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SWORN CIRCULATION.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Circulation. Rows for January 1910, March 1910, April 1910, May 1910, June 1910, July 1910, August 1910, September 1910, October 1910.

November Circulation.

Table with 2 columns: Day, Circulation. Rows for 1st through 15th of November.

Total, 27,991. Daily average, 3,080.

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, 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 the fastest growing city in Oregon.

Population—U. S. census 1910, 8,840 estimated in November, 1910, 16,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravit-Water System completed, giving fine supply pure mountain water and six 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 5 per cent.

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

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg 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, enclosing 4 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

Fifty Years Ago Today, Dec. 20.

Ordinance of secession passed by unanimous vote at the state convention of South Carolina. The wording of the declaration, "We, the people of South Carolina, in convention assembled, do declare and ordain that the ordinance of ratification of the constitution of the United States passed by South Carolina in 1788 is hereby repealed and the union now subsisting between South Carolina and the other states in the name of the United States of America is hereby dissolved," was virtually adopted by the ten states which ultimately followed South Carolina's lead.

While General Jose S. Zelaya, deposed president of Nicaragua, is said to be yearning for permission to live again in his native land, it is probable that the Nicaraguan authorities would feel more contented to have him remain in Belgium.

In starting for the south pole, members of the Bartlett-Whitney expedition doubtless will take with them everything necessary to prove their claim in case they get to that isolated locality.

The more one hears regarding the 900 pieces of silver necessary to the outfitting of a certain millionaire's mansion in New York, the less one feels like taking on the responsibilities of owning a mansion.

Chopping a deficit by \$11,500,000 in twelve months is the best lesson that Postmaster General Hitchcock could read to any of the government departments.

Codfish has advanced to \$5.00 a hundred pounds, but a hundred pounds of codfish is more than any family needs at one time, even in the height of the fishball season.

M. Legagneux is the gentleman whose name we must remember, if we are desirous of remembering the name of the man who has topped all the others in aeroplane matters.

SIDE LIGHTS ON RAILROADS.

INTERESTING side lights on the railroad situation in Oregon and elsewhere are afforded by the annual reports of the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Short Line, filed with the state railroad commission.

The Southern Pacific's business in Oregon totalled \$8,859,945, of which \$4,520,526 was expended, leaving a net profit of \$4,139,419 or 47 per cent. The entire system paid \$22,976,039 in dividends, besides laying away a surplus of \$8,897,614.

The Oregon Short Line declared dividends of 50 per cent, amounting to \$13,675,530. Operating earnings of the company amounted to \$20,822,846, operating expenses \$9,541,573, or 45.8 per cent.

These two railroads are operating under supervision of the state railroad commission, so regulation cannot be very injurious.

The ordinary business man is well satisfied if there is a profit of 15 or 20 per cent or less on the volume of business, yet we see these railroads clearing nearly 50 per cent, resorting to the courts to prevent the just and reasonable reduction ordered for southern Oregon by the railroad commission.

Poor's Manual gives the net profit above all charges of the Hill system for 1907 as \$45,730,163 and the gross earnings as \$206,152,485, or about 22 per cent, so that it is evident that the reasonable reduction ordered by the Oregon railroad commission for this section, does not mean "confiscation" of the Southern Pacific as their attorneys plead. They will still clear more than the average railroad.

It is because the public is beginning to understand something of the railroad business, something of the fabulous profit made through promotion and excessive tariffs, and to resent the unjustifiable robbery of being made to pay inexcusable charges in order that interest may be paid upon "watered" securities and "melons" cut for the benefit of the controlling interests, that we behold the spectacle of railroad magnates threatening the country with panics and cessation of railroad building, unless they are permitted to run the country to suit themselves.

Railroads are built with bonds. Those who buy the bonds, furnish the money, but they receive no share in the profits beyond the stipulated four or five per cent. The profits go to the stock, which usually cost little or nothing, and hence is "water." When a road is reorganized, it is usually done by new issues of bonds and by assessment of stockholders, so that the reorganizers may gobble the stock. When systems merge or consolidate, the extensions are built by bonds. Panics and financial depressions depreciate the values of the securities which are thrown on the market to be grasped at opportune times, and hence railroad control in the United States has become concentrated in the hands of a few and the excessive tolls paid by the people go to still further enrich this group.

So in the past 50 years railroad fortunes have grown from nothing to hundreds of millions, and are rapidly growing into billions. One of the great railroad systems of the country started on a forty cent option, has had an actual cash investment of \$158,875,000, which has been reduced by bonuses to \$44,875,000 has \$210,000,000 of stock, on which enormous dividends have been paid, enabling the actual control of over 20,500 miles of railroad, with a total capitalization of over a billion dollars.

The Wall Street chiefs cannot understand why, having done these things with impunity for so many years, the public has begun to object to paying increased tariffs, why the railroad is not their own private plaything and the country theirs to exploit at will, to buy or sell legislation, control courts and corrupt the electorate to accomplish their ends.

Capital is justly entitled to a fair return on investment. Railroads are entitled to reasonable rates. But railroad capitalists do not want fair returns, or reasonable rates. They want to be "let alone" to continue to amass excessive fortunes as heretofore.

America is young and crude and does not yet know how to govern. The dollar is still placed above the man. There is scarcely an European nation that does not care for its people better than we do. But we are beginning to realize conditions, to learn from the older civilizations, to painfully grope for a new and better order, and notwithstanding the protests and power and prestige of our billionaires, there is going to be a more equitable division of our wealth and the halcyon days of the get-rich-quick in railroad circles are one with the roses of yesteryear.

AS WAS PREDICTED

The best possible way to demonstrate a belief is to put into use the throng, the crowd, the multitude and Jackson county people who visited the opening of the big building and store of the Garnett-Corey Hardware company Saturday and the congratulations heard upon the firm demonstrates the fact that the people stand for progress. Medford can boast the prettiest, most unique hardware store on the Pacific coast. There may be stores where more stock is carried but none so handsomely furnished and conveniently arranged.

This store, as long as it is managed by its present owners, will always stand for quality, honest dealing, courteous treatment and service as near perfect as possible. Our lines will be carefully selected and if the people want guaranteed goods we will have them and we mean by guaranteed satisfaction or money back. Don't forget the fact that we own the building; don't forget that it is not a one man affair, but the putting together the capital of six men that made this building and store possible, and with such well known articles as Toledo ranges, 1909 Washler's paint that covers the earth and Crater Lake cutlery we have no fear for the future. All we ask is a visit. We guarantee your satisfaction or money back.

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A Story About Pants

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with a thirty day limit to return. Tickets will permit of stopovers and be good via either line to and from Los Angeles. For further information see or phone

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