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SWORN CIRCULATION: AVERAGE FOR YEAR 1910, 2485

MEDFORD, OREGON.

Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest growing city in Oregon.

Population—U. S. census 1910, 3540 estimated in November, 1910, 18,999.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravit Water System completed, giving lines supply pure mountain water and six teen 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 \$2,376,523, a gain of 22 per cent.

Barometer fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg apples won sweep stakes prize and title of

"Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane 1909, and a car of Newtown No. 9.

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.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. Jan. 4.

The United States arsenal at Mount Vernon, Ala., and Fort Morgan, Mobile bay, were seized by the Alabama authorities.

"Day of fasting, humiliation and prayer," as proclaimed by President Buchanan.

Women voted in Toronto, Ont., for the first time.

Sales of land in the rural districts of Argentina amounted to \$27,357,504 (United States currency) from January 1 to August 31, 1910, as compared with \$23,461,920 during the same period in 1909, an increase of \$3,895,584. The largest sales took place in the Province of Buenos Aires, with the Province of Santa Fe second, and the Territory of the Pampa Central third.

Germany will launch six Dreadnoughts and four armored cruisers next year. This will be the largest number of warships ever launched by any nation in a single year, but we may expect England to launch at least 20 during the ensuing year. Peace must and shall prevail.

A Philadelphia judge has decided that a husband has no redress when his wife goes through his pocket and takes money from them. What good would it do him if he had any redress?

Dr. Cook's brother says that Dr. is an honest man. Whereat the recording angel hastily searches something in his book and remarks to St. Peter that it seemed to him that the family.

In an address at Wellesley recently a professor said: "Most college girls are a vast heap of unassimilated, indigestible stodginess." We have seen some that didn't look it.

A gun has been invented to bring down airships. That's all right, but what is most needed is something that will keep airships up.

There is an unwritten law among women that no woman should go farther than two blocks from home with a shawl over her head.

Gaby Deslys has just received a bill for \$3000 for new tires on her auto. Wonder if the cost of retiring King Manuel is included.

When a girl has been in love as often as five or six times her heart must be as badly muddled up as the top bureau drawer.

Dr. Cook, so far as heard from, has not offered to return the \$80,000 he got from the American people under false pretenses.

Nobody, we timidly venture to assert, will uphold the proposition that Noah took a pair of whales aboard his ark.

John D. advises young men to save one-fifth of their income. What's your game, John?

WHY MEDFORD HAS PROGRESSED.

MEDFORD has an enviable reputation among the smaller towns of Oregon on account of its capacity for doing things. Much has been accomplished, probably more than in any city of its size, in the way of public and private improvements.

This program of progress has not been the result of accident, but of careful planning. Its success has been due to the daring and energy of its designers, to the harmony reigning among its citizens and their happy faculty of pulling together for the common good, and to the careful management and economy exercised in administering city affairs.

There is no place harder to harmonize than the small town. Without big things to occupy their attention, people are likely to devote their surplus energy to little things. Hence we see villages split into factions and personalities replacing principles.

No work of any kind, public or private, is possible in the small town without some busybody keeping tab and supplying village gossip. Had there been the slightest foundation for scandal in connection with public work in Medford it would have been impossible to have gone on with the work or accomplish half so much. The fact that there has been a businesslike administration of city affairs has gone a long way towards financing improvements and maintaining public credit.

The present city administration has "made good." It has the entire confidence of bankers, business men and citizens generally. The contracted program of municipal improvement is but half finished. It would be the sheerest folly to effect a change in management at this critical time—merely to gratify the aspirations of the ambitious, or petty animosities and personal grievances, the spleen of the sorehead and the spite of the hothead—and no other reasons can be advanced.

The administration's record is an open book, that every one may read. A million dollars has been carefully and economically expended. Difficult financial situations have been successfully coped with. To go on with the program, frequent charter amendments have been necessary. New methods have had to be devised and emergencies met. In all of these efforts, citizens of Medford have given hearty co-operation, simply because they had confidence in the administration—and that same confidence exists today despite the noise of knockers.

MEDFORD'S WATER SYSTEM.

TIME is proving the wisdom of municipal ownership of the water system and the wisdom of a bond issue to construct a gravity water system, which is perhaps, the most important thing Medford has done.

Books in the recorder's office show that monthly water rentals have increased in two years from \$400 a month to \$2200, and as soon as the mains now contracted for are completed, will reach \$3000 a month by the close of the year. This will pay interest on bonds, enable the establishment of a sinking fund, and reduce water rates.

When the present administration came into office, the distributing system consisted of seven miles of cast iron mains, just completed. In the two years past, fourteen additional miles have been laid, and despite the increase in cost of labor and material, through economical management, the cost to the taxpayers has been reduced.

When citizens voted to accept the Fish Lake company's water proposition and authorized the Hamilton and Baker gravity water system contract, they authorized the construction of a wooden main from the reservoir to the then city limits, East Main and Roosevelt. At the time this paper called attention to this as being a mistake, which would have to be rectified later. But few foresaw what the growth of the city would be or that it would have to be replaced so soon.

