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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, acknowledged that the above figures are true and correct.

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, 8848; estimated in November, 1910, 16,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravit Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water and six teen miles of street being paved.

Contracted for a post office building \$1,000,000, making a total of twenty miles of pavement.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 29, 1910, show a gain of 5 per cent.

Bank deposits were \$2,374,532, a gain of 22 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Hogue River Spitzenberg apples won sweep stake 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.

Hogue 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.

Fifty Years Ago Today, Dec. 29.

Orders from dealers in states south and west for Mille rifles were "brisk"; for the east, Colt's revolvers, another new weapon. (F)utlocks went to the scrap heap, but old smoothbore muskets sold readily for alteration to rifle barrels.

England launched the Warrior, her first ironclad warship and superior in size and speed to the armor plated Gloire of the French navy.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today.

The three Newark children who had been treated in Paris by Pasteur eighteen days after they were bitten by dogs were pronounced well.

Andrew Carnegie will give \$10,000,000 for the purpose of establishing international peace. Meanwhile the United States, Germany and England will continue to build warships costing from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 each. We rather hope Andrew's money will hold out the longest.

Vivien Gould, second daughter of George Gould, is engaged to Lord Decies of England. Evidently she things she has better managerial ability than her Aunt Anna possesses.

Hon. Bob Fitzsimmons refers to Hon. John L. Sullivan as an old woman. Times have changed. Such a remark would once have caused a serious uprising in this country.

Let one woman go into another woman's kitchen, and after she returns home she'll often say, "I'm not saying anything, but I can't stand dirt."

A man's soul lies so close to his digestion that his wife can seldom tell by his grunch which happens to be asserting itself.

Adam was a lucky man. Eve never handed him a box of burglar-counter cigars on Christmas morning.

A pair of suspects may be considered a suitable Christmas gift for the man who ought to brace up.

When a man is crazy about one thing he is usually a little off about everything else.

CITY PRINTING.

MEDFORD is securing its city printing at a less cost than any city in Oregon, and securing more publicity for the money than any other city.

The price paid the Mail Tribune is two cents a line—about the same rate as its display averages, and a great deal less than the schedule for other legal advertising.

In 1907, the Medford Tribune was the official organ. The city paid 5 cents per line. The circulation was only a few hundred copies.

In 1908, the printing was divided between the Morning Mail and The Tribune, the same price being paid, 5 cents per line.

In 1909, The Tribune was again the official paper, the price being 5 cents per line for the first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent.

In 1910, the Mail and Tribune had consolidated, printing the only daily in Medford. As charter provisions required publication in a daily, the bid made by a weekly could not be considered. An agreement was reached between the city council and The Mail Tribune whereby in consideration of a two-years contract The Mail Tribune agreed to print all notices for 2 cents per line, and the council unanimously ratified the contract.

Until the present administration, the city printed all ordinances three times. Mayor Canon cut this down to one time, except for assessment notices where the charter stipulated three times.

Ashland pays 10 cents a line, Central Point 4 cents and other cities from 5 to 10 cents per line. Medford is securing cheaper publicity than any of the other cities. Legal printing, on account of its character, is worth more than any other. It must be exact and must be sworn to.

These facts are known to every resident of Medford except very recent comers. Attention is called to them because of the efforts of certain interested knockers of Medford to embarrass the administration by insinuation, misrepresentation and vilification.

BE LOYAL TO YOUR CITY.

ONE OF the most effective ways to build a city is by being loyal to it.

A good citizen always has a good word for his home city. His own faith and confidence inspires faith and confidence in others.

The most remarkable examples of city building in America are Los Angeles, Seattle and Spokane. Every citizen of each of these three cities is a booster, in season and out for his own home. The newspapers are equally loyal, printing nothing calculated to injure but everything designed to help. As a result these communities have enjoyed a magic growth.

Medford has developed much the same spirit and this more than anything else, has made the city's growth. Any departure from it should be frowned upon by the community and its business men.

