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 Average Daily for—  
 November, 1909, 1,700  
 December, 1909, 1,842  
 January, 1910, 1,921  
 February, 1910, 2,122  
 March, 1910, 2,203  
 April, 1910, 2,301  
 May, 1910, 2,450

**JUNE CIRCULATION.**  
 1, 2,500  
 2, 2,500  
 3, 2,500  
 4, 2,500  
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 11, 2,500  
 12, 2,500  
 13, 2,500  
 14, 2,500  
 15, 2,500

Total for month, 65,780  
 Less deductions, 650  
 Average net daily, 2,502

STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson, ss:  
 On this 1st day of July, 1910, personally appeared before me, G. Putnam, manager of the Medford Mail Tribune, who, upon oath, acknowledged that the above figures are true and correct.  
 H. N. YOCKEY,  
 Notary Public for Oregon.

**MEDFORD, OREGON.**  
 Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California and fastest-growing city in Oregon.  
 Population, 1910, 9,000.  
 Bank deposits, \$2,750,000.  
 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 apples are the highest priced in all markets of the world during the past five years.  
 Write Community Club, enclosing 6 cents for postage on finest community pamphlet ever written.

Days come and go—but Medford still grows.

Ashland wants the trolley after all—took a long time to find out.

So Medford bars the Reno fight pictures—but not for fear of riots.

Southern Oregon needs a congressman. What's the matter with R. G. Smith?

A steam shovel to dig a hotel basement. That's the way to make the dirt fly.

The weather is warm, but no one is dying of the heat. And the nights are cool. The warm weather is needed for the fruit.

Portland is to have a big apple fair in November. The Rogue River valley, Oregon's greatest fruit belt, should be there.

"Medford," declares a visitor, "is the most metropolitan town in Oregon, outside of Portland." Yes, but Medford is only beginning. Wait a few years.

Roosevelt has elected his friend Poindexter to the Ananias club. Teddy is strenuously striving to keep from joining Jeffries, Doc Cook and Bryan in the Down and Out club.

Don't worry about the price of stocks in Wall street. The country is prosperous. Even if crops fail in the east, it means simply higher prices and more prosperity in the northwest.

A thousand cars of fancy apples and pears from the Rogue River valley this year—or half the output of all Oregon on apples and nine-tenths the output of pears.

Pity the poor Pullman company. They may have to charge a reasonable rate for their cubbyholes—and the public may tire of paying their conductors and porters.

If the Southern Pacific can make a round trip rate from Portland to Crater Lake via Klamath Falls for \$32, it surely ought to make some reduction in the round trip via Medford, when it saves 500 miles of travel.

The upper Jacksonville road offers a conclusive demonstration at present how not to build roads. Dumping sand and fine dust in the center of a highway is not scientific road building any more than dumping cobblestones there and leaving them for teams to avoid, as on the Agate road, is.

**THE MAKING OF LAWS.**

THE Oregonian in its campaign for the assembly, against the direct primary law and the initiative and referendum, exclaims as follows:

"Thirty-two measures have been filed at Salem under the initiative or through the referendum to be voted on by the people at large in November. Will anyone say that a burden so stupendous should have been laid upon the electorate as a whole? Will anyone dare say that a duty so grave and so various can be performed intelligently or conscientiously or adequately by the people acting in the mass or by one-half of them or by one-tenth of them or by one-hundredth part of them? It cannot be done. It is impossible that it should be done."

The Oregonian's hysterics are due to the fact that the people of Oregon are given a chance to make 32 laws, or to defeat them. These proposed laws are placed before the people upon petitions for each signed by from 10,000 to 25,000 legal voters. They are filed four months before election. Each attracts a large amount of attention from the press and the advocates and opponents are given from now until November to make the public familiar with the proposed law and its merits and demerits.

In addition, the state printer issues a pamphlet, containing arguments for and against each measure, as well as the measure itself, which is sent to every registered voter, thereby giving him ample opportunity to familiarize himself with the law.