It was a mistake to lay wood pipe on East Main, but only the people of Medford are to blame. It was put up to them and they voted for it. The contract was let before the present administration was elected or took office and City Engineer Foster had nothing whatever to do with it. It was a part of the Hamilton-Baker contract, outside of the city limits, and authorized by the people themselves.

That this wood pipe may be replaced with cast-iron is one of the reasons why a bond issue is asked in the proposed charter amendment, so that paying on East Main may be completed and a desirable residence district come into its own.

The administration record on water matters is one that any city ought to be proud of—for Medford today has the best water system of any city in the land, and value received for the money invested.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL ELECTED OFFICERS

Newly elected officers of the Medford lodge of Odd Fellows have been installed. They are as follows: F. G. Smedicor, noble grand; L. O. Howard, vice grand; W. L. Muller, secretary; F. E. Redden, financial secretary; E. C. Gaddis, treasurer; A. N. Hilderbrand, warden; Richard Sherwood, inside guardian; Gus Anderson, outside guardian; H. S. Shine, right scene supporter; S. L. Green, left scene supporter; J. E. Day, right supporter of noble grand; R. L. Medley, left supporter of noble grand; C. T. Higginbotham, right supporter vice grand; Chester Parker, left supporter vice grand; J. J. Harn, chaplain; E. E. Wilson, conductor.

The completeness (always) of a store's advertising is a reliable test of the completeness of the store vice.

ACTRESS OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

Miss Marjorie Mandeville, leading lady of the Mandeville Stock company, playing an engagement at the Ugo theater, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Southern Oregon hospital. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that she is recovering nicely. The stock company has arranged for another to take her place for the next few weeks.

Commission for Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 3.—Springfield is to be ruled under the commission form of government. The commission idea was adopted yesterday and the city officials are today arranging for a special election to name the commissioners.

Haskins for Health.

As Ashland Views Medford's Election

To the Editor:

Your city election being near at hand, the air filled with candidates or mayor and redolent with all kinds of ante-election pledges, from only a few more saloons from one candidate and a promise from another that he will not graft, backed by recommendations that he has filled the office of village postmaster and justice of peace in bleeding Kansas.

These candidates, as far as known to the writer, are good, honorable citizens and probably worthy and competent to fill any of the ordinary offices of honor and trust in the average Oregon town. But to fill the office of mayor in the extraordinary prosperous city of Medford, right in the midst of such big undertakings, both municipal and private, let me advise my good friends of Medford that both time and conditions in your city demand that a big, able man of proven worth and ability be elected to the office of mayor for 1911. Your city has made wonderful advancement during the past two years and all honor and credit must be given to the mayor and the members of his council for the great municipal improvements which are in evidence every part of your city, and it seems to me that it would be worse than folly for the voters of Medford to think of swamping horses in the middle of a stream.

I am a friend of Medford and a real admirer of her modern and progressive manner of building a city. I am personally acquainted with Mayor Cannon and every member of your city council and feel that each and every one of these officials are competent and worthy of the position to which you have elected them, and they have proven a great contribution for city building. But should you reverse the makeup of this body, make Mayor Cannon a councilman and some member of the council mayor of your city, or elect some good, inoffensive citizen without the practical experience and executive ability to fill the important office of mayor at this critical stage, it might possibly be the end or undoing of your wonderful growth.

The man does not live who could serve as mayor of any city during such wonderful growth and progress as Medford has enjoyed during the incumbency of Mayor Cannon without giving offense to some one, and it is possible that many of your good citizens may feel a grievance, either fancied or real, but they cannot afford to let petty personal matters stand in the way of re-electing a mayor who has made good. If they do, I predict that many of them will live to repent of their folly, when

it is too late.

It would seem that an inexperienced man would shudder at the thought of being elected to carry out the great municipal work which has been so ably begun by Mayor Cannon's administration. Lay aside every idea but the one issue, the reelection of Mayor Cannon, and insure the building of a greater Medford. A FRIEND OF PROGRESS.

PYTHIAN SISTERS MEET TONIGHT

Every member of the order of Pythian Sisters is urged to come to the castle hall this evening. Be sure and come to this meeting. Urgent business demands immediate attention. If you remember your obligation you will make an extra effort to attend this meeting. Wednesday, January 4, 1911.

DAVIS TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE

County Judge J. R. Neil this morning opened the session of his court at Jacksonville.

Immediately before court opened County Commissioner George L. Davis, recently elected, took the oath of office.

Commissioner James Owen attended the session this morning.

NOTICE.

Week of prayer at the Methodist church, corner Fourth Bartlett. A large and enthusiastic audience assembled last evening, the first night of the week of prayer. Rev. J. L. McComb preached a very helpful and inspiring sermon. He will speak again this evening. Subject: "Who is on the Lord's Side." The choir and organist are urged to be present. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Banks on Sure Thing Now.

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