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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, 10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water and six feet 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 \$1 per cent.

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

Summer fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg apples won sweetest 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 trees brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Wrote Commercial club, including 6 clubs for postage for the finest community completed ever written.

Fifty Years Ago Today. President Wash. ...

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. The famous, prominent of the French Panama canal, predicted that the canal would be finished in 1888 and "the inauguration take place in 1890 at the end of the rainy season."

Three Negroes Lynched by Mob. Sheriff Begins Investigation but Says He Has Little Hope of Identifying Men Who Took Law in Their Hands.

SHELBYVILLE, Ky., Jan. 17.—Admitting that they have little hope of identifying the members of the mob that took three negroes from jail here and lynched them, both Sheriff Perkins and Coroner Bullock today began an investigation.

The mob stormed the jail early yesterday. The members worked quietly, going to the jail after the engineer of the city electric plant has been compelled to shut off the power, leaving the streets in darkness.

The Southern Pacific is now parking, at its own expense, a portion of this right of way. It is too much to ask that the railroad park it all, but at the request of the city, the railroad will probably order it vacated, and permit the city to beautify the grounds, and no money the city could spend would more improve the city.

By all means, park the right of way, and park it this time.

SNOW IN OREGON. BY REX H. LAMPMAN.

It snowed last night in Oregon, in Oregon the fair—The great big chimney, that's blacker than smoking through the air; They fell so thickly and so fast they, when they reached the ground The warm earth could not melt them all, and so the morning found An ermine sheet upon the hillsides, how it glittered white!

You should have seen the madrone with its leaves all shiny-green And its berries red as rubies shining through the snowy sheen. The magnolia was covered as in a sweet June trifle, And the great dark, solid birch her hoarse gleaming head with pride; When the mighty sun came driving from his throne across the sky You should have seen the snowfall in Oregon the fair!

Why, the oaks stood like crumblers, reared in like the cross; Like benches on their broad backs, leaning back with gentle grace. The mistletoe's dry, gray-green tulle, with holly red and white. As the rain the oaks had taken in the watches of the night But each night we saw Palestine, so white the time had share On the story wrought by snowfall in Oregon the fair!

For it snowed last night in Oregon, where everything is fresh. The chimneys and the telegraph poles were caps of pure white plush. The apples dropped a silver dew, like music from a harp—At such splendors be it distant from a hard like me to carp! Enough of beauty held the morn for me, with lots to spare—It snowed last night in Oregon, in Oregon the fair.

NOTICE MERCHANTS. Meeting of Merchants association tonight at Commercial club rooms, 8:00 o'clock. All members please be present. Important business.

H. C. EARNETT, Pres. JOHN CARLIN, Secy. Haskins for Health.

A SOUTHERN OREGON POET

BESIDES covering the valley with its glistening mantle of white, beneficent orchard and farm, forest and stream, the snow storm has inspired a poem that will live long after the snow will have gone the way of all snow and have been forgotten—verses that will live to be quoted for snobs of future years and take rank among the classics of Oregon.

In Rex H. Lampman of the Gold Hill News southern Oregon evidently can boast of a real poet, if "Snow in Oregon" is a fair sample of his work. It is in striking contrast to most of the mediocre output of commonplace minds labelled "poetry" simply because it has a jingle hurled upon a helpless public.

Mr. Lampman's paper is the best country weekly in the northwest, published in a town of the size of Gold Hill. The strenuous duties of a country publisher leaves the editor little time for verse making, he is busy striving to make both ends meet in an unappreciative community. There is nothing that will take the poetry out of any one quicker than educating mossbacks and the country editor that can keep enough of his vitality and youth to write verses after continuous and all but hopeless effort to rouse his neighbors from their lethargy, is a wonder.

Like autumn leaves dropping in the forest, is the constant, never ending, falling of newspapers from presses over the world—and as the leaves are blown around by the eddying winds and disappear, so are the newspapers swept aside and forgotten—the one the product of many days, Nature's story of the year, the other the product of many minds, the record of humanity for a day. So there appears little of real value in the newspaper on account of its transitory character—but once in a while there is something worth while—like Mr. Lampman's poem—though it is a rare event in Oregon.

A BUSINESS LEGISLATURE

ALL appearances indicate a businesslike administration at Salem. The election of Selling as president of the senate and Rusk as speaker of the house gives the control to progressives and insures a minimum of politics and a maximum of business—unless Mr. Bowerman succeeds in organizing a filibustering opposition.

Governor West, Treasurer Kay and Secretary Benson have evidently formed an agreement not to play politics, but to act together to give Oregon the best administration the state has ever had. Consequently, we may look for merit to govern appointments, rather than partisanship.

The action of the board in removing Dr. J. D. Plamondon, recently appointed by Acting Governor Bowerman as superintendent of the Eastern Oregon asylum, is to be commended. The asylum will not need a superintendent for two years and the appointment was merely a political move to strengthen Bowerman's candidacy for presidency of the senate, Senator Barrett of Umatilla, father-in-law of Plamondon, switching to Bowerman's support in consequence. By the removal the state saves the salary.

Efforts to play politics in the legislature do not meet favor with the people and any leader who seeks to enhance his standing and prestige by it will only succeed in discrediting himself.

PARK THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

BEFORE Medford grows much larger, provision should be made for a future park system. If the money can be obtained, the land should be purchased before it climbs higher in valuation.

One park site, probably available now without much cost to the city, and which will do more to beautify and advertise Medford than any single improvement, is the Southern Pacific right of way extending from Fifth street to Eighth between Front and Fir streets.

The shacks, warehouses and unsightly structures that now occupy a portion of this vacant land, should be removed farther south or north, trees and lawns planted, and the grounds otherwise beautified. This will give every traveler a favorable impression of the city and will make an attractive and unique entrance and result in much advertisement.

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RUSK HOLDS HIS POWER

Eaton Admits He Is Not Strong Enough to Wrest Power From Speaker — Rusk Forces Stand Pat.

SALEM, Jan. 16.—Admitting that his following is not strong enough to deprive Speaker Rusk of the power of appointing the standing committees of the house Representative Eaton, who was defeated for speaker by Rusk, said this morning that he would go down to defeat on the floor of the house today protesting Rusk's appointive rights. Eaton said that he believed that the speaker should not have the right to nominate his committees, as he asserted, such procedure delegates too much authority on one man.

The Rusk-Thompson forces asserted that they controlled 36 votes, or a majority of five, shortly before the

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