Given ordinary intelligence and appreciation, even in a slight degree, of the duty and responsibility of the electorate, there is no reason why any voter should wait until he gets into the election booth to determine the fate of these bills.

Continues the Oregonian: "Legislation is a solemn public service requiring expert knowledge, careful deliberation, open and public discussion, frequent revision and compromise, and intelligent insight into the purposes and probable consequences of every act."

The legislature of Oregon is in session forty days. Over 500 proposed laws are introduced for consideration and a couple of hundred new laws passed. All sorts of freak measures become laws, which the sober sense of all the people would snow under.

What "expert knowledge," what "careful deliberation," what "intelligent insight" enter into the consideration of these 500 bills by the legislature? The ordinary legislator possesses no superior ability to the ordinary voter. He simply happens to be popular personally in his district. If the legislator can duly weigh and consider 500 proposed laws in 40 days, with no preliminary enlightenment, surely the average voter can duly weigh and consider 32 measures in four months.

Half the enactments of legislatures are secured, not upon the merits of the measures, but through "log-rolling," wherein the father of the bill agrees to vote for certain other bills, in exchange for support for his own bill. A measure placed before the people must stand upon its merits.

It is easy for corporate or other influences, political, social or business, to control and corrupt a legislature. It is done in every state in the Union. United States senators are elected and special legislation secured, none of which could be wrung from the people—who in the mass are honest. How often are meritorious measures demanded by the people, killed in legislatures? How often do legislators, puffed up with their little brief authority, imagine themselves superior to those who elect them, and betray their constituents?

The initiative and referendum is an excellent law. Through it the people have a chance to secure needed legislation which special interests defeat in the legislature, such as the good roads bill, and the bill protecting fish in the Rogue river. It also acts as a check upon the actions of the legislature, for any bill passed inimical to the public welfare can be held up until approved or killed by the people.

Boiled down, the Oregonian's argument is simply that the people of Oregon are fools, incapable of knowing what they want, and that there is as much sense in submitting proposed laws to a lunatic asylum as to the people.

**THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT.**

THE opposition to the primary election law comes from the chosen few—"the Lord's anointed," who believe they should be permitted to select the public officers and make the laws for the state of Oregon. For years they had under the leadership of the Oregonian been permitted to do this. But the new legislation in Oregon cut out their prerogatives, took away the scepter and overturned the thrones.

No longer can they go sack in hand to the railroads and get golden lubricant for the legislative machinery, for their promises are ineffectual, their protection is nil. Hence the yelping and snarling.

No one claims or pretends that primary election law will always select the best men, but the public will know that it will result in selecting men who are free from political parasites and corporation patriots who dominate conventions. The primary law destroyed their privileges

and their power to levy tribute. Their estate is worse than that of the French nobility after the revolution, for they lost not only their patrimony, but their titles as well.

The primary law gives officials who are independent and feel responsibility, not to bosses and hangers, but to the people. It was a long deferred reform, but it has come to stay. As soon expect the people to surrender the right of trial by jury, or free speech.

If there was no other argument in favor of the primary, there is sufficient to be found in the character of the opposition to it, for it is mainly from those who cannot conceive a patriotic or high-minded motive. It is a sordid, mean and selfish opposition, the sordidness of boodle and graft, the selfishness of favoritism and personal vanity, the meanness of wanting without fitness or requirement.

So long have these opponents of direct primaries moved in this political atmosphere that they have come to believe it to be the fifth dimension of space. They have believed the direct primary could not survive. They have expected it to topple of its own weight, and are still waiting. But their belief is born of stupidity that has ever denied intelligence in the mass of the people, that knows not its own ignorance.

It is the rule of the lord over the serf, but with unfavorable conditions, for while there are those who would be our political lords, dukes and princes, there are no serfs. We have been emancipated.

