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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, 10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed; gives finest supply pure mountain water and sixteen miles of street being paved and contracted for at 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 41 per cent.

Bank deposits were \$2,376,532, a gain of 22 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzberg apples—won sweepstakes 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 bears 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, 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 received tenders of troops to protect Washington.

FRISCO SUFFERS BOMB OUTRAGE

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—A dynamite bomb, 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 yelled when two policemen fired at him, are the only clues on which the police base hope of capturing the miscreant.

The explosion tore away the doorway and a part of the front wall of the hotel. Its force was downward and it missed a vital part of the foundation, which accounts, the police say, for the slight 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. It is not known whether he was hit.

LOS ANGELES EXCURSION.

Over 50 people have arranged to go with the Los Angeles excursion January 19th. Some are endeavoring to arrange to go. Many outside inquiries are being made and the excursion promises to be a large one. In order that the local office may provide sleeping accommodations for all it is important that all those who are going notify the office by letter, phone or in person just what sleeping accommodations they will want. Medford to San Francisco, although reservations will be made beyond San Francisco for those desiring it.

Don't forget the date, January 19 nor the rate for the round trip, \$31.35, and the limit, 20 days, stopovers at pleasure. Go via either route, likewise returning.

The next dozen classified ads you acquainted with a dozen phrases which you answer, will probably get you acquainted with a dozen phrases of this city's life that you never encountered before.

TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

IN 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 as chief executive of a progressive state.

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 says:

"Capital punishment should be abolished, in my opinion, in this state. The system of paying for a life with a life is, in my belief, merely a relic of that ancient and barbarous doctrine of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'"

"It is a fact, undisputed by the judicial history of this or any other state, that the average jury shies at a verdict involving the sacrifice of human life. Murder, from the very nature of the crime, must be proven, to a greater or less degree, by circumstantial evidence, and the average man, sitting as a juror, hesitates before casting his vote to deprive a fellow being, no matter how degraded his condition, of life. The result of this is the hung jury, the failure to convict, and oftentimes, the cheating of justice, all of which means lessened safety to society in general and an increased drain upon the purses of the taxpayers of the state.

"The report of the superintendent of the penitentiary 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, bears out the argument that the desperate criminal, relying on the reluctance of the average juror and the caution 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 for such cases. I hold that a sentence to life imprisonment for murder should mean what it says, unless post-trial evidence should bring to light some glaring injustice or very potent reason for change, and I contend that the substitution of life imprisonment for capital punishment should carry with it such safeguards as would insure in all cases that full justice be satisfied."

Mr. West also goes on record for prison reform and extension of the parole system. He says: "The parole system has been adopted by the United States government and 17 states of the Union and has the endorsement of practically every student of prison reform. Our courts, however, do not appear to give this law as much consideration as it merits, for the records show that out of 1041 convicts committed to the penitentiary since the passage of the law only 112, or 12 per cent, were given indeterminate sentences. Some of those who were given the indeterminate sentence were repeaters, while many of those who were denied the benefits of this most humane law and 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 of the parole law and make its provisions apply not only to those who may be convicted in the future, but to those who are now serving time.

"The inequality and lack of justice which exists in our system has been removed to some extent through the initiation by Governor Chamberlain of the practice of granting conditional commutations or pardons, but the state should, through the expansion of the parole law, adopt a uniform policy which would make such action by the executive unnecessary and would also remove every possible excuse for the abuse of the pardoning power. The extension of the parole system would be found extremely advantageous should the state decide to use convict labor in the construction of roads."

SETTLING THE GAME PROTECTION PROBLEM.

IF THE plan outlined by Governor West in his message is followed by the legislature, the protection and propagation of game and fish will be taken out of politics. Governor West is the first executive who has been willing to part with the patronage now vested in his office.

"Provide for the appointment of a board to be known as the Oregon State Board for the Protection of Fish and Game," recommends Governor West. "This board to consist of five members, one of whom should be the president of the Oregon state agricultural college, and of the other 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 the master fish warden and the state game warden and 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 connection with that of our other fish hatcheries and such an arrangement, by saving the state the expense of maintaining two separate systems of hatcheries, would be greatly in the interest of economy."

