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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 six teen 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 \$2,276,532, a gain of 22 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitsenberg apples won sweep stake 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.

Wrote Commercial club, including 1 cent for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

Fifty Years Ago Today, Jan. 30.

President Buchanan signed the bill making Kansas a state. The Pacific railroad bill passed the United States senate, 34 to 14. It authorized a government indebtedness of \$121,000,000.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today.

Jacob Schaefer won for America the international championship at billiards by beating the French champion, Maurice Vignaux, in a highly sensational contest in New York. Schaefer made the remarkable runs of 168, 178 and 180.

10 YEAR OLD BOY SHOOT'S MOTHER

Had Been to Moving Picture Show, and Had Seen Adventurous Life of Frontier Pictured—Says He Did Not Know Gun Was Loaded.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 30.—With a dangerous wound in her neck, Mrs. Julia Strand is in St. Vincent's hospital where she will be operated on today as a result of being shot with a bullet from a 22 calibre rifle, in the hands of her son Frank, aged 10. The boy previously had been to a moving picture show at which he had seen the adventurous life of border rangers depicted. Her chances for recovery are favorable.

He arrived home ahead of his parents last night and loaded his rifle. Two or three times, he said, he fancied he heard noises in the building. Later when his parents arrived he pointed the gun at his mother and fired. The bullet entered near the base of the skull.

The boy was taken to the police station where he told the story of the shooting to the police and asserted that he had forgotten that the weapon was loaded when he aimed it at his mother.

MYSTERIOUS KILLING OF WOMAN Baffles

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Efforts by the New York police to solve the mystery surrounding the finding of a woman strangled to death in a Sixth avenue hotel, have been fruitless today. The woman's companion, registered as John Smith, Montclair, N. J., could not be found.

Piles Wants Harper's Scalp.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—Senator Piles is demanding the scalp of Frederick C. Harper, President Taft's choice for collector of customs for the state of Washington. Piles wants his brother, Matt Piles, named. Harper was recommended by Wesley Jones, junior senator from Washington.

THE LAW OF OUR LAND.

A LAW may be a foolish law. There are thousands of laws, which, for good practical reasons, are not enforced, says Robert Sloss in an article in "Success Magazine" entitled "Why Is an Express Company?" Law is merely an expression of the popular will, and if the popular will is not behind the law, or does not stay behind it, the law should not exist. And if you and I and all of us do not want a law enforced, who is going to enforce it?

Here is section 181, Revised Statutes of the United States, passed March 4, 1909. At that time there had already been in existence for forty years and more a law covering the same point. For forty years and more the express business of this country had been operated in direct violation of the older statute. There is no question about it. In so far as the express companies compete with the postoffice department in carrying mailable matter—and that is no mean share of the express business—they are breaking this law.

"Whoever shall establish any private express for the conveyance of letters or packets, or in any manner cause or provide for the conveyance of the same by regular trips or at stated periods over any post route which is or may be established by law, or from any city, town or place to any other city, town or place between which the mail is regularly carried, or whoever shall aid or assist therein, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

"Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any person from receiving and delivering to the nearest postoffice, postal car or other authorized depository for mail matter any mail matter properly stamped."

You may wonder why the law has not been enforced against the express companies. Not long ago the United States circuit court dismissed a suit brought under this law by Nathan B. Williams of Fayetteville, Arkansas, on the ground that a private citizen had no right to bring suit against the express companies for operating against the law over the post roads; such suit, said the court, could be brought only by the government.

Thereupon, P. R. Howard of Cincinnati brought pressure on the attorney general to act against the express companies. The answer was the following statement, issued by the department of justice:

"The department has made a very complete study of the proposition and agrees with Mr. Williams on the law, except as to the one point, namely, that there has been an administrative construction against the proposition for over forty years, and the chances are that a suit will be defeated on that ground."

Our government, ignoring the newer statute, takes the position of killing, by "administrative construction," what is supposed to be the popular will.

ALFONSO UNTRUE WILL BROADEN TO HIS QUEEN SECRET SERVICE

Victoria Has Practically Quit Spanish Ruler—Alfonso's Latest Inamorata Is Mlle. Riccotti, a Paris Dancer.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—That Queen Victoria of Spain, in consequence of his amours with other women has practically quit King Alfonso, is admitted in court circles here today. It is learned that Queen Victoria has been for some time prevented from leaving Spain only by political pressure from England and the fear that by so doing she might lose the custody of the Crown Prince Alfonso.

Victoria's family are urging her to put as good a front as possible on her matrimonial troubles and it is believed that the dread of losing her child will prevent her leaving Spain.

Alfonso's latest inamorata, it is learned, is Mlle. Riccotti, a Paris dancer. The Spanish king was with her constantly on his most recent visit to the French capital and after his return to Madrid he sent her costly souvenirs.

WILLAMETTE BOY IS HUNGRY AND IN DISTRESS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 30.—His dreams of being a cowboy in the king shavered, Vesta K. Bennett, 15, son of F. M. Bennett of Willamette, Or., after seeking in vain for a job as a cowboy in Arizona and southern California, is at the police station here today, lonely and homeless.

His parents have communicated with his parents.

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"The improvements made in our business streets the past year are not only a good thing for the city and the people living here, but they are advertising this city all over the state of Oregon and impressing this city on the minds of all people who pass through as tourists.

"Reports come from all over the state that people have heard of this city's elegant streets and the excellent lighting system that has been installed. A gentleman was here from Marshfield last week who is making a tour of all the cities of Oregon getting ideas on civic improvement for the chamber of commerce of his city, and he was very loud in his praise of the improvements in this city and he said that our bitulithic paved streets were the prettiest and best lighted of any city he had visited.

"This did not start in on the improvements as early as some of the other cities, but the past administration profited by the work of other cities and got the best.

"When the night trains pass through Grants Pass passengers crane their necks to look at our beautiful paved and lighted streets.

"The streets and lights are a great advertisement to the city, but the improvement should not be allowed to stop, and the people should start right away to continue the improvement should not be allowed to stop, and the people should start right away to continue the improvements the coming year. There is no talk of continuing the bitulithic pavement up Sixth street for several blocks and also talk of paving residence streets."

Kipling's Father Dead. LONDON, Jan. 30.—John Lockwood Kipling, father of Rudyard Kipling, is dead here today. The elder Kipling was an architectural designer and a teacher of arts. He designed the illustrations in his son's "Outward Bound."

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