Medford has so many good points to talk on and so few bad ones that it is worse than folly to do aught than advertise the good.

BAKER COUNTY PUNISHED.

LOCATION of the eastern Oregon asylum at Pendleton is a bitter pill for Baker.

The bill authorizing the asylum was originated in and passed the legislature through the efforts of the Baker delegation.

Baker, however, voted for West, while Umatilla remained loyal to Bowerman, and the acting governor rewarded his supporters and punished his political opponents by locating the institution at Pendleton.

The query naturally arises, if Bowerman is elected president of the senate, will he not use his power to punish those counties that voted against him?

Why then should the senators of those counties which Bowerman lost in his campaign for the governorship, take any chances of reaping the defeated candidates resentment by continuing him in power?

WIDOW SELLS HER SON'S VOTE

Nearly 1000 Indictments Are Returned in Adams County Election Fraud Cases—Man Worth Thousands Sells for \$10.

hundred and six new indictments in connection with the Adams county election frauds were returned today, bringing the total since the investigation up to 988. So many voters have confessed that the time of the grand jury will be taken up until Saturday, it was announced, when it is believed the inquiry will be completed.

A widow, whose name is withheld, has been indicted for selling the vote of her son. The son also is under indictment, according to a report emanating from the grand jury room. One farmer is said to have confessed that he sold his vote three times last election. He received \$12.50 to vote the republican ticket, he said. Then he accepted \$10 to become a democrat, and finally pledged his vote to a particular independent candidate for the sum of \$3.

BLACK HAND STILL ACTIVE

Bomb Is Exploded in Double-Decked Tenement House in Which Thirty Persons Were Sleeping—All Escape Serious Injury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The practical life sentence given Maria Rapp and Stanislav Pottentz, "Black Hand" convicted of holding two 8-year old children for ransom, has not deterred the blackmailing organization of the lower East Side. The fourth bomb outrage since Judge Fawcette sentenced the supposed ringleaders of the society occurred today.

A bomb was exploded today in a double decked tenement house in the Italian quarter where 30 persons were sleeping. No one in the building was injured. Geordino Fagano, a grocer, whose store was in the building, received a black hand letter demanding \$2000. He refused to pay the money and the explosion is supposed to have been the vengeance of the society. The three other explosions have followed refusals to pay extortion money. Judge Fawcette, who sentenced the Rapp woman and Pottentz to 25 years imprisonment for the kidnaping of which they were convicted, was himself threatened with death. Haskins for Health.

HORRIBLE CRIME BY WHITE ISLAVERS

Young White Woman Seized by Japanese and Kept 46 Days in Dark Room of Lodging House, the Prey of Japanese Laborers.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—May Harris, 18 years of age, the daughter of Mrs. G. W. Foster, an early settler in the Puget Sound country, was today taken to the state insane asylum at Steilacoom, a mental and physical wreck. The girl was rescued from imprisonment in a dark room in a Japanese lodging house by the police after she had been held in unspeakable bondage for 46 days. In all the history of white slavery in Seattle, no case has ever been so terrible as the present one. The girl is a native of this state and was reared in a Seattle convent school. Less than two years ago she was married to James R. Harris, an industrious man some years her senior. A child was born to the couple and they seemed happy, the girl's mother stated today.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Harris visited her mother and later boarded a car to return to her own home. He father volunteered to wheel the babe home in a court.

The girl-wife disappeared that night and was never heard of again until she telephoned to police headquarters begging to be rescued on Christmas day. Two officers hurried to the Japanese lodging house and after searching the place three times finally found the girl in a dark room.

She was in a terrible condition and said that she had been locked in the room 46 days. The girl said that the Japanese men had forced drugs down her throat to still her cries and had given her large quantities of some native liquor that kept her in a semi-conscious condition.

She had been the prey of Japanese laborers.

Judge Gay had the case called to his attention yesterday and a jury commission decided that the girl had better be sent to the insane hospital to recover from the awful effects of the drug.

The police are investigating the case.

