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SWORN CIRCULATION: Daily average for six months ending December 31, 1910, 3721.

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, 10,500. 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: November 30, 1910, show a gain of 51 per cent. Bank deposits were \$2,374,522, 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.

TERRIBLY BURNED, MAN WANDERS FAR AFIELD

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., March 8.—Suffering terribly from burns about the neck and head, George Durham, a desert miner, walked seven miles for medical treatment and was found in a delirious condition by other miners near Barstow. Durham had done a celluloid collar and was leaning over a lamp to light a cigar when his neckwear ignited.

WORK PROGRESSING ON NEW GRANTS PASS ROAD

GRANTS PASS, March 8.—Work on the Grants Pass and Rogue River railway is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily. Already the connection of the road with the track of the Southern Pacific company has been made and 300 feet of track laid and ready for receiving cars. Several carloads of ballast have already been used and the ballasting will continue as fast as possible. This morning three cars of material will be spotted on the spur and there are in the yards of the Southern Pacific company awaiting delivery seven cars of material, four of them steel ties and two cars of lumber for the temporary bridge across Rogue river. Another large consignment of steel, ties and incidental material is expected within a few days.

DIETZ CASE POSTPONED; WIFE, INDICTED, ILL

HAYWARD, Wis., March 8.—In a strange legal proceeding the trial of John F. Dietz, his wife and his son, Leslie, for the alleged murder of Deputy Sheriff Harp, in the famous battle of Cameron dam, was today postponed until Tuesday, May 2. Dietz persisted, in the face of advice from Circuit Judge A. R. Reid, in his determination to have nothing to do with attorneys and to conduct his own defense.

Mrs. Dietz was not in court, being kept away because of illness. It was this which necessitated the postponement of the trial as the three defendants are indicted jointly.

STOLE THOUSANDS OF STAMPS; IS DISMISSED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Following his confession that he had stolen and sold over \$10,000 worth of stamps, Arthur M. Travers, chief clerk of the third assistant postmaster general and once acting assistant to Postmaster General Hitchcock, was dismissed from the service this afternoon.

Fish Prices Named.

ASTORIA, Or., March 8.—The local branch of the Alaska Fishermen's union has received official notice from headquarters in San Francisco that the prices to be paid the fishermen at the Bering Sea plants during the coming season have been agreed upon by the union and the Alaska Packers' association, at the following rates per fish: Red Alaska 35 cents; king salmon 20 cents; dog fish 2 cents; chums 1 cent.

PROSTITUTING THE REFERENDUM.

SPITE is never profitable. It does not pay. It is a sign of meanness, of littleness. It is unfair, hence will not be tolerated by the majority—not matter what the provocation.

The referendum was designed as a public safeguard. To make it an instrument of spite is to discredit it.

The people of Cottage Grove are attempting to place the referendum upon the appropriations for the state university, simply because it is located at Eugene, and Eugene opposed the Cottage Grove scheme of creating the proposed Nesmith county. A clear case of spite.

This paper supported Nesmith county, principally because it admired the progressive spirit of Cottage Grove. This attempt to prostitute the referendum, however, will lose Cottage Grove her reputation for progressiveness and her friends. Nesmith county will remain an unfulfilled dream.

Mossbacks of Yamhill county are planning to place the referendum upon the appropriations for the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis, probably the most useful of the educational institutions of the state. The initiators of the movement are probably too dense and stupid to realize the benefits of education—hence oppose it, because it costs money.

The salvation and preservation of the republic is education, and the more of it the better. Ignorance is ever the safeguard of superstition and tyranny and the use of the referendum to cripple education is about as base a use as could be devised—no matter what the motive.

If put to a vote, these reactionaries would be rebuked by such a decisive majority for education that it would end for all time the prostitution of the referendum for spiteful and provincial purposes.

BALLINGER'S RESIGNATION.

RICHARD ACHILLES BALLINGER has at last resigned as secretary of the interior. He should have taken this action a year or more ago. His retention has been a source of embarrassment to President Taft. It has discredited the administration more with the public than any one thing—with the exception of the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

Whether Ballinger was guilty or not guilty of having used his office for the protection of the Guggenheim interests in Alaska, enough was proven to convince the people that his actions were not on the level.

Ballinger may be exonerated by the administration, just as Lorimer was exonerated by the senate, but it takes more than official whitewash to cover up the blackening both have received in the eyes of the people.

