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STATE 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, acknowledges 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 the fastest-growing city in Oregon.

Population—U. S. census 1910: 8,840; estimated in November, 1910, 10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest 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.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1910, show a gain of 51 per cent.

Bank deposits were \$2,376,532, a gain of 22 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitznberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won 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, inclosing 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

Many good thinkers are poor talkers.

Virtue isn't always satisfied with its own reward.

When the average man asks you to be reasonable he is asking you to agree with him.

Some people like to have others ask favors of them, because it affords them so much pleasure to refuse.

There are no sure cures for the tobacco habit—with the possible exception of certain brands of cigars.

Rockefeller's pastor says women's clubs are more earnest than men's. Has he ever sat in a game?

A married man says the shortest season of the year is the time between fall military and openings for Christmas.

The bargain hunter is simply acting upon the thrift instinct. And the well-advertised store, in which bargain hunting is always profitable promotes and rewards thrift.

SNELL QUILTS IN DISGUST.

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water bonds occurred, I decided not to run for re-election, I decided not to be re-elected, and do not wish to stand sponsor for the undoing of all the good work of the past.

"I am backed by the progressive element of Ashland; the bunch that rallies against me is the same old bunch that has held Ashland by the throat for the past 20 or 30 years, and finding that I would enforce the law, that I would push the city forward to where she belongs, they hold a secret assembly, eliminate the press, concoct their political schemes in the dark and even admit that they are doing things which they do not desire the public to know. I will be no party to such schemes and, while I am confident that I could be elected mayor by a large majority, I wash my hands of the whole business and will allow those mossbacks to awaken to the realization that they have 'wasted their sweetness on the desert air;' that they have been fighting against a man who since the defeat of the water bonds had no idea of running for re-election."

THE ROMANCE OF THE ROAD.

THERE is something primitive and imperishable about the road. Mankind has never gotten anywhere without a road and the rate and direction of human progress has been always determined by the roads of a people, says George A. Miller in the November Pacific Motor.

The road is very much like human life. It bears the scars of all that has passed over it. It is also like living in that if you want to get anywhere you must keep going, and if you keep going, it makes all the difference in the world which road you take. Some roads lead to the gardens of life and some to the cemetery. Some run across the sands of life's deserts and some where the fishing is good.

There are no hopeless people in the world except those who have no roads. And there is hope for them if they will build roads. Over in the island of Guam, there is but one road, and that a poor one leading across the island. Many of the people of Guam have never been away from home, not so much as the distance of a Sabbath day's journey—two and a half miles. Most of them have never seen the other side of the island, ten miles away. And there are citizens of Guam who live in some parts of North America. They are easy enough to find, if you ever knew where they once were. They are right there yet.

There are no earlier marks of civilization than the roads that men began to build as soon as human life became least and more man. In the up-reach after the better, men must have roads or they could make no progress, Rome built roads. The roads built Rome. Greece, isolated, individual, valley dwelling Greece, did without roads; the world did without Greece, and both lost heavily. Good roads would have saved Athens.

Europe built roads, and Europe led the world. It matters not whether the roads or the leadership came first, they both came, and neither could live without the other. England, doughty little England, did more for transportation by land and sea than any other country, and, well, England is England. North America is—again the less said the better, except for the fact that there seems to be a great awakening in progress that will be far reaching in its results. This roads boom has been slow, but it looks as if it is getting pretty warm and things are already beginning to happen all over the country. Four years more will see a revolution in the condition of North American roads. And when it comes, there will come with it a distinct advance in the quality of civilization. Land values will increase, the farmers' share will be doubled, money will move more freely, and every mechanic, artisan, business man and circus manager will be benefited by the change.

