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SWORN CIRCULATION

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Total, 60,850; Less Deductions, 1,200; Net total, 59,650; Average net daily, 2,293.

MEDFORD, OREGON.

Metropolis of Southern Oregon and others California and fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population, April, 1910, 8500. Banner fruit city of Oregon—Rogue River apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple Kings of the World" at National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909.

Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past five years. Write Commercial Club for pamphlets.

Medford real estate is a superb investment. And still the underground slaughter of miners goes on.

Save money by litigation or lose human lives by typhoid? Better a few more dollars now than a few funerals later in the season.

The city's new wooden water main is in danger because it is unfilled with water.

Blind Boss Brayton says that Aldrich's successor will be a man of the Aldrich type. He deserves his title.

The physicians may not call it that, but the "joy ride" is a sort of auto-intoxication.

Jacksonville protests—she has a real estate agent. But how is the world to know it. They don't advertise.

There being no state speed law limiting the speed of cities in building operations, Medford has nothing to fear.

People have been freezing to death back in Ohio and almost melting in Kansas City. If you live in southern Oregon, join in singing the long meter doxology.

Twenty-three hundred and seventy-five dollars an acre for Rogue River orchard land! The highest price ever paid in the northwest. But it's worth it, and a bargain at the price.

Albert Wolter, a New York procurer, is on trial for murdering a victim. Dr. C. B. Hyde of Kansas City is on trial for poisoning Thomas Swope. Neither of these men are prominent. Both are accused of atrocious, vulgar crimes, yet the stories of their trials are featured by all press associations and newspapers as the most important news of the day, and the sordid details unconsciously influence millions of minds and help augment the rapid increase of crime in America.

County commissioners at Seattle have passed a resolution requiring all plats hereafter filed to make provision for 60-foot streets and 16-foot alleys to conform to adjacent plats. The further requirement is made that all plats shall be provided with access to county roads. Plats that do not meet these conditions will not be accepted by the board. This action is taken because it has been the custom for plats to be located out in the woods, without adequate access to county roads. Settlement of these plats is followed by an onslaught on the county board to provide roads, which means the county must buy right of way. It is a good rule and should be adopted in Jackson county.

AN ATTORNEY'S PROTEST.

AN ATTORNEY, garbed in the usual mantle of lawyers' infallibility, protests against arbitration of the water question, writing as follows:

"Your fears of the law's delay has some basis, in the past experience of Medford, but where you say that it can be delayed for a year you are trenching on the domain of dangerous prophecy. Under the laws of this state, B. & C. Code, Sec. 5103, an appeal from a condemnation proceeding does not and cannot stay proceedings. You will see from this that if the case is tried and a verdict rendered, as the jury must, fixing the damages, then the city can proceed, notwithstanding an appeal is taken."

If this is the case, why has a year been wasted in litigation, and nothing accomplished? If no delay is to be feared, why has there already been a year's delay? Can anyone point to a lawsuit that has not involved delay? Every lawyer has a different conception of the law, and none can guess in advance the decision of an Oregon court. Consequently business men hire lawyers to keep them out of lawsuits, instead of plunging them into litigation.

The best proof that the city's case can be delayed is that it already has been delayed. Lawyers told the editor that he couldn't be put in jail, but he was, and they told the city that construction of the water system couldn't be delayed, but it was. Small wonder, then, that the layman shies at litigation, and views with distrust the alluring promises of lawyers.

The city is against a condition and not a theory. It needs and must have the water supply settled at once. Every day's delay is a loss to the city and an injury to its prestige. The newly laid water main is deteriorating, and the public health of the community may be at any time endangered. The extra water secured through a compromise will be needed within a few years and will be worth double its cost.

Lawsuits without delay, and delay without expense, are iridescent dreams.

MARK TWAIN.

Mark Twain's death removes from the international field of letters the creator of American literary humor, and one of its most distinguished litterateurs.

With his passing the people of the world—the militant and persuasive doers of things alive—have lost a gentle, sympathizing friend and fearless champion. For almost 75 years he lived, and for two-score he numbered his admirers by figures that rival the census of the enlightened world.

He drew his personal friends from every condition of life and held them steadfastly by his engaging, wholesome personality and earnest understanding.

