great and valuable resources in vast commercial quantities east their lot with us and have builded their homes, only to find however that almost all of these resources, as it now stands, cannot be developed at a profit because of the lack of cheap transportation.

Hundreds of thousands of tons of five per cent copper ore have been blocked out in the mines—but high rates for transportation keep the mines closed. Other copper districts with cheap rates of freight are operating steadily with two percent copper ore.

Wheat brings the lowest price here and flour the highest. We are compelled to pay the highest freight rates here of any place in the United States upon everything we buy.

A few years ago the orchardists planted some 60,000 acres of apple and pear trees in the Rogue river valley and these trees will all be in full bearing soon and will produce, with irrigation, approximately 18,000,000 boxes of fruit per year or about 30,000 car loads all of which must go to eastern and foreign markets.

There are more than two hundred billion feet of standing timber in this district—yet not one real sawmill in operation in the entire district—again no cheap transportation.

Birmingham, Alabama, has grown into a great manufacturing city from coal, iron and limestone, all of which is of poor quality, why? Because Birmingham has more than one railroad, hence cheap transportation. It costs more money to pay the freight on a ton of rails from Portland to Rogue river valley points than it does from Birmingham, Ala., to Portland, Oregon.

We have millions of tons of coal suitable for blast furnace use in smelting iron, we have mountains of the highest grade limestone, and iron without limit. Manganese, chrome and red hematite in close proximity, yet without cheap transportation it is of no value. The rate of transportation from Peru, South America, on iron ore to San Francisco, is less than one-half the rate from Rogue river valley to San Francisco.

It is all very well to live in the finest climate in the U. S. but that won't pay the grocer nor the butcher. We must have low freight rates or our resources will never be developed, and our only hope is to get the government to construct a harbor at Crescent City and all of us help to construct a railroad to that point.

A railroad from Medford via the Blue Ledge copper district would in a short time do a huge business.

Be it remembered, that a railroad constructed from this valley to Crescent City would be subject to the rulings, as to freight and passenger rates, of the U. S. interstate commerce commission and no excessive rates could possibly obtain. The rate on copper ore from Blue Ledge to tide water would not exceed one dollar per ton. Tonnage rate between Rogue river valley and Crescent City not over two dollars per ton and water transportation between Crescent City and San Francisco not to exceed one dollar per ton.

The big fruit steamers would take our fruit at Crescent City to New York and Europe at a saving (when our orchards are in full bearing) of about six millions of dollars per year difference in favor of the growers.

If we had no greater population in the district affected than at the present time the saving on freight would amount to more than four hundred thousand dollars each and every year upon other commodities. For instance the freight on 100 pounds of sugar from San Francisco to Rogue river valley points is now 60 cents in each lot. Via Crescent City it would be less than one-half

200 MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS SHOW ARCHERY IS NOT DEAD SPORT.



Archery is a sport in which neither age nor sex is a handicap. The photos show Dr. Robert Elmer of Wayne, Pa., national champion, and Mary Williams, 15, of Chicago, entrants in the national tournament.

entrance of nearly 200 men and women, boys and girls for the annual tournament of the National Archery association at Chicago.

Archery is an amateur sport pure and simple, one of the big features being that the lovers of the bow and arrow game pay their own freight. And they travel from Boston, Mass.; Central City, Iowa; Topeka, Kan., and

even greater distances to take part in tournaments.

The contestants do not shoot for cash prizes that would cover expenses, but for cups, medals and the love of the sport.

An idea of the driving power of some of the bows used in this sport is shown by a comparison of the distance an arrow can be shot, a golf ball or baseball driven.

The longest archery shot ever made in this country, in public, was 870 feet, but in a tournament at La Touquet, France, last year, Ingo Simon, an expert, sent an arrow 1,386 feet, 9 inches. He used a Turkish composite bow, made of wood, horn and sinew.

Three hundred and fifty yards, or 1,050 feet, is a corking good golf drive and the record for hitting a baseball is 419 1/2 feet, set by Ed Walsh, the big pitcher of the Chicago White Sox.

## NINE PERISH IN FLOOD AT ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 21.—Nine persons are known to have perished in the flood that swept parts of St. Louis and some of the suburbs yesterday, and two persons are missing. Nine bodies were found today—one that of a white woman, and eight negroes. The missing are negroes. It was an offshoot of the storm which swept Texas early in the week. It did damage estimated at several million dollars.

At East Alton, Ill., a 300-foot section of the new levee gave way and a wall of water from the Wood river rushed toward the towns of Woodriver, Benbow and East Alton, but two horsemen who had stood watch at the levee, raced a hundred yards ahead if the incoming water calling right and left "Run for your lives." In an hour the three towns were under ten feet of water, but the population had escaped.

## BRAMWELL RETURNS TO MEDFORD SOON

F. S. Bramwell, representing the Western Sugar company, will return to Medford the last of next week, when a definite announcement regarding the erection of a \$500,000 beet sugar factory in this valley will be made. Mr. Bramwell is now in Salt Lake city conferring with the directors of the sugar company. He took samples of the beets grown in this valley and tests for saccharine will be made there of the products. It is probable that C. Nibley, one of the richest men in Utah, will return with Mr. Bramwell.

As soon as Mr. Bramwell returns, offices will be opened in this city and a systematic campaign inaugurated to secure acreage for beets. If successful the factory will be built in time to handle the 1916 crop.

slow and a lot of hard work must be done to bring it through. It must be followed up most vigorously. Low cost of transportation would double both our values and population.

# CYMRIC GUARDED BY RELAYS OF BRITISH WARSHIPS

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Passengers and crew of the White Star liner Cymric asserted upon their arrival here today that the Cymric had been convoyed for 36 hours after leaving Liverpool August 11 by relays of British warships, five in number, and that she had not been permitted to sail unaccompanied until the war zone had been left behind.

The Cymric took virtually the same course as the Arabia, which was sunk Thursday by a German submarine. The Cymric carried 189 passengers, of whom 105 were in the steerage.

Before the Cymric was out of the Mersey, sailors provisioned the lift boats and swung them outward. The passengers were assembled and assigned their respective places in the boats so that there might be no confusion in emergency.

When clear of Liverpool harbor, the Cymric sighted a small cruiser, formerly a converted yacht, which steamed silently along side, some times approaching as close as 200 yards, till nearly sunset when the second relay, a fast vessel of the destroyer type, was sighted ahead, apparently awaiting the Cymric's arrival in her zone.

The cruiser dropped behind and the destroyer took her place. That night all lights, except candles, were extinguished and every port hole was blanketed. The passengers slept with life belts at hand.

Four destroyers passed the ship from one to another, each warship apparently patrolling a certain zone and acting as the liner's escort through her patrol. The destroyers, according to the Cymric passengers, darted back and forth and around the ship, circling her frequently.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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