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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 streets 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 \$2,376,522, a gain of 23 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Northwest won first prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

Rogue River bears 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.

NO-ROAD WORK IN WASHINGTON

Legislature Adjourns in Wee Sma' Hours Without Passing Reappointment or State Roads—Extra Session is Petitioned For.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 10.—After 3 o'clock this morning though the hands of the clock still pointed to 12 the legislature adjourned without any action of reappointment or state roads, the two big questions of the last day.

The recall bill passed by the senate at its afternoon session, having already passed the house. The clause providing for the recall of Judges, however, was killed.

The failure of the road bill means that no work will be done this year.

The King County delegation this afternoon presented a petition to Governor Hay for the calling of an extra session to consider business not finished at the regular session that came to a close early today.

SURETY COMPANY MAY CANCEL MEXICAN BONDS

NEW YORK, March 10.—Although he received no guarantee that the Mexican situation would not become serious, President W. B. Joyce of the National Securities company which is on the bonds 1500 Mexican officials and employees, seemed reassured today after a conference with finance minister Limantour of Mexico.

"My company wants to cancel the bonds if the Diaz government is tottering," said Joyce. "The situation may not be as serious as reported but no one is guaranteeing that it will not become very serious soon."

Wolgast in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 10.—Puffing a big black cigar, lightweight Champion Ad Wolgast, twelve hours behind schedule, arrived in Los Angeles today for his fight here March 17 with George Meemie. Accompanying Wolgast was his bride, his manager, Tom Jones, and Mrs. Jones. Without waiting for breakfast, the party went to Jack Doyle's training camp at Vernon, where Wolgast will work out. Wolgast said he was in fair shape, having converted the baggage car into a gymnasium on the way out. He said he regarded One Round Hogan, whom he is to meet next month, a tough proposition and better man than Knockout Brown.

To Build New Collier.

MARE ISLAND, Cal., March 10.—Orders to begin construction of a new collier, to be called "Jupiter" and to cost \$1,200,000 were received at the navy yard here today from Washington. Commandant Osterhaus issued orders for beginning construction of the vessel.

Haskins for Health.

LOCATING THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

IT IS to be hoped that the Carnegie library will not be located on the block owned by the city between the city park and the Washington school. Some other site should be chosen, as this property is altogether too valuable to be used as a site for such a building. Let the board call for bids, and the rivalry between sections will produce the site.

This block of land either should be kept as a park or sold as business property and the proceeds used to purchase an adequate park in the outskirts, or offered the county as a site for a costly courthouse. Once locate the library upon it—and it cannot be used for other purposes.

The Carnegie library building will cost \$20,000. To spoil a \$100,000 location by a dinky \$20,000 structure is not good business judgment. There ought to be plenty of sites available for library purposes that can be obtained at a reasonable figure if not offered free.

The Carnegie library doesn't appeal very strongly to the Mail Tribune. It has no admiration for Andrew Carnegie and does not think much of the city's co-operating with him to erect a monument to keep his name green for futurity—and that is all that it amounts to. Medford is absolutely able to build its own library building, when needed.

Carnegie, whose self-satisfied smirk is in every magazine, made his money by exploiting the public. He corrupted the government to secure millions by means of an unjust and oppressive tariff that pauperized the many to enrich the few. He swindled it selling armor for battle-ships. No slave-owner in history ever treated his workmen more like chattels than this self-styled benefactor of humanity. When they could bear it no longer and struck this guardian angel of peace had them shot down like beasts and imported the peasant hordes of central Europe to take their places.

Tainted money can build libraries so that the babes of the future can lisp his name, but not all his millions can buy Carnegie the homage or respect of the discerning.

GOOD OLD BEN DAVIS.

WALT MASON, the Kansas poet, has broken forth against the Ben Davis apple in one of his characteristic effusions in which rhyme this time predominates over reason. Sings the poet of the Kaw:

"The Ben Davis apple is lovely in hue, it seems to invite you to step up and chew. It's pretty and shapely, its profile is fine—but I do not long for Ben Davis in mine. To eat a Ben Davis is wasting your time; it tastes like a mattress and drives you to crime. I ate a Ben Davis when I was quite young, and now I recall it whenever I'm stung. It taught me a lesson, a lesson I prize; it sharpened my wolf-teeth and opened my eyes. And now when a faker comes up to my door, to sell me some stock in a mire full of ore, I think of Ben Davis, and say to him, 'Nix,' and tell him to vanish and pelt him with bricks. And when I encounter an oily-tongued jay, too sweet and too gracious for man made of clay, professing affection approaching to love, I think of Ben Davis, and give him a shove. I read in the magazine pages of men who'd make us all wealthy, again and again; they're brokers or dealers in moonshine and mist—just send them two bucks and they'll mail you a list! Their glittering spels don't appeal to my wits; I think of Ben Davis, and throw a few fits."

