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

Population—U. S. census 1910; 5840; 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 21 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzberg 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 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.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

The regulars in China Are marching off to battle, While the emperor, their emperor! Is playing with a rattle.

Thanks, Old Top.

"If Jackson county isn't careful it will get a national reputation—that is a much bigger and better one than it has already."—Portland Journal.

On account of the high prices, "Small Steak" has been driven from Chicago restaurant menus. Probably figures as "Minute Steak" now.

It is to be expected that little Pu Yi will raise an awful disturbance if they take his pretty throne away from him.

Redmond, Oregon is to have a potato show. All eyes on the potato.

Speaking of delivery boys, that committee that is going to deliver Oregon for Taft has a bit the hardest job of all.

Out of Sight.

It's quite a while Since we have saw A reference To Harry Thaw.

—Houston Post.

It's quite a while

We shout with glee, Since we have heard From Richmond P. Schenckedy Union Star.

For quite a while

We've borne the strain Where is the Count De Castellane? —Chicago Record Herald.

It seems to be

An age or more Since we have heard From Theodore.

—Detroit Free Press.

Yet all we have

To do is look To see a squib 'Bout Dr. Coook.

Wild oats seldom figure at the breakfast table.

Advocates of high thinking will find splendid examples in the men who are putting up the wireless station on the hotel.

Team Shot to Pieces.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 28.—Although the first conference game is only a week away, the football team at the Oregon Agricultural College is in a more chaotic condition than at any time since practice got under way.

Since the scrubs gave the varsity a good hammering Coach Dolan has been switching players around in an attempt to develop a better fighting machine.

THE CONVICT CAMP.

THAT Governor West's plan to work convicts upon the Crater Lake highway meets popular approval is indicated by the attitude of those who will be neighbors to the convict camp. Without exception, all residents in the vicinity are pleased at the prospect and are in hearty sympathy with the governor's plans.

The convicts who will be sent here are not desperate criminals, or men to be feared, but short term men who have been tried in positions of trust about the penal institutions and found trustworthy.

Abuse and inhuman treatment no longer have place in prison life. To get the best results from any man, first treat him as a man. There is no doubt in the world of the success of the convict built road, if the men are treated squarely, fed well and made comfortable.

The freedom of open air work is much preferable to indoor prison work. With the system of rewards and merits in vogue, of shortening time of sentence, there is every incentive for the men to work faithfully rather than to attempt by flight to become the hunted of humanity.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

MEDFORD has the reputation, justly acquired, of having spent more money in public improvements than any city of its size in the United States during the past three years. Yet Medford bonds are selling above par and Medford city warrants at par.

This is the result of a business administration, of economical and efficient management. In startling contrast to this situation is that presented by Klamath Falls. The following from the Klamath Chronicle tells the story:

"This city is reaching the limit, and it would seem that the last straw is the proposition to inflict an occupation tax upon the business men. It is the natural sequence of a profligate administration. Without regard to where the money would come from the mayor and city council have gone ahead squandering the funds of the city, and when this was all gone instead of slacking up they have plunged more deeply into debt, issuing warrants in such number and amount that they hardly are worth fifty cents on the dollar. This city, with the rest of the coast, is suffering from depression. The average business man finds it a sufficiently difficult task to meet his running expenses without having added thereto a tax to raise money to be squandered."

WASHINGTON GETS EQUITABLE RATES.

WHAT the Medford traffic bureau has demanded from the state railroad commission and what the newly organized People's Equitable Rate association are now clamoring for, equitable rates on distance basis for all points in Oregon, has just been granted to the shippers of Washington by the Washington state public service commission.

Under the announcement from Olympia Friday, the Washington commission has reached the decision that distributive rates should be on the distance tariff basis; not on the general distance tariff, but on what might be termed a merchandise distance tariff designed for the purpose of forming distributive rates in Washington. All jobbing centers in the state of Washington will be given a square deal and that the rate east from Puget Sound will be the same as the rate west from Spokane.

This is what Medford has demanded, the right to ship to Portland as cheaply as Portland ships to Medford. To get this, Medford proposed an initiative bill provided the railroad commission persisted in its present attitude of sustaining preferential rates for Portland.

A Medford dollar should buy as much freight mileage out of Medford as a Portland dollar out of Portland.

The Southern Pacific deserves the thanks of the community for granting a half fare rate to the convicts from Salem to Medford. The railroad's cooperation is hoped for in other ways during the construction of the Crater Lake highway.

HERE TO FIND ROAD VALUES

State Railroad Commissioners Spend Saturday in Medford Ascertaining Value of Local Railroad Property on Which to Base Rates and Taxes.

State Railroad Commissioner Miller and W. M. Wells, assistant engineer of the commission, are in Medford ascertaining the value of railroad property embraced in rights-of-way and terminal grounds in Jackson county.

The commission is ascertaining the physical valuation of the railroads, as LaFollette ascertained them in Wisconsin, as a base upon which to figure rates and taxation. It has taken nearly three years to complete the estimates on the Oregon, River & Navigation, and since last spring, the engineers have been engaged on the Southern Pacific. Practically all counties have been completed except Douglas and Jackson. The work of the commission is very thorough. The county assessors' figures are taken and compared with actual valuations on adjoining land and a basis reached fair to both people and railroad.

Haskins for Health.

HALF RATE FOR ROAD CONVICTS

Southern Pacific Grants Concession to Jackson County—Will Only Have to Pay Half Fare for Convicts From Salem.

