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SWORN CIRCULATION:

Table showing average daily circulation for various months from November 1909 to February 1910, with a total of 40,850 and net total of 39,500.

MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolitan of Southern Oregon and northern California and fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population, April, 1910, 8508.

Hotels full, rooming houses full, tents full, and still they come!

The tender tops of alfalfa are being used as green and pronounced superior to spinach.

Never was the valley more beautiful than it is now in its garb of many colors.

Every loyal citizen will make it his business to see to it that he is on the census roll.

If you can't build yourself, don't keep others from building by marking up the price of your lot.

Roosevelt has cabled for Seth Bullock his old guide. He may need him in the wilds of London.

Pelican Bay has been sold to D. C. Jacklin, the Salt Lake mining magnate, who will beautify it.

This is the last week of sin in Medford. Next week come the evangelists. Get ready your sack cloth and ashes.

The fruit crop of Oregon promises to be very heavy. In no section, however, is it any heavier than in the Rogue River valley.

The pears are about through blooming and the way the fruit is setting shows that much hand thinning will be required.

Local demand for cattle now exceeds the supply and cattle are being shipped into the valley, which for years exported them.

Table Rock school has received fifty books from the Oregon library commission as a traveling library. Every school can get the same.

Pinehot has evidently won Teddy's support for his brand of conservation, and Ballinger won Taft's endorsement for his. But what is going to be done about it?

The state land board feels the effect of prosperity. The price of base for indemnity selections has been advanced to \$15 per acre, an increase of 50 per cent in the past year.

The supreme court has caused some embarrassment by postponing action in the oil and tobacco monopolies cases. The point with pride to the campaign against trusts is deflated.

Drain Nonpareil: This town don't seem to have no ambition. The city election was advertised to come off last Monday. For two weeks before "the people" were notified of it. A meeting was called to make up a ticket. No one came but the mayor, recorder and one lone citizen. After waiting an hour they adjourned sine die.

MOST MERITORIOUS MODESTY.

MODESTY is so rare and so often unappreciated nowadays that when we discover a truly modest man we feel like taking off our hats.

Particularly delightful is it to discover the real article in an editor. The editor has the public so at his mercy and might hold himself up as a full blown rose in glory instead of parading the sunflower glory of others, as many of them do.

A shrinking, modest violet in the garden of journalism is E. G. Lewis, editor of the Woman's National Daily of St. Louis, founder of the Woman's League of Magazine Hustlers and promoter of numerous other people's money enterprises.

Editor Lewis' unassuming description of himself in his own paper is refreshing in its modesty. He is almost as shy as the bashful boy speaking his first piece. Conscious of his own merits, yet he hesitates and blushes in recording them. Only the hope of more magazine subscriptions inspires him to complete the task.

In Editor Lewis' issue of April 2, Editor Lewis coyly sets forth the fact that Editor Lewis is a young man, and then candor compels him to add: "Lewis is not a man of large type and mould, physically speaking, weighing more by considerable than two hundred pounds less than the president of the United States. But he is a bundle of tireless activity, and a faint, intellectually speaking. He is a man of ideas and a man of high purpose in the world."

Here, then, we have a pen picture of the great man, written by himself, and we see how impossible it is to hide the real stuff under a bushel, for genius, like a diamond, scintillates even in the spotlight of self-exploitation.

Editor Lewis proceeds to call Editor Lewis a "wonderful little man," which he undoubtedly is, for does he not clinch it further by saying: "In University City, E. G. Lewis takes the place of the great Virginian." Of course this is a high tribute to George Washington, who, except by a modest man, deprecating his own virtues, could never be compared to this editor, described by himself as an "intellectual giant." And what a miserable thing it was to be the father of his country compared to being the father of University City, Missouri!

Editor Lewis further tells us that he is mayor of University City, where "the heritage of all the countless ages, and of all countries will be assembled," whose "great future can only be conjectured, and the imagination peters out at the task of trying to figure it out."

Surely the most priceless heritage of all and the one that will "peter out" those who try to figure it out, will undoubtedly be the remarkable modesty of Editor Lewis.

HELP THE CENSUS-TAKER.

Friday the work of census enumerating will begin. There are four enumerators in Medford and it is highly important that every man, woman and child in the city be listed. If they miss you, notify the Commercial club and personally see to it that you are counted.

Upon the result of the census Medford will be rated for the next ten years throughout the country. No matter how much the city grows in the meantime, the world at large will class it by the names collected in the next two weeks. Therefore, everyone is personally interested in the enrollment.

When the census man calls, answer all his questions cheerfully, even if they seem impertinent. He has to ask them and Uncle Sam wants to know. Be sure and give him the names and other information about every member of your family, your sisters and your cousins and your aunts, as well as the lodger within your gates—not only grown-ups, but babies as well.

