

# Apple and Pear Orchards In The Rogue River Valley Pay \$1,000 Per Acre Annually

MEDFORD'S RAPID GROWTH			
Year Ending Dec. 31	Population	Business	Value
1880	3,244	\$30,400	\$1,000
1881	3,582	77,400	2,200
1882	4,077	90,000	2,500
1883	4,200	110,000	3,000
1884	4,700	120,000	3,500

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## SYSTEM OF WATER CRAFT IS EXPOSED

## BEEF TRUST RAISES PRICE OF ALL MEATS

## ROYCROFTERS TO ESTABLISH FIRM HERE

## SLAYS HUGE BLACK BEAR IN ITS DEN STATEMENT NUMBER ONE IS POPULAR

## HIGH SCHOOL BONDS BRING GOOD PRICE

Amazing Steals Extending Over Years Involving City Employees and Business Firms Uncovered in Chicago—Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Lost.

All Grades Advanced Two Cents a Pound and Further Increase Probable—Farmers do not Profit by Advance as are Short of Supplies.

Elbert Hubbard's of the Philistine Visits Medford and May Open Branch Furniture Manufacture to Make City Famous as Home of Restored Art.

Frank Edwards Kills Monarch of Siskiyou in Close Encounter in the Darkness With a Small Rifle—Entered Dark Hole All Alone to Capture Bruin.

Jackson County Bank Secures Issue—Big Sale of Timber Land—Prall Ranch Is Sold at Good Figures to Local Men Who Reinvest Timber Profits.

CHICAGO, March 26.—An amazing system of robbery and graft, involving city employees and business firms, extending for several years, has been uncovered in the water department. Two employees, including a civilian head, have been removed and their substitutes have been removed and no substitutes have been named. Some may be indicted for complicity in thefts.

Through the loss of tampered meats and the embezzlement of city employees several large corporations have defrauded the city out of hundreds of thousands of dollars for some time, and employees of the water division have plundered the stock of supplies selling junk dealers and destroying the materials for repairs in storage. Smaller companies similarly for the water department have been forced to the plumbers who put them outside the law. Private divisions have been paid off and Superintendent McVay, who was appointed six weeks ago, has reduced his staff of employees from 200 to 50.

### ARBO DAY COMES ON APRIL 13 IN OREGON

Arbor day comes in Oregon this year on April 13, and it will probably be observed this year more generally than ever before, notwithstanding the pupils and teachers of many schools have anticipated the occasion to a large extent by planting roses in the winter. Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Gummere has suitable material for Arbor day exercises and will send copies of the pamphlet out to the various counties early next week. Plans for the tree planting campaign in Portland have aroused new interest in Arbor day.

In order to encourage teachers and pupils in improving school grounds, Superintendent Ackerman has arranged to receive photographs of some of the best kept grounds in each county and to keep those pictures on file due to his office together with the names of the teachers and the schools. This is being instrumental in promoting the good work.

### GOVERNOR JOHNSON IS TO RUN FOR PRESIDENCY

ST. PAUL, March 26.—Governor John A. Johnson is a candidate for the presidential nomination of the democratic party.

He is something less than an aggressive candidate, in that he is making and will make no organized, systematic effort to secure the nomination. He is something more than a receptive candidate because in a quiet and dignified way he and his friends are looking after his interests, and because the governor and his friends will control the delegation from this state to the Democratic convention and Minnesota with substantially unanimous voice, will present her candidate, "the man who can win at the polls," to the national democracy.

### ANARCHIST PAPER BARRED FROM UNITED STATES MAILS

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order revoking the second-class mailing privilege granted in 1905 to *Le Questionnaire Social*, an Italian publication issued by the anarchist group at Padova, Italy.

Her Sheel and wife of Wrenhouse Woods arrived in Medford Wednesday and will locate permanently.

### FOR WOMEN

On the next page, at the bottom of the second column, you will find told something better than the actual finding of the fabled fountain of youth, so earnestly sought by Ponca de Leon in the sixteenth century. It is how to make the chief burden of house work light and do it easy, and it isn't a fable either. Look for it again.

### MASQUERADE COUNTESS PROVES HOTEL THIEF

PARIS, March 26.—A series of mysterious hotel robberies in the Riveira extending over many years has been explained by the arrest of the charming but mischievous Countess of Montell. For years the countess of Montell has entertained lavishly both at Paris and the Riviera. Her wealth and jewels have drawn comment and admiration from far and near.

Now she is declared one of the most ingenious, successful and audacious hotel thieves that has ever troubled the hotel proprietors of France. Her arrest at Nice reveals her not as the captivating, brilliant Countess, but as a thoroughly up-to-date burglar, carrying concealed in her bewitching garments an array of burglar's implements of intricate workmanship, which opened to her any hotel room on the Riviera which she knew to contain the coveted wealth of money and values.

### YOUTHFUL ROBBER KILLED WHILE ENGAGED IN CRIME

CHICAGO, March 26.—James Kane was found dead in a cab at Eighteenth and Calumet avenue early today with a bullet in his head. Kane and two companions engaged Robert Champion to drive them to an address on the north side. At Rush and Ohio streets Kane was attacked, robbed and left unconscious at the entrance of a hotel. An hour later the three men, consisting of a driver, robber and beat William Ward, and still later treated George Morris to like manner. A policeman appeared and ordered them to halt. The men drove furiously and exchanged shots with the officer. Later the cab was found with Kane's body. Kane was 18 years of age and has a police record. His companions escaped.

### ILLINOIS ENDORSES REYAN FOR PRESIDENCY

CHICAGO, March 26.—In a hurried session meeting of the democratic state central committee today Bryan was endorsed for the presidency in emphatic language. It was decided that the state convention will be held in Springfield, Ill., April 22.

