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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, 8540; estimated in November, 1910, 10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water and sixteen 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 \$2,378,032, a gain of 22 per cent.

Danner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitznberg 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 peaches brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial club, enclosing 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

Fifty Years Ago Today, Jan. 17.

Lola Monica Marie DeJores, Ella Rosanna Gilbert, dancer, actress and comedienne, whose adventures in Europe and America entertained two continents, died at Astoria, N. Y. She was born of Spanish-Irish parents in 1818.

The Pacific railroad bill was discussed in the United States senate, and the constitutional right of the government to finance it was attacked. The southern route was estimated to cost \$175,000,000.

Recruiting of volunteers to capture Fort Pickens was begun at New Orleans.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today, Chapter in the Balkan states.

Greece demanded an alliance with Serbia and refused to disarm. Montenegro demanded an extension of territory.

WILSON HANDS TRUSTS ROAST

Demands In His Inaugural Address That New Jersey Cease to Be Known as "Mother of Trusts"—Adoption of the Oregon Plan.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 17.—Demands that New Jersey cease to be known as the "mother of trusts" through an amendment to the state's corporation law was one of the striking features of the inaugural address of Governor Woodrow Wilson, delivered here today to the incoming legislature.

"We are too free," he said, "with grants and charters to the corporations, and I urge upon you as an imperative obligation that you immediately effect a change in the law which will prevent abuse of the incorporation privileges which has brought discredit on the state. It is necessary that you restrict and regulate the use of securities, and force the regulations regarding bond life capital and public utilities which the public will be disappointed from fraud, deception and extortion."

Governor Wilson also urged that a public service commission be empowered to fix and regulate the rates of all public service corporations, and strongly advocated the Oregon law ballot reform and corrupt practices act.

ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association will be held in Harbortown Hall, Medford, Oregon, at 10 a. m. Tuesday, February 14th, 1911.

K. S. MILLER, Secretary.

COUNTY OFFICIALS' SALARIES

EVERY legislature witnesses a flood of bills in the interest of various officials to secure increases in salary. With the growth and development of the state, it is to be expected that the work of the various officials increases, and naturally they need more clerical assistance and an increased appropriation to provide it.

On the other hand, requests from newly elected officials come with bad grace. They knew what the work was and what the pay was, before announcing candidacy for office, and to demand an increase before they have been installed long enough to learn the routine duties of the office, is poor judgment. It looks as though he would make a sinecure of his position.

The pay of most county officials is too small to secure officials of ability. The average man can make more outside of public office, which demoralizes a man's business career and unfits him for other occupation.

Present methods of regulating pay for officials in Oregon are clumsy and obsolete, and for that matter, so is the system of county government. A law should be passed as in other states, ranging the counties into classes, determined by population or business, and fixing the compensation for officials in each class. Thus when a county showed an increase, it would move into the counties of the next higher class and expenditures be rated accordingly.

Under the present system, much injustice is worked, the average official gets less than he is entitled to, and the man with a legislative pull gets more.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

JACKSON county's legislative delegation has played its cards well, and the county is represented upon the most important committees.

The most important legislation to come before the legislature this year is that concerning good roads, a subject in which Jackson county is peculiarly interested.

Of these all powerful committees, Senator Von der Hellen is chairman in the senate, and Representative Eggleston a member in the house.

Senator Von der Hellen is also a member of committees on banking, counties, federal relations, public lands, and fishing industries. The latter is important to this section, as the house will endeavor to repeal the initiative law closing the Rogue to commercial fishing.

Representative Eggleston is a member of ways and means committee, that passes upon all appropriations, and is the most powerful committee in the legislature. He is also chairman of committee on statistics and emigration. Representative Westlund is chairman of committee on horticulture, and is on the banking and mining committee.

Representative Buchanan is a member of the committee on counties, judiciary, military affairs and salaries of state and county officers.

CHINOOK VANISHES WINTER

FOR a week, the Rogue river valley has lingered in the icy arms of winter. Yesterday the ground was white with snow and the streets a sheet of ice. Today the sun is gaily shining on green lawns and the mantle of winter has magically disappeared. The breath of early spring and the pulse of new life are in the air. All nature, and man along with her, seems refreshed and revived by the change.

