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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.

MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population—U. S. census 1910: 8840.

Bank deposits were \$2,376,532, a gain of 22 per cent. Rogue River 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 Newtown won First Prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

Rogue River apples brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial club, enclosing 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

Fifty Years Ago Today, Dec. 27. The United States forts Moultrie and Castle Pinckney, in Charleston harbor, were seized by South Carolina militia.

Major Anderson hoisted the stars and stripes over Fort Sumter, the band playing "Hail Columbia."

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. Henry Ward Beecher inadvertently said in his morning sermon that the word "retigion" isn't in the Bible.

Reporters published the "break" far and wide and the Bible readers who cheerfully devoted their own holiday week to spelling that of the veteran pastor of Plymouth by showing up his "error" were not a few.

BACHELOR'S CHRISTMAS SPOILS. One odious onyx ornament obtrusively obnoxious.

Two trampy tambourines trimmed with tassels.

Three thimblebob thermometers thoroughly theatrical.

Four flamboyant four-in-hands fit for a farmer.

Five foolish fancy-work frames for photographs.

Six silly slipper-cases sewed with scarlet silk.

Seven superfluous shaving balls scented with sachet.

Eight exorbitant etchings executed in the early eighties.

Nine knitted neckties noticeably nauseating.

Ten trashy trinkets terribly trivial and tawdry.

BENEFITS OF COMBINATION.

BENEFITS accruing to combinations of fruit growers are demonstrated by the average growers of California. In this and other papers, advertisements of "Sunkist" oranges have been run, thus creating new markets and stimulating the demand for the output of California orchards.

The fruit exchanges are enabled to do this, where the individual growers would be helpless. The organization thus not only controls the picking, packing, shipment, routing and marketing of fruit, but like every great producer, creates markets for surplus output.

The orchard is similar to the factory, and its management should be along the same lines. In primitive industrial times, a hundred little factories all made a hundred articles of the same kind, and cut each others throats, with the result that few of them paid. Today we see them all operated under a centralized control with uniformity in production and scientific economy in management and marketing.

The apple and pear business will be on a firm basis when growers comprehend the necessity for combination and act accordingly. Not only local exchanges are necessary, but a central exchange to handle the entire output is the crying need of the future. The experience of California, learned through years of failure and hardship, points the way.

Today the New York and one or two other markets are glutted with northwestern apples. In a thousand other markets, where they would find a ready sale, it is impossible to secure them. Even in New York if they were extensively advertised, at fair prices, the surplus would disappear. But the grower leaves it to the commission man, who leaves it to the market men, who is only interested in buying cheaply, and trusts to luck to the apples selling themselves, and nothing is done to stimulate the demand or create new markets. And half the time the middlemen are in combination to filch the producer and the grower is at the mercy of a manipulated market that systematically bears his product that the middlemen may profit by doing the work of distribution and marketing that the growers themselves should do.

The future of this valley largely depends upon the future of its fruit, and this depends upon the progress made in the northwest in organizing and maintaining effective fruit exchanges.

RAILROAD PROFITS IN OREGON.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC attorneys are resisting the rate reductions ordered for Medford and southern Oregon by the state railroad commission on the ground that the 20 per cent ordered is virtual confiscation. In reply, a startling array of statistics is produced by Commissioner Campbell.

Net earnings of the Southern Pacific have increased 1740 per cent in fourteen years. Operating revenues show a gain of 553 per cent, and operating expenses only 341 per cent. Were southern Oregon alone considered, the ratio of increase would be shown much larger.

During these years, the number of miles operated was 656.42 in 1896 and 666.07 in 1909, an increase of almost 10 miles in 13 years. In 1910, 18 more miles were operated—a 28-mile extension in 14 years.

Passenger receipts jumped from \$626,884 to \$4,462,283 or 542 per cent, and freight revenues from \$716,416 to \$4,069,381 or 466 per cent. The total income jumped from \$1,564,322 to \$8,539,945, nearly half of which was profit.

The commission shows that the western classification has been adopted and enforced on practically every railroad in Oregon except the Southern Pacific, and that its rates are based upon no established system, but upon its own sweet will.

Experts state that examination of the company's books show that the railroad charges all construction work to operation, which should not be done, so that the net profits are really larger than shown by the company's figures.

