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MEDFORD, OREGON.

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

Population—City Census 1910, 8849; estimated in November, 1910, 10,000.

Pipe buried thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water and six-ton 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 Spittersburg amuse world sweepstakes prize and title of

"Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane 1909, and a car of Newtowne won

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Fifty Years Ago Today.

Jan. 9.

Mississippi withdrew from the Union. Steamer Star of the West, flying the United States flag and conveying relief to Fort Sumter, was fired upon at the entrance to Charleston harbor by South Carolina batteries on Morris Island.

The New York Herald proved its average circulation to be 81,000 daily, and the New York Sun proved its own to be 61,000. The Sun claimed that these two papers held the world's record for circulation. (The Herald now claims 511,900 as its high water mark.)

THINK VICTIM IS LOCAL MAN

Papers Found On Body of Man Frozen to Death Between Jordan Valley, Ore., and Delamar, Ida. Lead to Belief He Is Local Man.

Information to the effect that a man named A. C. Dunc, who is believed to have been a resident of Medford, was found frozen to death near Jordan Valley, Or., was received by Chief of Police Shearer this morning.

According to the communication, Dunc was found by range riders on the morning of January 2 on the road between Jordan Valley, Or., and Delamar, Idaho. He was dead when found.

The body was taken to Delamar and buried there.

Robert Ballot of Jordan Valley, who wrote Chief Shearer, says that Dunc was six feet tall, and that the ring and middle fingers of his left hand are missing.

AERO CLUB SEARCHING FOR LOST BALLOON

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 9.—The balloon St. Louis No. 4, which sailed from here late yesterday, is the object of a search by the St. Louis Aero club officials today. A southerly wind blowing almost a gale is believed to have carried the balloon over Pennsylvania and into the state and southern New York were asked by them by telegraph to keep an eye aloft for it.

The balloon carried J. Cowan Humbert as pilot and Paul McCullough as aide. It had aboard 25 bags of sand and enough provisions for its crew to last five days.

MANILA, Jan. 09.—That the Japanese government has placed an order for 100,000 tons of rice from Saigon, Indo China, growers, has been learned here. The news has caused considerable excitement. The only similar order the Japanese government ever gave directly preceded the Russo-Japanese war. Such an order is regarded here as one of the preparations of the Japanese for hostile activity.

DO YOU WANT ROUGH HOUSE RULE?

"ROUGH HOUSE" politics has been a feature of the campaign.

Do the citizens of Medford want a "rough house" administration?

Falsification, vilification and abuse have been freely resorted to by the adherents of one of the candidates. The others have conducted a clean campaign, letting the record speak for itself.

In the effort to discredit the administration a strenuous attempt has been made to discredit the city.

Knocking has been the order of the day—even the knocking of Medford.

Persons who have taken little or no part in the upbuilding of the city, many who have not resided here long enough to vote, are busy finding fault with what has been accomplished, distorting, discoloring, befouling not only officials who have conscientiously labored to create the city, but the city of Medford itself.

Do you want this unruly element to rule? Do you want the city turned over to government by carpetbaggers and knockers and riff-raff? Do you want the Medford spirit that has made and is making Medford, destroyed?

Nine-tenths of those citizens who have played a leading role in the creation and development of Medford are supporting Mayor Canon for re-election.

Do you think this would be the case if they did not realize that it is for the best interests of Medford so to do?

They have no animosity against the other candidates. Everyone has a right to run for office, regardless of qualifications, but it is up to the clean citizenship to vote for the best interests of Medford—and these interests call for the re-election of Mr. Canon.

Ask any property owner and business man and you will find, with few exceptions, and those governed purely by personal reasons, that they favor a continuance of the present administration.

It is a business proposition for a greater Medford, and every citizen should personally use his efforts and influence to secure the triumph of clean citizenship at the polls.

CANON AND PROSPERITY.

ALTHOUGH the campaign is now closed, no reason has been advanced why Mayor Canon should not be re-elected—and in all probability he will be by a majority over all candidates.