The sudden transformation is due to the "Chinook" as the warm south wind, a phenomena peculiar to the northwest, is called. It comes when least expected, unlocks the frozen clasp of the frost king and banishes him with a breath to the ice lands. Floods frequently follow, but there is no dreary lingering period of slush while earth is sloughing off her season's dress.

We shall have more cold spells, but they will grow rapidly less severe for the "backbone" of winter is broken and shortly, before we realize it, spring in all her fragile fragrance and beauty, will be here.

Many Neglected Apple Markets in the Country

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 15, 1911. To the Editor: I read an editorial in your paper recently on the Rogue River Valley Fruit Association. Since leaving Medford I have been a closer observer of fruits and markets and thought about some things which your association must do before it attains the success contemplated.

I have not seen a decent apple since I left Medford. While visiting friends near Hayward, Calif., I purchased a box of Wagners for 75c. Size was about the only thing that recommended them. At the Wells Fargo office in Hayward I saw several boxes of Yakimas Blacks with a Hood river shipping mark on the boxes and I wondered how Hood river could ship apples through Medford to California, while our association was sleeping on its commercial rights.

Leaving California, the next reputed great fruit section passed through was at Grand Junction, Colorado, but I never saw any fruit. At Canon City, just below the Royal Gorge, vendors were crying Colorado apples. I bought some and then wished I had not. There were two varieties—Schockley and a mongrel yellow. I knew the schockley was no account so I guessed the yellow apple. Had it been a nickel in a slot machine it would have drawn a blank.

It was a dry, tiresome ride across Kansas, no rain for months; no wheat up; corn shock scattering and fruit an unknown quantity.

When I reached Kansas City I supposed I would find some good apples. I took a run down to the wholesale commission market and then up town among the higher class retail stores. The nearest approach to a decent apple was some Yakima Jonathans; poor in looks, half red, half white, with a dull mealy red color. Rogue river valley leaves this kind of stuff in the orchard to rot.

Leaving Kansas City, I am now in the "Queen of the Ozarks," Springfield, the center of the red apple country. There is not a decent apple in the old town. At various stores noticed advertisements reading: "We sell Sunkist oranges and lemons," but no sign saying "We sell Rogue river valley apples."

which started a discussion that culminated in the organization of the Rogue River Valley Fruit Growers association. I want now to offer a few suggestions:

I believe the association the past year disposed of its product by shipping to commission houses chiefly in Chicago and New York. Perhaps this was the best and all that could be done; but that could have been done as easily by the individual grower. You may spend great sums of money patronizing shows in Chicago, but that will not build up a market. The question of greater distribution must be solved. It is the only thing that saved the California Citrus Fruit Growers' association. Oregon apples are piled up in New York and the balance of the country is begging for a decent apple. I am sure it is time for your officers and manager to get next to the situation.

Yours for the success of Rogue River valley.

JAMES T. BARBEE.

AT THE THEATRES.

Cameron Wednesday. It is seldom that our playgoers get an opportunity to witness such a sterling attraction as Grace Cameron in Herbert Kerr's four act comedy "Nancy," which appears at the Medford theater on Wednesday, January 18. Nothing succeeds like success, and the success of the great play "Nancy" has been in a way most marvelous.

Packed houses have greeted this offering all along the line and the owners have sent out three companies playing this piece to supply the demand for it. The original number one company is headed by Grace Cameron, the dainty star who was formerly prima donna or star with Little Dolly Dimples, Pitt Puff Puff, the Bostonians, Savage grand opera company, The Tenderfoot, When Johnny Comes Marching Home, Foxy Quiller and many other high class attractions. The other members of the company supporting Miss Cameron are well known actors of unquestioned ability.

Mannerings Thursday.

In "A Man's World," Miss Mary Mannerings has found the most successful vehicle of her career. Her appearance here at the Medford theater Thursday, Jan. 19, will therefore be a matter of deep interest to theatergoers who have followed her fortunes from her first success until this crowning success of her career. This new play of Rachel Crothers is told with humor, realism, and contains a number of finely drawn characters.

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