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STATUTE OF OREGON, County of Jackson, ss.: On the first day of December, 1910, personally appeared before me, George Putnam, manager of the Medford Mail Tribune, who, upon oath, acknowledged that the above figures are true and correct.

MEDFORD, OREGON: Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California and the fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population—12,840.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving fine supply pure mountain water and sixteen miles of street being paved and contracted for at a cost exceeding \$1,000,000, making a total of twenty miles of pavement.

Justified receipts for year ending November 30, 1910, show a gain of 25 per cent. Bank deposits were \$2,378,522, a gain of 25 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen apples won sweepstakes prize at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a First Prize in 1910.

At Canadian International Apple Show Vancouver, B. C. Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial club, including cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

Says the Oregonian: When the census was taken, several months ago, Medford had a population of 8840. It is probably the fourth city of Oregon, and is growing very fast. Its birth was adventitious. Twenty-five years ago when Villard was pushing the Oregon & California railroad from Roseburg to the Siskiyou mountains, Jacksonville was the principal trading point of Rogue River valley. Medford was not on the map. In order to reach Jacksonville, the railroad, as surveyed, would have had to make a westerly detour of three miles. To compensate for increased cost of competition, the O. & C. asked a moderate subsidy. This the town refused to give, whereupon the railroad took the short cut south, leaving the county seat of Jackson several miles in the cold. From this blow it never recovered. If Jacksonville had subscribed the subsidy it would probably have maintained its position of the most important city of southern Oregon, and Medford might not have sprung into existence at all. Incidentally, it may be remarked that Medford advanced more rapidly during the past 10 years than any other town in Oregon.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: Please print the following open letter to the mayor and city council:

Medford, Ore., Dec. 6, 1910. To the Mayor and City Council: Gentlemen: There are 30 or more property owners in Southwest Medford that would like to know why we have not been able to get city water on Eleventh and other streets here. We petitioned the council for the same during the summer of 1909. Had the water been put in as petitioned for the city would be getting a revenue of from four to five hundred dollars a year. You can't say that you did not have time or material as some of the council would have us believe, for it is a well known fact that the water system has been extended in additions that have been laid out and platted since our petition was filed. The water should have been put in where there were people living to use it and the city would be getting a revenue instead of extending it in new additions where there were but few if any to use it. Now gentlemen, will you be kind enough to explain?

W. J. DRUMHILL. Don't ask your friends to find a roomer—want advertise.

BATTLING WITH FEUDALISM.

THE election now in progress in Great Britain, which is nothing more nor less than a rebrendum on government, may hasten or delay the death blow to the House of Lords. At any rate, it can but postpone this obstacle to human progress.

The House of Lords survives as a relic of feudalism, a class distinction that is a handicap to human progress. Like all other aristocracy, it is perpetuated through inherited wealth.

One of the great lessons taught by democracy is that aristocracy does not pay, is not profitable either to the individual or the nation that foots the bill.

There is and can be no aristocracy of brains. Brains cannot be bequeathed or inherited. Scientists unite in the assertion that "the gamut of human achievement is run in one generation," that many forms of greatness are accompanied by lack of balance, that while genius wins riches that enables descendants to keep up artificial aristocracy, those descendants are more apt to inherit the lack of balance than the genius.

Americans and Europeans see the blighting absurdity of the caste system in India, where position and occupation are predetermined, and humanity is without hope or opportunity. They do not comprehend the equal folly of their own caste system and its blight.

America is freer from feudalism than Europe. We have no aristocracy based upon tradition and primogeniture. We do not rob the people by government subsidies for descendants of great barons—we only rob them by tariff and other subsidies for living barons.

American aristocracy, if plutocracy can be so dignified, is based solely upon money, which enables descendants of the very rich to live in idle luxury, so creating a burdensome caste system, for there can be no equality of opportunity with a large proportion of the wealth and resources withdrawn to become the inheritance of the few.

Great wealth goes hand in hand with great poverty—both the effects of unequal distribution. Bequeathing great fortunes intact, works harm to the inheritors and to the nation. Poverty is a disease of civilization due to the concentration of wealth in the hands of the few—a result of the caste system.

Humanity loves its chains and progress painfully climbs a winding spiral stairway. Probably some day when we do not see through a glass quite so darkly, we will in America be fighting the same battle against the caste system that the Liberals of England are fighting against their relic of feudalism, and make the great fortune react to the state—to the people to whom it really belongs.

President Tenders Message.

It is gratifying to note that the negotiations for a loan to the Chinese government for the construction of trunk railway lines from Nankow southward to Canton, and westward through the Yangtze valley, known as the Hokuang loan, were concluded by the representatives of the various financial groups in May, last, and the results approved by their respective governments. The agreement, already indicated by the Chinese government, is now awaiting formal ratification. The basis of the agreement is the terms of the loan, of exact equality between America, Great Britain, France and Germany, in respect to financial and other conditions. The application of the principle underlying the policy of the United States in regard to the Hokuang loan, viz., that the interest in such of the railways of China as may be financed by foreign countries, was suggested on a broad scale by the secretary of state in a proposal for internationalization and commercialization of all the railways of Manchuria. While the principle which led to the proposal of the government was not intended to give power, to whom it was addressed, to the governments of Russia and Japan, it is a principle which will be the basis of the larger plan which provides for the construction of the Hokuang railway by means of an international joint venture, in which the United States, France, Germany, and Japan are subject of friendly cooperation to the interested parties.

