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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; 5840; estimated, 1911—18,000. Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply of 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 Spices, apples won sweepstakes prize at title of "Apple King of the World," at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowna won first prize in 1910.

At Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C. Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial club, including 4 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

SIX QUESTIONS FOR MR. TAFT.

WHEN Mr. Taft was inaugurated, it was with more general good will than had marked the inauguration of any other president since the civil war.

And two years ago this fall, when he made his first presidential tour, his praise of Aldrich and his endorsement of the Payne-Aldrich law, at Winona, were received with tolerant and respectful silence by the people of the west, who felt that that law was a betrayal of the party and that Senator Aldrich the principal traitor.

Two years ago the people in the western states were not unwilling to believe that the signing and the defense of the tariff bill were grave, but retrievable blunders of a well intended, though inexperienced president.

Since then, a great deal has happened to change the attitude of the people toward the president. Now he will be expected in the course of his two hundred speeches to answer a half dozen questions clearly, specifically, unequivocally and without inviting his hearers to consent to further presidential procrastination.

The people will ask the president why he considered that a reduction of the duties on agricultural products so urgent as to require a special session of congress, while he compelled the country to await the revision of the much debated, well studied, well understood and discredited wool schedule, until he should publish the report of his tariff board. What ever be the merits of the reciprocity policy, the farmers of the west will want him to tell them how they were benefited in the past by protective duties on farm products in the Dingley and Payne laws, if they are not in need of protection under reciprocity.

They are not confused about reciprocity. It will reduce the cost of living or it will not. If it will not, it is a pretense, if it will, it must reduce the prices of farm products. In this connection it is significant that the Canadian Pacific railway, (which, next to the government, is the largest land owner in Canada) has advertised that reciprocity will increase farm land values in the Dominion by 100 per cent.

The people will expect the president to plainly state whether he is in favor of Aldrich's central bank plan, or opposed to it. They want to know why a central banking organization, under the Aldrich plan will not be controlled by the great money-interests which center in Wall street. The western people are deeply and individually interested in the currency question, because a monopoly of the credit of the country will throttle the free development of western industries and reduce them to a condition of industrial and fiscal dependency such as is now sometimes to be found in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England.

Remembering that Richard Achilles Ballinger came from the state of Washington to the cabinet, as a representative of the public land states of the northwest and that, later, his own state by an overwhelming vote sent his critic, Poindexter, to the senate, they will want to know the president's exact attitude on the several conservation questions; the public land question; the question of the preservation and the use of national forests; the development of the Alaska coal fields; the construction and control of railroads in Alaska. They will expect Mr. Taft to be explicit—to outline a definite policy so they may know whether his inclination is toward the development of natural resources by such large and enterprising syndicates as that of Guggenheim and Morgan, or by pioneers, prospectors and small business men, with the protection and assistance of the government.

And the people will be anxious to learn the president's policy toward the industrial trusts. They believe a public servant's policy with regard to railroad combinations is indicative of his probable policy toward industrial trusts. They have not forgotten that it is of record that the present administration proposed to allow the railroads to enter into pooling agreements and attempted to legalize the ownership by one railroad of a majority of the stock of another competing with it; in brief to legalize railroad trusts. The people want to know if that is the president's policy regarding industrial trusts.

And finally the people will want to learn from the president what his attitude will be toward the progressives, in his own party, if he should be nominated and re-elected. In the unforgotten Norton letter, it was acknowledged on behalf of the president that he had dealt with the progressives as if they had been democrats, because they had opposed his railroad policy as regards legalized pooling and in other matters. Will the president construe his renomination (if he should be renominated) and his re-election (if he should be re-elected) as a mandate to read the progressive republicans out of the party a second time?

WHO WILL BUILD THE ROADS?

IN THE very nature of road building, the major part of the cost is paid out for actual labor. In fact, there are but three small items, outside of actual wages paid for work, and these are powder for blasting in the quarries, oil for machinery and wear and tear on machinery. The balance is actually paid to the workingman, and is retained in the community, where it goes, directly or indirectly, to the making of other improvements. This is a case where we can eat our cake and still have it.

