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Foreword.

With an abiding faith in the future development of Central Point and the Rogue river valley the HERALD comes into existence on this bright April day hoping to be able, in a modest way, to assist in advancing the general welfare of the town and community. The paper is not being established as a reform sheet nor as a political organ, neither as an engine destined to revolutionize the world—not even that small portion of it which lies immediately adjacent to the central point of the famed valley of the Rogue. As a purveyor of the general news of the world it does not expect to enter into competition with the metropolitan dailies and it hastens to assure its big brothers of Portland and other cities that, for the present at least, it will not attempt to encroach on their preserves. As a strictly local newspaper, with neither political nor sectarian bias, devoted to the best interests of Central Point and all of the Rogue river valley the HERALD enters the field and with malice toward none and with charity for all it expects to pursue the work which may lie before it.

This valley is one of nature's beauty spots, enriched by many natural advantages. Rich in its alluvial soil; productive almost as the valley of the Nile; famed far and wide for the unsurpassed excellence of its fruits; surrounded by majestic mountain ranges, filled with mineral wealth that has hardly yet been touched by modern mining methods; covered with virgin forests of giant sugar pines, for the contents of which two continents are clamoring; with a water power unequaled on the continent, which is already being harnessed to do its part in the development of a mighty empire, it possesses a charm for the home seeker and investor that is offered by few spots on this earth.

Aside from its physical advantages, this valley possesses other attractions which are worthy the attention of the home seeker. It is no longer a wild western community in which painted Indians, festive cowboys, gun plays and general bravado furnish amusement for the natives or strike terror to the soul of the eastern visitor. The valley is one of the oldest settled communities on the coast, and among all who are conversant with the conditions here it is known as a center of culture and civilization which is second to none in the west. In moral and mental qualities the superiors of the pioneer families of the Rogue have not yet been discovered, while the later comers measure up to the same high standard.

It is to assist, then, in advancing the interests of Central Point and the valley of the Rogue that the HERALD has come into being, and in this good work it hopes to be able to cooperate directly with every resident of Central Point and in a lesser degree, perhaps, with every resident of this valley. The interests of every town in the valley are identical and we can best build up ourselves by forgetting to pull down our neighbors. Every town in the valley is a good town because, forsooth, it is not so many miles from Central Point. Do you see the point, neighbor? Sure you do. Now is the time to subscribe.

THAT historic hen from whose auriferous gizzard big chunks of

gold have been taken every time she has been slaughtered since the days when Mount Pitt was a hole in the ground, reappeared last week at Lents, a suburb of Portland, and after being duly executed her crop yielded the usual amount of nuggets. The story is all right but that method of mining is out of date. Here in Jackson county we do our mining with electric power and keep the hens working full time in the egg industry. But the Willamette valley always was slow.

The San Francisco Horror

The earthquake and conflagration that visited San Francisco last week will go down in history as one of the horrors of the present century. No such calamity has ever before visited an American community when measured by the standard of property loss or physical suffering. Hundreds of thousands of citizens were rendered homeless and penniless and hundreds of men who had amassed fortunes will again begin at the bottom of the ladder.

It is such a misfortune as this, however, that brings out the latent good in the great heart of the American people; when rich and poor alike open their storehouses and purse strings, to the extent of their ability, to aid the unfortunates. In such cases it is more blessed to give than to receive for it is well, once in awhile, that the innate principal of Universal Brotherhood, which too often slumbers in the human breast, is thus aroused and cultivated.

This first issue of the HERALD is a week later than the publishers expected, the delay being due to a number of causes over which they had no control. There is a large amount of work incident to getting a first issue to press and any shortcomings of this, our initial number, will, we hope, be remedied in the future. We appreciate the liberal patronage accorded the HERALD and feel that its work is starting under very favorable circumstances.

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