Yet the Ben Davis is nearer a gold mine than a gold brick, especially in the Rogue River valley.

The Ben Davis hails from Missouri. So does the writer—he's got to be shown when the Ben Davis is decried.

Four years of close observation of the fruit industry proves that this plebe among aristocrats of the apple kingdom is just as profitable as any apple grown in the Rogue River valley. It may swipe the booby prize at all apple shows and be the object of ridicule and laughter—but it annually yields a profitable crop.

The Ben Davis is a hardy tree and easily cared for. Like the common people, it escapes many of the fashionable pests that prey upon the four hundred. It is a prolific producer—not every other year, but every year—averaging a larger crop than higher prized varieties. The apples keep well, are of handsome appearance, and good flavor. They stand shipment and find a ready sale wherever offered.

Ben Davis are today selling at \$1.50 a box net f. o. b. Medford, and there is a demand for more than the supply, and apple prices have been lower than usual this season. For the past five years Ben Davis have netted around this figure—and there is more profit to the acre and to the tree in Ben Davis at \$1.50 a box than in many of the fancy varieties at \$2.00 a box, or even at \$2.50 a box net.

Ben Davis is an apple for the multitude. Experience proves this. A peddler can make more money selling Ben Davis than any other variety. It has the size and the flesh, and though the epicure turns up his nose, its flavor is good, too.

So hurrah for old Ben Davis, the pioneer apple of Oregon and still a staple profit producer in the days of the commercial orchard.

OREGON MILITIA BOYS MAY BE CALLED TO ARMS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 10.—A meeting of the general staff of the Oregon National Guard was held in the office of Adjutant General Finzer this afternoon and plans for the mobilization of the Oregon National Guard should the troops be called to colors, was discussed. Adjutant General Finzer, en orders from the war department today forwarded the names of twenty National Guard officers who could report for duty within twenty-four hours. It is believed that they will be ordered to the South West to participate in the maneuvers along the Southern border.

GAS COMPANY OPENS A NEW DEPARTMENT

General Manager Peteh of the Rogue River Valley Gas company announces the opening of a new business department in his company. This department will be for the benefit of old customers as well dealing with the prospective customer. Mr. Peteh states that all up to date public service companies are equipped with such departments and he proposes to place Medford right in line with the most progressive gas companies in the west. The services of S. A. McCullough have been secured as manager of the

NEGRO BANDIT SHOOT TO KILL

Italian Woodchopper Lies in Dying Condition at Grants Pass Hospital as Result of Encounter With Negro Marauder.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 10.—Shot by a negro tramp whom he found had taken possession of his cabin during his absence, Alexio Bertoldi, an Italian woodchopper, was brought to the Southern Pacific hospital in this city last night in a dying condition.

According to the story told by the injured man, he and a number of fellow countrymen are employed out-

new business department. In Me-Arlough, comes to Medford with a record of being very successful in this line of work, having been with various companies in the east and west making a speciality of building up business for new gas companies.

ling wood in the vicinity of Wolf creek, near here.

Leaving his companions, Bertoldi went to his cabin and, upon opening the door, found the negro hobo in possession. He ordered the tramp out, but the latter picked up a rifle of heavy caliber and fired at close range. The bullet passed through Bertoldi's hand, which he had thrown up to protect himself, and lodged in his lungs.

The negro fled to the hills and is being pursued by parties of armed searchers.

Although severely wounded, Bertoldi walked a distance of almost a mile to his companions. They carried him into town on a litter, where last night his injured hand was amputated.