It's no orator's trick, nor dealer's device, this matter of the road. It is the most serious and fundamental factor in life, and as a nation buildeth its roads, so is it in its commercial and aesthetic life. Gain and loss, commerce and intercourse, life and death, courtship and war, time and eternity are bound up in the roads, and if there be no roads man shall remain a tragedy in the universe, torn by the swelling forces within, for which there is no release. We shall never have a full share of progress without roads, and having achieved the road, we shall not wait for great progress. It will come out to meet us in the way!

ASHLAND OPPOSES PROGRESS.

IN SPITE of the fact that Ashland suffered a severe shortage of water last summer, her citizens have voted against enlarging the plant and refused to issue bonds for modernizing the system to make it adequate to the needs of a growing city.

Evidently a majority of Ashlanders do not believe in progress. The city is large enough for them and they want no more population. At least this is the conclusion drawn from the election returns.

Municipal progress in Ashland is only accomplished after a long and hard fight. There is an element of mossbackism in that charming site for a city that only exerts itself to hinder improvement.

Street paving, park beautification, opening of streets, and other municipal improvements have only been accomplished after a strenuous battle in which every possible obstacle was thrown in the way of advancement.

Mayor Snell, who has made an enviable record as a city builder, has given up in disgust the effort to improve Ashland. He has had to fight injunction suits, recalls and referendums until he has become worn out.

Who can blame him? Why should anyone sacrifice peace of mind and ease to improve a city against its will? Let Ashland rest in peace, as long as the people desire it.

Ashland Water Bonds Defeated

Mayor Snell Declines to Stand for Re-election on a Policy of Retrogression.

To the Editor: Since the bond issue for the improvement of Ashland's municipal water system in a modern and sanitary manner and along lines laid down in the report of Engineer W. J. Roberts, Mayor R. N. Snell positively declines to permit his name to be used for re-election at the coming city election. Mayor Snell has stood for progression along all municipal lines and many good improvements, both public and private, are in evidence all over Ashland, as a result of the progressive policies which he recommended upon taking his seat as mayor, January 1, 1909, and which a loyal and progressive council have insisted him in carrying into effect during the past two years. Mayor Snell feels that the permanent and modern municipal improve-

ment in evidence in Ashland and the contracts for hard-surface pavement and for concrete curbs and sidewalks sufficient to keep the city in the report of 1911 at work until July 1, all of which being done in the face of protest and resentment by the people opposed to progression, that his record as a progressive and industrious mayor has been established and that he is content to stand aside and make room for some other good citizen to fill the office, with the hope that good improvements now begun in Ashland may continue with other progressive cities at the Pacific coast.

Mayor Snell, also values, very highly the good vote and endorsement which has been given him by overwhelming majorities, both when he

SECOND TERM of the Medford Conservatory for MUSIC AND LANGUAGES Will Begin on JAN. 2, 1911 G. TAILLANDIER, Director.

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MEN-BIRDS MAKE FLIGHTS AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 16.—A three days aviation meet in which Glenn H. Curtiss and his stable of birdmen will take part opened here today. Curtiss, Willard and Mars all made several flights. Lieutenant McCloskey of the United States marine corps was present as official barograph reader. Lincoln Beechy, with a dirigible balloon will make an ascent later in the meet. Today's flights were somewhat marred by heavy land fog.

ONLY ONE OBSTACLE KEEP GOTCH RETIRED

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—Only "one little obstacle" keeps Frank Gotch, world's champion wrestler, from emerging from retirement to take on George Hackenschmidt, runner-up for the crown. Gotch issued today a statement to this effect, but what the obstacle is he declined to say. "I can say that I will wrestle any man in the world," said Gotch, "provided one little obstacle is removed."

I do not feel like quitting while I am as good as I know I am at present. A fellow hates to give up when he knows that he is the best man in his line in the world. If that obstacle is eliminated I will gladly meet either Hackenschmidt or Mambout before next summer."

C. C. Higgins of Monet, Mo., a retired general merchandise dealer, is visiting in Medford for a short time. Mr. Higgins will visit Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., before returning home.

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