The Southern Pacific company today advised the commercial club committee appointed to work between Governor West and the county officials in the matter of securing convicts to work on the Crater Lake road that they will grant a half fare rate for the twenty-five convicts who will arrive at the first of the week. This represents a saving of \$100 to Jackson county.

New Road Started.

WALLA WALLA, Wn., Oct. 28.—Robert Strahorn, formerly president of the mysterious North Coast during its construction before it was known as a Harriman property, has filed articles of incorporation at Olympia of a new line which will be a continuation of the North Coast from North Yakima to Walla Walla, to connect with the Harriman lines via Pendleton.

Haskins for Health.

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLES

Senator Thomas S. Martin of Virginia.



Photo by American Press Association.

Politics as well as the weather are warming up in Virginia, especially in the contest for the senatorial toga now worn by Thomas Staples Martin. Senator Martin is opposed by Representative William A. Jones, and the latter is campaigning in vigorous fashion. In a recent speech Congressman Jones charged that before his election to the United States senate in 1908 Senator Martin was not only a "railroad agent and lobbyist" before the legislature of Virginia, but was one of the disburbing agents of the "yellow dog" fund of the railroads. The senator indignantly denies the charges as wholly false, vicious and slanderous and says that Mr. Jones is merely trying to make political capital.

Senator Martin is a native of Virginia and a lawyer by profession. He was educated at the Virginia Military Institute and served as a cadet in the Confederate army during the last year of the war. Until elected United States senator he had never held nor been candidate for any political office.

The Lorimer Fund Informer. Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, is the individual who told H. H. Kohlsaat, editor of the Chicago Record-Herald, that he had been asked to contribute \$10,000 to a fund of \$100,000 that had been used to elect William Lorimer to the United States



senate. Edward Hines, millionaire lumberman of Chicago, is the man who asked Funk to contribute, according to the latter's testimony. Mr. Hines has sworn that the statement of Funk was false. He also testified that Funk voluntarily offered to contribute to the Lorimer fund. Mr. Funk has been with the harvester company for the past nine years and is well known in business and social circles in Chicago. He has always been regarded as a man of high character and upright dealings. Mr. Hines is one of the largest lumbermen in the west, is immensely wealthy and has been a friend of Lorimer and a power in Illinois politics for many years.

Ambassador Bryce's Wit. Ambassador James Bryce was talking at a reception in Washington about the abolition of "bitching" at Eton, the famous English public school.

"I am glad," said Mr. Bryce, "that Eton boys will be no longer bitched. I am afraid that some of the masters of Eton have hitherto believed too strongly in the aphorism, 'A pupil's extremity is a teacher's opportunity.'"

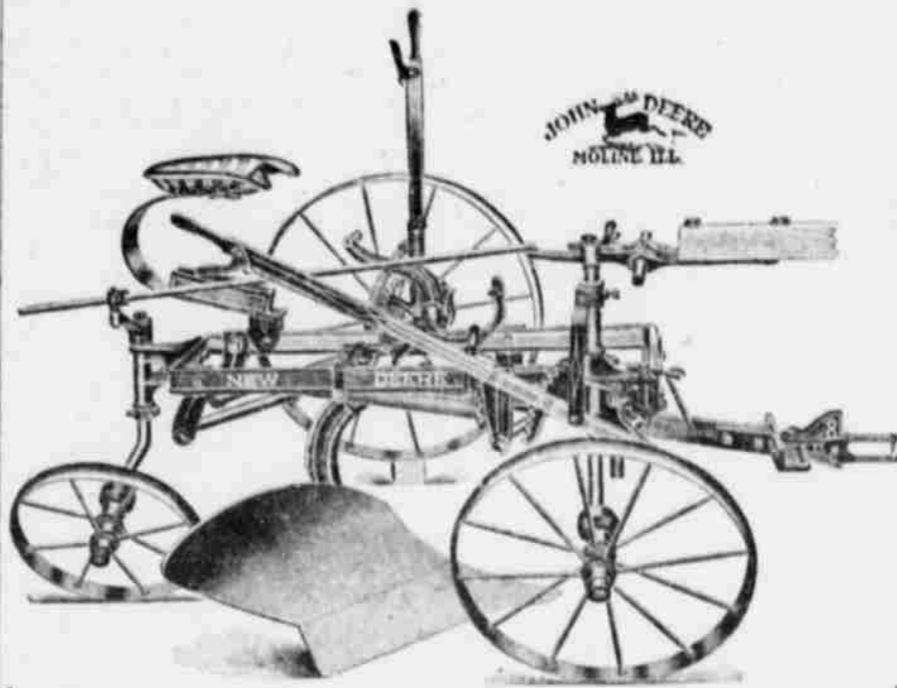
TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Marriage relieved Katherine Ottorodolmgenfeld of a great load. She is now Mrs. Louis Kalen.

Hotel Medford

Sunday, October 29, 1911.

Table listing menu items for Sunday, October 29, 1911, including Hors d'Ouvres, Olympia Oyster Cocktail, Celery, Sautéed Almonds, Olives, Chicken Okra, Baked Halibut, Potato Croquettes, Filet Mignon, Claret Punch, Sweet Potatoes Glace, Mashed Potatoes, Lettuce and Tomatoes, Green Apple Pie, New York Ice Cream, Assorted Cake, Roquefort Cheese, Special Music, and Dégât Tasse.

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