Hillyard Has 3276.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29. The census bureau today announces the population of Hillyard, Wash., as 3276.

COUNTY TAX LAW AND ITS PROBLEMS

Attorney-General Says Assembly Can Provide for New Law's Change or Repeal—County May Say What Shall Be Taxed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—In discussing the county tax or so-called single tax amendment yesterday Attorney-General Crawford passed on several features of it which have been puzzling the people of this and other states ever since the election. He holds that a county may declare what shall be taxed or exempted by school districts, cities or ports within its borders, subject in some instances to the charters or acts which are the fundamental law for the districts, cities or ports.

He also holds that it is possible for a county to initiate and adopt a measure regulating taxation or exemptions at the next election, even in the absence of a general statute prescribing a method of procedure. But, he states, the legislature may adopt a director statute, this statute to prescribe the mode or method of procedure at the election to pass on the question of taxation or exemptions.

The attorney-general is of the opinion that if the voters at large should adopt a law declaring what should not be exempted, that a county could not enact a valid measure in conflict with such general statute. But, on the other hand, counties may have exclusive control over taxation and exemptions in its own boundaries, subject to any general law which may subsequently be enacted by the whole people. He says counties may go ahead and make provision as to taxation and exemptions without the necessity of any general law which will change this or ties are given exclusive power to make taxation and exemptions until such time as the people of the state may enact a general law which will change this or which

M'MURRY LOOKS FOR BIG INFLUX

States That Community Advertising Has Been Reduced to a Science and Its Results Will Be Noted in Next Few Months.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Community advertising by a community of interests between the people and the railroads, which has been carried on the past few years and reduced to a science, is one of the achievements of the west, which, in the opinion of William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, is proving an object lesson of importance to eastern people.

"Publicity work conducted by the commercial organizations in conjunction with the railroads of the northwest, has not only been fruitful in results, but it has also been the means of creating interest among the big men of the east," said Mr. McMurray. "Heads of large concerns in the east are quick to realize what we are doing, and they now know that we really have things in Oregon and Washington worth telling about at the cost of large sums of money."

"The real effect of the extensive advertising campaign will be noted during the next few months. Communities of the northwest have been forging ahead rapidly the past few years, but their progress will be no wise compare with that of the approaching year, especially in the productive districts of Oregon. From all indications, I believe that 1911 will be Oregon's banner year. From advance information we now have, more actual settlers, land buyers and persons of means will come to this state during the coming year than ever before."

In conjunction with the chamber of commerce, the O.-W. R. & N. is now publishing 100,000 booklets or Oregon. These booklets will cover each of the important industries of the state, including the following subjects: "Public Lands," "The Tenure Farm," "Irrigation," "Manufacturing and Commerce," "Poultry-Raising," "The Big Red Apple," "Outdoor Life," "The Lumber Industry," "Horticulture," "Dairying," "Progress of Portland" and "What a Man Can Do With Funds Up to \$500." In addition, the O.-W. R. & N. will issue an illustrated booklet entitled, "Oregon." The literature comprising the various subjects will be off the press in a few weeks, when it will be ready for distribution.

PANAMA BILL IS FIRST UP

Passage of Measure Is Practical Certainty—Fortification of Canal Will Be Provided for in Measure—To Fix Toll Rates.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—That the Panama fortification bill will be the first of the administration measures considered after the adoption of the appropriation bills is the assertion today of Senator Flint of California.

That the passage of the bill is a practical certainty is the prediction of the California senator following a conference last night with President Taft.

"We will begin work with the war department today," said Flint, "to frame a general bill covering the fixing of canal toll rates and the building and maintenance of government supply stations along the canal." "It probably will be impossible legally to prohibit railroads owning vessels plying on the canal, but some method will be found to meet this difficulty."

PACIFIC & EASTERN TO USE NEW DEPOT

Beginning Saturday, the trains on the Pacific & Eastern railroad will leave and arrive in Medford from the new depot on East Main street, where business will in the future be transacted. Mr. Crawford says the next legislature could submit at a special election a constitutional amendment revoking or amending the county tax measure.

