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MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California and the fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population by 1910 census 8840; estimated, 1911-10,000.

Will Soon Have PARCELS POST. William Sulzer Declares Congress Will Take Action at This Session—Says Popular Sentiment is Crystallized in Its Favor.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—"Parcels post legislation by the house at this session of congress is practically assured," declared Representative William Sulzer (Democrat, New York) today.

ATTEMPT MADE ON PANAMA PRESIDENT. COLON, May 2.—News of an attempt to assassinate Pablo Aronsona, venerable first designate and acting president of Panama, leaked out today, creating great excitement.

MEXICAN OUTLAWS KILL AMERICANS. DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 2.—American mining men returning to Douglas from Mexico today told of the killing of Mrs. E. J. Clarke by a band of outlaws at a mining camp at Santa Nina.

Taft Unable to VISIT ASTORIA NOW. PORTLAND, Ore., May 2.—According to word received here today from Senator Bourne, President Taft has decided that he will not be able to visit the Pacific coast of Alaska this summer as was reported.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

DORSEY AND HODGES, attorneys for Denver bond-buyers, have blithely over-ruled the supreme courts of half a dozen states, and reported adversely upon the bonds recently issued by the city of Klamath Falls, holding that the charter of Klamath Falls had been adopted through the initiative process, and that "the attempt of the people of Oregon to exercise legislative functions directly through the Initiative is in violation of article 18, section 4 of the constitution of the United States which guarantees to every state a republican form of government."

Oregon's supreme court decided this question only last winter, holding that the constitution was not violated by the initiative. Justice King who wrote the opinion held: "So long as the people retain the power within themselves to conduct and manage the affairs of state—either directly or indirectly—a republican form of government is maintained and comes within the provision of the federal constitution guaranteeing the same, being circumscribed in its powers only by the provision of such constitution. The nearer the power to enact laws and control public servants lies with the great body of the people, the more nearly does a government take unto itself the form of a republic—not in name only, but in fact."

But these sapient attorneys, who answer Pope's definition of what it is to be wise "but to know how little can be known," unblushingly override the jurists and assert: "We cannot consistently approve a bond issue which depends for its validity upon direct legislation."

Home rule for cities and the right of the people to make laws for themselves, does not appeal to another eminent legal adviser for bond buyers, Attorney Charles B. Wood of the firm of Wood and Oakley of Chicago. Mr. Wood does not go to the extent of upsetting court decisions, but he doesn't like the 57 brands of charters Oregon cities possess. Complains Mr. Wood: "I beg to say that this method of providing charters is a vexatious, as well as a vicious plan and makes increasing trouble and delay. If every city in the state of Ohio and if every city, town and village in the state of Illinois can get along and transact its business under a general law passed by the legislature of the state, it is certain that Oregon cities can do the same thing."

Perhaps they can, but they don't intend to, they have too high an ideal of citizenship. Mr. Wood's references are unfortunate. Popular government in Ohio and Illinois is a joke. City, county and state administrations are "vicious," permeated with corruption. Illinois has her Lorimer scandal, her Danville election frauds and numerous grafting cases. In Ohio half the legislature is under cloud of graft. Politics is controlled by a boss and election frauds are practiced by the wholesale. Cities and towns are torn with scandals, and the "general law" in both states, which Mr. Wood favors for Oregon, facilitates graft.

As a matter of fact, Oregon is not alone in conferring upon cities the right to govern themselves. In California, the constitution provides that "any city containing a population of more than 3500 inhabitants may frame a charter for its own government." In Missouri the constitution has the same provision for "a city having a population of more than 100,000 inhabitants." In Washington's constitution there is the same provision for "a city containing a population of 20,000 inhabitants or more." In Minnesota the constitution provides that "any city or village may have a charter for its own government as a city."

Upon these charters all different, millions upon millions of bonds have been issued, approved and sold, and there is no reason on earth why "a general law passed by the legislature" should supercede the initiative in cities.

But the "Oregon system" has displeased the big interests, and every possible obstacle is thrown up to prevent its further spread. Bond issues are attacked and efforts made to discredit the state financially, and otherwise. They would hold up Oregon as a "horrible example" because its people have learned how to govern themselves instead of surrendering government to the corporation financed politician.

Opinions from tory lawyers employed to defend the old order, (which rapidly changeth), will of course discredit popular government and the groping efforts of a people to govern themselves. Every pretext will be seized and every technicality in the bewildering maze of the law will be taken advantage of in behalf of the "beast in the jungle"—for "the mark of the beast is upon them all."

REALTY ASSOCIATION POSTPONES MEETING

The Medford Realty association has postponed until some evening next week, date to be announced later, the public smoker which had been arranged for this evening, at which John M. Root and others were to be speakers. The postponement has been made necessary by the fact that the Commercial club will hold its regular meeting in the real estate exchange rooms this evening. A Realty association only will be held in the exchange rooms on Friday evening of this week, at which matters of importance to the members will be informally discussed.

