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1910 PROMISES UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY FOR ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

INTO PORT comes the good ship "1910."

Men whose prophecy deals with statistics rather than with emotion, know she bears a cargo of prosperity for southern Oregon unparalleled since America dawned upon the council of nations. The certified pledges of plenty are national. For Oregon they are intensified; for the Rogue River valley, particularized. As development grows, so veers the compass of things material in the Italy of America.

With the fruit of the Rogue River valley rated high, with its quality unequaled in the world's markets, there is the voice of rejoicing in the cabin, the mansion, the counting house. From all sections of southern Oregon that song now ascends in volume and unanimity never before equaled.

This year as never before will vast sums be poured into every industrial, commercial and agricultural channel, and this great wealth will give all Oregon an unprecedented impulse towards prosperity; and, truly, expectations everywhere are of the most buoyant description. It is the Rogue River valley, however, that has been seemingly chosen by providence for a particular manifestation of its favor. In other fruit sections the yield in 1909 was unusually short; here in the Rogue River valley it was nearly normal. For their short yield other sections received a high price; the Rogue River valley received the top prices for its heavier yield. The tremendous advantage, therefore, of this section over its rivals is seen at a glance. Other infallible portents of section and state prosperity are militantly apparent. Never did a new year come in when the future was brighter. Upon this Titanic background of prosperity and development at which the world may well wonder, the Mail Tribune today presents a presentation in type and picture of southern Oregon's performance today and tomorrow.

Dramatic Past; Stupendous Present, Challenging Future—all of these stride across the pages of this issue.

With precision never approached, with completeness never approximated in southern Oregon journalism, the Mail Tribune herein records the achievement and the beckoning destiny.

The theme was one of epoch-making possibilities and inspiration. We have taken pleasure in so great a subject.

The flowering of the western states into maturity is as yet the most colossal chapter in the history of the world's most colossal nation.

Compared with that, as the sun at noon to the evening star, will be the flowering into maturity of the new state of Siskiyou when its speeding destiny shall have been fulfilled.

Volume and variety of resources, a monopoly of civilization's most enjoyed product, unrealized assets chartered upon the service of ice-cold actuality, are pledges to that prophecy.

It is fate ordained by logic, not patriotic fantasies, with which we are dealing.

Here, then, is presented a Homeseekers' edition, telling but the coldest facts regarding this section. Take it—let it circulate to the four quarters of the country. Let it reach more homes, more capital, more people than any previous issue of any southern Oregon newspaper.

CASCADE COAL COMPANY SELLS LAND

\$85,000 PAID FOR UNCLEARED LAND

Syndicate of Portland Will Cut the Property Up Into Small Tracts, Plant It and Offer It for Sale.

The lands of the Cascade Coal Mining company, including the Broadbent and other properties and comprising some 1150 acres have been sold to a company composed of Vincent Jones, A. R. Morgan and W. H. Chapin of Portland, and W. I. Yawter of Medford, who acts as trustee for the company. The consideration is \$85,000, and the coal company still retains all rights to coal or other minerals found upon the lands. It is the intention of the new owners to segregate the land into smaller tracts, plant it to orchard and put it on the market. All this land will be under the Fish Lake high line ditch and can be made to produce remunerative crops with proper cultivation and irrigation. The tracts involved are the Broadbent, Moulton, Andrews, Wise and Miller tracts and comprise some good agricultural land and good coal prospects. The Cascade Coal company will now be in a position to continue development work.

Miss Ambrosie Murphy, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murphy, left Saturday evening on her return to The Dalles, Oregon, where she has been employed in the city schools for the past several years.

EL PASO PRAYS FOR ARCTIC WEATHER

Police Judge Renders Fine for "Intox" as Temperature Falls in Cold Wave

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 1.—The mercury still stands at 10 above zero here, and all the old timers are praying that it will fall to 10 below. For yesterday the wise and sympathetic Judge Lea of the police court reduced the fine for intoxication—knocked it from \$3 to \$1. "I don't blame a man for getting super-exhilarated in this frigid weather," said the considerate judge, who uses the finest language in El Paso. "The fine for overstimulation will remain at \$1 until the weather becomes warmer. The law must be satisfied and a certain sobriety must be preserved. But the citizens of this town shall not freeze to death if justice tempered by mercy can prevent it."

