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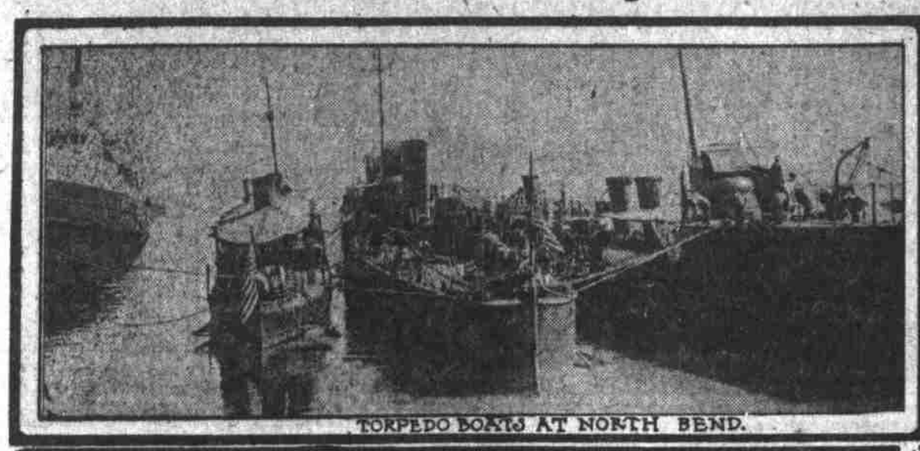
ROUNDUP OF THE WEEK IN STATES OF PACIFIC SLOPE

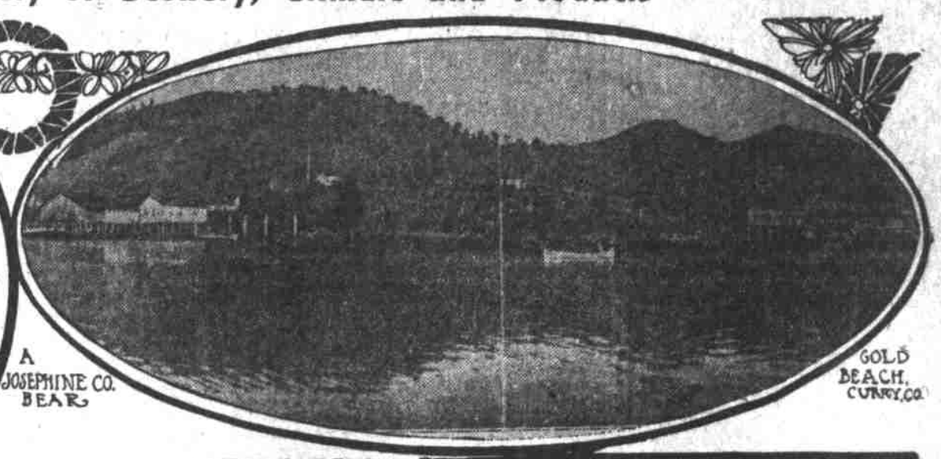
CURRENT EVENTS DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PROGRESS

The Counties of Oregon Afford Wonderful Contrasts in Their Variety of Scenery, Climate and Products



TORPEDO BOATS AT NORTH BEND.

A JOSEPHINE CO. BEAR



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YAKIMA SEEKS THE TRADE OF NEW COUNTRY

Thousands Will Be Spent by Residents of Big River Empire.

(Special Northwest Correspondence.)

North Yakima, Wash., Nov. 26.—North Yakima wants the rich trade of the great country which is being opened along the Columbia river between Kennewick and White Bluffs, and to get it the business men are urged to build a highway between this city and White Bluffs. President W. L. Steinweg of the First National bank of this city has just returned from a trip of inspection and is alarmed that the great trade that will be developed will go to Walla Walla instead of coming here.

"There are 40 individual power plants in operation for irrigation along that section of the Columbia river," says Mr. Steinweg, "in addition to the two big enterprises at White Bluffs and the Hanford project.

"At one place in Franklin county a man named Nagle, whose wife is superintendent of schools for Franklin county, has a plant which irrigates some 80 acres. This year he cleared up $4,206 in melons, vegetables and other produce grown on his property. All along the river there were piles of baled hay awaiting shipment. Their season is earlier than ours and also lasts longer. That White Bluffs-Hanford country is a great empire; it is to undergo wonderful development and its purchasing power, which is now of considerable proportions, will become enormous.