Snatched from the obscurity of his gentle birth by fickle fortune and reared in the university of the world to become the master of wholesome humor, Mark Twain retained to the last his delicate distinctions of light and shade, giving to the world its dearest smiles and drawing from it its most willing, sympathetic tears. For withal his humor the public eye has seen no happy life punctuated with deeper sorrows. He had known every travail of the soul, and few there are whose spirit of sound humor would have survived so many onslaughts of a whimsical and cruel fate.

It was the same man who gave this message to an anxious world: "Rumors of my death are largely exaggerated"; who subsequently described his health as "not ruggedly well, but not ill enough to excite an undertaker," and who on return from Bermuda, two days prior to the sudden death of his favorite daughter Jean, the day before last Christmas, confirmed the belief of the newspaper reporters who met him at the gangplank, with his discouraging statement:

"My active work in this life and for the world is done. I shall write no more books nor attempt new work."

His humor seems to have been something apart from himself, for he has reiterated many times that he was born inwardly serious. The humor was but the froth of his deeper thought. It bubbled out in quaint, irresistible phrases without effort.

The character of his philosophy has never changed. Whether he has fought in the buoyant certainty of victory or in the resigned expectation of defeat, he has always been on the same side. He has been the consistent enemy of injustice and oppression.

The fighting spirit endured to the last. Although sadness dissolved the humorous note in his familiar drawl, the author lent his voice to the cause of woman's suffrage only two days before the death of his daughter Jean. In fact, it synchronized his message to the world that his work was done.

LEONARD SELLS INTEREST IN CEMENT COMPANY

C. J. Seaman of Seattle has purchased the interest of C. L. Leonard in the Medford Cement & Paving Co. The operations of the concern will be greatly extended and enlarged. A new screening plant is being installed and modern equipment is ordered.

Notice.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. G. Wortman, on South Oakdale avenue. All ladies are requested to be present at this time, as there is important business to be transacted.

Haskins for Health.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

When, pray when, will the American people awaken from their great lethargic state of sleep and forever discard the hyperbolic delusion of making slaves of ourselves, and not only of ourselves, but of our children's children, for generations yet to come, by continually begging for bonds, bonds, bonds, and then more?

Yes, to issue more bonds and draw the cords of slavery tighter and tighter. Halloo, there, please! In what way, kindly, would you have us do? For we must have money. Yes, we must have money and plenty of money, and I would instead of selling the bonds to the moneyed power, have them nationalized. I would have the city, the county, the state or all three, issue the bonds in sufficient quantities to make all necessary improvements. Suppose, for illustration, that our Jackson county agents would issue a few million dollars of bonds, say five millions, have them nationalized; with that amount Medford could conclude arrangements with our county agents for the amount of money we need. Then we could afford with the county's co-operation to build a good wagon and auto road to Crater Lake, together with a good electric carline alongside the wagon road. We could afford to discard the present water system and bring the water from Prospect Falls of from Buck creek, in two pound foot, or two, four and a half foot steel pipes, run them one-fifth or one-fourth the distance, then reduce each pipe one-half foot in diameter, then reduce them again one-half foot, when one-half the remaining distance was reached, thence on to Medford. With that amount of gravity and the increasing of the pressure in reducing the size of the pipes would bring the water from the head of Prospect Falls to Medford in 36 minutes. Hence we could have the pure, cold mountain water right at our doors, easily distributed. From Medford the water through a system of smaller pipes can be conveyed to each and every house in the valley, so we could all enjoy drinking the pure, cold mountain water; at the same time, with a few well constructed reservoirs we would have sufficient water for domestic and irrigating purposes. In a very few years all our waste land and partially waste land could and would be made to bloom like the rose. And our valley

would be worth billions where it is now worth millions. Say, will you kindly tell us the difference there is in selling bonds to capitalists or to have them nationalized? The difference is this: to illustrate: Suppose you write up two \$10,000 bonds to run 16 years, drawing 6 per cent interest, payable every six months. If you sell one of those bonds to a capitalist you have the other bond nationalized. Now in having the one bond nationalized you would be required to pay the comptroller of the currency a trifle, perhaps one-twelfth per cent for printing your \$10,000 worth of bills, ready for you to sign. They would then be money, with the same medium of exchange power as the capitalists' money would have.