The subject of taking the census is one of so great importance that President Taft has dealt with it in a letter addressed to all the people. The president aimed to expedite the work, and by his timely suggestions contribute toward its accuracy. In this letter he took occasion to assure everybody that all the information gathered by the census enumerators is of value and that the federal government's pledge is that it is to be regarded as strictly confidential. This pledge should be sufficient to the masses.

Your neighbor will learn nothing of what you have told the enumerators. It is none of anybody's business what information you have given—except, of course, the United States government. This is a guarantee that nothing will leak from the records. The United States government tells its business to no one.

The census law, with reference to population, requires that the enumerators' questions shall, for each inhabitant, call for:

The name, relationship to head of family, color, sex, age, conjugal condition, place of birth, place of birth of parents, number of years in the United States, citizenship, occupation, whether or not employer or employee, and, if employee, whether or not employed at the date of enumeration (April 15, 1910), and the number of months unemployed during the preceding calendar year (1909), whether or not engaged in agriculture, school attendance, literacy, and nature of home, and whether or not a survivor of the Union or confederate army or navy; and the name and address of each blind or deaf or dumb person.

The same law, with reference to agriculture, requires that the enumerators' questions shall call for:

The name, color and country of birth of each occupant of each farm, tenure, acreage of farm, acreage of woodland and character of timber thereon, value of farm and improvements, value of farm implements, number and value of livestock on farms and ranges, number and value of domestic animals not on farms and ranges, and acreage of crops planted and to be planted during the year of enumeration (1910) and the acreage of crops and the quantity and value of crops and other farm products for the year ending December thirty-first (1909), next preceding the enumeration.

All the U. S. census officials, supervisors, supervisors' clerks, enumerators and interpreters, before entering upon their duties, are obliged to take a solemn oath not to dis-

close any information they may obtain, except to the census bureau, and a violation of the United States law in regard to this oath means a \$1000 fine or imprisonment for two years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

THAT WOODVILLE BOOSTERS MEETING

Thomas H. B. Taylor, secretary of the Woodville-Evans Creek Development league, has furnished the following account of the mass booster meeting at Woodville last Friday:

The meeting was all that fancy could have painted it. Early in the day the farmers and business men began to assemble and the 8:49 train from Medford arrived with Professor P. J. O'Gara and other distinguished gentlemen, who were met by a reception committee and were taken by F. W. Streets on a short auto drive to view the Woodville environments. At noon they were taken to the Waldorf, the new Woodville hostelry conducted by Professor Thomas H. B. Taylor, where they were served with a very elaborate banquet of nine courses, consisting in part of chicken, turkey and T-bone steak, and pie just like your mother used to make.

At 2 p. m. they met in Wilcox hall, which was well filled with most enthusiastic ladies and gentlemen from all parts of the Evans creek valley. After a number of short and to the point speeches by some of the most enthusiastic boosters, Professor O'Gara was introduced to the audience amid the clapping of hands in the anticipation of what we knew was coming—a talk that talks.

Your humble hayseed secretary is not making any pretensions at noting the many valuable points to farmers and horticulturists in Professor O'Gara's address. The professor says he is a farmer, and I guess that is right, but the fact that the motive power of most of his farming is gas, in no wise decreases its value, as we all know it to be very penetrating. He says he is a booster—I. e.: a legitimate booster—but the dissembler, the parasite, the faker, in fact, the liar, who preys on the credulity of the truth-seeker, the homeseeker, he vivisects,

only occurs from neglect or lack of knowledge. After growers acquire experience in all lines of work in the orchard or vineyard there will be but few failures. Today the great trouble comes from the neglect of the past years and it will require time to overcome the evils for which careless individuals are responsible, but we are satisfied that the worst is past, for the future will be looked after by able fruit inspectors, who will demand clean orchards and the law will be so amended as to insure protection against those who have heretofore spread the numerous diseases. Josephine county took up the work of inspection in earnest the past year and from now on there will be a vigorous enforcement of the law. That a brighter day is dawning for the fruit growers there can be no doubt. The recent organization of a Rogue river valley fruit growers' union is a long step in the right direction. Hereafter this noted valley will have its representatives in the great cities of the east and there will be fair returns for all fruit sold. The growers will no longer be obliged to sell his pears and apples for \$1 to \$1.50 a box and the dealers of the east has grown to be a fine art, but the sale of our fruit by the strong union of the whole val-

JOSEPHINE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

The agricultural development which which is going on in Josephine county this year surpasses anything in its past history. Thousands of acres are being cleared of timber stumps and brush and the land put under the plow for orchard, vineyard or general agricultural purposes. These improvements mean much in the way of additional value to all the land cleared. The cost of these improvements runs from \$15 to \$35 per acre. These figures indicate that much has been added to the intrinsic value of thousands of acres which heretofore have been nonproductive.

The demand for lands ready for the plow is greater this season than in the past and men of large means are constantly looking over the county with a view to the purchase of extensive tracts for orchard purposes. Shrewd buyers are not slow to see the opportunities to purchase farms which will make orchards or vineyards and at a price way below those of other sections of the Rogue river valley. When our irrigation system is developed values will double and treble the present asking price. All things point to the fact that this is the opportunity to purchase at prices which are clearly safe figures.

