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An Open Letter.

Something About Medford the
Metropolis of Southern
Oregon.

H. B. KINGSLEY,

Dear Friend,

Your letter mailed at Boston last
November, did not reach me until late
in December—overdue some three
weeks. I have waited until now to
make a reply, partly for lack of oppor-
tunity, but chiefly because I have not
had space in the TRANSCRIPT for the
accommodation of the open letter that
you requested.

I wrote this whole matter to the
Boston Globe, but the editor, in return-
ing the MSS says:
"I ought to publish so good a letter as
this, but I did all the New England pa-
pers would have me by the ears because we
have no desire to depopulate our state."

Since getting your letter a gentle-
man at Adrian, Michigan has written
under date of "Blizzard No. 3" to tell
us that a dozen of his neighbors all
mechanics, well-to-do, and with fam-
ilies, desire to make a trial of a new
home in Southern Oregon and says:

"What about Medford? we hear some-
thing of the place from those who have
passed through, and we had one Trans-
cript sent there, but we have read it, and
re-read it, singly, double, treble and in
bunches of half a dozen until it is just worn
out. Even the advertisements are gone.
Now tell us all about the place, and send
me a package of papers for distribution."

It is my purpose to make this letter
a reply to your communication, and
to the other inquirer.

MEDFORD

Is the chief city of Southern Ore-
gon. It is the chief commercial city;
its commercial supremacy cannot be
questioned. It is the central point in
the wide-reaching fruit belt of Southern
Oregon. Medford city has more
exceptionally fine farming country di-
rectly tributary to it, and paying to it
tribute or toll—in the shape of trade
and freight shipments—than any other
towns in Southern Oregon. Available
figures—now manipulated—prove this.

It is the chief warehouse and stor-
age point in Southern Oregon. More
grain is now on store and in our ware-
houses in this city, than be found
along the line of railway in Southern
Oregon; the amount reaching up into
the hundreds of tons.

It is the principal market city of
Southern Oregon. All the produce
grown by the farmers in this valley
finds a cash, and a good-price mar-
ket, here in Medford. Wheat—the
price of which is controlled by out-
side circumstances—may be said to be
the only exception to this statement.
The market is growing better each
year.

Medford is the railway station for a
vast area of country in Southern Ore-
gon, the depot for supplies, and the
point of arrival and departure for two-
thirds of the population of this distinc-
tive portion of Oregon. It is in the
very heart of the choicest and most
extensive grain-growing region of
Southern Oregon. The choice of the
farming lands in this immediate vic-
inity, is not equalled anywhere, in
fertility, soil quality or strength.
The business houses of Medford are
of the most substantial character, and
the merchants carry very heavy stocks
of the best class of goods. All the dif-
ferent lines are represented. The
merchants are cash buyers, and among
them not a failure has occurred since
the city was founded.

Manufacturing has gained a perma-
nent footing and is soon to become an
important feature in Medford. Water
power—ample and never-failing, is at
hand. Wood is convenient, and with-
in three or four miles of the city, as
the nearest point, there are coal de-
posits, known—by examination—to be
extensive. Within the past two
months plans for the fullest develop-

ment of these mines have been adopt-
ed by men of means. The Central
Pacific railway company are making
tests of these coal beds. They will be
uncovered in 1888.

To up-build and support here a city
of 5000 people, we have:

Unequaled Fruit Interest;
Unmatched Grain Farming;
Extensive Hay Farming;
Splendid Stock Raising Interest;
Manufacturing Interest;
Water Power;
Coal Interest;
Immense Shipping Business;
Warehouse and Storage;
A growing Dairy Interest;
Poultry Culture;
Railway Travel;
A splendid School Interest.

The city of Medford maintains a

BOARD OF TRADE

of seventy members, which includes all
the business and professional men,
mechanics and farmers in the imme-
diate vicinity. It is the organized ef-
fort of the city, and during the past
seven months it has accomplished ex-
ceptionally great results for the city of
Medford. Among the business estab-
lishments Medford has a banking in-
stitution with ample capital, and un-
der careful conservative management.
During the month of December the
citizens and farmers in the adjacent
country, subscribed a cash bonus of
\$2000 to induce the erection of a
flouring mill of 50 barrel per day ca-
pacity.

The city has a mayor and council,
and under this supervision the city
streets have been put into excellent
shape; the sanitary condition slowly
looked after; a public square or park
located, and various other plans of a
kindred nature adopted.

The city of Medford is handsomely
located. Nature—as engineer and ar-
chitect—did a splendid piece of work
in laying out the townsite. It is on a
plateau, with the descent to drain the
streets and keep them in excellent
condition during rainy weather. As
we have said it is in the midst of a
splendid farming region. The farms
and orchards come right up to the city
lines, hedging it in on all sides, and
they stretch away for miles on every
hand.

