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MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolitan 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 Gracuity 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.

Hanner 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 bears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial club, enclosing 8 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

JOLTS AND JINGLES

By Ad Brown

The best bet that I have today: The sugar probe will melt away.

Vancouver strikers, in their excitement, pulled down a fence. Thus it was they took offense.

A Newport society woman has gone to Africa to hunt lions. Chances are she will capture a bunch and invite them home to tea.

The fact that Winnipeg Indians saw a rainbow at midnight may mean a national calamity and may mean bad whisky.

Jack Johnson is off to the coronation. That makes a king, queen, and a jack.

"Should there be a uniform policy of dealing with short weathers?" asks an exchange. Yes, and let the uniform be blue with a star on the front of it.

Portland has a rose festival, a circus, and an election all in one week.

We might as well spring this as the next one—it is inevitable. "Rushlight rushed heavy didn't he?"

It was a freckled girl who used to wear four pairs of specks on her nose.

Between you and me an automobile is merely a lot of wood, rubber, and steel.

The Philadelphia man who mistook the statue of Venus for a burglar should take lessons in art.

A friend enquires, "Does a paper cutter get paid per cutter what?"

A crackman in Kentucky accidentally exploded 600 quarts of nitroglycerin. "No trace of the burglar has been found."

Once I knew a man who took treatment to make himself tall and was \$50 short.

Thirty-eight members of a fire department company in St. Louis have adopted a little boy. Will he have to ask them all before he can go swimming?

MAIL CLERKS CONSIDER ORGANIZATION OF UNIONS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 7.—The national convention of the railway mail clerks' association, in session here, considered today the principle laid down by Second Assistant Postmaster General Joseph Stewart, in an address before the convention, that the government is not opposed to "good unions," and only objects to organizations which "tend to destroy loyalty to the service."

Stewart said the government required that officers of the clerks' organization must be in the service.

OUR ABSURD SYSTEM OF TAXATION

THE county assessor has been busy for the past month in securing valuations upon Medford property, for the purpose of taxation.

No matter how conscientious and painstaking the assessor is in placing the valuations or how square he tries to be, the methods employed will always be an absurdity because of the system.

Our system of taxation is unjust, unrighteous and fundamentally wrong.

It penalizes honesty and rewards dishonesty. It punishes enterprise and benefits muckbackism.

It commercializes falsehood and by making it worth while in dollars and cents to lie, creates liars and perjurers.

It distributes unequally the public burden, the honest pay more than the dishonest, the poor far more proportionately than the rich.

The man who has enterprise sufficient to build a costly structure upon his property and thereby benefit the community, is punished by an enormously increased yearly tax. His neighbor, who retains his flimsy shack, is rewarded for his lack of enterprise by light taxes and an increased value in property on account of his neighbors investment.

The merchant who enlarges a business so that it is creditable to the community, is penalized by having to pay a tax for every bit of increased stock carried for convenience of the public.

The usurer, the money loaner, the bond holder escape, usually by perjury, sometimes by subterfuge. The dishonest merchant escapes a portion, by the same method.

The man who improves his property, be it farm, or mine, or factory or home, must pay for the privilege in increased taxation. The man who does nothing, is paid for his lethargy. He is officially rewarded by the state for being valueless to the state.

Taxation, in the present system, is simply a tax upon labor, brains and enterprise, a toll upon the workers for the opportunity to produce wealth.

It is not surprising that there is a public revolt in progress against the unjust and absurd taxation system that works such inequalities and injustice and makes so many liars.

It would not be at all surprising if the people of Oregon voted for the single tax—the tax upon land alone and not upon improvements or personal property in the effort to equalize conditions. Though it might be hard upon the speculator holding land idle to reap what he has not sown, the single tax could not result in greater injustice and inequality than the present system produces.

MANY CHILDREN KILLED BY TRUCKS

Statistics Show That Highest Death Rate From Accident to Children is Result of Youngsters Playing in the Streets.