FAVORS CHANGE OF HEALTH LAWS

Oregon Branch of the National Health League Drafts Bill to Present to Legislature—Would Eliminate Politics.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 29.—A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank, and head of the Oregon branch of the National health league, spoke warmly in favor of the proposed revision of Oregon's health laws yesterday.

"I approve such a revision of the health laws as will permit the elimination of politics," said Mr. Mills. "I believe that giving such a commission as the state board of health supervision of the enforcement of all the health laws is the only common-sense means of procedure. We will never get full protection for public health so long as men from the enforcement of health laws or for the dissemination of information are politicians or are politically chosen. We will never have combined economy and efficiency in the administration of health laws and health departments until all are under one head. By eliminating unnecessary office forces and by centralizing equipment we can make one dollar of the taxpayers' money go as far as two dollars now go. We will forever prevent quibbling and defiance and lost time and effort between departments. I thoroughly approve the plan and will give it my support."

At a recent meeting of the City and County Medical society resolutions were adopted approving the revision of laws so that the state board of health will be constituted as a body having supervision of the enforcement of all health laws and having as their executive officers the state dairy and food commissioner, the state health officer, the state bacteriologist and the state veterinarian. A committee was at the same

KLAMATH HAS COSTLY BLAZE

Quantity of Crude Oil and Paving Material Left Standing in Street Is Ignited When Watchman Lets Lantern Fall.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 29.—The dropping of his lantern by the watchman for the Strange-McGuire Paving company caused the firm a loss of several thousand dollars at its plant down on Sixth street last night.

The paving people had two cars of material standing on the sidewalk at their plant, which was brought in to be used for paving, but which was left when the wet weather stopped operations. One of these tanks was crude oil and the other was tar or asphaltum. During the cold wave of the past few days the company has been keeping up steam in their engine and keeping the oil tanks warm to prevent them from congealing by a steam pipe attached from the engine to the tanks. Last night one of these pipes froze up and the watchman took his lantern and was trying to find out where the steam pipe was stopped to repair the trouble. He was on top of one of the oil cars when he dropped his lantern. It fell into a pool of the oil under the tank, and as the oil from the lantern became ignited it set the oil on the ground on fire.

The amount of damage could not be learned last night.

If you are working at a "make-shift" job, simply because the suitable position is not to be had, begin a classified advertising campaign for self-betterment. There is a good job for you—and you can find it through advertising. Very likely there is no other way to find it. time appointed to draft a measure covering the proposed revision and change in the laws.

Medford Messenger Service. Guaranteed Honest and Reliable Messengers. Tray and Package Delivery a Specialty. Under New Management. PROMPT AND RELIABLE SERVICE. All small parcels or messages delivered five blocks or under .10c. Over five blocks and under ten .15c. Over ten blocks and under fifteen .20c. Over fifteen blocks .25c. FRED HANSCAM, Prop. 337 South Central Ave., Medford, Oregon. Telephone Main 1143.

Medford Iron Works. E. G. Trowbridge, Prop. FOUNDRY AND MACHINIST. All kinds of Engines, Spraying Outfits, Pumps, Boilers and Machinery. Agents in So. Oregon for FAIRBANKS, MORSE & CO.

Campbell & Baumbach. MORTGAGE LOANS, COUNTY WARRANTS, CITY AND SCHOOL BONDS. Money on hand at all times to loan on improved ranches and fruit land. PHONE 3231. 320 GARNETT-COREY BLDG.

The finest Sample Rooms in the city. Single rooms or en suite also rooms with bath. Hotel Moore. Telephone in Every Room. RAU-MOHR COMPANY Proprietors. EUROPEAN PLAN.

TIMBER LANDS WANTED. List with us what you have for sale. Timber cruising and estimates furnished. HARRIS TIMBER LAND COMP'Y. 320 GARNETT-COREY BLDG. MEDFORD, OREGON.