The track of the
OREGON & CALIFORNIA RAILWAY
is laid through the western half of the
city, and a handsome and convenient
depot building is located at the head of
the principal business street. At the
opposite end of this street and forming
the east front of the city, runs
Bear creek, a splendid stream of water
fed throughout the entire year by
melting snows and the springs in the
mountain range at the south end of
the valley, fifteen miles away.

OUR CLIMATE.

Mountain ranges hedge in this mag-
nificent valley; 6 miles away on the
west, 19 miles on the south, and 20 to
the north and northeast. Within this
valley—or basin—the climate is just
as near perfect as is possible on this
mundane sphere. It has been called
the Italy of the Pacific Northwest.
Relatively speaking, and with regard
to the climate of the common country
it is that. It is more than that. The
past has been an exceptionally cold
winter, yet, not a thermometer in this
city registered down to zero. Three
above was the coldest. Some snow
fell just prior to the cold snap and lay
on the ground about one week, but it
was only two or three inches deep
it did not interfere with the stock
range. Cattle have not suffered in
the least; our butchers supplied the
city market in December and January
with beef from the range. When you
compare this with the climate of Mich-
igan or that of New Hampshire, Min-
nesota or Dakota, where the thermom-
eters have registered 40, 50, and even
60 degrees below zero, and the winds
have traveled at the rate of 80 miles

an hour, and the whole air was filled
with razor-cutting icicles, our valley is
twice an Italy and once a Rio Janeiro.

The valley here is about 1400 feet
above sea level, and the air is dry and
pure. In both valley and mountain
nature has provided just the climatic
conditions required by the industries
of the county, fruit-growing, agricul-
ture, mining and stock raising. To
the eastern man especially, who de-
sires in summer a warm climate with-
out the excessive heat of his native
state, and in winter a clear, bracing
atmosphere unaccompanied by ex-
treme cold, and exemption from con-
tinuous snow and rain, this valley pre-
sents attractions peculiarly inviting.
It is a beyond question the paradise of
Oregon. Storms, tornadoes and cy-
clones which visit other countries and
scatter death and desolation in their
track are unknown. Spring and sum-
mer, autumn and winter, seed time
and harvest come and go in regular
succession, but the transition from one
to the other is so gradual that one fails
to note the end of one or the begin-
ning of the other.

Good water is one of the things this
city and valley can boast of. The wa-
ter in the wells in this city comes from
mountain springs, through gravel un-
der soil. It is cold and pure; wholly
free from anything like vegetable mat-
ter.

The health of the people all over
this valley is something remarkable.
There are no diseases that can be said
to be prevalent in this valley. The
climate is peculiarly beneficial to those
who come here suffering with asthma,
catarrh and the like.

We have left for the last what it is
desirable to say about the

SCHOOL AND CHURCH

status of this city. It will be admitted
by all that the moral tone of the city
of Medford is higher than that of any
other town of its size in the Pacific
Northwest. Indeed it is a model town
in this respect. The people are—for
the most part—from the older settled
portions of the east, American born,
and strong and earnest in their love of
peace and order.

It is a true, that the population of
Medford embraces more people of the
higher standard of intelligence, cul-
ture and refinement than any other
western city of its size. To this is due
the fact that the school and church
interest is a dominant one in Medford.
Very handsome churches are owned
by the Baptists and the Presbyterians,
and both the Methodist and Episco-
pal are preparing to erect church ed-
ifices here. Medford sustains a fine
school, and the people are a unit on
the proposition to build here this year
a handsome, commodious brick struc-
ture, for the home of a higher educa-
tional institution; in this way making
this city the school center of Southern
Oregon.

You ask, what are the promises for
Medford. If we may measure by the
past three years, and more especially
by the experiences of the past two
months, and by the enterprising and
pushing spirit of the citizens, Medford
will be a city of from 4000 to 5000 in-
habitants in the next two or three
years. It has all the elements of a
rapid, permanent, wholesome growth.
So far as we can see there is nothing
to obstruct such a growth, and every-
thing to foster it.

Wisdom-wise our property holders
have made no effort at a boom. Prices
are very little advanced beyond the
scale of last year.

We are persuaded that no place on
the Pacific coast can offer better in-
ducements to the intending settler.

During the fruit season of last year,
Medford shipped nearly 1000 tons of
fresh fruit as freight, and about 100
tons as express matter.

It is confidently expected that dur-
ing the coming season of '88, the
shipment of fruit will reach 1,200
tons.

THE EDITOR.