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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, 1911—10,000.

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 receipts for year ending March 31, 1911, show increase of 41 per cent. Bank deposits a gain of 22 per cent. Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen 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 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

Rogue River bears highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years. Write Commercial club, including 8 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

HARRIMAN UNIVERSITY. (Oregon Journal.) It would be fitting if the proposed Harriman university could be so located that it would in a measure typify the work of the late Mr. Harriman.

The site is to be on the Pacific coast, and it was the three Pacific coast states of California, Oregon and Nevada that were the scene of his largest railroad activities in the far west. It was notably in California and Oregon that huge percentages of traffic for his lines originated, and it was for destinations in these that large amounts of westward tonnage were bound.

A site to geographically typify these facts would be fitting in locating the university. If, at the point where the three states join, a site should be undesirable, a compromise location close to the border line of California and Oregon would symbolize the idea.

These two great states were for years huge factors in the life of his enterprises. His high appreciation of both were the frequent subjects of personal expression by the great railroad magnate himself. It was in one of these states that he planned a summer home, the delights of which were denied him by the early shortening of his career by death.

The establishment now of a university convenient to both states would perpetuate the very preference that must have had place in Mr. Harriman's own mind. In this connection, the claims of Medford as a favorable location for the university are impressive. It is near the border line of what seems to have been two of Mr. Harriman's favorite states. It is within a few miles of the California line, and is in close proximity to all that is delightful in nature. Mountains, forests, rivers, valley and all that go to make up a beautiful prospect, ideal spot for such a purpose, and is well worth the consideration of Mrs. Harriman who is to endow the university in memory of her late husband.

At the Churches. St. Marks. Right Rev. Charles Scadding, D. D., bishop of Oregon, will officiate next Sunday at St. Mark's guild hall at 11 a. m. He will preach the sermon and also administer the apostolic rite of confirmation. Every one invited. WM. LUCAS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2.—State department reports today say that 150 persons were killed in yesterday's explosion of an arsenal at Fort Loma, Nicaragua.

MUCK-RAKING THE ORCHARD BUSINESS.

UNDER the caption "Getting Rich Quick in Apples" Emerson Hough in the Saturday Evening Post discusses the apple business in the northwest and summarizes the situation and prospects as they appear to him after a visit to all of the famous fruit districts.

The article is fair, unbiased and impartial and contains much wholesome advice. It analyzes the situation from a cold business and commercial view point. Emphasis is placed upon the failures rather than the successes and the evident object of the article is to "puncture the apple boom" by damning with faint praise. Altogether too much eastern money is coming west to suit the eastern banker.

Like every writer who discusses the subject of investments, Mr. Hough is ultra-conservative. Pessimism, rather than optimism colors his ink. The cloudy side of fruit raising is set forth at length, which perhaps, is well, as boom literature paints the other view altogether too alluringly.

If one followed the advice of these literary viewers, investigators and muck-rakers, the only investments ever made would be United States gold bonds. No departures from beaten paths, no development of mines or soil or timber or other natural resources would ever be attempted. There is too much chance. Stay in the rut, draw your one per cent interest and save your pennies is necessarily the advice showered upon the multitude by the wise acres of journalism, lest some fool blame the writer for his own folly.

Fruit raising does not differ much from other business in its commercial aspects, except that it is more alluring. Brains, energy and capital are essential, as in all other kinds of business, more essential than in most other kinds of business. It has, as all other forms of human enterprise have, its proportional percentage of successes, and of failures. It has its speculative sharks, its painstaking developers and its ne'er-do-wells.

Prosperity seems to have her permanent abode in some fruit groves and failure penury and woe in others adjoining. It all depends upon the personal equation. Some orchardists start with scarcely a penny and gradually amass a comfortable income. Some begin with a competence and end without a penny. Some make their orchards produce a living from the beginning and pay all expenses. Others buy all supplies with money from home, and are a constant expense to papa.

There is no life more attractive to the man of culture and refinement, than fruit raising, none that is freer or healthier, and none that, properly conducted, is more remunerative. It is truly the life ideal. But for this very reason, it has attracted more incompetents from all walks of life that can be found in an ordinary vocation. More people gaily embark in fruit raising, without experience, knowledge or common sense than in any other legitimate business—and if a proportion fail—as they have failed in other lines—as they will fail in any other line, the occupation is not to blame.

One conclusion that can be drawn from Mr. Hough's article, is that the successful producing commercial orchard is worth more per acre than even the fancy prices paid, for only a percentage of trees planted prove to be of the right varieties, in the right soil, and have had the proper care and attention to escape the thousand and one pests that have to be constantly fought. And a single crop will oftentimes pay the purchase price, though the valuation should be based upon the law of averages. Concluding Mr. Haugh says:

"One may repeat the general injunction of caution and deliberation. Above all, one should be sure that he is going to like the new country if he moves into it. The city man sometimes longs for the grime and crime, the noise, hurry, bustle, confusion and discomfort which he has left behind. If it is in him to love the white-topped mountains and the rushing waters they, in time, will make up for him that which he has lost. They will make a better man and better citizen of him, perhaps.

"Certainly valid and certainly useful is the general counsel for caution in the purchase of any real estate. Bear in mind that the bargains are not all gone this year and will not be in the next year, in spite of the injunction to buy at once. Take your time about that part of it. See the property on the ground; two or three visits will be better than one. Make up your own mind as to the expenses; and then, if you have nerve to multiply that estimate by two, you are more apt to be safe. Take the laws of commerce, of investment, of averages, into partnership with you. Use horse-sense and not wild-eyed enthusiasm.