McGuire Resigns.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 2.—Disappointed at the poor showing made by Cleveland Naps, Manager McGuire today tendered his resignation, effective immediately. Owners of the team announced that Stovall probably would be appointed to succeed McGuire and that the latter would remain with Cleveland as the club's scout.

Germana Off to Antarctic.

BERLIN, May 2.—A German Antarctic expedition with Lieutenant Fiechter in command, left Hamburg today aboard the Deutschland for Buenos Ayres. From there the party will proceed south for general exploration work. There is no announcement that they will try to reach the South Pole.

Miss Young Gets No Coins.

CLEVELAND, O., May 2.—A jury in the United States court here today denied Miss Georgiana Young, Pittsburgh's "Wistaria Girl," \$50,000, the amount she sought to recover from Jas Corrigan, Jr., millionaire, for alleged breach of promise.

Great Missionary Exposition Held



MISSIONARY PLAYING WITH BOY IN AFRICAN VILLAGE



CHINESE STREET, MISSIONARY EXPOSITION

On April 22 President Taft in Washington touched a telegraph key which gave the signal for the opening of "The World in Boston," a great foreign mission exhibition in that city, at which the speakers at the first gathering were Bishop William Lawrence, Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery and Dr. Booker T. Washington.

"The Paganism of Darkness and Light" will be presented daily throughout the exposition. The amusements will be in Oriental costumes. There will be four "denominational days." The exhibit will remain open until May 26.

The entire Mechanics Building, the great structure in which the annual automobile shows are held, will be occupied, and at least 300,000 visitors are expected from all parts of New England. Nearly 20,000 persons from four hundred different churches of Boston and vicinity have volunteered as helpers, and under the name of stewards will participate in the various demonstrations of the exposition, serving in relays of a few hours each week.

CLEAN UP DAY IS SATURDAY

Ladies of Greater Medford Club Are Agitating for Property Owners to Collect Rubbish About Their Premises and Have it Moved.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club have undertaken in earnest the work of agitating the matter of cleaning up the city in accord with a proclamation issued by Acting Mayor Merrick last Saturday and are calling upon the property owners in the city to not neglect the matter. The fact that the city has agreed to remove the rubbish if the property owner will collect and place it in the street leaves no excuse for allowing the premises to remain in an unsightly and unsanitary condition.

BEAUTIFUL HALF BREED GIRL GIVEN LIBERTY

JUNEAU, Alaska, May 2.—Selina Dowling, reputed to be the most beautiful half breed girl in Alaska, is free today of the charge of having murdered her mother. She was acquitted by a jury after a long trial. The girl's mother died at Juneau, January 27, a few hours after she had eaten some fish brought to her home by John Harris, an Indian sailor for Selina's hand, of whom the elder woman did not approve.

CHAMPAGNE AND PRUNES SENT TAFT

SAN JOSE, Cal., May 2.—Hearing a specially packed box of prunes and a case of California champagne for President Taft's table, the special train of the railway conductors today is well on its way via Washington to the national convention of the Order of Railway Conductors at Jacksonville, Fla. The girl for the White House was but one of many placed on the train here.

RANCH HAND IS NEAR DEATH; BEES ATTACK

VISALIA, May 2.—Stung hundreds of times by a swarm of bees that he was trying to separate from bees, Thomas Harkin, a ranch hand, is in a critical condition today at his home near Harker. Two horses were stung to death.

Colleges in Regatta.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, May 2.—The "arsity eight" representing the University of Washington and of California will contest on Lake Washington today, May 25. The freshmen crew from Stanford will row against the Washington first year men on the same day. Contracts with both universities have been signed and Washington guarantees them \$400 for expenses.

Spooner Gets Job.

SEATTLE, May 2.—Charles P. Spooner, son of former United States Senator John C. Spooner of Wisconsin, has been named by Governor May, regent of the state university to succeed M. E. Baugh, whose resignation was accepted. Baugh quit after a senate investigation.

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Low Round Trip Fares to the Strawberry Festival and Rose Carnival. Roseburg, Ore. May 11, 12, 13. Southern Pacific Company will sell round trip tickets at ONE and ONE-THIRD FARE from all stations, Eugene to Ashland inclusive, May 11, 12 and 13, with final return limit May 15.

Excursion Fares East.---1911. During the months of May, June, July, August and September, on dates shown below, the SOUTHERN PACIFIC will sell round trip tickets from Medford via Portland as follows: TO Chicago \$82.40, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Kansas City \$69.90, St. Joseph, St. Paul, St. Paul, via Council Bluffs \$73.80, Minneapolis, via Council Bluffs \$73.80, Duluth, via Council Bluffs \$77.40, St. Louis \$79.90. SALE DATES: May 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 29; June 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30; July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 26, 27 and 28; August 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30; September 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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