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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; 8840: estimated in November, 1910, 16,060. Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest 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.

of 22 per cent. Banner 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 Newtowns won

First Prize in 1910

at Canadian International Apple Show Vancouver, B. C. Rogue River pears brought highes prices in all markets of the world dur-ing the past six years.

Write Commercial club, inclosing cents for postage for the finest commu-nity pamphlet ever written

Fifty Years Ago Today. Jan. 10.

Florida withdrew from the Union. Lieutenant A. J. Slemmer, U. S. A., occupied Fort Pickens, Pensacola, with a garrison. Intense excitement throughout the country over the repulse of the Star of the West at Charleston. President Buchanan acceived tenders of troops to protect Washington.



TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

TN HIS first message to the legislature, Governor West advocates progressive legislation along all lines, and it is evident that he intends to do his utmost to make good

The most radical of his recommendations is the proposal to abolish capital punishment. In his efforts in this direction he will have the support of people grown weary of official butchering. Speaking of it, the governor

"Capital punishment should be abolished, in my opin- exeusion leaving Medford January ion, in this state. The system of paying for a life with a 19, the round trip \$31.55, thirty day the market-place for the aseful life is, in my belief, merely a relie of that ancient and bar- limit stop off where and when you things that have already been used so barous doctrine of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a please, go and return via either Sometimes a second-hand article tooth.'

"It is a fact, undisputed by the judicial history of den Gate, Mt. Tamaipias, Alcatraz, one. Watch this elassification! this or any other state, that the average jury shies at a rising from the mins of the fire and verdict involving the sacrifice of human life. Murder, quake, then travel south and see perhaps at even less rent than you from the very nature of the crime, must be proven, to a Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Craz, now pay-is surely a task worth a greater or less degree, by circumstantial evidence, and the Monterey. Del Monte; take the few hours of your time. Arm your average man sitting as a inror hesitates before coasting his average man, sitting as a juror, hesitates before casting his the ocean and see the immense oil on a "little journey!" vote to deprive a fellow being , no matter how degraded his wells in the ocean; see Santa Barcondition, of life. The result of this is the hung jury, the bara, Pasa Robles, then Los Augeles, failure to convict, and oftentimes, the cheating of justice, Pasadena, Redlands and Riverside, this newspaper is important to you. all of which means lessened safety to society in general and an increased drain upon the purses of the taxpayers the ocean, see the ostrich farms; of the state.

then go to Catalina island, see the "The report of the superintendent of the penitentiary submarine gardens from the glass records 18 cases of capital punishment in the last seven and one-half years, the greatest number ever executed in this state during a similar period. This in my opinion, Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1910, show a gain of 51 Bank deposits were \$2,376,532, a gain Bank deposits were \$2,376,532, a gain of the court in the imposition of the capital sentence, is more willing to take a gambler's chance with death for the furtherance of his criminal object, than he would be to face the greater certainty of a life spent behind the bars.

> "Believing as I do, I therefore recommend steps to do away with capital punishment in this state. But in this connection I desire to urge that special and particular attention be paid to the restriction of the pardoning power 12 acres of fruit, family orchard in for such cases. I hold that a sentence to life imprison- bearing: apples, Newtowns, 12 ment for murder should mean what it says, unless posttrial evidence should bring to light some glaring injustice irrigated, dwelling house shaded by or very potent reason for change, and I contend that the large laurel trees, plenty of water. substitution of life imprisonment for capital punishment should carry with it such safeguards as would insure in olant; terms, \$13,000, \$7000 cash. all cases that full justice be satisfied."