The important work to be attended to in the future is caring for the new orchards that have been planted within the last few years. The trees will need pruning and spraying, the latter to be attended to often enough to protect them from any and all of the numerous pests. When our fruit growers reach that point of understanding that care is the one important thing that brings success to the orchardists, fruit growing will become evenly profitable each year. There is no crop in the world which will equal that of a well cared for apple or pear orchard, and the owner who will give proper attention to the business must succeed. There will always be men who will have what they call bad luck, but in reality this

Advertisement for Modern Sweets, featuring an illustration of a child and the text 'For Candy—Patronize the "Modern Dealer" Modern Confectionery Co., Med., Portland, Or.'

flays alive from start to finish.

At the close of Professor O'Gara's address there was a scramble as to who should get names on the membership list first, and for awhile there was a shower of meteors, a metallic downpour among the rest, a big \$25 comet struck us from Medford. This, coming as it does from the very hub of progress, the booster center of all Southern Oregon, fills us still more with confidence and enthusiasm, with reciprocal brotherly love for all societies, more especially Medford's.

When the roll had been called there was found 42 live boosters as follows:

- F. W. Street, T. H. B. Taylor, T. D. Jones, E. B. O'Hare, M. B. Whipple, H. Laws, S. L. Sandry, Samuel Mathis, Ed Thompson, J. W. Neathamer, J. B. Hillis, W. Hillis, Jesse Neathamer, S. H. Moore, G. Beers, August Krause, E. E. Dimick, Chas. Magrie, F. E. Hall, J. E. Robbins, John M. Colt, D. G. Scobey, E. E. Bagley, G. F. Wortz, W. W. Williams, Charles Owens, S. J. Myers, C. E. Palmer, W. H. Moore, E. C. Chandler, E. C. Sabin, G. F. Corner, Sidney F. Potter, Arthur Brown of Rogue Magazine, E. Stevens, A. K. Earhart, M. S. Snyder, E. W. Tilton, G. W. Wilcox, F. L. Kneeland, John B. Hair, John Thrasher.

One of our contemporaries has applied to us the epithet, "Baby." We take it kindly. Lest you forget, that in our infancy we are, like King Richard III, though we are born slightly deformed, we are also born with teeth, not to bite the world, but to show our teeth by a great, big smile at our new and most satisfying booster club.

Professor O'Gara, we are from Missouri; come and show us some more. We carry our hearts on our sleeve; our lutestring hangs out and "dars no lock on our chicken-coop doah."

Real estate listings for No. 1-\$2750, No. 2-\$3000, No. 25-16 ACRES, No. 14-14 ACRES, and No. 43-FINE vacant lot, 50x255 feet.

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Excursion Rates to the East DURING 1910 FROM ALL POINTS ON THE Southern Pacific (LINES IN OREGON). Table listing rates to Chicago, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, and St. Louis.

Fixing Up Valley Roads. Road Supervisor W. F. Holbert started a crew of men at work today making improvements on the county road in his district south of Ashland, the first point of attack being in the vicinity of Nell creek crossing.

Medford Shoe Shining Parlor. OH, HERE WE ARE AT LAST! For ladies, gents, children, this is the place where you will save time and money by getting your shoes shined by an experienced artist. Oiling and dyeing is my specialty.

Pack Saddles Pack Bags. We can supply you with just what you want in Pack Saddles and Pack Bags. STOCK AND DOG SOAP is good for all skin diseases of man or beast. J. C. Smith, 314 EAST MAIN STREET.

Canton RESTAURANT. SAM LOCK, Prop. The former famous chef at the Nash Grill, Mr. Sam Lock, has opened a first-class restaurant above Kennedy's saloon, No. 33 South Front street.

NOTICE. CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S LAND DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. Mr. S. J. Adler will be at the Hotel Moore until April 16 for the purpose of seeing those who are interested in the company's famous Alberta Wheat Lands.

IDE-McCARTHY LAND COMPANY. Colonization Agents Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Wright's Investments. Five-acre orchard tract, 1 mile out, all in full bearing apples, with peach and prune fillers; a nice orchard home for \$4000; terms. Nice 8-room house, close in, a good investment at \$3300, \$1000 cash, balance 2 yrs, 6 per cent. Neat 5-room cottage and 4 lots for only \$2500; terms; this for one week only. Fine corner lot on Newtown, 56x 166, cement walk; a good buy at \$525, liberal terms. Block of 5 choice lots in Rose Park, fine soil and nice pear trees in bearing on each lot, all east front with an excellent view of valley; for one week at \$375, \$125 cash, \$10 per month. Choice list of investments in all parts of the city. "Let Us Show You" J. Bruce Wright & Co. Formerly Wright & Allin. 132 West Main. Phone 2691.