The present government in these matters has been brought about by desire to make use of American capital in the development of China as an important and material prosperity without prejudice to the legitimate rights of any interested party. This policy has recently found further expression in the assistance given by this government to the negotiations between China and a group of American bankers for a loan of \$50,000,000 to be employed chiefly in current reform. A preliminary agreement between the American government and the Chinese government, which was signed in Peking, has been made covering the loan. For the success of this loan and the other important matters which have been brought about by the government, it is necessary that the government should receive assurance from the Chinese government that the loan shall be an American, will be engaged.

The year has further been marked by the important agreement relating to the Russo-Japanese agreement relating to the railway in Korea, which the government was gratified to note an assurance of continued peaceful conditions in that region and the government's policy with respect to China to which the United States, together with all other interested powers, are alike solemnly committed.

The treaty annexing Korea to the empire of Japan, announced August 22, 1910, marks the final step in a process of centralization of the ancient empire by her powerful neighbor, which has been in progress for several years past. In contemplating the fact of annexation, the Japanese government gave to the government of the United States assurance of the full protection of the rights of American citizens in Korea under the changed conditions.

Latin America.

Under this head the president refers to the centennial anniversary of Mexican independence; the fourth pan-American conference at Buenos Aires; and the work of the international bureau of American republics. He continues: During the past year the republic of Nicaragua has been the scene of intense struggle, and the government has brought his career the disturbance of Central America and opposed every plan for the promotion of peaceful relations between the five republics. Since the people of Nicaragua were finally driven into rebellion by his lawless actions, the government of the United States has taken measures with a view to ultimate restoration of the republic to its normal condition, and to the safeguarding of its interests. American citizens in that country should be urged to protect themselves and their property, and to refrain from any acts which may be construed as a violation of the laws of the United States. These events, together with Gela's continued exactions brought him so clearly to the bar of public opinion that he was forced to resign and to take refuge abroad. Since then complete order has been restored to the country, and the occupation of the capital by the forces of the revolution all factions are united to maintain public order and as a result of discussion with an agent of this government sent to Managua at the request of the provisional government.

The Near East.

To return the visit of the special embassy sent to announce the accession of His Majesty Mehmed V, emperor of the Ottomans, sent to Constantinople, a special ambassador who was charged with the duty of expressing to the Ottoman government the warm wishes of the government of the United States to increase and more important relations between the countries and the desire of the United States to contribute to the large economic and commercial development due to the new regime in Turkey. The rapid development now beginning in that ancient empire and the marked progress and increased commercial importance of Bulgaria, Roumania and Serbia, make it particularly opportune that the possibility of American commerce in the near east should receive due attention.

The far east: The center of interest in far eastern affairs during the past year have again been China.

short, comprehensive plans are being made for the future welfare of Nicaragua, including the rehabilitation of public credit.

Merchant Marine.

Another important and ineluctable in the unhampered and natural development of American commerce is merchant marine. All maritime and commercial nations recognize the importance of this factor. The greatest commercial nation in the world is naturally fostered by its merchant marine. Perhaps nowhere is the need for rapid and direct mail, passenger and freight communication quite so urgent as between the United States and Latin America. We now secure the other quarters of the world such immediate benefits in friendship and commerce as would flow from the establishment of direct lines of communication with the countries of Latin America.

It is a subject of the most important character in our last annual message. It has often been before you and I need not recapitulate the reasons for its becoming a national question. Unless prompt action be taken the opportunity of the Panama canal will be lost to us. It is a subject of the most important character in our last annual message. It has often been before you and I need not recapitulate the reasons for its becoming a national question. Unless prompt action be taken the opportunity of the Panama canal will be lost to us.

The president refers to the antiquated methods in vogue in the treasury department and says that the head of that department has been asked to devote his time to bringing the department up to date, eliminating waste and reducing the cost of its operations. The president also refers to the department of the interior and says that the head of that department has been asked to devote his time to bringing the department up to date, eliminating waste and reducing the cost of its operations.

The Fork Barrel.

In our public buildings we still suffer from the old method of construction which has been so much criticized in connection with our clerks and barbers. Some of the most important public buildings are in need of repair and the supply of public buildings is not being kept up. The department has neglected the method of building public buildings and the result is that we have a large number of public buildings which are in need of repair and the supply of public buildings is not being kept up.

The Payne Tariff Act.

The activities of the rate of duty in the Payne tariff act have been subjected to a great deal of criticism, some of it being more than justified, and to much misapprehension. This act was adopted in pursuance of a declaration by the senate which is responsible for it that a certain tariff should be reduced. The measure of the tariff reduction is the difference between the rate of duty on the imported article abroad and the rate of duty on that article as it stands in the tariff. The basis for the reduction of the rate of duty is the difference between the rate of duty on the imported article abroad and the rate of duty on that article as it stands in the tariff.

Banking and Currency Reform.

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ceeding fifty years upon a proper credit and with a condition fixing rates charged to the public for units of electric power, with suitable provisions against assignment to prevent monopolies. I earnestly repeated congress to at this session, general conservation legislation of the character indicated by attached. I further recommend that a punishment of fine and imprisonment be imposed upon railroad agents and shippers for fraud in misrepresentation in connection with the issue of bills of lading, based upon interstate and foreign shipments.

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