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**TWOEN 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: 8340.

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 \$2,376,532, a gain of 32 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen 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 pears 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.

Work is about the best rest cure that has yet been discovered.

A girl is worth all it costs to raise her—and it always costs it.

A boss girl may be all right, but a boss wife may be all wrong.

A superior manner is one thing; a superior person is another.

Make a noise like ready money and your friends will not forsake you.

It's about time to count up the things you have to be thankful for.

You can't help liking the man who gets knocked out and then comes back.

There are times when the still small voice of conscience seems tongue-tied.

A stubborn desire to get even has brought about many a man's downfall.

It will be noted that Senator Lodge isn't asking the aid of Colonel Roosevelt in his campaign for re-election.

The fat price Old Doc Cook got for all his confession also looks like another great democratic victory.

Returns from the late election are all in except those from the Roosevelt-Baldwin correspondence.

Marshal Jack Abernathy, who catches wolves with his bare hands, saved his knuckles by letting go of that office before they were rapped.

One trouble with a president's message is that the reader knows at the start that the hero isn't going to get the heroine in the last chapter.

A London paper calls Mr. Balfour "the William J. Bryan of English politics," although he has led his party only twice to defeat.

While some critics do not consider King George the man for the place, George consoles himself with the knowledge that the place is for the man.

Com. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, wants consumers to save money by buying direct from the farmers. A valuable suggestion. We look to see it put to practical use in New York at once!

## FOR BEAUTIFYING MEDFORD

TO MAKE Medford a city beautiful, shade trees must be uniformly planted and cared for along residence streets. Citizens who have civic pride will plant them voluntarily—but many will not. Experience has proved that compulsory planting is the only satisfactory solution—and that shade trees must be placed in the category along with other civic improvements.

The rejection of the proposed charter amendment at the recent city election, which gave to the city council authority to regulate shade tree planting, delayed Medford at least a year in the movement to become the city beautiful. All that can now be done is for each property owner to voluntarily go to work to improve his premises, add to its attractiveness and appreciate its market value, by planting shade trees, and planting them at once—it will soon be too late. Streets will then speak for themselves as to the progressiveness and enterprise of the owners.

New Jersey has a plan that could well be followed here, and ladies of the Greater Medford club as well as members of the Commercial club would do well to endorse such a charter amendment to be submitted at the next special election. By this law the planting of trees along the sidewalks and in the parks of the municipalities is placed in the hands of three citizens of each town. These serve without compensation and have absolute control over planting, caring for and maintaining the trees.

In the city of Newark—where the law has been in force for six years—17,000 young trees have been set out on 102 miles of streets. Authority is given the commission to assess the cost against the property in front of which the trees are set out. Last year the assessment averaged \$2.93. This is the whole cost from first to last. If the tree dies it is replaced free of cost to the property. The trees are pruned, cared for and protected without expense to the taxpayer after the initial assessment. The money—beyond actual expenditures for labor, stakes, guards, etc.—is invested in more young trees for further planting.

The commission's powers are not arbitrary. It must give notice through the newspapers of its intention to plant trees on certain streets—and must hold public hearings where all interested in the matter may appear and present arguments pro and con. Only after this hearing and a weighing of the views presented, may the commission order the plantings. It is expected that there will be 4000 young trees set out each fall and spring. These will yearly add twelve miles of streets to those already adorned with growing trees. A particularly wise provision of this New Jersey law is that which requires the trees set out on any street to be of a single species and all of one size.

## EXTENSION OF THE OREGON PLAN

BECAUSE Oregon has solved the problem of electing the popular choice as United States senator without an amendment to the national constitution, and because this state is a pioneer in progressive legislation, having adopted the direct primary, initiative and referendum, the recall and other laws designed to give the people a voice in the government, reactionary newspapers, led by the Oregonian, have long designed Oregon as "the fool of the family."

A few years ago, Oregon stood alone. Today several states have followed her lead in adopting popular legislation, and a score of others are demanding it. The "Oregon plan" has become the state's greatest advertisement, and all over the union it is finding great favor. Progressive republican governors, like Johnson of California, and progressive democratic governors, like Wilson of New Jersey, are urging it—and it is only a question of time until it is almost universally adopted.