"The people, and I talked to many of them, are well inclined toward North Yakima, but under present conditions it is easier for them to purchase at Walla Walla. I am convinced that we, here, should at once take steps to see that we procure and retain their trade. One way to accomplish this end is by a proper roadway between North Yakima and White Bluffs and Hanford. County Engineer McIntyre has been over the road and I understand from him that an expenditure of $500 or $600 will put it in excellent condition. I can think of no better investment. We must not allow that great country to develop away from us.

"I think we should undertake at once the construction of a passable highway and after that the merchants here should organize a cross country trip to that section to show the feasibility of the highway. A party could be got up here to make the trip across in automobiles. I would gladly take my machine and carry three or four along and I know others would do the same. The people of those districts could be visited and also the many settlers who are to be found between this city and the thriving towns on the Columbia.

"There can be no differences of opinion as to the country and what the years have in store for that portion of Washington and everybody who makes an inspection must come to that conclusion."

Land Buyers and Settlers Flock to Klickitat County

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Husum, Wash., Nov. 28.—Land buyers are becoming numerous in the southwest portion of Klickitat county. These parties do not come here with a speculative view, but will improve and make this part of the coast their future home. One of the late investors is W. F. Bates of St. Paul, who has purchased a ranch in the Pine Flat neighborhood, near White Salmon. A. C. Sheldon, general agent of the C., B. & Q. railroad, of Portland, has invested in a 40 acre tract of fruit land near Underwood and will plant 20 acres in apple trees. In the same neighborhood M. S. Smith has purchased 20 acres for the purpose of raising fruit.

CONDITIONS ARE NORMAL AFTER CAMPAIGN STRESS

Industries in Lane County Long Closed Resume Operations.

(Special Northwest Correspondence.)

Eugene, Or., Nov. 25.—While Lane county was in a prosperous condition generally, all through the recent financial depression and preceding the presidential election, since the election prosperity has become all the more apparent. Already sawmills, which were compelled to close down when the panic came, are resuming operations and many others are clearing up their yards and plants, preparatory to resumption. The Booth-Kelly Lumber company, perhaps the greatest prosperity producing concern in the country, is operating three of its big mills adjacent to Eugene ten hours a day, and is contemplating in the near future putting on night shifts at each of the plants. It has just completed a five mile standard gauge logging railway, extending from the terminus of the Mohawk branch of the Southern Pacific company at Wendling up into the tall timber, and has equipped it with the latest logging locomotives and log cars. The company owns vast tracts of timber land above Wendling and the logs from there will be hauled over this new railroad to the mill at Wendling and on down the Mohawk branch to the mill at Springfield.

While there has been great building activity in Eugene and other cities of the county all year, there are prospects for increased activity along this line from now on. There have been eight business blocks completed in Eugene since the first of the year, included among them being a five story building erected by the local lodge of Odd Fellows. A three story brick, a two story brick and a two story concrete block are in course of erection, making a total of 11 for the year. Besides these, a six story hotel building is arranged for, the work to begin early in the spring, and there are several other blocks of more or less importance contemplated for next year. Eugene and Lane county have never before seen a more prosperous year than the present and indications are that next year will be even more prosperous.

$40,000 OVER CONTRACT

Klamath Falls, Or., Nov. 28.—Forty thousand dollars has been awarded the Mason-Davis company, contractors on the main canal of the Klamath project, for extra work. The company finished its contract in May, 1907, and put in a claim for $250,000, charging extra work and many classifications of dirt.

Reclamation Engineers Davis and Quinton made an examination of the work, but refused to make any change in classification. They recommended, however, that $40,000 be paid for extra work, and settlement has been made by the reclamation service.

Election Result Is Not the Reason for Morrow's Prosperity.

(Special Northwest Correspondence.)

Heppner, Or., Nov. 25.—The result of the presidential election had very little, if any, noticeable effect on conditions in this section. Although last fall's panic, and the subsequent depreciation in sheep and wool values were keenly felt, conditions have been gradually improving for some months. While a majority of the sheep-men are Republicans from the tariff standpoint a continued improvement of the conditions of the sheep-raising industry was generally expected, regardless of the result of the election, and many new ventures had been made in that line, previous to the election.