And it is not only the opinion of the county court, but of our people in general, that this work should be given to home-builders, people of our own community. Not one dollar should be paid to foreign labor, none of this money should be shipped away. Every precaution should be taken to safeguard our community on this point, whether the work be done by contract or by the county.

The county court has appointed an advisory board of five citizens, selected from different sections of the county, consisting of Benton Bowers of Ashland, Frank Brown of Eagle Point, Miles Cantrall of Applegate, Sam Mathis of Woodville, and Horace Pelton of Sams Valley to pass upon all matters pertaining to roads, both as to location and time of building, and continuation.

RIOTS PROTEST LIVING'S COST

Troops Patrol Vienna To Prevent Recurrence Of Rioting In Which Six Persons Were Killed And 200 Injured.

VIENNA, Sept. 18.—Troops are patrolling the city today and the government is preparing to place Vienna under martial law in order to prevent the recurrence of yesterday's rioting in which six persons were killed and 200 injured, resulting from a protest on the high cost of living. The police have forbidden Socialist meetings, as they consider yesterday's gathering outside of the city to be responsible for the rioting. Fifty thousand people marched to the parliament buildings, where the troops opened fire.

Unless parliament enacts laws immediately regarding the demands of the people, more serious riots are feared.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Out of Joint. I hate the rain; I "spoke the sun" I don't like water—no, I don't! What nurse says I'll never mind—'Tis "solved to that" I surely won't. But most of all I hate the man That brought the baby here last night. A little girl—that's worst of all! A boy would maybe be all right. Nurse says I'm not the baby now, But have to be a little man And thank the doctor for the girl And act as pleasant as I can. My gran'ma says that now my nose Is out of joint, but I can't see Just where it's wrong or out of place Or where the crookedness might be. But I've been coaxed, so I will try To like the kid and please my mother. I hope she'll love me just the same, Because, you see, I'm baby's brother. —Philadelphia Ledger.

A Chinese Game. Many of the games that our Yankee Doodle babies play are quite similar to those played by the children of the orient. For instance, the Chinese game of "fishing by hand" is like our blind man's buff. The blinded leader holds out his hands, palms down, and all the players strive to touch them without being caught. If the fisherman guesses the name of the player when he succeeds in catching one the one caught must be blinded. If he cannot guess the fisherman must pay a forfeit. There is more to the game than there is to ours, for after awhile the fisherman says, "The tide is rising." This makes the children jump about and clap their hands and make believe that the fish are playing around in great glee because the tide is in. Again the fisherman will say, "The tide is low." Then the children move about as silently as if they were shod with velvet, which makes catching them a much harder task.

A Shipload of Money. Think of 1,500 tons of money all at once and in one place! You might have seen it if you had been in Boston not long ago, when the steamer Seneca came to dock. The Seneca had come from Korea, and there she had taken on a heavy shipment of coins. The money was brought to this country not to be put into circulation, but to be sold as junk. The bronze and copper coins of Korea are not worth much. They are like the Chinese coins that are made into swords that you can buy for half a dollar. When Japan took possession of Korea some time ago she decided that she would get rid of the cumbersome old money, and so she began coining in a new style. The old money was withdrawn from circulation and sold. It is said that 20,000 tons will come to America before the supply is exhausted.—Chicago News.

A Humpty Dumpty Doll. An empty egg shell, bits of wire and strips of colored tissue paper are all the materials necessary for making a Humpty Dumpty doll that will stand alone or fall off a wall. Having blown out the egg, draw the face and cap on the shell. Twist together two or three lightweight hairpins for each leg and spread them at the ends, so they will stand. One pin is enough for each arm. Having carefully made four holes for the arms and legs, insert the wires and bend them into shape. The arms and legs are wound with the tissue paper and the whole thing made to look as grotesque as possible.

