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MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon.

Population: 1911—16,000. Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving fifty pure mountain water and sixteen miles of street being paved and contracted for.

Postoffice receipts for year ending March 31, 1911, show increase of 41 per cent. Bank deposits a gain of 22 per cent.

Runner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen apples won sweepstakes prize and title.

"Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910.

Rogue River pears brought highest price in all markets of the world during the past six years.

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WHEN YOU ARE GONE When you are gone the phoebes call in a wail.

Or seems to be: The sheep upon the maple's green is dulled.

As by a shadow: My eyes, unseeing, make me miss The violets.

Though they are blooming there: As when we stooped in quiet joy To break their dew-wet stems.

Over the stars a well is hung: And all the sadness of the sea Is flung upon the sands.

To feel your hands: Upon my brow! To feel them—now! The hurt of you afar Is in the sun and rain.

And I am back and old: When you are gone. —Richard Wrightman in "Success Magazine."

THE YANKEE GIRL (By Ed Andrews) Last night's performance was a delight.

It was a play that needs no analysis. The author didn't take himself seriously when he wrote the play.

There did Miss Ring when she purchased it. In fact, she doesn't need a great play.

Any vehicle that would rob Blanche King of her personality, and put her away, would be a detriment. She has a smile and manner that must not be tampered with by mere playwrights.

Miss Ring has beauty, but she does not rest her case there, as most handsome women do. Just as you are admiring her pretty red lips, she gives her mouth a humorous twist that "acts the table by the way, we have stumbled onto a physiological problem which is hard to answer, namely: why do women of the stage who have beauty so religiously shun any character, costume or expression that infringes in the least upon their physical charm?"

The writer recalled but three women on the stage to day who are exceptions to this rule, namely: Miss Dressler, May Irwin and Blanche King; and all three of them are in a class as money-winners. There are others who have talent, but not even gold and jewels will lure them from the pretty pose. I suppose it is the inherent instinct of untold generations—or is it just "because?"

Miss Ring was not the only feminine attraction in the show by a long way. She was ably assisted by Miss Lamb who, unfitted in temperament for the part, gave us a most pleasing rendition of her lines.

We should not overlook Harry Gilfoil in passing, for he made us laugh. He is very strong in his delivery of Harry Gilfoil. He couldn't be anything else, if he were cast for Polonius, he would still be Harry Gilfoil.

Our old friend Carleton has grown tall and handsome, like his father, W. T. Carleton, who enjoyed a national reputation some years ago as actor and manager of the Carleton Opera company at a time when Emma Abbott, the Bostonian, the Carleton and the Andrews Girls companies were the only road companies playing light opera.

And by the way, it makes one feel a bit odd. "Mr. I. Adley I."

NAILED TO A CROSS IN FASHION PLAY, HE DIES

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, May 20.—Ciriaco Cornejo, a Texan Indian who took the part of the Christ in the annual Holy Week Passion play at the town of Texana, in the southern part of this state, is dead, as the result of his insistence that his hands be nailed to the cross in the crucifixion scene.

He was a religious enthusiast, and was not content to be tied to the cross, as had been the custom in previous years. He insisted that nails be driven through his hands.

The nails used were rusty, and blood poisoning developed. For many years the Passion Play has been a feature of Holy Week observance among the Texan Indians.

Buicks to Play Pass. The Medford Buicks will play at Grants Pass Sunday and say they are going to see the "mountain of the valley" bunch.

Grants Pass is a pretty hard nut to crack, however, and the motor clubs will have to extend themselves in order to win.

Killed Over Bowl of Soup. COLUMBIA, R. C., May 20.—Walter Sandifer, aged 22 years, was shot and instantly killed and Mrs. Cora Reininger, manager of the latter's restaurant here by Ernest Grimley, a county convict guard, following a dispute over a bowl of soup. Sandifer was a nephew of Mrs. Reininger.

WHAT WE ARE MISSING

MOST of us are apt to become so absorbed in the little things of life that we neglect the big ones.

The petty, trivial, sordid, take time and attention at the expense of the better, higher and nobler.

In the mad race after the material, we forget the ideal. We spend our days grubbing in the earth, when we might sing with the birds in the tree tops.

We blindly chase along little treadmills and conceitedly think we are moving the earth, or pompously mark time and imagine we are leading the march of progress.

Seeing nothing but the little rut we are making, we fancy it is a king's highway that leads somewhere worth while.

The more ambitious of us work brain, body and soul for but one thing—material advancement, thinking that if we solve this problem, we have solved the riddle of ages—the mystery of life.