Now at the end of the first six months you would have to pay the capitalist \$312.50; you would also have to pay the comptroller of the currency \$312.50; you would also have to pay \$312.50 on each bond every six months for sixteen years; at the end of sixteen years you would find that you had paid the capitalist \$10,000 in interest; you would also learn that you still owed him \$10,000.

But stop a little, please. I would in the same time have paid the comptroller of the currency \$10,000 and would I not still owe him \$10,000, so where is the difference? Hold on there, if you please. Each time you pay in to the comptroller of the currency the \$312.50 is cancelled and then burnt, and when you pay in the last payment the entire \$10,000 have been cancelled, so you see that you pay to the capitalist \$26,000, while you only pay the one you have had nationalized \$10,000.

Now, friend, come be honest; which way would you prefer to dispose of your bonds?

O, certainly, I would have them nationalized; I would have them nationalized by all means.

But I do not understand, and you would not have told me how we can have them nationalized.

I am sleepy now, but I will tell you how in my next article, so I will bid you adios.

Kindly, D. B. REAME

Western Near Syracuse.

PALMYRA, N. Y., April 22—Edward Payson Weston, who is walking from the Pacific to Atlantic left for Syracuse yesterday. He is still ahead of his schedule.

"Haskins for Health."



PAY YOUR BILLS with a check instead of cash. Then you will have both a record of your payment and a receipt as well. Checks on the Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' Bank are good as gold. You can secure a book of them by opening an account there. You avoid lots of trouble and dignify your business by their use. FARMERS & FRUITGROWERS' BANK.

Excursion Rates to the East DURING 1910 FROM ALL POINTS ON THE Southern Pacific (LINES IN OREGON)

Table with 2 columns: TO (Chicago, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Paul, St. Paul via Council Bluffs, Minneapolis direct, Minneapolis via Council Bluffs, Duluth, direct, Duluth via Council Bluffs, St. Louis) and RATES (\$72.50, \$60.00, \$60.00, \$60.00, \$60.00, \$60.00, \$63.90, \$60.00, \$63.90, \$66.90, \$67.50, \$67.50).

Tickets will be on sale May 2d and 9th; June 2d, 17th and 24th; July 5th and 22d; August 3d; September 8th.

The above rates apply from Portland only. From points south of Portland, add ONE WAY local rate to Portland, to make through rate via Portland. One way through California, add \$15.00 to above rates.

Ten days provided for the going trip. Stop-overs within limits in either direction. Final return limit three months from date of sale, but not later than October 31st.

Inquire of any S. P. Agent for complete information, or WM. McMURRAY General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon

You Can Be Independent Buy An Orchard Tract Eden Valley Orchard Subdivided

This famous bearing Orchard has been sub-divided into small tracts and sold at reasonable prices. If you are looking for positively the best thing in the northwest in a small orchard, this is your chance to get in right

Most Profitable Investment

TO BE FOUND IN AMERICA

Well informed business people from all parts of the United States and Canada are looking to the Rogue River valley for safe investments. Years of experience in buying and selling orchard land fits us the better for surmounting investments that will yield large returns. Our properties have proven worth. We can assure you that you take no risk when you purchase one of the 30 to 100-acre orchard tracts located in the famous Eden Valley orchard. We sell tracts to suit, planted to the best commercial varieties of bearing trees. You are assured of a splendid income the first year. We can state positively that this is the best chance for solid, sound investment to be found in America. A high-class bearing orchard of proven worth is certainly a more profitable investment than waiting for trees to grow on land that never produced fruit. You are sure of big returns almost at once, either as a grower or by re-selling. Come and let us show you.

Secure an Income At Once

PROVIDE PLEASANT EMPLOYMENT

You can buy as many acres as you desire, build a home on ground commanding a view of the entire valley—enjoy the electric light and power, telephone, daily mail, and live within easy reach of the business and social life of the metropolitan city of Medford. A climate unsurpassed anywhere.

Magnificent Homesites

ALL MODERN IMPROVEMENTS

A small bearing orchard, planted to the best commercial varieties of trees, will provide the most fascinating as well as healthful and profitable employment, and insures an income of from \$500 to \$1000 per acre each year. Here is solid investment, and the income or profit from sale is sure.

John D. Olwell

EXHIBIT BUILDING

MEDFORD, OREGON