**LANGFORD AND BURNS AT RENO ON LABOR DAY**

That Is Latest Card to Attract Attention of Fight Fans—Wolgast May Possibly Meet Moran at Same Time.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 9.—If Sam Langford and Tommy Burns tie up for a set-to in the Reno arena on Labor day it is probable that Ad Wolgast will consent to fight Owen Moran at the Nevada metropolis on the same day.

Promoter Jim Coffroth is believed to be figuring on the possibility of drawing a good crowd to Reno, providing a morning and afternoon card can be offered the fans. With good preliminaries between morning and the afternoon fights, the middle-weight sparring exhibition, the possibility of a paying attendance is bright.

Moran admitted that overtures were made to him by Coffroth, but declared that the local promoter only mentioned a ten-round bout with Wolgast, to be staged in San Francisco.

**AVALANCHE SWEEPS PARTY TO DEATH**

GRINEWALD, Switzerland, July 9.—Five of a party of Alpine tourists are missing, following an avalanche which yesterday overwhelmed two parties near the Bergli hut. Seven members, including three guides, were rescued by a searching party. Other parties are today seeking the five missing. Two of the five are said to be women. Two men in the party were Germans.

The tourists were attempting to cross the Jungfrau glacier when the avalanche carried them away.

**FIGHT ON PICTURES GROWS INTERNATIONAL**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—The international reform bureau will take a hand in the movement against the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures.

Dr. Wilbur T. Crafts of Washington, founder and superintendent of the bureau, is in San Francisco today to organize a California branch and to formulate plans for fighting the picture exhibitions.

Dr. Crafts was in Reno during the big fight to form a committee to cooperate with the bureau and secure information about the plans of the moving picture interests. He was one of the leaders in the movement to drive the fight out of California.

**Many Elks in Detroit.**

DETROIT, Mich., July 9.—Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are jamming the hotels and rooming houses here today prior to the opening of the annual convention of the grand lodge Monday. It is estimated that 10,000 Elks are here.

**HERE'S MAN WITH NERVE INDEED! IS FORNINST TEDDY**

Los Angeles Man Out for Presidency of United Spanish War Veterans—Will Meet in September in Denver, Colo.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 9.—I. McLaughlin of Los Angeles, a surgeon with the rank of major-general in the Spanish-American war, may oppose Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency of the United Spanish War Veterans before the convention of the organization, which meets in Denver, September 5, 6 and 7. McLaughlin is junior vice-commander-in-chief of the Pacific division. He is being urged for the presidency by the western divisions and will go to San Francisco tonight to confer with his adherents there. Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy has been demanded by the eastern divisions. He has not announced whether he will enter the field.

**THREE ARE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK**

WINNIPEG, Man., July 9.—Three persons were killed and many injured when a local train collided with a streetcar in an outlying section of Winnipeg.

The dead are: Mrs. John Lawrence, Toronto; John Urquhart and John Lawrence, a 3-year-old boy.

Flagman McCloy, who was stationed at the crossing, was arrested.

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**TOWN SAVED AFTER DESPERATE FIGHT**  
 CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., July 9.—After a desperate all night fight with forest fires the village of Holcombe, 20 miles northeast of here, was saved from destruction, according to reports received here today.  
 Fires are raging today in the timber lands of Chippewa, Rusk and Sawyer counties, along the course of the Flambeau river. The losses in standing timber and in mill products is enormous.  
 For a city of demoralized streets, Medford, torn up for paving, heads the list.  
**BODY OF PROSPECTOR IS FOUND ON DESERT**  
 SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 9.—Naked and dismembered by coyotes, the unidentified body of a prospector was found today on the desert near Amboy, by Whiam Heath, manager of the Great Gold Belt Mine.  
 A hundred yards from the body Heath found an empty canteen and a miners outfit under the sagebrush, where the wanderer had scraped a hole in the sand. He had stretched his coat across a brush to provide a shelter from the sun.  
 Heath searched the scraps of clothes near the body without finding anything which might lead to the identification. He buried the body and went to Amboy and telegraphed the news of his gruesome find to the coroner here.

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