NEW YORK, June 7.—In describing the escape of a negro truck driver, who had run over and killed a child on East 151st street, one of the New York papers said: "Police officer Sommerer forced the man back from the wagon with little trouble, but women attacked him as he climbed up by the frightened driver. Sommerer seized the reins and whip from the negro, waved the crowd in front aside, lashed the horses and started them on a gallop. For 15 blocks he plied whip until the truck reached the Morrisania police station. But the crowd pursued. Many of the women almost kept pace with the wagon. Sommerer lost no time. He and the negro leaped from the truck and dashed into the police station just in time to escape the foremost pursuers."

Probably on an average of twice a week such a story as this appears in the New York papers. The reason for the state of mind that prompts these attacks is easily found in the following recent batch of statistics by the National Highways Protective association:

300 children killed in New York city in 1910—91 killed by wagons—42 killed by automobiles—50 killed by trolleys.

"As certain as there is a United States, a fearful condition of anarchy will result if the killing and maiming of children by vehicle traffic is not stopped," is the statement of Colonel Edward Cornell, secretary of the National Highways Protective association.

The society is trying to cut down this fearful deathroll by teaching children self-protective measures, establishing playgrounds to keep the children off the streets and—the most important of all, according to Cornell—by trying to impress mothers with the duty they owe to their children.

"The carelessness of mothers is at the bottom of it all," he says. "The women of the tenements who stand gossiping with their neighbors and forget their babies are responsible for most of the deaths and maimings. It is impossible to educate these mothers except through the children."

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MAN'S FICKLE LOVE FATAL

Girl Commits Suicide After Her Life Is Ruined—Not Found Pinned to Her Dress When Body is Recovered From Sea.

REDMOND, Cal., June 7.—"I don't give a d—n for the other charges. The only thing that hurts me is that she said I was responsible for the suicide."

This was the answer made this afternoon by J. C. Butcher, city trustee, Hermos, to the note Christine Echer, pinned to her clothes before she jumped into the waters at Hermos Beach. "J. C. Butcher," read Miss Echer's note, "ruined my life by promises he did not mean to keep. Our child is buried in Odd Fellows' Cemetery."

When Miss Echer's body was washed ashore, his picture and her dead baby's shirt and cap were found pinned to her clothing.

"BAT" NELSON ARRIVES TO ATTEND ROSE SHOW

PORTLAND, Or., June 7.—With his cauliflower ears in full bloom, "in honor of the Rose festival," he said, Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion of the world, has arrived in Portland. He is here to make arrangements for a fight with Bud Anderson at Vancouver on the Fourth of July.

EUGENE'S POSTMASTER GETS \$2900 A YEAR

Instead of being given a salary raise from \$2600 to \$2700 as published in the Mail Tribune Tuesday, the postmaster at Eugene gets an increase from \$2800 to \$2900, thus giving Eugene third place in the state and Medford fourth.

G. A. R. is Grateful.

At special meetings of their respective organizations Chester A. Arthur pose, No. 47, department of Oregon, and Chester A. Arthur, W. R. C. No. 34, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Medford who so kindly assisted us in making our Memorial day exercises a success; also to the Hon. William Gore for his able speech on that occasion. We also publicly wish to thank the city officials and different societies that helped us; also E. B. Waterman and others for their kindness in furnishing automobiles for transporting the past and corps to the cemetery and return.

A PASSING THOUGHT FOR MRS. LANGLEY

In the early hours of Decoration day Mrs. Langley passed on to the world towards which we are all journeying.

For 26 years Mrs. Langley and Bertha have lived together here in Medford as sisters much more than as mother and daughter. You never heard one mentioned without the other—their names, as their lives, were so closely interwoven.

Ernest, the son, had some 10 years ago married, and naturally for him a new home was found. But Bertha never left the parental fire-side. She was always there. And in the dark watches of the night and the long hours of the day of the last three long months Bertha was at her mother's bedside.