Were it not for the influence of the Portland jobbers and the railroad's fear of antagonizing them, and for the open opposition of these jobbers to the efforts of Medford to secure equitable reductions, it is dollars to doughnuts the Southern Pacific would not contest reductions already ordered, which are most fair to all concerned.

Office Should Seek the Man

To the Editor:

Whenever one hears of a man commenting upon his own honesty and rare ability, publicly and privately, and even going so far as to have his statements printed in all the newspapers of the city, it reminds us of Benjamin Franklin's story of the boy that tried the grindstone, and it would seem that when a comparatively newcomer to a city unites himself for the highest office that a man can hold in that city, and publicly states that he is the one man that has the honesty and executive ability to handle the reins of a city government, and that he is able to give the people a more business-like administration than they have ever before enjoyed, reminds us more strongly than ever of the story of the grindstone.

A few men are competent and have the ability to superintend or boss a construction gang, but when it comes to handling the reins of a city government, it is an entirely different proposition. A man may be strictly honest and have great executive ability, but if he has, the people will find it out soon enough, and it will not be necessary for him to move from the community where he is held in high esteem and is so much beloved and immigrate to a far western clime, and in less than two years after his arrival he has own informer to the people of that city

that he is the one man that is able to govern them.

There is a big difference in holding the office of justice of the peace in a village on the plains to that of holding the office of mayor of a real city.

In every city there is a class of drumstickers or natural-born knockers, but they are less numerous in Medford than in any other city in the country, and for the few that we have, the atmosphere of Grants Pass or Ashland would no doubt be much more agreeable.

The people of Medford will no doubt hesitate before they will turn the grindstone for any one upon which he may be able to sharpen his political wits and ambitions.

An old and true saying is, "Let well enough alone," and let the office seek the man.

A. F. BARNETT.

SWITCHING CHARGES EFFECTIVE IN MARCH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—The order of suspension against extra switching charges by western railroads has been advanced to become effective March 1 by the interstate commerce commission. The charges in question were complained of by the jobbers' associations of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

NO SCORES IN VICTORIA GAME

University of California and Victoria Struggle for Possession of Keith Cup and Championship of Coast—Two Other Games to Follow.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.—Football enthusiasm never ran higher than it did yesterday, when the memorable struggle between Berkeley university and Victoria took place, being the first of a series of three games for the possession of the Keith cup, which also carries with it the championship of the Pacific coast.

The game throughout was a rather poor one to watch, the weather was wet and raw, the ground was very muddy and as a consequence the play was uncertain. It was an open game throughout, very little back play being participated in, but was lacking in spectacular features, with the exception perhaps of a couple of near-tights. Both sides claim the other was responsible for the roughness. Nobody was hurt, however.

Neither side was able to score, although the California boys had the pie-kin dangerously near the Victoria goal post nearly all the time. Emerson and King of Berkeley and Jeffs of Victoria were the men removed for roughness.

FIRST AERIAL DERBY HELD.

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In a Curtiss airplane, were the entries given out.

Today's program also called for another assault upon the world's height record of 11,474 feet established yesterday by Arch Hoxsey of the Wright camp. The champion himself it was announced would try again but around the Wright hangar a rumor was afloat to the effect that Hoxsey would rest from his trying trip of yesterday, saving himself for the derby and other contests of the day. Brookline is determined to go after his chum's record, however, and may make the attempt today.

A novel feature will be introduced this afternoon when a quartette of birdmen will go aloft with rifles and shoot at targets painted on kites. Curtis, Parmalee, Beachy, Robinson and Willard are entered in these events.

Endurance, obstacle-leaping, bomb-throwing and speed contests will complete the program. Each event has at least five entries and every man represented at the camp, with the exception of Latham and half a dozen amateurs, planned trials in two or more events.

UNPREPARED FOR WARFARE

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by our forces with less than a hundred killed and wounded. Our forces then were composed of men living and fighting within a generation of the revolutionary war. They were brave, but they were unorganized. In the Spanish war we lost a little over 200 volunteers killed in battle, but we buried 4700 men who died of disease.

Artillery Inadequate.

The field artillery at present available is totally inadequate, the committee was told, and its supplies limited, so that with the force as now organized, would be practically useless.