"It's a simple mathematical calculation," remarked old Col. Tallman Rufford, as he took his thirteenth stimulant without visible effort or effect, at the Phoenix bar today. "The temperature fell from 30 to 0 degrees. For the benefit of weak-minded and weak-kneed persons Judge Lea—a gentleman, sub—reduced the fine from \$3 to \$1. It follows that should the mercury drop 10 degrees lower the court will owe \$1 to every such prisoner. To such opens the vista of an endless circle of alcoholic joy. He will have to spend his dollar in Cook whiskey to get another dollar. Barkeep, the same, if you please, sub."

Cook whiskey is a new brand here. Its distillers admit frankly they named it so because it is doctored.

ASHLAND CLUB 400 MEMBERS

Secretary Frohbach Successfully Ends Campaign for Increased Membership in Commercial Club.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 1.—Secretary Frohbach's active campaign to boost the Ashland Commercial Club's membership to 400 before the New Year arrived, closed last night and Frohbach is triumphantly telling how it was done. The last name secured yesterday swelled the list to 405, making a membership list that, in proportion to population, is the largest on the coast. When the new secretary—who, by the way has Tom Richardson skinned a city block when it comes to real, practical work—looked over the list about three months ago, the total membership was but 125. The night he took office he announced that he would swell the list to 400 by New Year's day, and was laughed at. But he went to work and the way he has rubbed the dry bones of the town was beautiful to all, and he got results. "The club will hold a justification meeting in the near future."

ATHLETIC CLUB MEETS MONDAY NIGHT TO ORGAIZE

Owing to a misunderstanding no meeting of those interested in organizing an athletic club was held Wednesday night, but a meeting has been called for Monday evening, January 3rd and notices sent out to all subscribers, and a good attendance is expected. The meeting will be held in the athletic hall in the Miles building, which is being fitted up as a gymnasium. There should be a full attendance so that the club will be started right and the right kind of people put in charge of it.

FOREMAN IN LOGGING CAMP INHERITS LARGE FORTUNE

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1.—Alex McLaughlin, foreman in a logging camp near Sandpoint, Idaho, has advised friends in Spokane that he is one of the ten heirs to an estate valued at \$5,000,000, left by his brother, who died in Australia, several years ago after amassing a fortune in the gold fields. He has gone to Vancouver, B. C., where he will visit relatives to establish claim to \$500,000, which he believes is his share of the estate in the land of the kangaroo. He will go to Sydney as soon as he comes into possession of certain documents to prove his identity.

EAGLE PUTS UP GAME FIGHT WITH COYOTE

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1.—Marsh hill, near Fairfield, Spokane county, was the scene of a terrific encounter between a golden eagle and a coyote, the latter emerging minus an ear. The big bird and the coyote were captured in traps set close together by Hed Morrison, son of Colonel E. H. Morrison. The eagle was heavily handicapped by the trap which held its left claw, but stood its ground well by using the right spur and beak. It died shortly after being released from the trap and will be mounted. The coyote was the largest ever seen in eastern Washington.

STRAMPER, DISABLED, IS TOWED INTO PORT

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Clyde liner Algonquin, carrying freight, is being towed here today by the liner Apache, according to the United Wireless reports.

NINE REVELERS DIE IN CRASH

Runaway Car Plunges Down Grade Crashing Into Restaurant Filled With Watchers for New Year.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 1.—A runaway trolley car early this morning left the tracks, plunged its way across half a street and crashed into the front of a restaurant, killing nine persons, all of whom were watching the New Year in and the old out. The crash came without warning. How the car got started in its run away course is a matter of mystery. The conductor and motorman were killed as was a solitary passenger. A score of persons in the restaurant were injured, and six are dead.

RED CROSS GETS GIFT FROM JOSE MADRIZ

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 1.—A cablegram received here today states that President Jose Madriz of Nicaragua has given the Red Cross society \$2,000 to assist its representatives in their work among the prisoners held at Bluefields by the revolutionists. The work of the Red Cross society in the hospitals that were established in Bluefields after the decisive victory of the insurgents near Rama and Recoro has been hampered by a lack of supplies and of funds. Madriz's gift is said to be most timely.

NEWTOWNS SOLD IN LONDON; NET \$2.78

F. E. Merrick Advised of Sale of Car by Sgobel & Day of New York.

F. E. Merrick was advised yesterday of the sale of a car of Newtown Pippins in London at a price which nets him \$2.78 a box f. o. b. Medford. The car was comprised of a fine lot of fruit. It was assigned to Sgobel & Day, commission men of New York. They write that the market will be splendid for Newtowns.

