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Total Gross 68,175 Daily average 2,522 Less deduction 58

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On the 1st day of August, 1910, personally appeared before me, George Putnam, manager of the Medford Mail Tribune, who upon oath, acknowledges that the above figures are true and correct (SEAL) N. YOCKEY, Notary Public for Oregon.

MEDFORD, OREGON

Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population, 1910, 5,000. Bank deposits, \$1,150,000. \$500,000 Gravity Water system completed in July 1910, giving finest supply from mountain water.

Sixteen miles of street being paved at a cost exceeding \$1,000,000, making a total of twenty miles of pavement. Postoffice receipts for year ending June 30, 1910, show gain of 36 per cent. Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the 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, enclosing 6 cents for postage of the finest community pamphlet ever written.

THE WASTREL.

Once, when I was little, as the summer dark was falling. Among the purple upland fields I lost my barefoot way; The road to home was hidden fast, and frightful shadows, crawling

Along the sky-line, swallowed up the last glad light of day; And then I seemed to hear you in the twilight, and be near you; Seemed to hear your dear voice calling—

Through the meadows, calling, calling— And I followed and I found you, Flung my tired arms around you, And rested on the mother-bread, returned, tired out, from play.

Down the years that followed, tho I trod strange paths unheeding. Though I chased the jack-o-lan-thorns of so many maddened years, Though I never looked behind me where the home-lights were receding, Though I never looked enough ahead to see the Inn of Fears; Still I knew your heart was near me,

That your ear was strained to hear me, That your love would need no pleading To forgive me, but was pleading Of itself that, in disaster, I should run to you the faster And be sure that I was dearer for your sacrifice of tears.

Now on life's last summertime the long last dusk is falling, And I, who trod one way so long, can tread no other way. Until at death's dim crossroads I watch, hesitate, the crawling Night passages that maze me with the ultimate dismay, Then when Death and Doubt shall blind me—

Even then—I know you'll find me: I shall hear you, Mother, calling; I shall fight and follow—find you Though the grave-clothes swathe and bind you, And I know your love will answer: "Here's my laddie home from play!"

—Reginald Wright Kauffman, in the Forum.

SHALL MAN OR PROPERTY RULE?

"MEN are beginning to ask themselves," stated Judge Henry McGinn in a speech at Oregon City Saturday evening, "what right has this man to govern me because he has more money than I have? They are beginning to believe that property was made for man and not that man was made for property."

The effort inaugurated by the assembly is a move to re-establish the convention system, whereby property is enabled to govern man instead of man property. The part played by corporations in the assembly is exposed by Judge McGinn, who detailed the personnel of the assembly leaders as follows:

W. D. Fenton is Southern Pacific and Standard Oil attorney. R. W. Wilbur is attorney for the Portland Railway, Light and Power company and of the Liability Insurance companies, which secretly contract with employers to insure them against damage from accident, and make it appear in court that the damage falls on the employer. S. B. Huston and George W. Stapleton represent the timber interests. Charles H. Carey is attorney for the Hill system and the telephone company. Wallace McCammant represents numerous corporations, and if elected to the supreme bench would nullify the initiative and referendum. Jay Bowerman is legal representative in central Oregon for the Harriman lines—and so it goes down the list. Every corporation lobbyist who became a familiar figure at Salem at the last session of the legislature was in evidence at the assembly.

The people, not the corporations, should select judges, legislatures and senators. Oregon does not want to get back in the class with Illinois, where the senatorship is auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Your judgment, Mr. Reader, ought to be as good as the judgment of the man you send to the legislature as to who should be senator. In what respect is your representative better able to make a selection than you are? In what respect is the judgment of these self-appointed delegates to an assembly controlled by corporations, superior to the judgment of the whole people?

PREVENTION VS. CURE.

THE forest fires during the past week have taken an awful toll in life and property from the timbered sections of the northwest, recalling the terrible fires that swept over the pine belts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan some years ago.

With all the furore about conservation, the appropriation of millions of dollars, the establishment of an immense bureau and an army of foresters for the conserving of these resources, the calamities of the past week seem to mock the puny efforts of the forestry department, and must in a measure shatter the confidence of the body politic in the gold lace and red tape of the bureau.

To "fight fire with fire" is a saying so ancient as to have almost been handed down from the sanskrit. If small fires, easily controlled, and at the proper season, were kindled through the forests annually, taking off the previous year's accumulation of dead leaves, needles and brush, the forests might easily be kept clear of inflammable matter and the awful holocausts that have marked the past week in a measure be averted.

The whole vigilance of the forestry department has been directed to prevent fires, and where their efforts have been successful year after year, a most deadly reserve magazine of inflammables that, once kindled, pass all human control. The origin of these fires is not infrequently spontaneous combustion, in any event it seems that human vigilance is powerless to prevent their spread.

To return to the old methods of the Medes and Persians may seem a long step backward to scientific gentlemen of the tennis and golf cabinets, but the people who are paying for the gold lace, the flummery and the chalk lines on the tennis court want a conservation that conserves, even though it be accomplished by the prosaic methods of the ancients.

Natorium Notes.

The patrons of the bowling hall are rapidly acquiring skill at the game and big scores are now rolled up every day. The high score to date was made yesterday by "Owgie" Patton, 251.

This week the management is offering a prize to the high score for three consecutive games rolled before midnight, Saturday, August 27. Ladies' day Thursday.