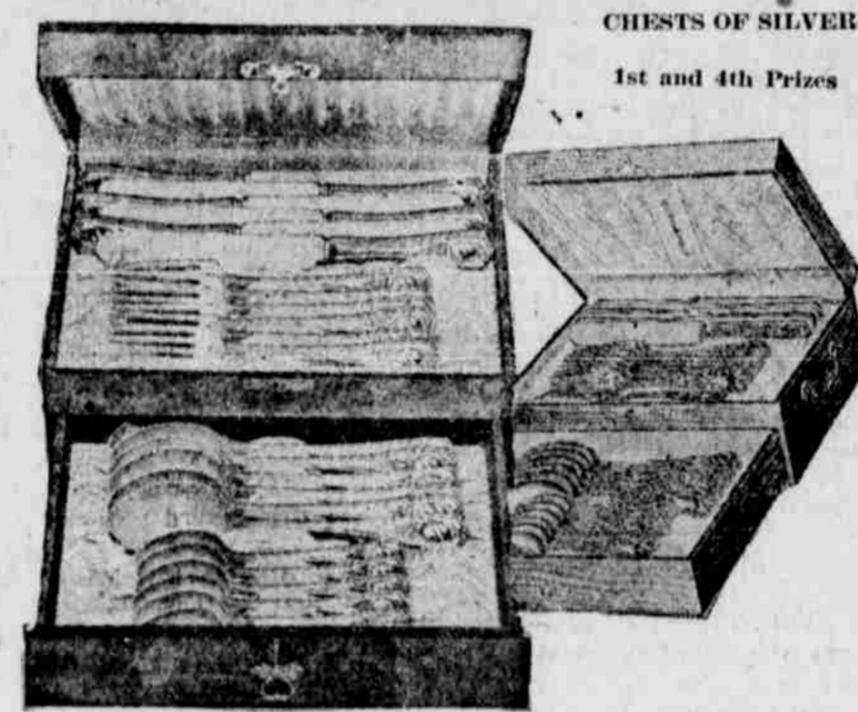
His condition is critical.

DIRECT ORDER IS RATE CASES MAY BE NECESSARY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Not more than half of the Eastern railroads had kept promises to cancel increases in freight schedules up to noon today in spite of promises to do so. It was said that it would probably be necessary for the interstate commerce commission to issue a direct order in the rate cases.

FORD 1911 TOURING CAR, \$925.00 Fully equipped, f. o. b. Medford Four-cylinder, shaft drive, 100-inch wheel-base, magneto of course. "Let us show you." Ashland Motor Car Co. Walter W. Richardson, Medford Representative. Phone 2551.

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There Are Six Faces in This Picture—Can You Find Four of Them? DIRECTIONS—Trace out the lines of each face on this or separate sheet of paper and mark them 1, 2, 3, etc. The three nearest correct answers will be given the three grand awards above mentioned and the others in the order named. Each contestant to abide by the rules. The decision of the Judges to be final. In case of a tie, prizes of similar value to be given to each contestant. Professional artists, music trade employees and winners of first prizes in our previous contests barred. All answers must be mailed or brought in to us by March 15, 1911, at 6 p. m. Be sure your name and address is plainly written on your answer, and send to CONTEST MANAGER.

WHY IT IS DONE Our purpose in holding this contest is to acquaint the people of this section with the many far-famed makes of pianos we handle. The manufacturers of these pianos are convinced that this form of advertising is far more effective than spending large amounts in magazine and newspaper advertising, subsidizing concert pianists, etc., etc. We too, believe the best advertisement for a good Piano is a satisfied customer, and we believe, further, that the advertising allowance should go to the person who buys a piano. We want every one to know that ours are the only stores in the West that sell the famous Chickering, the oldest and most expensive of American Pianos; the beautiful toned Sohmer; the now celebrated Lester of Philadelphia; the world-renowned Kimball (given the Highest Grand Award at the Chicago Exposition, and again at the Seattle Exposition last year), the genuine Decker, and our own Eilers Orchestral Piano, as well as the famous Autopiano, which every one can play without practice. The Steger Pianos, the Bush & Gerts and the H. P. Nelson Pianos also are sold only by us. And we want every one to know that we sell these fine dependable makes of instruments for less than they are obtainable elsewhere. INFORMATION BLANK Attach this slip (or one similar) to your answer writing plainly. Name Street No. Post Office If possible, give below the names and addresses of two or more of your friends whom you believe might consider the purchase of a Piano, Autopiano or Organ. Name P. O. Address Name P. O. Address Name P. O. Address Name P. O. Address Also one or more who might consider the purchase of a Phonograph. Name P. O. Address Name P. O. Address Name P. O. Address

Those answering from Medford should address EILERS MUSIC HOUSE, Medford, Ore., Box No. 508, or bring your answers to the office of the Medford Tribune, No. 27 North Fir St. Ashland answers, address Eilers Music House, Ashland, Ore., Box 587. Our store locations at Medford and Ashland will be announced in a later issue of this paper. EILER'S MUSIC HOUSE Oregon's Greatest Musical Establishment.