Attorney General Wickersham should be the next to go, for as long as he keeps a seat the "malefactors of great wealth" have a warm defender and a sham prosecutor as legal adviser to the president—in the estimation of the public.

THE JAPS ARE A'COMIN'.

THE progressive Gold Hill News is surely a paper after Hobson's heart. It has the distinction of being the only paper in the world that takes the jingo statesman seriously.

The News shows its enterprise by scooping the entire country and publishing a "Japanese war number." "War with Japan the inevitable conflict; Japs getting ready," proclaims the banner lines. "Pacific to be big Jap lake," "Pacific coast will be invaded" and other news, important—if true.

Like the "turrible" tales of Captain Kiddo—ain't it awful, Mabel!

John D. Olwell, Pioneer

Chicago Evening Post Publishes Interesting Account of Rogue River Valley Man and His Efforts at First Marketing Northwest Fruit in Europe.

Under the caption "A Modern Pioneer" the Chicago Evening Post on March 2 published the following editorial:

"There is a real pioneer in town. He is one of those curious, fast-vanishing American pioneers who have seen the absolute beginning of things in the far west, and yet are not old enough to have more than a gray hair or two in their heads. His name is John D. Olwell, of Medford, Or.

"One man—a certain one-ideaed person from Illinois named J. H. Stewart—preceded Olwell in the planting of apples for commercial purposes in the Pacific northwest. But Olwell and his brothers were the pioneers who worked out the growing and marketing details which created a settled industry out of an attractive possibility.

It's a great story as the thick-set little man from Medford tells it—'main strength and awkwardness and a little money, against the game.'

It starts in the prehistoric year of 1887 when the old apple grower from Illinois appeared in the valley of the Rogue river in southern Oregon and set out 140 acres of apples. It tells how the Olwell boys followed this unheard of example amidst the derision of the "natives" who remarked that they'd have to hire the U. S. army to come and eat the fruit.

"The story goes on to tell of the heart-breaking difficulties that came when these primeval orchardists tried to spray the trees to kill the parasitic growths; how they almost gave up because of the physical difficulty of the task, until an old fisherman asked them why they didn't try a gasoline engine. And thus was evolved the first practical spraying machine—a device that is now used for thou-

sands of square miles of western orchards.

"Then came the first crop—still 'way back in the medieval days of 1898. 'A Pacific coast jobber came down to the valley and said he'd give me 80 cents a box for my Spitzberg and Newtown pippins,' said Mr. Olwell. 'He wouldn't touch the Ben Davises. And so we learned for the first time that all apples weren't alike; that some were worth money to the outside world and some were not. By sheer luck we happened to have a good many acres of the varieties the Portland man wanted. An old lady, who was a friend of the family, had asked us to plant them, because they were the kinds she liked.'

"That's the way pioneers learn things. After they've dug and sprayed and slaved for seven years they suddenly find that half their crop is no good.

"The next step was equally clumsy. 'We found,' continued Olwell, 'that the yellow apples were being shipped to London. And after that coast jobber had bought from us for two or three years, raising his price 5 cents or so a year, I thought I'd see for myself what my apples were worth to the outside world.

"Just to show you how shut-in we were—we didn't know anything in London except the London Times. I expect everybody knows that. So I wrote the London Times asking them to tell me the name of a reputable English fruit concern. And when I get their answer I ship two carloads of Newtown pippins, leaving them to make their own price.'

"The 'pioneer's' face is wreathed in a slow smile for a moment or two. He

is amused at the memory of his amazing inexperience.

"When the cable comes it names the price for those two carloads in pounds, shillings and pence. I take it down to our little bank to have it translated, but the figure is so large in dollars that I don't believe it. When the London draft comes along, though, I am convinced. I find that for my 90-cent apples they're willing to pay me \$3 a box in London.'

"This is the dramatic climax to the story. The industry which men scorned and of which every simple rule had to be 'dug out by hand,' had proved itself a brilliant commercial success. The long fight was won.

"It is such battles as that which John D. Olwell 'put through' that has made the United States what it is today. Unheralded, unrecorded, such triumphs have been scored all over the millions of square miles in east, west, north and south.

"We all know this in a general way. But mostly we think of it is something that was done in the days of our grandfathers. It gives its own little shock of surprise whenever chance brings home to us the fact that the work of the pioneer in America is by no manner of means finished."

Might Not Be Alive.