### EUGENE COUNCIL TO BUY OLD CITY WATER WORKS

EUGENE, Ore., March 26.—The most important step which the Eugene council has not yet taken toward securing its own water system was an agreement to buy out the Willamette Valley power plant for \$100,000. The only difficulty is the question of the two who will unquestionably favor it. The council was practically unanimous for the agreement.

For several months the council and water company have been trying to get together. The company wanted \$150,000.

LONDON, March 25.—Sir Harry Campbell-Bannerman is steadily growing worse. His condition has caused considerable anxiety.

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—grave doubts are expressed regarding the success of Senator Pennington.

W. H. Cannon has announced by filing his petition that he will be a candidate for the office of justice of the peace for the Medford justice district.

### COMPLETE RAILROAD TO KLAMATH FALLS THIS YEAR

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 26.—That the California Northwestern is to be completed to Klamath Falls this year is evidenced by the rapid progress being made in construction and track laying. By the first of April the track will be finished to Dorris, and already two camps have been established between Dorris and the Klamath river, where the grade across the swamp lands will be finished for a stretch of 300 feet by the middle of April. The dredge of the Moran Construction company is working two shifts, steadily lifting earth to the grade night and day. The 300 feet nearing completion extends from the channel of the straits to Wild Horse butte, and it will be a short piece of work from that point to the west shore line.

The two new camps established are located at the tunnel portal on the north side of the mountain, dividing Butte creek valley from the Klamath basin, and at a point about two miles further north toward this city.

### FOREST RANGERS WANTED FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

A greater service bulletin says: The United States civil service commission has just announced that examinations will be held for the position of ranger at the supervisor's headquarters at the national forest on April 24 and 25. It is estimated that 300 more rangers will be required during the present fiscal year than were on duty last year, and eligible to fill these vacancies will be furnished the forest service by the coming examination. The examinations will be held in 17 states and territories, in Oregon at the following places:

Englewood, Grants Pass, Hoquiam, Jain Park, Lakeport, Medford, Portland, Prineville, Roseburg, Sutherlin, Walla-

WA. and Yreka. The examination will be held on April 24.

### THE WEATHER

Occasional rain tonight and Friday; southerly winds.

Associated Press Dispatches.

The Jackson County Bank was the highest bidder for the \$40,000 five per cent bonds recently voted by the Medford school district for the construction of a new high school building. The bank brought a high premium, \$1,000 being bid, at a price of over 100% on face.

This Greater Lumber company, in common with the local Lamb & Ross company, has purchased 100 acres of timber land on Butte creek, from Hutchings & Lamson, paying \$30,000 cash for the same. The timber is principally sugar pine.

J. W. Peal has sold his 200-acre ranch between Medford and Central Point to W. L. Vauter and Hutchings & Lamb for \$2,500. The buildings and vehicles were included in the sale.

### CORONER'S JURY EXONERATES PORTLAND MOTORMAN

The finding of the coroner's jury at the largest field of Portland into the death of S. Vernon Foster, the 18-year-old youth from Medford, Ore., who was knocked down and killed by a full-grown steer this afternoon, in the corner of Second and Main streets, exonerated Marionland Ranch Company, and in consequence the charge of malfeasance, which had been filed against them by the coroner, will be dropped.

The jury rendered its verdict at 10 o'clock. "That the deceased died from the effects of injuries received by being struck and knocked down by a full-grown steer shot to a Korean White Steer, in Marionland Ranch Company, and that from the evidence before the jury we believe that the animal was the cause of his death and acted in the best of his ability to avoid the animal."

At least a dozen witnesses were examined and it was agreed almost without exception that the action of the steer was sudden and unexpected, and that the animal, in running away, ran into the fence and knocked him down. The steer was known to be in full strength, and was in excellent condition.

### LATE LOCAL NEWS

Judge J. N. Neal of Jacksonville spent Thursday in Medford.

H. D. Kidd of Applegate and J. A. Hargrove of Gold Hill, candidates for the republican nomination for representative here, were here during the week preceding, among the voters.

T. W. Daily and Mrs. McDonald, of Corvallis, have formed a partnership in the real estate business. They are located in the old building corner of Seventh and B-streets.

R. P. O'Brien of Applegate made Medford a business visit the first of the week.

W. H. Huston and John McReynolds of Willow Springs were among their Medford friends Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bader of Eagle Point, Oregon, were in Medford a few days since, trading with our merchants.

L. D. Hitchcock, for many years a resident of Willow Springs, is making his former home a visit. He is located at Corvallis, Wash.

Joseph Carr, who lives near Medford, did business in town Saturday.

Dr. W. S. Jones is very sick at his home in East Medford. Dr. Pickle and Seely are in attendance.

T. E. Gaines of Trail Creek was a Medford business visitor Thursday.

Mrs. T. E. Gaines, who has been ill at her home on North 17th street, has recovered and will leave tomorrow for Southern California to make an extended trip with relatives.

R. W. Gitter, formerly a resident of Medford, who has been residing at Olympia, Wash., for several years, returned Thursday morning and will make an extended visit with all time remaining.

Colonel S. W. Blodout of Portland passed through Medford Thursday morning enroute to San Francisco, Calif., where he will attend the meeting of his organization. He is a new arrival in Medford and may make purchases and become a permanent resident.

He is a member of the Korean White Steer Club, which was organized by Mr. Hale at the piano house, took freight and came east down Seventh street, and across the Bear creek bridge, up the hill east of town. On the east side, near the Piano house, the buggy to which they were hitched struck a telephone pole and was smashed. The team went on east.

### Korean White Steer Fund

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 26.—Following the meeting of the Korean White Steer Club, the amount raised was \$1,000, and will be raised for the defense of the men held at San Francisco for the attempted assassination of the king. Some of the Korean intense the action of the assassin.