

MEDFORD LIKES LOCAL CHARTER

ROGUE RIVER PRAISED BY VIS-
ITOR TODAY.

Incidentally He is Boosting the Ash-
land Normal Plan.

Benj. C. Sheldon, vice-president of the Medford Commercial club, is in La Grande today investigating the commission form of government and incidentally giving a little boost to the proposed initiative measure which provides for the state to rehabilitate the Ashland normal school.

Mr. Sheldon is an orchardist of Medford and had glowing things to say of the Rogue river country. He believes in the fruit business and thinks the time will come when an Oregon apple will sell above every other apple in the world and that the crop will be contracted far in advance of production.

He says Medford is going to change her city charter and while it will differ some from the La Grande charter it will contain the main features and provide for a city manager.

In speaking of the Ashland normal Mr. Sheldon says that seventy per cent of the grade teachers in the public schools of Southern Oregon do not have normal training at the present time and he believes it is economy for both Southern and Eastern Oregon to each have a school that will fit teachers for the work of teaching. He says the appropriation asked for in Ashland will amount to ten cents a year to every person who is paying taxes on four thousand dollars worth of property. He expressed a strong hope that the people of the state in their desire for lower taxes and economy would keep in mind the normal school and look beyond the expense of it to the good he claims it will do the state.