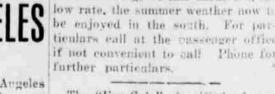
> Mr. West also goes on record for prison reform and vearly at 6 per cent. extension of the parole system. He says: "The parole system has been adopted by the United States govern- Also 20 acres alfalfa and frait ment and 17 states of the Union and has the endorsement land with timber, 1 mile from Talent of practically every student of prison reform. Our courts, \$6500 cash down; just think what ; however, do not appear to give this law as much consider- snap. a little over \$300 an acre. ation as it merits, for the records show that out of 1041 Where can you find near the depot convicts committed to the penitentiary since the passage and railroad a cheaper place? of the law only 112, or 12 per cent, were given indeter-

> minate sentences. Some of those who were given the in- Town lots in the newly incorporatdeterminate sentence were repeaters, while many of those ed town of Talent, Or., on the inwho were denied the benefits of this most humane law and stallment plan.

> sentenced for a definite time were young men and boys who had never before committed a crime. As many of those serving definite terms have good prison records and by their conduct have shown every indication of a desire to lead better lives and become law-abiding citizens, it is hoped that the legislature will see fit to enlarge the scope Also 80 acres fine timber, \$2000 of the parole law and make its provisions apply not only to one-half down. those who may be convicted in the future, but to those who AOIso 34 acres, half mile from are now serving time. "The inequality and lack of justice which exists in our falfa, all under cultivation; price system has been removed to some extent through the ini- \$\$750, balance to sait purchaser. tiation by Governor Chamberlain of the practice of grant- Also for sale, home in Talena ing conditional commutations or pardons, but the state Jackson county, Oregon (a newly inshould, through the expansion of the parole law, adopt a corporated town), a fine home of 18 uniform policy which would make such action by the exe- acres; level, fertile alfalfa and fruit cutive unnecessary and would also remove every possible hand, irrigated; one block from postexcuse for the abuse of the pardoning power. The exten- office, on the main road and extends sion of the parole system would be found extremely ad- to Bear creek, has two acres bearing vantageous should the state decide to use convict labor Newtowns, 11 years old: 12 acrein the construction of roads."

and there seems a chance now of realizing their dreams. As long as game protection remains a political football. just so long will it prove ineffectual.

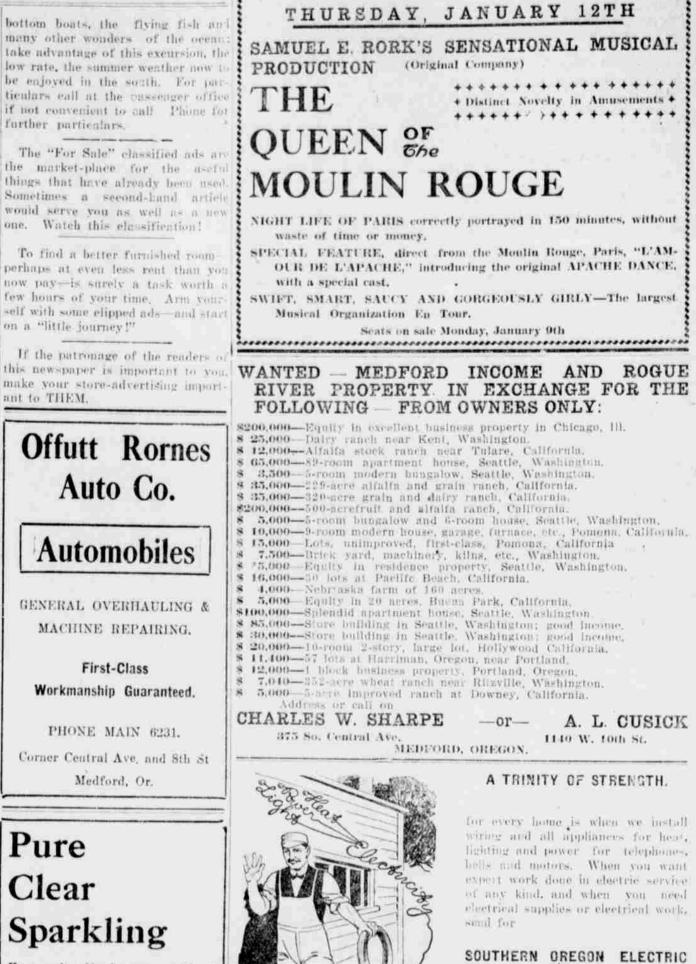




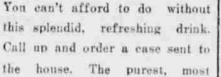
The "For Sale" classified ads an route. See San Francisco, the Gol- would serve you as well as a new

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If the patronage of the readers the home of the multi-millionaires; make your store-advertising importgo to Venice, the city built out m ant to THEM.