The Mail Tribune has no quarrel with any of the candidates. It is friendly with all, but has always stood for what it considered the best interests of Medford, and thinks that the phenomenal growth and prosperity of the city and the success of the campaign for municipal improvement, is due in no small degree to the energy and ability of the present administration—probably the best the city has ever enjoyed—therefore, it hopes to see Mayor Canon re-elected. He has "made good" and deserves re-election.

For the same reason, a year ago, the Mail Tribune supported Councilmen Eifert, Wortman and Merrick. They had "made good" as councilmen, and deserved re-election, so that the program of improvement inaugurated under them could be carried to completion harmoniously.

Whatever the shortcomings of the administration may have been, and whatever of praise or blame may attach to it, the council is almost equally responsible with the mayor. But three or four times during the past year has the mayor had a vote—the council having decided without his vote. One of these times was when his deciding vote prevented the establishment of more saloons on the West Side. It is but fair to Mr. Eifert to say that he voted against the \$1000 license and for a West Side saloon, so that he is not to be held responsible for whatever blame may attach to the administration for high license and limited saloons. Nor is he to blame for the repudiation of the contract he signed as acting mayor, whereby the city was to pay for extending the light and power lines, and the power company forced to pay for the extensions themselves. In most other matters, however, he is equally responsible with the mayor and entitled to equal blame or censure.

The time is not ripe for a socialist mayor, yet if there is a small vote polled, and it is split between three other candidates—a socialist mayor is a possibility. His election would check the program of public improvements, as the bonds could not be sold—not necessarily because of any fault in the candidate, but because of prejudice among bond buyers and capitalists against socialism.

It therefore behooves every citizen to vote, and to unite in support of an administrator who has made good—to take no chances, but to continue in power an executive who stands for a greater Medford, who has the confidence of citizens and foreign bond buyers—who represents prosperity.

Do you want continued progress and prosperity in Medford? If you do, you will take no chances by voting for Mr. Canon. Otherwise you take a chance—and neither you nor Medford can afford to gamble with chance at this time.

A vote for Canon is a vote for prosperity. A vote for one of the other candidates is a vote for you know not what.

Why Canon Should Be Retained

To the editor: Supposing you were a practical farmer, and you were employed to grow a field of grain, and that you had broken the ground and planted the grain and it had sprouted and grown and you were carefully cultivating your field and keeping it clean and free of all weeds and foul growth, and, suppose you were right in the middle of the growing season and was busily engaged cultivating a beautiful field of corn, a field that you were proud of, one that you knew had made the largest growth and was in the best condition of any field in the country, and you were being complimented for your efforts

not done your work properly; that the corn was not making the growth that it ought to make; that you were feeding your team too much grain; you were taking too long a noon hour and your cultivator shovels were not properly set; that you ought not to turn around in the field at the ends of the rows, as you might destroy a bill of corn; you ought to be in the field at work every morning at 5 o'clock and work straight through the day until 10 o'clock at night without feed or water. Now what would you say or do to this new arrival of a buttinsky who has so recently climbed upon a paper pedestal and set himself up as a dictator? The chances are that if he were in your field there would be an acre of corn destroyed before he climbed the fence to get out.

The situation in Medford today is comparatively the same. The man who has been employed to do the work and who has done his very best and has worked honestly and conscientiously should be retained, as he is familiar with every corner in the field, and knows the condition of each and every row of grain growing therein.

"PETER THE PAINTER" MAY HAVE ESCAPED DEATH.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—"Peter the Painter," anarchist, for whose capture the London police riddled a Sidney street house with machine gun fire, finally burning the structure, may have escaped. Search of the ruins of the house, which was reamed today, disclosed human bones and some unexploded anarchist bombs, but the identification of the body at first believed to be that of "Peter the Painter," has been discredited and the police think the man, alleged leader of the Houndsditch anarchists, may have escaped. The search of the East End in an effort to find him and his comrades still continues.

How many men were killed in the burning of the Sidney street house is not yet known. Whether from the charred bones discovered the number can be definitely determined is problematical.

Two of the burned bodies have been identified as "Dutch Fritz Scaars, a comrade of 'Peter the Painter,' and Joseph Rudewicz, a Russian.

Bessie Gershon, a dressmaker, who had been an occupant of the Sidney street house, said that the two met appeared there January 2. They were prepared to resist the police and refused to leave the house, she said.

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