Queer Fishing Customs. The Japanese are a race of fisher folk and, like all of their kind, are superstitious, particularly regarding fish. Among the primitive races the men fish in large companies, and when they go out upon the sea they shut up all their women folk and forbid them to talk lest the fish hear and disapprove. Another queer fishing custom and superstition of the olden time was connected with the first fish that was caught. This was taken into the house through a window that the other fish might not see and refuse to nibble at the bait.

The Auto Household. "Ray, Henry!" "Well?" "I wish you would crank up this ice cream freezer for me."—Pittsburg Post.

An Experiment. Nurse—What is the matter? Johnny—The baby is a fake. I throw him on the floor, and he didn't bounce a bit.—New York Sun.

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HUMOROUS QUIPS

Magazine Girls. All women are lovely and radiantly fair In the magazine pages today. They all have a mop of luxuriant hair In the magazine pages today. There's not one with freckles or noses askew Or teeth that protrude, as some real girls do. There isn't a blemish on girls that we view In the magazine pages today. There's not one too pudgy or not one too thin In the magazine pages today. Nor one who's just losing her tortoiseshell pin In the magazine pages today. 'Twixt shirt waist and belt there is never a gap Or a tear in the silk that is lining her wrap. And her gloves never lack a pearl button or snap In the magazine pages today. She doesn't wear pink when she ought to wear blue In the magazine pages today. And she isn't run down at the heel of her shoe In the magazine pages today. You never can see when she hasn't a hat. How much is real hair and how much of it's rat. It's only in life that we see things like that. Not in magazine pages today. —Edgar A. Guest in Detroit Free Press.

Where Our Dead Go. Major S. Harris, one of the Australians who fought in the South African war, visited British Columbia and finally settled down in Vancouver. Now he tells of a man in his province who went over to see London for the first time last year, and was being shown through Westminster abbey. He got into conversation with a tourist agent who was showing a party about, and at intervals the man who was explaining asked the British Columbian questions about Vancouver. "I suppose that in your country you have no place like the abbey?" he suggested. "No," replied the other. "Then, what, may I ask, do you do with your illustrious dead?" "First," replied the British Columbian, "we appoint a commission to see whether the man is really dead, and then if the commission decides in the affirmative we send him to the legislature."—Argonaut.

His Idea of Importance. "In one benighted region of a certain state in the southwest," says a Chicago lawyer, "they cherish some peculiar notions touching the duties of a juror. "One day a case was being tried when suddenly the justice exclaimed: "How is this? There are only eleven jury men in the box. Where is the twelfth?" "The foreman arose and addressed the court respectfully as follows: "May it please your honor, the twelfth juror had to go away on an important business, but he left his verdict with me."—Harper's Monthly.

More Than She Could Bear. "They really fear she will become insane. You see, she found a diary he kept before he married her." "Oh, I see! And the awful revelations?" "Revelations? No. It was in cipher, and she couldn't read a word of it."—Tit-Bits.

Manuel. Little Tim—Father, I'm going to take up manual training. Murphy—Don't ye dare! Ye see what happened to him, didn't ye? Ye kin follow Emp'ror William or the Mikedoo of China, but OFN not have ye imitat' that Portygeese dago.—Pack.

Slow. Bacon—Who is that whistling? Egbert—That's the office boy whistling at his work. "But he's whistling a funeral march." "Yes; I say he's whistling at his work."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Sad Thought. "I think," said the astronomer, "that I have discovered a new canal on Mars." "Is that so?" replied the New Orleans man, absentmindedly. "I wonder what town's going to get the celebration?"—Washington Star.

Doctor is Immune. "When a man dies, is an inquest always held?" "Oh, no. If a doctor has been in attendance the coroner is not supposed to have to inquire into the cause of the death."—Toledo Blade.

One Way to Look at It. Jinks—Do you know, I was refused three times before I found a girl who would have me. Blinks—I see. Just like a patent medicine—"well shaken before taken."—Judge.

Never That Way. Hardrick (returning to town after ten years)—Is Mandy still your wife? Haybrick—She's my wife, but she isn't still by any means.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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