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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, 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 22 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg 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, including 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

Fifty Years Ago Today, Jan. 25. The United States sloop of war Brooklyn sailed south from Norfolk, Va., with sealed orders, having 200 soldiers on board.

Mrs. Lincoln and Robert arrived at Springfield, much to the relief of the president elect, who for three days had been regularly on the beat between home and the railroad station despite the cold and snow.

LEAPS TO DEATH IN WILLAMETTE Grover Townsend Quarrels With Bride and Jumps From Hawthorn Bridge Shouting "Good Bye Dear," as He Goes.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—Grover Townsend, 23, jumped from the Hawthorne bridge into the Willamette river where he was drowned, last night because he had quarreled with his wife, according to Mrs. Townsend, today. The couple had been married three months. He was the seventh person to commit suicide in as many days.

"Grover and I quarreled over some money Saturday," said Mrs. Townsend. "He remained away from home and yesterday I went to his place of employment and asked him to return. He said he would. While crossing the bridge, he handed me his watch, six dollars in silver and kissed me. Then he climbed over the railing. I caught hold of his coat but couldn't hold him. He shouted 'Good bye, dear,' as he fell."

As soon as Townsend struck the water the woman cried for help. Boatmen below the span went to rescue the struggling man but he sank before the ship reached him.

Mrs. Townsend is 24 years old. She was in a state of collapse today. The body has not been recovered.

JAP SOCIALIST'S BODY GIVEN TO SCIENTISTS TOKIO, Jan. 25.—Dentiro Kotoku's body, it was announced today, will be turned over to the Imperial university of Tokio for dissection. This, according to a government announcement, will be done as the result of a will left by the leader of the 12 Japanese socialists who were executed here yesterday in the central prison.

In his last testament Kotoku made declaration for the last time of the principles for which he died and stated that as he could be of no further use to mankind intellectually, it was his desire that his body might be examined under the scalpel, looking to the advancement of science.

Haskins for Health.

OREGON LEADS ALL STATES.

THE legislature recently defeated a resolution that declared that Oregon had the best government of any state in the Union. Peanut politics, a desire to slap a United States senator, the grudges of defeated and discredited would-be leaders, were responsible for its rejection.

But the truth of the matter is that Oregon has the best government.

Oregon is the only state where the people have a say, where the initiative, referendum, recall, purity of elections and popular election of senators obtains.

Scarcely a state in the country, east, west or south, that is not dominated by corrupt bosses and corporate interests. Neither dominate Oregon.

Scarcely a state in the middle west or eastern seaboard, where "respectable" citizens do not make a practice of selling their right of suffrage. Witness the exposures now in progress in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and other states. Nothing like this in Oregon.

Even in the south, purer than the north, half the citizens are disfranchised by constitutional subterfuges. No one is disfranchised in Oregon.

It is said that popular and progressive measures destroy party unity, because it smashes the political machine. What is the difference, if they also eliminate corruption and bring about better government?

If Oregon hasn't the best government, name a state that has a better.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S NEED.

OREGON is probably the only state in the Union that shamefully neglects its historical society, which is preserving a mass of historical data of great value to future generations.

Repeatedly the society has requested a modest appropriation to erect a permanent home. But while there is sufficient money for everything else, the claims of the society are ignored.

The exhibits and data collected and maintained, dating from the first settlement of the territory, its great historical and educational value, make it imperative that they be sufficiently housed and cared for.

If there had been a graft in connection therewith, or if a large sum had been requested, the appropriation would have been made years ago, and it is no credit to the state that this worthy and meritorious subject has been so long neglected.

It is to be hoped that this legislature will atone for the shortcomings of previous sessions and grant the society's request.

PEANUT POLITICS PLAYED.

SO FAR the legislature has done nothing but play peanut politics—nothing to justify its existence.

The senate chamber has rung again and again with invective hurled at Jonathan Bourne, who is not an issue.