Whenever I looked in on that couch of suffering and saw that daughter patiently caring for her, attentively watching every move, granting every desire, with her sweet way of saying: "Mamma, what can I do for you? I would think and I would say to myself: 'Isn't that a picture of love and sacrifice?'"

Poor Mrs. Langley said to me one day: "I wish I could tell the world how good that girl is!"

I said, "Mrs. Langley, all her friends know."

"Yes," she said, "but that is not the world."

And even after her transformation from earth-life to spirit realms were her wishes carried out. She did not like black, and not one dot of the sable shade was around her. She wanted her head to rest in a pillow of lilies, and it did. She wanted to lie under the very oak which now shades her grave and the services she loved so well were spoken for her by the president of the spiritualist society of Ashland, Mrs. Guard, and last, e'en tho', least, a poem she loved was read as she had requested, by the one she had chosen to read it, at the services in her home.

Nothing was left undone and all was planned by herself as that bright mind never wavered and was there in all its strength until the last.

And how beautiful were the floral offerings! She loved flowers and she certainly was lying in the midst of lilies, pinks and roses.

Not to all of us will be granted every wish and we are so glad it was her fate.

And now that the pained and tired body has been shaken off God grant she will for evermore dwell amidst flowers, and health, and peace. MRS. ROBERT REAME.

EARTHQUAKE ROCKS MEXICO.

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the jail, where the prisoners were confined.

Many of the largest buildings in the city were heavily damaged. The streets were strewn with wreckage. Pavements were ripped up by the force of the shock and the water mains put of commission.

Quake Recorded.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 1.—The needle of the seismograph at the University of Washington observatory was shaken off the recording sheet by the violence of an earthquake shock occurring at 6:07 o'clock this morning. The direction was from south to north and it was estimated that the distance was over 4000 miles, probably in the vicinity of the southern coast of Mexico.

Decorations Wrecked.

In the general wreckage of the city the triumphal arches erected for Madero still stood, while the brilliant decorations in which the national colors predominated fluttered in tatters from the fronts of the wrecked buildings. Madero had planned to enter the city this morning and proceed at the head of a procession which was to wind through the streets and pass down Avenida Juarez. Along these streets the decorations were particularly gorgeous.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 7.

The seismograph of St. Ignatius college today recorded the most violent earthquake ever shown on its record. It began at 6:07 a. m. and ended at 8. m. Its maximum was reached at 6:31. It was so prolonged that the sheet on which the record was made was barely large enough to hold it. It is estimated the disturbance was 3500 miles distant.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.

The severest earthquake ever recorded on the Georgetown university seismograph was registered this morning between 6 and 7 o'clock. The maximum north and south disturbance lasted eight minutes, the maximum east and west lasted 10 minutes. The disturbance ended at 7:51. The intensity of the shock was equally great on the horizontal record. It is estimated the shock occurred 4000 miles from Washington.

WANTS DIAZ TO RETURN TO MEXICO

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 7.—That he is going to France to try to induce General Porfirio Diaz to return to Mexico, was the statement made today by Jose Yves Limantour, minister of finance in Diaz' cabinet. Limantour said that Diaz will hand in Spain and after a short sojourn there will go to Southern France for an indefinite period. There, Limantour said, he expected to meet his former chief and endeavor to induce him to return to his native land.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO MEET THURSDAY

The meeting of the city council which was to have been held Tuesday evening, was adjourned until Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at which time the regular routine business and any other matter which will come before the council will be considered. The meeting was postponed on account of the "icing picture" performance at the Natatorium, as some of the councilmen and their families had purchased tickets for the event.

Last night the council passed the regular monthly budget of bills and then adjourned.

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STIMSON SAYS TROOPS ARE FOR WAR NOT FIRES

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—United States regular soldiers will not be used to fight forest fires in California. Congressman Baker today has a letter from Secretary of War Stimson says the army is for war, and not police duty.

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Excursion! Sunday, June 11th 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.

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