It was originally intended to "stage" a game of water polo Wednesday night, but the absence from the city of Harry Baldwin, one of the best players, caused a shift in the plans. Instead of the polo game, the management will put on a series of races. One will be a three-heat affair for boys of 16. The main event will be a match race between Paul Evans and W. R. Crosby. These boys are well matched, fast swimmers and the contest will be most exciting. The races will start at 9 o'clock and will be followed by the regular dance at 8:45.

Haskins for Health.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. De Roboam to E. F. A. Bittner, 40 acres in section 8, township 35, 4 west... \$ 10 L. E. Bean to E. C. Kinleyside, lot 9, block 32, Medford... 10 W. L. Orr to L. E. Bean, the same property... 10 E. Wheeler to J. F. Brown, lot 17 and 18, block 15, Butte Falls... 300 W. H. Hamlin to J. De Roboam, 40 acres in section 8, township 35, 4 west... 100 R. C. Kinleyside to L. E. Bean, lot 9, block 32, Medford... 2,400 R. B. Studebaker to H. E. Stone, land in township 39, 1 east... 1,200

Labor Day Celebration.

The local Carpenters' union is preparing for an excursion and picnic to Ashland on Labor day, September 5. Reduced rates have been secured and every preparation made for a good time. All trades unions are asked to participate.

KLAMATH PHONE LINE PURCHASED

Official announcement confirming the purchase of the Midway Home Telephone Co. system by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was received by District Commercial Manager Drewery this morning. In discussing the taking over of this property by his company, Mr. Drewery stated that it was of considerable importance to Medford, as all of the business originating in Klamath and Lake counties will have to be handled through the district headquarters, which are located here, thus it can be seen with this additional increase in business from that growing section of the country, it will necessitate an increase in the force, both in the accounting and plant departments here in order to carry on the work.

In speaking of what his company purposed to do in the way of improvements, Mr. Drewery stated that the city of Klamath Falls had just recently granted his company a 25 years franchise and that work would commence within 90 days on the installation of a new central energy system, which would necessitate the rebuilding of the entire Midway company's old system in order to give the patrons a first-class service, which that particular section has needed for some time. He further stated that material is now being assembled for the construction of a number eight copper metallic circuit from the main Portland and San Francisco toll line to Lakeview, via Klamath Falls, and when this is completed it will place them in a position to give an A 1 service to all of the interior towns in Klamath, Lake, Harney and Crook counties. This will represent an expenditure of at least one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars and will mean much to the particular territory that it covers in the way of large sums of money that will be spent for labor and of which naturally each town will be benefited by.

The company fully realizes the importance of this new and growing country, and Medford being the logical center for this vast territory, it was decided that it should be the district headquarters for these counties.

TAFT WANTS TEDDY'S HELP.

(Continued from Page 1.) platform. He indicated that Taft approved of this plan and did not care what Roosevelt thought about it.

Taft, as his letter and telegram both show, is now pointed out, did not approve of the action. Politicians believe the whole scheme was a daring plan on the part of the "old guard" to force the president to appear to approve a reactionary program in New York. That the scheme may result in the complete overthrow of the men back of it, and a working alliance between Taft and Roosevelt is the prediction of the politicians here.

WOMEN SENT TO SAFETY.

(Continued from page 1.) of Ashland burning has passed. The volunteers secured yesterday morning, following the calling of a mass meeting in the city, did valiant work and got the fires near the city under control. Fortunately the wind did not shift, as feared, and the danger passed. Richard Calder of this city, who

went into the Elk creek district a week ago on a hunting trip, was forced to flee for safety and had his horse badly burned en route. He stated that every camper in the district has been pressed into service. The fires around the Four Bit ford are reported today to be dying down and are fairly well under control. The Mosquito Swamp fires are also said to have been checked by the soldiers who arrived last week. Supervisor Erickson, with a force of nearly 200 men, is still fighting the Cat Hill fire, on the southeast side, and is said to be meeting with good success. Taken all in all, the fire situation may be said to have improved greatly during the past 24 hours. With additional men at work it is believed

The Meat Question

is one that every person is vitally interested in—a question that all must consider.

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that they will all be under control within a week.

A dense smoke is still hanging over the city and valley. There is no prospect of rain.

The local forestry officials are congratulating themselves that there has been no loss of life in the present fires. A number of narrow escapes have been experienced, but so far no fatalities have been recorded.

Assistant Forester C. J. Buck, who is now in charge of the local office, states that he is leaving no stone unturned in his efforts to find the parties who have been setting off fires. That the fires were set by some person or persons there is not the slightest doubt, as unmistakable evidence has been found to that effect. One homesteader is reported to have chased a firebug for several miles on horseback in an endeavor to apprehend him, but he escaped.

Resolved, That we extend to her

Whereas, death has removed from our midst our worthy and estimable comrade, Mrs. Lottie Odell; therefore be it

Resolved, by the members of Local Agate, as well as this entire community has sustained an irreparable loss; and be it further

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DIAMOND THIEF IS TAKEN TO PORTLAND

Ray L. Brown, who was arrested several days ago on telegraphic information from Portland, was taken north Monday afternoon by Officer Douglas Leisy to answer to the charge.

Brown was accused of purloining a diamond estimated to be worth \$150. He admitted that he had had the stone, and it was later found in pawn at Klamath Falls, but denies that he had stolen it.

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