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

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.

EXCURSION TO LOS ANGELES

Don't overlook that Los Angeles excursion leaving Medford January 19, the round trip \$31.55, thirty day limit stop off where and when you please, go and return via either route. See San Francisco, the Golden Gate, Mt. Tamalpais, Alcatraz, the beautiful bay, the wonderful city rising from the ruins of the fire and quake, then travel south and see Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Del Monte; take the Coast line, the daylight trip along the ocean and see the immense oil wells in the ocean; see Santa Barbara, Paso Robles, then Los Angeles, Pasadena, Redlands, and Riverside, the home of the multi-millionaires; go to Venice, the city built out in the ocean, see the ostrich farms; then go to Catalina island, see the submarine gardens from the glass

FOR SALE

15 acres, 3 miles from Talent, fenced, timber, alfalfa and fruit land, good house, pure water, 1/4 mile from school, 300 young pear trees, lovely place; \$2000, one-half down.

Also 34 acres, 1 mile from Talent, 12 acres of fruit, family orchard in bearing; apples, Newtowns, 12 acres, peach filled; 7 acres timber, irrigated, dwelling house shaded by large laurel trees, plenty of water, fertile soil, garden spot, pumping plant; terms, \$13,000, \$7000 cash, the balance in payments of \$1000 yearly at 6 per cent.

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Also 80 acres fine timber, \$2000, one-half down.

Also 34 acres, half mile from Talent, fine house, fruit trees, alfalfa, all under cultivation; price \$8750, balance to suit purchaser.

Also for sale, home in Talent, Jackson county, Oregon (a newly incorporated town), a fine home of 18 acres; level, fertile alfalfa and fruit land, irrigated; one block from post-office, on the main road and extends to Bear creek; has two acres bearing Newtowns, 11 years old; 12 acres Bartlett and O'Anton pears; 2 acres alfalfa; all is fine garden land; a six-room house; climate very mild; pure water from the mountains; very healthy; churches, schools and literary societies; no saloons or drunkennes; it is a dry town; it is midway between the thriving cities of Medford and Ashland; price \$10,000—\$4500 down, the remainder on time at 6 per cent.

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WANTED - MEDFORD INCOME AND ROGUE RIVER PROPERTY IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING - FROM OWNERS ONLY: \$200,000—Equity in excellent business property in Chicago, Ill. \$25,000—Dairy ranch near Kent, Washington. \$12,000—Alfalfa stock ranch near Tulare, California. \$65,000—89-room apartment house, Seattle, Washington. \$3,500—6-room modern bungalow, Seattle, Washington. \$35,000—226-acre alfalfa and grain ranch, California. \$35,000—320-acre grain and dairy ranch, California. \$200,000—500-acre alfalfa and alfalfa ranch, California. \$5,000—6-room bungalow and 6-room house, Seattle, Washington. \$10,000—9-room modern house, garage, furnace, etc., Pomona, California. \$15,000—Lots, unimproved, first-class, Pomona, California. \$7,500—Brick yard, machinery, kilns, etc., Washington. \$75,000—Equity in residence property, Seattle, Washington. \$16,000—50 lots at Pacific Beach, California. \$4,000—Nebraska farm of 160 acres. \$5,000—Equity in 20 acres, Bacon Park, California. \$100,000—Splendid apartment house, Seattle, Washington. \$85,000—Store building in Seattle, Washington; good income. \$30,000—Store building in Seattle, Washington; good income. \$20,000—10-room 2-story, large lot, Hollywood California. \$11,400—57 lots at Harriman, Oregon, near Portland. \$12,000—1 block business property, Portland, Oregon. \$7,040—352-acre wheat ranch near Riverville, Washington. \$5,000—5-acre improved ranch at Downey, California. Address or call on CHARLES W. SHARPE —or— A. L. CUSICK 375 So. Central Ave. MEDFORD, OREGON. 1149 W. 10th St.

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