The unusually dry season combined with a comparatively smaller acreage resulted in a considerable decrease in the grain yield this year, but a much larger acreage has been sown this fall, than ever before, at this season of the year. This has much more to do toward restoring confidence of the farmer, merchant, banker, blacksmith, carpenter, etc., than the mere result of any election.

Carpenters Are in Demand.

There has been more than the usual amount of building done the past season, which is continuing at about the same rate. Local carpenters have had all they can do, in fact have had work ahead for several months past, and it is believed a safe assertion, that not one building is in course of construction or even contemplated, that would not have been, had Bryan been elected president.

Business generally has not been so good as last year, but that was an exceptional year from a business standpoint. While it is possible that November's business may exceed that of the same month, it will be due largely to the fact that business dropped off very suddenly last November and not that Taft's election has caused any considerable increase this year.

Lincoln County Is Enjoying Prosperity on an Extensive Scale.

(Special Northwest Correspondence.)

Toledo, Or., Nov. 25.—The "hard times," as they have been termed, have had but little or no effect on the progress of Toledo or Lincoln county. If one wanted work and would work when it was offered it has always been an easy matter to keep employed.

Toledo, the county seat, has done a great deal in the line of progress in the past few months. A large and commodious addition to the public school building has been completed. George Schench has just completed a fine residence at a cost of about $5,000. C. E. Hawkins has nearly completed his residence, which will cost about $5,500. County School Superintendent R. P. Goin has just completed his residence at a cost of about $6,000. J. J. Gaither's new residence when completed about 30 days hence will cost about $3,000.

The Walker shipyard will soon be completed and construction work will at once commence on a large ship.

The Yaquina Bay Lumber company's mill at Elk city has been running at all times, when it was possible to get logs out. The demand for lumber has been far in excess of the supply.

The Lincoln county bank at Toledo has increased its business 200 per cent in the last two years. The average monthly turnover being $100,000. The deposits are in excess of that.

A new sawmill has just been completed at Siletz agency by Collins and Kimmel, and will be running on full time in a few days.

Newport, the second city in the county, can boast of the erection of many cottages that have recently been constructed. These cottages are owned by persons in various parts of the state, and are occupied in the summer months, as Newport is one of the nicest summer resorts on the Pacific ocean.

Waldport has advanced a great deal. It has a good sawmill and owns its vessel that carries products out and brings in the supply for the local merchants.

Real estate has been changing hands at a very good pace throughout the county.

A great deal of building is now being planned for spring, so it is plain that Lincoln county has not seen much of the hard times.

GERMANY WANTS APPLES

Metz Citizen Likes Taste of Yakima Valley Product.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

North Yakima, Wash., Nov. 28.—The postmaster at Granger has received a letter from Germany. It was brought to North Yakima tonight, where Frank Nagler, leader of the band, translated it. Then it was known that a citizen of Metz, Germany, had bought some apples and found by the wrappers that they were grown in Granger. He naturally wanted more. The letter was written to discover if some means of direct shipment to Germany of the big red apple could not be arranged.

Progress on Coos Bay.

(Special Northwest Correspondence.)

Marshfield, Or., Nov. 25.—A general revival of business has resulted in the Coos bay cities since the presidential election. Preparations are under way for a heavy season in every line. Public improvement has been particularly extensive during several months past and much is contemplated for spring. Asphalt streets have been laid in the business section, several miles of plank streets extended in the residence districts and much sidewalk work done. A $50,000 sewer system is planned. There is promise of a new sawmill for the bay next summer; the electric car line will be built and at least one or two new business blocks erected.

The Spokane, Yakima & West Coast railroad, which bought the Libby mine and steamer M. F. Plant, will at once build extensive docks and warehouses in the northern part of Marshfield. The United Wireless company has just installed a station and the Coos Bay Home Telephone company has ordered a $35,000 equipment. The new $75,000 Chandler hotel is now under construction and will be finished in the spring.

The past week has shown a decided increase in the demand for lumber and a marked strengthening in the price. The C. A. Smith Lumber company has put on a night force at the big mill and will turn out 400,000 feet of lumber a day.

