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Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California and fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population, May, 1910, 5,000.

Friday, the thirteenth—look out for hoodoos. Still, there ought not to be too many Ananias clubs. It only causes confusion.

Mr. Carnegie has also sent a diplomatic to the czar. In Russian it must sound still more alarming. Geographical societies in Europe are more hospitable to Mr. Peary than the congress of his own country.

Trolley lines and gas plants go far toward making a city—and both Medford and Ashland have a chance at both. A Los Angeles man lost his trousers in trying to see the comet from a train window. Was the peep worth the pants?

A lineman was killed by falling off a roof gazing at Halley's comet. Already the fatalities caused by the comet have begun.

The Women are meeting with great success in soliciting ads for their Sunday edition of the Mail Tribune. All the live ones will be represented.

Teddy is inspecting Berlin tenements. He can tell them how they ought to be conducted as well as how many children each couple should have.

"Eating is delightful," said the Portland photographer who fasted three weeks to get an appetite, losing 21 pounds. But who wants to prove it by such methods?

Wireless telegraphy is to be used for train despatching on the Union Pacific. Such a system should prove invaluable in correcting mistakes in train orders before the collision occurs.

THE BIBLE OF THE MOSSBACKS.

JAMES J. HILL, when at Salem recently, stated that he had turned his attention to Washington instead of Oregon, because of the attitude of the Ladds, Corbetts and other Portland capitalists, who did not want railroads; did not want progress and development. Said Mr. Hill: "Years ago I visited the Ladds and Corbetts and some of the leading Portland business men and asked them if they wanted railroads. They said they wanted all kinds of railroads, all the railroads in the world, if they could be secured. But getting down to the root of the matter I found they didn't want railroads at all, and so I directed my energies toward Seattle."

The attitude of the old set of Portland capitalists was typical of the old Oregon. The ultra conservatism or mossbackism which disgusted Mr. Hill, long ruled the state, and kept it in the rear of sister commonwealths. It was the spirit of the Portland hog and the Salem pig, which the new Portland has outgrown, but which still rules Salem.

It is the spirit of the Portland Oregonian that kept Hill out of Oregon for twenty years and still endeavors to keep him out even after he had begun his recent invasion of the Des Chutes. But Oregon has outgrown her mossbacks and their bible. Progress and development are the order of the day, and those who oppose, though backed by the prestige of the past, must shed their provincial shells and learn to move forward with the procession.

DOES THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN EXIST IN OREGON.

For more than a year the city of Medford has been trying through the power of eminent domain to condemn a right of way across the lands of M. F. Hanley. This right is one guaranteed by the constitution of this state and delegated by law to the city of Medford. The right sought to be exercised is for a public purpose—providing water for the city. The obstructions that have been interposed in the path of the city in this matter are probably without parallel in litigation in this state. If the law cannot be utilized through the courts it had better be wiped off the books.

FAIR PLAY.

Every man in this country is entitled to his day in court and the right to be heard by counsel when his personal rights and property rights are assailed or denied. He is entitled to no more and no less. His rights should be protected and enforced and his wrongs redressed.

INDIAN WARS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

(From J. C. Walling's History of Southern Oregon.) CHAPTER III. EFFECT OF WHITE IMMIGRATION. Coming of the Whites—General Lane and the Shastas—Division of the Shastas—Their Chiefs—Rogue River Indians—Applegate John—Limpy, George and their Bands—Table Rock Band—Sam and Joe—Census of Indians—Diminution of the Indians—Reflection on their Condition—Sentiment of the Whites—Discussion on the Census of the Wars.

Public sentiment today admits the truth of the strongest general charges of this nature, and the venerable pioneer tottering perhaps on

cause," etc. These are the words of Joel Palmer, superintendent of Indian affairs for Oregon. In continuation of the subject, J. L. Parrish, Indian agent at Port Orford, said: "Many of the Indians have been killed merely on suspicion that they would rise and avenge their own wrongs, or for petty threats that have been made against lawless white men for debauching their women; and I believe in no single instance have the Indians been aggressors."

The Oregon Statesman of September 27, 1853, contained this language, which is all the more striking as being published at a time when to utter a word in favor of the Indians was to court unpopularity: "Some of the whites are reckless and imprudent men, who expected passive submission from the natives under any treatment, while the latter have never had any correct idea of the policy of our government in relation to their race and consequently regard all whites as lawless intruders endeavoring to despoil them."

It is useless to multiply incidents and quotations with the single view of showing the immediate cause of the Indian wars. Those who wish to investigate more fully the subject of the outrage by whites on Indians will do well to consult the various governmental reports of the superintendent of Indian affairs, and other like publications; but let it be taken for granted at once that the newspapers will afford no evidence of the kind sought. Nor should the evidence of the regular army or other government officers be accepted as conclusive. There is as much of prejudice and downright untruthfulness in certain official reports on the conduct of the Indian wars of Southern Oregon as could well be found in any newspaper.

MEDFORD IN CITY FORM.

The placing of a Medford real estate addition on the market with a building restriction of \$2500 and all public improvements made marks a new era of progress.

The owners of Summit avenue certainly considered Medford out of swaddling clothes when they adopted their plans. Both sides of the street was purchased, graded, plumbing run to each lot, concrete walks laid and trees planted before a single lot was placed on the market. This street runs between West Main and Fourth.

In an endeavor to make this street one of character every objectionable feature was excluded. By condensing five years of improvements into one they have certainly set a splendid pace, even for Medford.

If some of today's "To Let" ads had not been printed, some of today's ad readers would say still longer in unsuitable homes.

Harkens for Health. Rardon is serving sweet milk and fresh buttermilk at his fountain.

W. T. YORK & CO.

BASEBALL At Medford SUNDAY, MAY 15 Medford vs. Central Point This should be a good game, as Central Point has secured one of the best amateur batteries on the Coast. GAME CALLED AT 2:45 P. M.

You are Welcome to wait here anytime SEE THE NEW FOUNTAIN PEN. On your way to or from the postoffice, just drop in and allow us the pleasure of showing you the lines of SUNDRIES. Medford Pharmacy Near P. O., Medford. All night service. Phone Main 3641

Graduation Presents A Fine Collection MARTIN J. REDDY The Jeweler NEAR THE POSTOFFICE.

I wish to announce that I have purchased the Union Livery Stables and will conduct a general feed and boarding establishment. R. GUANYAW UNION LIVERY BARN. RIVERSIDE AVENUE.

In Case of Sickness - PHONE 3641 - MEDFORD PHARMACY Near Post Office All Night Service Free Delivery

Are Missing the Chance of a Lifetime If you miss a look at my holdings, Everything is being sacrificed to close out quickly. BENSON INVESTMENT CO. Office over Fruitgrowers' Bank

RESOLVED The best resolution for you to make is to come to us for your next suit, if you want something out of the ordinary. W. W. EIFERT THE PROGRESSIVE TAILOR