In his message, Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey Tuesday said:

"The laws in recent years adopted in the state of Oregon seem to me to point the direction which we must also take before we have completed our regeneration of a government which has suffered so seriously and so long from private management and organized selfishness. Our primary laws, perfected, should be extended to every elective office, and to the selection of every committee or official as well, in order that the people may once for all take charge of their own affairs."

A hundred and thirty odd years ago, Jean Jacques Rousseau said: "Sovereignty can not be represented, even as it can not be alienated; it consists essentially in the general will, and the will is now ascertainable by representation. The English people believes itself free, but it greatly deceives itself; it is not so except during the election of members of parliament. As soon as they are elected, it is enslaved, it is nothing."

Yet the people of England have much more to say than in America. Public disapproval at once insures a new election, while in the United States people must wait until the elected term expires. The passage of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill in England would have resulted in an appeal to the people and a change of government—but Americans must wait for years before iniquitous legislation is undone.

To correct this evil, to nullify bad legislation, Oregon has followed the example of Switzerland in adopting the referendum, and it is only a question of time until it is extended, as it has been in Switzerland, to the nation. The better education of the people, through its use in the various states, will enable them to pass intelligently upon national measures. In such manner will popular government be lifted from the ranks of theory to actuality, and a democracy, which represents the will of the people, be established.

## DESERTED BEFORE END OF HONEYMOON

BEDDING, Jan. 18.—To be deserted without cause in a little more than two weeks after the wedding is the ground of Mrs. Mattie Belle St. Clair's complaint in a divorce action brought yesterday against Charles A. St. Clair, a blacksmith. They were married in this city December 24,

1909, the bride's name being Mrs. Mattie Belle Withoef before the ceremony. The complaint alleges that St. Clair deserted his wife January 10, 1910, and they have since lived apart, the husband failing to provide and his desertion being without cause.

Haskins for health.

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## BIG IMMIGRATION EXPECTED IN 1911

Secretary Nagle Says Year May Equal That of 1907, Which Holds Record for New Arrivals From European Countries.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—"While the fiscal year 1910 brought a total of 1,198,907 immigrants to the United States, of whom 1,041,570 were of the immigrant class, the prediction is made that this year will approach the banner year 1907, when more than 1,285,000 aliens came in," says Charles Nagle, secretary of commerce and labor, in his annual report.

Of all those who came last year more than 274,000 admitted they had been assisted by friends. All the immigrants brought a total of \$28,197,745 with them, a per capita of about \$27. Two per cent of all who applied for admission were turned back. They numbered 24,276 in all, as against 10,411 in 1909. Though no increase in attempts to import contract labor is apparent 1700 aliens were deported as such during the year. Stricter legislation to govern that class of immigration is recommended.

Unless immigration can be diverted from Ellis island or reduced, there is need for additions to the facilities there. At no port is there any adequate provision for handling immigrants declares the secretary, although at most places sites have already been bought by the government for buildings to be used for these purposes.

Stricter regulation of steamship companies in the immigrant traffic is urged and a system of fines for companies which bring insane immigrants or those afflicted with contagious diseases is proposed. The secretary declares that the immigration officials even find it unwise to allow alien employees of steamships to land on American soil without applying the usual examination to them.

## WEST, OLIVER, CURRY MUST STAND TRIAL

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 18.—Governor Oswald West, State Senator Turner, Oliver and George H. Curry, a former editor here, will have to stand trial for a \$25,000 libel suit brought by F. W. Gaines, a rate expert. A demurrer to set the complaint aside was overruled by Judge Knowles today.

The article in question was written by the then railroad commissioner, Mr. West, and attacked Gaines.

200,000 Dogs; 150,000 Sheep.  
TOPEKA, Jan. 18.—Senator Bender has opened war on the dogs of Kansas in the interest of sheep raisers. He has prepared a bill providing for a state tax of from \$1 to \$2 annually on each dog, the money

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to go into a fund to be used to reimburse the farmers whose sheep are killed by dogs. He says there are nearly 200,000 dogs in Kansas and only 150,000 sheep, and he attributes the condition of the sheep industry to the great number of dogs.

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