The government dredger, Oregon, has been brought to the upper bay and will widen and deepen the channel to the Smith mill and the coal bunkers. The dredging of the bay has been given much encouragement locally. The citizens now have started a movement to ask congress for an appropriation to repair the jetty at the bar.

Altogether affairs in the Coos bay cities are much improved and a lively summer with many newcomers is looked for.

There is a move in North Bend for a supposed street railway, which the Harbor thinks is a Hill or Harriman project.

UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES SWOOP DOWN UPON DEL NORTE COUNTY AND SCORES OF CITIZENS ARE ARRESTED

Eureka, Cal., Nov. 27.—Startling surprises in the form of wholesale arrests of prominent Crescent City men, charged with selling liquor to Indians, have set this section of the country in a ferment. It has been known for some time that the illegal sale of liquor was being carried on, but it was not thought that the United States authorities were cognizant of the practice.

United States Commissioner Henry L. Ford, United States Deputy Marshal J. A. Prentice and E. E. Kinnett, United States special officer on Indian affairs, made the arrests.

The United States special officer on Indian affairs is the man who has kicked up all the trouble for the Del Norters. It is his business. That is what he is paid for. He makes a specialty of this work, and since July of this year he has convicted 57 men for selling liquor to Indians. Now he is after a dozen more, and possibly before the year has run its entire course still other scalps will be suspended from his belt.

Attorney Kinnett's comings and goings are always unheralded, and his business in a community is known only when he has his cases in the shape he wishes them. Consequently when the gentleman showed up at Crescent City with the United States marshal and the United States commissioner, many sat up and took notice, and a deep sickening fear doubtless spread over the hearts of a few.

The courtroom of the United States commissioner is in Eureka, and had he wished all the defendants in the actions brought by the special officer could have been brought down the coast to Eureka. However, in that the arrests are on such a wholesale plan, the number of Del Norters that would have to come to Eureka as witnesses, and for one thing and another, might have thinned out the population of the northern city so, like Mohammed, Commissioner Ford said, "Let us go to Crescent City." It was at 2 o'clock Thursday that the trio of federal officials left Eureka and started on the tiresome journey to the northern city. When they arrived the deputy marshal began making things lively.

Monday Commissioner Ford will convene court and the defendants will be brought before the court to plead. If they have the necessary bail money they will be released and ordered to appear before the commissioner upon a stated date. If not they will accompany the deputy marshal back to Eureka and will be lodged in the county jail. As the time of the special officer is valuable it is possible that a hearing will be given the men on this same trip, too. However, that is not determined yet.

VALLEYS SURROUNDING OAKLAND OFFER GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES TO STOCKMEN AND HORTICULTURISTS

(Special Northwest Correspondence.)

Oakland, Or., Nov. 25. — Prominent horticulturists who have been investigating different sections of the Pacific northwest with a view of developing the fruit growing industry state that there is no portion of the Pacific slope where conditions are so conducive to the growth and production of large quantities of fine commercial fruit as in the valleys surrounding Oakland. These men, to show their faith, have invested heavily in this section.

The climatic conditions and geographical setting of this territory are such that all kinds of moderate climate fruit develops such fine flavor, high color and size that it always commands the highest prices on eastern and European markets. Apples, pears, prunes, peaches, plums, strawberries, loganberries and all bush fruits never fail to mature large crops. From $200 to $500 per acre is a moderate estimate of the annual returns from orchards in this locality, and frequently good orchards return as high as $1,000 per acre.

The production of all kinds of fruit has been tested, those which have proven to be adapted to local conditions have been selected, and the experimental stage has passed. Orcharding has been carried on in this vicinity for a decade or two, but only within the last few years has the industry been scientifically handled. And that the application of twentieth century methods is proving a result getter is indicated by the almost fabulous returns secured by growers.

Many inquiries are received regarding the cost of planting and maintaining orchards. No definite figures can be given, but the following is approximately what it will cost to set out apple orchards in this locality, provided the land is in a fair state of cultivation:

Plowing and harrowing, per acre	$ 1.75
Staking off, digging holes and setting	1.75
50 trees, 30x30 feet apart at 14c	7.00
Total	$10.50

The above are based on $1.50 per day for men and $3 per day for man and team. Should a man do his own work of preparing land and setting trees, the labor items would, of course, be eliminated. This estimate will also apply to the planting of other tree fruits except where certain varieties are planted closer together, in which case the tree cost would be higher.