Charges of graft and extravagance in the management of state institutions under the administration of Acting Governor Jay Bowerman have been made by Senator Jay Bowerman, with the hope of injuring the new administration.

Jay Bowerman, who at the state's expense appointed a superintendent for the eastern Oregon asylum before it was built in order to secure an extra vote for himself as president of the senate, is devoting his time and energy to "getting even" with those who failed to appreciate his genius, and aiding and abetting him is the old guard of reactionaries.

Small wonder that the people of Oregon grow disgusted with legislatures, and that they favor extension of the initiative and referendum to replace them.

BIG INFLUX FROM EAST

Railroad Predicts Spring Movement of Homeseekers From East to Northwest Will Break All Records—Plan New Homes.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 25.—Officials of transcontinental railroads and connecting lines declare that the movement of homeseekers from the Mississippi and Missouri river valleys into Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana this spring will be the largest in the history of the western country, and heads of banks and bond houses in Chicago, estimate that more money will find its way into the new sections as well as the developed districts this year than ever before.

August Wolf, secretary of the publicity and promotion committee of the Spokane chamber of commerce, who is in Chicago in the interest of the National Irrigation congress, says this in a letter to the chamber of commerce.

"Probably the Missouri river valley is furnishing and will continue to send more people and more money to the new districts than any other territory," he adds, "but many from other parts of the middle western states will make their homes on small tracts near towns and cities. There is keen interest in mixed farming, fruit growing, dairying and chicken raising and hundreds will take up these lines in their new homes in the western country.

While at Des Moines, a few days ago I met scores of well-to-do Iowa farmers and not a few tradesmen who are arranging to go to the north west. Most of the farmers I talked with are men who homesteaded or bought their lands at a low figure and are now able to sell out at a big profit, the prices, ranging from \$150 to \$200 an acre; naturally they figure on doing the same thing over again in the new districts.

"These people are going to invest their money in land somewhere in the northwest. Some will buy small tracts to practice the more intensive form of agriculture, while others will take up grain and hay lands. Then, again there are some who are figuring on acquiring developed orchards or berry fields in the older districts. Many of them are familiar with the northwest as are our people and they are going into the country to make money believing that the four northwestern states offer greater opportunities, advantages and possibilities than the middle western and southwestern states.

"The work of the commercial organizations, railway companies and individual 'boosters' gives promise of showing its value this year more than ever before. The people appear to have greater confidence in the exploitation literature distributed by these agencies, and where there is the least question of doubt as to crops, climate and other conditions they do not hesitate to write to broker to verify the statements."

To Fight Bubonic Plague. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—Sixteen physicians, 25 assistant surgeons and 200 nurses will be sent to Manchuria by the Russian government to assist in fighting bubonic plague, reported prevalent.

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Scene From 'The Man of the Hour'



At the Medford Theatre Tonight.

George Broadhurst's "The Man of the Hour," an American play which has won an extraordinary degree of success, will be seen at the Medford theatre on Wednesday, January 25. The work is a comedy drama, and treats with one of the most important municipal problems of the day as its basic motive, while involved in it is a most engaging love story.

Broadhurst heretofore confined himself mostly to the writing of farces, such as "What Happened to Jones," "Why Smith Lost Eomo," etc. His best known adventure in the field of more serious drama up to the time of the production of "The Man of the Hour" is a play called "An American Senator," in which

William H. Crane appeared a few seasons ago, but his latest play has made all his former efforts seem unimportant by comparison, for it is not only a distinct triumph for the American playwright, but it has also won a success hitherto quite unparalleled on the American stage.

Among the players that will be seen here in the east are: Mr. Harry English, Warren Conkey, Edward Keane, John Morris, Clyde F. McCabe, Frank Kondricks, Franklin George, E. H. Fell, George Walters, Geo. A. Cameron, Frank Watson, Alfred Burns, and Miss Eleanor Haber Virginia Irwin, Florence Muck.

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