ALAMEDA COUNCIL AFTER UNDRAPED WOMEN

ALAMEDA, Cal., Jan. 1.—In the future Venos Demito, portrayed on the billboards of Alameda, will be used as a high art ladies' tailored model. In other words her drapery will be removed and her form clothed from head to foot in "something neat and natty" of "this season's novelty." The axe of the Alameda city council has fallen heavily. All figures of undraped, or partially clothed women will be barred now and forever from the billboards of the city. The form divine, sung by poets, pictured by artists, or sculptured by welders of the art chisel, cannot find a place in the public eye, according to the local council. The billboards came in for a heavy share of the council's attention, the same ordinance fixing the rate of taxation on them and requiring that they shall be built strong enough to resist the wind.

TAFT WISHES ALL PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Nation's Executive Central Figure in Glorious Pageant Held Annually in White House—Notables Present.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The expansive Taft smile overflowed its usual boundaries today and embraced the world. The occasion was the first annual New Year's day reception of the new administration. The big, broad Taft personality reached out and gathered to its kindly presence thousands—from the courtly members of the diplomatic corps to the plainest of the plain people. It was "open house" at the presidential abode, with Citizen and Citizenship Taft as host and hostess. Long before the White House doors were unlatched the crowds began to assemble in the presidential front yard. It was a motley gathering that had come to wish "Big Bill" a happy New Year, and shake his hand in greeting. Young and old chatted in the line. Furred overcoats rubbed elbow with garments that were shabby and thin. Venerable graybeards, young bloods, timid maids and matrons of poise huddled together in a heterogeneous American multitude. Started at 11 O'Clock. As the great hall clock in the White House boomed out eleven and four buglers stepped from the band and sounded the presidential fanfare, the executive and Mrs. Taft left the family apartments on the second floor and started down the great main staircase. With the Vice President and Mrs. Sherman and the cabinet members and their wives, they took up their position at the southern end of the blue room. The ladies stepped to the right and formed a part of the receiving line. Then began the brilliant, formal reception of the diplomatic corps, the "elite" of official life. Only one thing that has characterized White House New Year's receptions in the past was lacking. That was the gathering of specially invited guests who in former administrations crowded the blue room. The sole permanent occupants of the room today were President Taft and his official family. Mrs. Taft's health has forced the curtailment of social festivities at the White House, and it was thought best to conserve her strength on this occasion by omitting the personal guests.

Army and Navy Ladies Depart.

The buglers sounded another call and representatives of the army and navy filed into the room. Decked out in all the glory of full dress uniforms, the military and naval officers made a brilliant showing. They were the last of the uniformed visitors. The assemblage took on a more subdued appearance as they departed. They were immediately followed by the civilian officials of the government, and representatives of various organizations, as follows: Regents and secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, civil service commission, interstate commerce commission, Isthmian canal commission, commissioners of the District of Columbia, assistant secretaries of the departments, the solicitor general, assistant attorney general, assistant postmaster general, treasurer of the United States, librarian of congress, public printer, heads of bureaus, president of the Columbia Institution, Society of the Cincinnati and a score of other minor organizations. Then there was pause. Mrs. Taft and the ladies of the cabinet departed for the refreshments which the hostess always serves on New Year's day to the

WOMAN BURNS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Physicians who are attending Mrs. Charles Ellis, whose gown caught fire in the Cafe Martin last night while the lights were out and the guests were drinking to the coming of the New Year, stated today that she probably will recover from her burns, but that she may be terribly scarred. Mrs. Ellis was seated in a balcony, overlooking the revelers. The lights had been turned out as the New Year approached.

Dies After Final Revel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—After one wild, final fling at life at its height, in the gay New Year's carnival last night, an unknown man repaired to his room in the Berlin hotel and there, sitting erect in a chair, with his clothes covered with the gay colored confetti, sent a bullet through his brain. "Happy New Year!" called Frank Willson, clerk at the hotel early today, as he passed the half-open door and saw the man sitting in the chair. When he received no reply, he looked again and then blood attracted his attention. An investigation revealed the facts of the strange tragedy.

AUSTRIA CONSIDERS TAX ON BACHELORS

New Budget Proposed by Government Which Will Work Hardship on Unmarried Men.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Austria-Hungary is in the throes of a discussion of a tax on bachelors, according to reports received here from American consular officers in the dual monarchy, and every club in the empire is agog with the possibilities of the new budget proposed by the government. The proposed tax would fall on bachelors who have only themselves or one other person to care for, and also upon childless married couples. The estimates submitted to the Austrian parliament with the budget declare that at least \$5,000,000 annually will be raised by this unique tax. The bachelors and society people are unanimous in condemning the plan. VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 1.—James Dergman, engineer of the United States torpedo boat Truxton, was drowned today when a small boat in which he was rowing capsized, the strong current carrying the body out into the bay before those who saw the accident from the shore could reach the scene in a launch. It had not been recovered up to a late hour today.