McMinnville, Tenn.—Mrs. Ocie Jett of this place writes: "I don't believe I would be living today if it hadn't been for Cardui. I lay in bed for 27 days, and the doctor came every day, but he did me no good. Finally he advised an operation, but I would not consent, and instead took Cardui. Now I am going about the house, doing my work, and even do my washing. Cardui worked wonders in my case. I am in better health than for five years." Cardui is a strengthening tonic for women. It relieves pain, tones up the nerves, builds strength. Try it. At druggist's.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS—SECOND AND FINAL NOTICE.

Those who have not paid their second assessment for water mains on the following named streets are now delinquent and the same must be attended to at once.

Please give this your prompt attention.

- West Main. Narregan. Rose avenue. West Second. Orange. South Peach. Ross Court. West Twelfth. Summit avenue. West Jackson. South Newtown. West Fourth. North Grape. Olson. Clark. Mistletoe. North Peach.

G. H. SAMUELS, Deputy Treasurer.

The people who are influenced only by placard advertising are probably not the kind you want for tenants.

TAKE UP A CLAIM

Every citizen, man or woman has a timber and stone right of 160 acres, price to the government \$2.50 per acre. No cultivation, residence or improvement required. I have about twenty-five claims to locate, see me and have a talk, this land is worth \$20.00 per acre. Call or write.

A. B. SALING, Room 34 Jackson County Bank Building. 318\*

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From the Middle and Eastern portions of the United States and Canada to

OREGON, WASHINGTON AND ALL THE NORTHWEST will prevail DAILY

MARCH 10th TO APRIL 10th over the

Southern Pacific Lines in Oregon

From Chicago at \$33.00 St. Louis 32.00 Omaha 25.00 Kansas City 25.00 St. Paul 25.00 and from other cities correspondingly low.

You Can PREPAY Fares

The Colonist fares are Westbound only, but if you have relatives or friends or employees in the East whom you desire to bring to this state you can deposit the value of the fare with your local railroad agent, and an order for a ticket will be telegraphed to any address desired.

Let the WORLD Know

Of the vast resources and splendid opportunities for

HOME BUILDING

Call on the undersigned for good instructive printed matter to send East, or give him the addresses of those to whom you would like to have such matter sent.

WM. McMURRAY General Passenger Agent PORTLAND, OREGON

KAISER'S SON IS TO UNDERGO OPERATION

BERLIN, March 8.—Prince Adelbert, the third son of Kaiser Wilhelm, is seriously ill with an attack of appendicitis and an operation may be necessary, according to court physicians today.

The prince has been in poor health for some time, and owing to his delicate condition, it is feared that an operation might prove fatal to him.

If your personal service had always been cleverly want-advertised, perhaps you would have been earning, or many years past, double your present salary. The reflection should be a valuable one for you now.

FIELD ARTILLERY OFF TO MEXICAN BORDER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Three troops of field artillery from Fort Meyer, near Washington, have been ordered to proceed to the Texas border line, where they will be sent to some point near the Mexican border.

The war department is preparing information referring to bridges across the Rio Grande river and Mexican roads. It is believed that Americans will be sent into Mexico.

People offering less desirable properties than yours find buyers through advertising—every day. You should be able to.

NO SALOONS; CITY EXPENSES ARE CUT

EVERETT, Wash., March 8.—Because the city must worry along without \$70,000 usually received from liquor license fees, there will be no street lights, no health officer, no sealers of weights and measures, and a big reduction in the police force. There is no law that will permit taxing the people to meet these expenses, and since Everett has gone dry, the radical cuts in the budget were made at a council meeting last night.

A good job is rarely found except through a business way of searching for it. The accepted business way is the want ad way.

IRRIGATION

Means More and Better Fruit CALL ON US FOR WATER for your ORCHARD

Rogue River Valley Canal Co.

FRED N. CUMMINGS, Manager.

Irrigated Orchard Tracts

Means Independence for Life Buy an IRRIGATED ORCHARD TRACT on EASY PAYMENTS

ROGUELANDS INC.

FRED N. CUMMINGS, Manager. Offices: Third Floor, Medford National Bank Bldg.

Horses For Sale

I have a car load of work horses, weighing from 2500 to 3100 per team, for sale at the

Union Livery Barn

These horses are young, sound, and first-class in every way. They are all thoroughly broken and fit to go to work. If you are in the market for a team come in and have a look at these horses

E. L. Robertson