"If we were called to arms tomorrow," General Wood testified, "we would be practically without field artillery and artillery ammunition."

"As far as the seacoast goes, I feel that we are well fortified. I do not believe that foreign fleets would attempt to sail into any port in the face of seacoast fortifications, unless the object was one of tremendous importance. But seacoast fortifications, unless we have a reasonable mobile force to supplement them, are largely useless. We must have a mobile force nearby to prevent the position the coast defenses cover from being turned by land forces endeavoring to seize them from the rear."

General Wood urged the adoption of the bill prepared by Congressman Hobson providing for a "council of defense."

"At present in the matter of studying defense we are absolutely in the air," said the general. "I believe if we had a council to consider such matters and with certain powers to act, we could strip off unnecessary things and come right down to a matter of men, guns, powder and shot."

Oroville's Population.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—The population of Oroville, Cal., was announced today by the census bureau as 3859.

Haskins for Health.

NUMBER PHONES DOUBLE IN YEAR

One Hundred Per Cent Gain Made by Local Company During 1910—Are Installing Private Exchanges in Medford.

According to the annual report now being prepared by L. A. Newton, commercial manager of the local Pacific Telephone company, the number of telephones in Medford have doubled in number during the past year.

On January 1, 1910, there were 609 phones in use in the city, and now they number 1250. In this manner is the rapid growth of the city indicated.

September 1, 1910, the local exchange passed the 1000 mark. Since then the number has grown 250. The Pacific Telephone company is now engaged in installing private exchanges in various business houses in the city. With such an exchange the different departments of a business concern can communicate with each other by phone without disturbing central, or an outside party can call for any department and reach them direct. The company has placed six such exchanges and are now installing them. The companies ordering them are: The Medford Grocery company, Rardon's grocery, the Medford Mail Tribune, the Garnett-Corey company, the Nash hotel and the Howard building.

PREDICT WAR BETWEEN JAPS AND CHINESE

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—War between China and Japan is predicted by the Reich, a St. Petersburg newspaper, today. The prediction is contained in a dispatch from Vladivostok and alleges that the relations between the two countries, which have been strained ever since Manchurian affairs, obtruded them-

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This is positively one of the best places in the country with a value greater than the price.

The land is all deep, rich fruit land soil; the survey of the Grants Pass & Western railway passes within two miles of the place; this road is sure to be built this coming season; the surveyors have been in the field for months and are now in the field checking up the final work preliminary to beginning work on the grade.

The buildings alone on this place could not be rebuilt for less than \$5000.

This fact, considered in connection with the fact that the five-acre orchard is conservatively worth \$400 per acre, and the entire acreage is first-class orchard soil, makes this a very attractive place. The land, exclusive of the orchard and the buildings, is worth the price asked.

The price is \$9000, half cash, balance five years at 6 per cent.

Prompt action necessary. The big value in this place at the price is so apparent that it is sure to be snapped up.

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GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

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selves as international questions, are rapidly becoming acute. It is said that border outbreaks will begin soon and that these will lead to open hostilities between the two nations.

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National Wool Growers Convention and Mid-Winter Sheep Show PORTLAND, OREGON January 4-7, 1911. For the above occasion, round trip tickets will be sold from all points on its lines including branches by Southern Pacific Company —AT— One and One-third Fare. Tickets on sale January 2d and 3d, 1911, good for return until January 10, 1911. For further particulars, call on any S. P. Agent, or write to WM. McMURRAY, 251* General Passenger Agent.

This Knob Hill View. Taken just after the paving was completed on East Main street, reminds us that the right time to invest in one of those swell Front Tier Lots on Nob Hill, the swiftest of the swell of the Medford swell residence lots, is to anticipate the paving and buy at once from the owners, Dr. Bundy or Wm. M. Holmes. You can't buy them at any price in six months. Designs for two new bungalows are now being prepared for immediate building on these lots. Rogue River Land Co. NO. 11 NORTH CENTRAL AVE.

MEDFORD THEATRE TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 27th Willamette University Glee Club FIRST TIME IN SOUTHERN OREGON An Evening of Music and Fun Concluded with "The Rajah of India" A Comic Opera Sketch Seats on Sale, Saturday, Dec. 24th