"These general words of caution are for the man of limited means. For the rich man, who can do as he likes, apple growing in the west is a pleasant occupation or diversion, and as such can be made to pay its way, very likely with profit additional. A great deal of Eastern and Middle-Western capital has gone into the apple business within the last few years. As to its future, it seems safe if, viewed in the light of new and possibly changing conditions, it can be gauged and governed by good business principles. As to its past, the record is not one of unbroken financial success. As to its present, it is the rich man's fad, the promoter's dream and the poor man's hope."

LA FOLLETTE MODIFIES LORIMER RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2.—Senator LaFollette this afternoon modified his resolution providing for a second investigation into the election of William Lorimer of Illinois. His first resolution named five new members of the senate. The modified measure presented today provides that the senate shall elect the investigators.

LaFollette requested that the testimony taken by the Illinois legislative committee be printed as a senate document. This started a wrangle, and the Wisconsin senator withdrew his request.

Haskins for Health.

CLASS OF 1911 LEAVES TONIGHT

Commencement Exercises Will Be Held in Natatorium Hall—All Are Invited—Hon. B. F. Mulkey Will Address the Class.

Tastily decorated with the senior class colors of Red and grey, palms and banks of red roses the large hall of the Natatorium is prepared for the graduating exercises of the class of 1911. The exercises will be of a strictly public nature and all are in receipt of a hearty invitation to attend.

The 26 members of the graduation class are as follows: Lansford P. Black, Lillian E. Pearce, Ray B. Compton, Opal V. Daley, Charles R. Cooley, Margaret Davison, Alma Gould, Walter L. Childress, Iola E. Whistler, Mabel A. Thomas, Stella E. Krebs, Lester A. Wilcox, Laura Treihler, Irwin R. White, Mary A. Gore, Gilbert Stuart, Albert R. Rowell, Grace E. Mitchell, J. Benjamin Shepherd, Genevieve F. Wortman, Chester A. Withington, Carmen E. Hittson, Benjamin F. Forbes, Verve C. Drummond, Edward T. Black, Horace Bromley.

The program will be as follows: Overture, "Bridal Roses"—Levallee Orchestra. Invocation, Rev. A. A. Holmes. Welcome address, Iola E. Whistler. Vocal solo, "O, Dry Those Tears"—Teress Del Riego. Miss Ruth Hutchings. Class address, Hon. B. F. Mulkey. Selection, "The Alaskan"—Girard Mandolin club. Class song, dedicated to '11 class. Colling. Class Prophecy, Albert R. Rowell. Parting address, Opal V. Daley. Presentation of diplomas. Benediction, Rev. William Lucas.

Saturday, June 3

The last opening day. The coming week up to June 10th will close up everything at Edmeades Shoe Sale. The walls will be stripped. FARGO SALES CO.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next regular meeting on June 6, 1911, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon, at his place of business at No. 2 North Front street, in said city, for a period of six months. E. G. BROWN. Date of first publication, May 26, 1911.

NOTICE

Rose Carnival, June 5th to 7th. Pullman sleeper from Medford to Portland for the benefit of Medford people who wish to go to the rose carnival. Leave Medford 5:24 p. m. Sleeper will be ready for occupancy at 4 p. m.

MAY WEATHER REPORT.

Table with 4 columns: Day, Maximum, Minimum, Range. Data for days 1 through 31.

Mean maximum, 69.7 degrees. Mean minimum, 40.3 degrees. Maximum, 90 degrees. Minimum, 31 degrees. Precipitation, 1.50 inches. Number of clear days, 8. Number of cloudy days, 10. Number of partly cloudy days, 13. P. J. O'GARA, Local Forecaster.

Haskins for Health.

EARLY SETTLER IN VALLEY IS DEAD

Judge William T. Baker, a farmer resident of the Rogue river valley, died in Prescott, Arizona, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. General debility was the cause of death. Judge Baker was an early settler here coming to the valley in 1854 and resided on Bear creek for eight years. He then went to Boise, Idaho, where he was elected to the first territorial legislature in 1861.

He was a veteran of the Mexican war, going to the front as a corporal in a Missouri regiment. He is well known to many old residents of Medford who express regrets of his untimely demise.



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TROOPS MOBILIZED; REVOLUTION NEAR

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, June 2.—Although scouting the idea that another revolution is threatened in Nicaragua, President Adolfo Diaz today is mobilizing the government troops. A score of liberals have been arrested for complicity in the dynamiting that exploded a magazine at Fort La Loma and caused the death of 150 men. It is reported that the concessionaires of the Zelaya and Estrada administrations are backing the proposed revolution, as they are in disfavor with Diaz, and cancellations of their concessions is threatened.

Haskins for Health.

DRAW A CHECK

for the money you owe and note how much more respectfully your creditors regard you. They like to do business with a man who has an account at the Farmers & Fruit Growers Bank. They know he is doing business in a business-like way. Better open such an account even if your affairs are not large. They will grow all right.

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Excursion! Sunday, June 4th. Butte Falls and Return Via Pacific & Eastern R. R. \$2.00 for Round Trip. Train leaves Medford at 8:14 a. m., arrives in Medford at 7 p. m. This is the finest scenic trip in all of Southern Oregon. You'll enjoy this 65-mile ride into Interior Oregon.