Striving for wealth, striving for fame, always and eternally for self, we forget that happiness can only come in striving for others, that riches never bought peace on earth or entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thinking of self, we grow self centered. Dwelling on sordid things makes us sordid. The unconscious influence of thoughts warps and twists, or expands and strengthens character.

So it is beneficial to get out of ourselves occasionally, if only for a day—to change environment, to flee "far from the madding crowds ignoble strife," to seek the country as yet undrained by man, to breathe the pure air, enjoy the sunshine and meditate in the cool of the forest.

Nature is constantly teaching higher things in the parables she parades before us. Those that have eyes to see and ears to hear can learn many a lesson.

God has given us a beautiful world, but like the ant we are apt to see only the prey we are dragging. The glory of morn, the splendor of noon, the loveliness of eve pass unheeded. We learn naught from the yellow flakes of sunlight or the violet shadows.

Purity sparkles from myriads of crystal dew drops, the glistening jewelry of mora, but we see it not; majesty breathes in the solemn stillness of our stately forests, with their cathedral twilight, but we feel it not; infinity dwells in the blue bowl above us, with its gold of a summer sky, but like the owl "hooting at the glorious sun in Heaven" we cry out, "where is it!"

But as Bryant sang nearly a century ago: "To Him who in the love of Nature holds Communion with her visible forms, she speaks A various language; for his gayer hours She has a voice of gladness, and a smile And eloquence of beauty, and she glides Into his darker musings, with a mild And healing sympathy, that steals away Their sharpness, ere he is aware."

Fire Prevention By F. H. Cowles

Medford, Oregon, May 15, 1911. To the Editor: The inevitable consequences of an unlimited supply of lumber in a new country are becoming manifest. A fire on a windy night is becoming to be the common fear. It may well be so for its justification is manifest. What city in America could foretell while Chelsea was burning that in the book of fate was written the name of Dallas, Fort Worth, Manchester, Rochester, Lenox, and Bangor are prodigious fire wastes near ten times the European average two hundred fifty million annually in so stupendous that in a sense we have lost the faculty of being horrified. At Fort Worth over two thousand people were made homeless. Broadway, a wide avenue with a wide parkway, containing trees and flowers, and with both roadways paved with asphalt, and which at noon one day had homes on either side the next day had not a single vestige of property left upon it. Fire in a forty-mile wind came no more for the forty thousand dollar home than the workers' tenement. In Manchester, N. H., an area three blocks wide and nearly a mile long was swept clean. The houses suffering and inconvenience were as manifest in one place as in the other. In Bangor, Maine, the loss was nearly six millions. In Dallas, Texas, fire of last spring the wind carried burning brands, starting six separate fires. At Lenox, Mass. the loss of lives was over six persons which overclouds the property loss.

There is not a city in the country which does not offer conditions of a serious conflagration, and yet these conditions are being everywhere steadily duplicated by the erection of poorly constructed frame buildings, and equally and break buildings without suitable fire walls or fire stops or proper window protectors. Nothing but the fire extension of our supply of available lumber would seem destined to cloak the error of American improvidence in housing our families and our wealth in such structures as challenge the wondering comment of the traveling European. In Europe such fires are of rare occurrence, because they are intelligently guarded against, the buildings which are in themselves fire retardants. Modern American communities moved by the fear of conflagration and recognizing the fact that fire insurance is a tax and not a generous reimbursement of loss from some other planet are giving thought to the shocking fire waste to the United States as a preliminary step toward checking it. With this end in view it is evident that in the first place our building methods must be better. This in the modern city means suitable building laws, and a suitable building department, in which shall be employed men who know what good building is. Some of the most shocking scandals of the country have their source in the building departments of certain of our cities. Neglect or incompetence in this department holds itself under a fair exterior waiting for fire to disclose it. A dishonest or politically influenced inspector may pass unfit structural material, which he knows may be hidden from sight by evening, taking his chance that the accident will not reveal his culpability until he is beyond punishment. The integrity of our building depends upon the enforcement of such precau-

Crop Forecast of 1911

Values are based on the law of supply and demand, the whole supply, and the whole demand—that of any one section. They are influenced not only by the supply of any one demand for any given variety or kind of fruit, but by other things as well, industrial and financial conditions, weather conditions, eating and keeping qualities, and by the supply of "competitive" fruits. Thus, a very large crop of oranges in Florida and California not only influences values of oranges, but of apples, bananas and all other seasonable fruits as well, for a large supply means lower prices for any given commodity, and low prices result, normally, in proportionately increased consumption of that article. Therefore, the student of market conditions must cover a very wide field of investigation before he may safely arrive at any approximately accurate conclusions. As a set-off, the fruit-growers of the Pacific northwest, and an institution for and by the growers, this exchange will undertake to compile information concerning not only our own crops, but competitive crops in all parts of the country—and of the world, so far as information is available.