The maintenance of young orchards depends entirely upon the number of times cultivated and sprayed during the year. In this locality very little spraying is necessary until trees come to bearing stage. If plowed twice and cultivated four times during the season the annual cost would approximate $4 per acre, provided all work is hired. In addition there is the item of pruning, which increases from year to year. However, this work would in most cases be performed by the owner, consequently the cash outlay would be small.

A fair estimate on the cost of planting and maintaining an orchard until bearing stage can safely be put at not to exceed $8 per acre annually, with all work performed by hired labor.

An essential to the proper development of a fruit growing section is a progressive fruit growers' association with a management fully competent to handle every branch of the industry. Oakland has an association with a management which is well equalified to facilitate the handling of all kinds of fruit, and the number of orchards already bearing, acreage in young trees coming into bearing and tracts to be planted this season, assures steady growth for the business and the association.

DEAD HERMIT'S PAST REMAINS DEEP MYSTERY

John Woodruff's Whereabouts Unknown to Relatives for 43 Years.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

The Dalles, Or., Nov. 28.—The old hermit, John Woodruff, who has lived in the cliffs west of the Odd Fellows' cemetery, near this city, is dead. He made his home in the cliffs for about 17 years and always seemed contented and happy while there, coming to this city nearly every day for supplies and the daily papers. He did odd jobs of work and managed to live comfortably. He was a very well read man and made many friends, who have furnished him with a great deal of reading matter and provisions.

When asked some time ago why he preferred a home in the cliffs to one in town, he said: "I like this best because it is so restful; the air is so pure and good in this place and the view I have of the whole country looking up and down the Columbia river is so broad and sweeping that I love the place better than any other I have ever seen."

"How came you to select this place in which to make your home?" was asked.

"One day in August when I first came to The Dalles, I came out here for a walk. The air was fine and cool and I sat here all day and enjoyed the view. When evening came and the lights of the city began to twinkle, I decided to stay all night and slept so well beneath the ledge, from which I since literally carved my home, that I decided to stay all night, and I am here yet. That has been 17 years ago. I love this place best of all the world."

The old man grew talkative and told of having been a bridge builder during the war, and spoke of many interesting events in connection with the war of the sixties. He never referred to his family or his old home in the east. He talked of geology and sciences, but never anything concerning his personal history.

Mr. Woodruff was fortunate in being sturdy in mind and limb, and was never sick, he said, while living close to nature. He declared that he did not have much use for doctors or preachers, yet he was a God-fearing man who was almost as great a nature student as John Burroughs.

Examined for Sanity.

The authorities, at the request of several citizens of The Dalles, had him examined several times as to his sanity, but they could find nothing wrong. It was considered by many that no sane man would want to live in a cliff, and alone. This mode of living suited John Woodruff, however, and he was happy.

A few days before his death he came to The Dalles, very ill but not believing that he would die. He said: "I am not going to die. No; I am going to live a long time. I come of a long lived race. My father lived to be 90 years of age. I am only 75. I always thought—of course it makes no difference where a man is buried—but I always thought I'd like to be laid away in the cemetery that I fenced when a boy."

"Where was this cemetery, Mr. Woodruff?" he was asked.

"Back in New Jersey, near Madison, Morris county."

"Have you any brothers still living?"

"Yes; I have two brothers, Joseph and William."

The old man was failing rapidly and it was determined to let his relatives know it.

John Woodruff was born November 8, 1833, in New Jersey, and was 75 years of age at his death.

He was married at one time and came to Kansas 43 years ago. Three children were born. Somewhere two sons and a daughter still live—perhaps the wife lives, too, but the old man died alone.

His relatives in New Jersey were notified. The two brothers have been dead 12 years. A nephew responded to the notification, expressing the relatives' appreciation of the information concerning John Woodruff, from whom they had heard nothing for 43 years.

The old hermit, as everyone called him, lies sleeping in the cemetery within 200 yards of where he lived in the cliff for the greater part of 30 years.