HEAVY SNOWS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

REVELERS CAUSE \$150,000 FIRE

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 1.—A New Year revel ended in disaster in this city when three blocks of tenement houses were burned. The fire started from an overturned lamp in one of the rooms where the occupants were seeing the New Year. The buildings burned rapidly. Two hundred families are without homes today.

NEW YEAR WAS GREAT BUILDING YEAR

Two million, five hundred thousand dollars was expended in the city of Medford during the past year for new buildings—residences and business blocks. And the building is continuing without abatement. All through the business section new blocks are found. No less than ten of these large business buildings were erected, and several more started. During 1909, 229 buildings outside of business blocks were erected in Medford ranging in price from \$750 to \$14,900. This year the number of buildings have increased to over 350 and the cost runs from the minimum of last year up. During 1909 the several additions to the city have been building up fast, and with the exception of a few subdivisions where building restrictions were in force the houses constructed have been not on the elaborate plan. Nevertheless these cheap houses count in the upbuilding of the city, for they are built for homes by people who have come here to grow up with the country and investing not for speculation, but with the intent to increase the value of their property as their circumstances permit. Quite a number of beautiful residences have been constructed during the past year, ranging in cost from \$5000 to \$10,000, and it was simply because material was short and skilled labor scarce that there were not more. Among the new real homes which have been built and included in the above class are W. C. Green's, built on the site of the one burned in Bungalow addition; F. K. Deuel's residence and that of Porter J. Neff on Oakdale avenue; H. E. Boyden's on North Central avenue; George R. Lindley's on Siskiyou Heights, S. A. Nye, Bert Anderson, J. D. Heard and many others. A conservative estimate places the amount expended for building material in the city at \$1,200,000, the material is usually figured at 50 per cent of the cost of the building, so there you have another million and a quarter expended for labor.

EIGHT INJURED WHEN TROLLEY CARS CRASH

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—Eight persons were injured, none fatally, today when the second car of a three-car train of the Pacific Electric railway, bound for Pasadena was struck and turned on its side by a Salt Lake Pullman car, which was being shoved by a locomotive. The accident occurred at the east end of the Aliso street bridge at the Salt Lake crossing. The electric train was crowded with passengers bound for Pasadena to witness the rose tournament parade. The electric cars had come to a stop on signal from the flagmen stationed there. Another signal was given and the cars started to cross the tracks. The motor car was safely across when the Salt Lake engine, pushing the parlor car in front, crashed into the middle car. The side of the electric car crumbled, while a panic stricken stream of passengers fought their way out through the upper windows. It is believed the accident was caused by a mistake in signals.

HEAVY RAINS DO \$50,000 DAMAGE

Electric Wires Down and Much Damage Done Over Southern California.

POMONA, Cal., Jan. 1.—Damage amounting to more than \$50,000 has been done by the torrential rains that have fallen in this section during the last 24 hours. The storm is one of the most severe that ever visited Pomona and is continuing unabated today. At Camp Baldy, in the mountains near Arroyo, 15 pleasure seekers who ascended to the camp yesterday to watch the old year out, are marooned. A heavy landslide has blocked the trail, and a return trip would be extremely hazardous. The county road over "Hogback" mountain has been severely damaged and many bridges are reported to have been washed out. Gangs of workmen are scattered about the country roads today trying to prevent more damage being done. Weak bridges are being braced, and temporary dykes built along the country roads.

1909 WAS GREAT COLDEST SPELL IN YEAR'S REPORT

Indications Are for Heavy Snow Over Oregon Today—Gale Rages North and South of Southern Oregon.

+ With a terrific gale raging +
+ over Washington and Northern +
+ Oregon, with a heavy snow storm +
+ in progress over California, +
+ Southern Oregon is experiencing +
+ mild winter weather. January 1, +
+ 1910, was a cloudy day but not +
+ uncomfortable. Late last night +
+ a light snow fell but only enough +
+ to carry with it a trace of win- +
+ ter. The thermometer ranged 46 +
+ all day. The weather man says +
+ it will rain today and tonight, +
+ with slight flurries of snow. +
+ Truly there is no more delightful +
+ climate in which to live than that +
+ of the Rogue river valley. +

SNOW IN CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Throughout Southern California the midwinter festivals are utterly demoralized. Heavy rains are being experienced throughout all the valleys there and snow storms were seen today in sections where snow has never fallen in the memory of man.

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