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Warring Italian Freshman Have Their Troubles Culminate In Severe Clash-Doorway Torn Away By Explosion In Apartment House.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10 .- A dy namito borm, hurled, the police say, by the warring Italian fishermen. wrecked the entrance of the Hotel Bimbo, in the Latin quarter early today, but none of the 35 lodgers, including two women and four children, was injured. A brown felt hat dropped by the would-be assassin as he ran away after the explosion and an impression of his voice as he velled when two policemen fired at him. are the only clues on which the police base Lope of capturing the miscreant.

The explosion fore away the doorway and a part of the front sall of and it missed a vital part of the foundation, which accounts, the police say, for the rlight damage.

The bomb was dropped shortly after 1 a. m. The report was heard for blocks. Two policemen saw a man running away from the hotel and when he refused to halt they fired The runner yelled, but kept on. is not known whether he was bit.

LOS ANGELES EXCURSION.

Over 50 people have arranged t go with the Los Angeles excursio January 19th. Some are endeavor cursion promises to be a large one In order that the local office may provide sleepin" accommodations for all it is important that all those who ars going notify the office by letter. phone or in person just what sleep ing accommodations they will want Medford to San Francisco, although reservations will be made beyond San Francisco for those Cestring it. Don't forget the date, January 19

nor the rate for the round trip, \$31.35, and the limit, 30 days, stop overs at pleasure. Go via either route, likewise returning. 2661

when you answer, will probably get ly in the interest of economy." you acquainted with a dozen phases of this city's life that you never eacountered before.

SETTLING THE GAME PROTECTION PROBLEM.

FTHE plan outlined by Governor West in his message healthy; churches, schools and liis followed by the legislature, the protection and prop- erary societies; no saloons or the hotel. Its force was downward agation of game and fish will be taken out of polities. drunkenness it is a dry town; it is Governor West is the first executive who has been willing midway between the thriving cities to part with the patronage now vested in his office.

"Provide for the appointment of a board to be known 000-\$4500 down, the remainder of as the Oregon State Board for the Protection of Fish and time at 6 per sent. Game," recommends Governor West, "This board to con- Also lands, alfalfa and frait, from sist of five members, one of whom should be the president 20 to 800 acres. Write, inclusion of the Oregon state agricultural college, and of the other stamps, or some and see me. four no more than two should be chosen from the same

political party. The members should be men who would be influenced in no manner by politics or self-interest and should serve without pay except when attending board meetings. The board should have power to appoint both ing to arrange to go. Many outside the master fish warden and the state game warden and isquirles are being made and the ex- all necessary deputies and should be required to advise the legislature as to needed legislation and to see that the fish and game laws were enforced.

"There is now in the hands of the state treasurer in the game fund a balance of \$55,107.31, practically all of which has been contributed by the sportsmen of the state through the payment of license fees and which should be spent, as the friends of the law intended it should, for the propagation of fish and game. If the legislature should decide to spend any part of it for trout hatcheries I believe the matter should be given over to the master fish warden, for such work properly belongs in his department. Here the work of propagation could be carried on in con-

nection with that of our other fish hatcheries and such The next dozen classified ad- an arrangement, by saving the state the expense of mainyou acquanted wth a dozen phases taining two separate systems of hatcheries, would be great-

Fishing and sporting interests have long sought methods of securing real protection and propagation of game,

healthful drink known is cial fruit bearing orchard, 2 miles from Talent; \$10,000, one-half on

Talent, fine house, fruit trees, al

Bartlett and D'Anjou pears; 2 acre-

alfalfa; all is fine garden hand; -ix-room house; elimate very mildpure water from the mountains; very

of Medford and Ashfand; price \$10.-