DOUGLAS COUNTY'S RAPID DEVELOPMENT

(Special Northwest Correspondence.)

Roseburg, Or., Nov. 25.—Located in the best part of a great state, one of the richest sections of the Pacific northwest is Douglas county, of which Roseburg is the capital, a prosperous little city of 5,000 inhabitants. A generation ago this county was almost unknown. Now it is the home of more than 20,000 prosperous people, and is rapidly becoming known as the greatest fruit center in the world. The growth has been amazing. But it has been natural, for it is based upon great resources and charm of climate.

The Umpqua valley proper is a long series of small valleys subdivided by the hills that run down close to the Umpqua, making a pictureseque region, diversified with woodland and prairie and with a rich river sediment. Douglas county and the Umpqua valley are possessed of a climate that makes the new comer want to stay, and brings the casual visitor here to reside permanently. It is cool enough in winter to be tonic and warm enough in summer to be pleasant living out of doors for at least four or five months.

The early Oregon farmer grew lazy over the fact that his grain and grass grew without effort, and his land extended for miles, among the hills and dells of the Umpqua. But the time has come when these large farms are being divided and subdivided. The theory of today is less land and more production. The evenness of climate will insure the growth of wheat, oats, barley, corn, vetch, alfalfa, and the sufficient moisture insures pasture in abundance for stock.

The farmer now will have to produce as much from one acre of the soil as his predecessor did from ten. His methods will be different. He will not live upon an inclosure fenced with rails. He will have electric power from the harnessed streams to light his house and barn, to run his feed mill and pump his water. He will depend mainly upon the fruit, with minor sections of the place set to grain and vegetables. Here the up-to-date farmer can live in luxury with nature helping him at all seasons of the year. While other sections are clad with snow and frost, the fields here are carpeted with grass, a greenness that suggests springtime and the full milk pail.

Douglas county apples are becoming famous. One farmer sold his entire crop of Spitzenberg apples for $2 per box on the ground, realizing $2400 per acre for his crop. James B. Smith of Winstons, six miles south of Roseburg on the Umpqua river, is the man who has this remarkably fine orchard. Mr. Smith is surrounded by large fruit farms, most of them in pears and prunes.

It is not apples alone that attain perfection in this great climate. Douglas county has the record for the first ripe strawberries in the city markets. For the past two seasons she has been two weeks ahead of all rivals.

JOSEPHINE'S PRIZE-WINNING APPLES

(Special Northwest Correspondence.)

Grants Pass., Or., Nov. 25.—Though fruit growers call this an "off season," some of the specimens of this year's apple crop in Josephine county would amaze a stranger. At the recent good roads convention, the display of apples was considered one of the finest ever made in southern Oregon. It was prepared from apples grown on orchards near Grants Pass. The apples were of various varieties, but the best were Yellow Newtowns, Spitzenbergs, Baldwins and Jonathans.

Some of them were from the orchard of Consul General H. B. Miller, whose fine fruit farm is located on the Applegate, a few miles from Grants Pass; others were from the famous Eisman brothers orchard on Rogue river, a few miles below town; and others were from the Morrison and Hamilton orchards. The apples in the display from the Hamilton orchard were of the same grade recently displayed by him at the southern Oregon fair at Medford, and which carried off every prize offered.

While the crop of apples from Josephine county for this year is not as large as formerly, they are cleaner and of better grade, as a result of more improved methods adopted, and greater care in pruning, spraying and orchard culture. As the acreage of apples, pears and all fruits has been increased more than 500 fold in Josephine this year, this county will soon become famous as a heavy producer of fruit, and this industry will far outrank lumbering and mining, which have been the leading industries here since the organization of the county and the settlement of the community.

EXTENSIVE PIGEON RAISING

Bird Industry Will Be Started in Klickitat.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Husum, Wash., Nov. 28.—Mr. Hussey, a retired shoe manufacturer from Massachusetts, has purchased the Packard ranch near Underwood. Besides building a $2,500 bungalow, Mr. Hussey will erect a $1500 pigeon cot and stock it with 1000 imported birds.

KLAMATH TAG DAY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., Nov. 28.—Klamath Falls is to have a tag day, following the example of the large cities of the coast. The proceeds will go to the public library.