Crop conditions here in the northwest are pretty generally known, and this bulletin will touch on them but lightly. Suffice to say that the indications are for a light crop in southern Oregon, probably not over 20 per cent of last year in apples, though a good crop of peaches. Good liver estimates in per cent to 60 per cent of last year's crop. Yakima now estimates 3000 cars of all kinds of fruits against 1000 last year. Another estimate of the crop against 2000 last year. Eastern Washington reports favorable showing, and southern Idaho reports a considerably heavier crop in prospect for this year than she had last year. These estimates are all subject to very material revision, of course, as the season advances. However, the consensus of opinion seems to indicate that the apple crop of the northwest for the season of 1911 will run somewhere between 60 and 75 per cent of the 1910 crop.

Passing from our own conditions, what do we find in other apple producing districts of the United States and Canada? Colorado is our chief competitor. Colorado places the expected output of apples from that state at 1500 cars—a reduction from first prospects, but still a large crop compared with the exceedingly light output for 1910.

New Mexico—Secretary of the New Mexico bureau of immigration is credited with an estimate of 200 carloads of apples from the Roosevelt district of the Pecos valley, the largest crop in the history of the valley.

Illinois—Reports from this state indicate that there will be a large crop of apples this season—the first for a number of years. Practically all the principal districts of this state report a heavy bloom.

Michigan—An important fruit state, which, however, has not produced heavily for several years. Secretary of State Martindale has issued a recent bulletin, which is appended herewith, and is accompanied with the comment that conditions point not only to a good crop of fruit this year but a "record" breaker. Here is the estimate:

Table with 5 columns: Fruit, Michigan, California, Washington, Oregon. Rows include Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums, Cherries, Small fruit.

Mr. Martindale says there has been more attention given to spraying the growers having discovered that spraying pays.

Arkansas—Benton county, Arkansas, according to a dispatch appearing in a recent newspaper, expects to ship 5000 carloads of apples this fall. The growers are learning to take care of their orchards and every large orchard is protected with frost devices and spraying equipment.

Missouri—Reports from this state are not complete; one from St. Joseph states that Madison county is facing the brightest fruit prospects in its history with all danger of losses eliminated.

New York State—This is the most important producer of apples in the east. Follows a confidential report from one of our correspondents:

"There has been no change here in the east and the weather continues favorable and as the season is backward, it would appear that there is very little danger of frost damage now. At this writing the trees are in full bloom and the writer just after returning from an extensive auto trip through the Hudson river position, saw reports from personal observation that the bloom is very, very profuse, and this includes not only apples, but pears, plums, cherries, peaches, and in fact, all fruits."

We think the following quotation from a letter received from a fruit dealer in Chicago will give an excellent idea of how the eastern conditions are affecting the sentiment of the fruit buyers:

"It appears that most of the trade have received information. The apple crop this season all over the United States, will be bumper one. What ever the June drop may result in will determine the whole situation. Of any single crop of markets, facilities such as this exchange is affording to its membership. It will be borne in mind that this exchange distributed 200 cars this past season to 125 different markets—less than 10 cars going to New York—a very significant example of the broad distribution and extensive facilities of the northwestern fruit exchange, which makes its members independent factors, presenting an organized front to the whole market, and at the mercy of no group, and subject only to the limitations of the whole market."

In our next bulletin we shall have something to say of fruit crops in England.

Meanwhile the exchange announces that 20 fruit growers' associations, some of them the most prominent in the northwest have allied themselves with the exchange, and takes this occasion to suggest to those who have not determined on their course to decide the matter quickly, as the exchange is planning a very early canvass of the buyers, looking orders ahead, and will close its membership campaign in the very near future so as to be free to give its entire attention to the marketing campaign.

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RECENT ARRIVAL FROM NORTH YAKIMA DEAD

A. J. Hicks who with a son resided at the home of B. M. Bunch, 246 South Ivy street died suddenly about 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, heart failure being the cause of death. He was 52 years of age and came here some time ago from North Yakima. Three daughters survive him as does one son who resides here. The body is in Weeks and McDermans chapel. There were numerous reports as to the manner of his death but from all accounts he laid down on the bed fully dressed and was found in that position. Funeral notice later.

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