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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—16,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water and six-teen 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 Spitzenberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World."

at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtons 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, enclosing 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

I think well of my fellow man, Of all except the one Whose specialty is showing how My business should be done.

Taft has urged the California women to use the ballot now that they have won it. Before election, comes around more than one candidate will be free with advice about those same ballots.

If the Wrights make a perfectly safe aeroplane the district fairs will have to go back to balloon ascensions for their thrills.

A dispatch says a man walked from Jersey City to San Francisco. He went a long way to escape the mosquitoes.

Taft has worn out three silk hats on his western trip. Think of the poor hatters before you say the trip did no good.

The banana peel is getting more and more dangerous. They're making whisky out of it now.

Pu Yi, of China. Don't cry Little Pu Yi, If they take your throne away, A throne means tears For future years Better you could romp and play.

Little Ah Sid, A Chinese kid Who never even saw a crown, May walk the street With playful feet And have the freedom of the town.

Better far For Pu Yi's star They take your throne and crown away: That like a boy You may enjoy The golden fruit of childhood's day.

NOW SHOCKING! STAUD OLD BOSTON TO SEE NAUGHTY PLAY

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 31.—Seating 130 persons, representatives of Boston's wealthiest and oldest families today are building an exclusive playhouse where the stockholders will view in private plays forbidden at public theaters.

The new theatre is being built at No. 16 Lime street in the west end. It is understood only stockholders will be admitted to the performances, and that the plays to be produced will include Oscar Wilde's famous dramas and some of the suppressed works of Bernard Shaw, Granville Barker, Ibsen and Bernstein.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Actual work on the Panama Pacific exposition site here will be begun within three weeks, according to announcement made today.

The engineering and architectural departments of the exposition company are diligently preparing plans for the buildings and grounds, which they will give to the public in the near future.

A BULLETIN ON FROST FIGHTING.

BULLETIN No. 110, entitled "Preliminary Frost Fighting Studies in the Rogue River Valley," has just been issued by the Oregon Agricultural College under the authorship of C. I. Lewis and F. R. Brown. The bulletin could have been made worth while if the authors had been inspired with a little more scientific accuracy and a desire to give others the credit due them.

In the introduction, or history, we find just a little more than a page devoted to the statement as to the work which has been done in an experimental way by the college. No mention is made of the fact that very important work was done by the orchardists under the direction of a government pathologist, and that many valuable crops were saved during the past three seasons.

The "history" further relates that no work was undertaken in 1910, and then comments on the statement that "the growers of the valley resorted to various methods of frost fighting in order to save their crops."

The authors attempt to discuss weather conditions, and in the page devoted to the discussion some very interesting "facts" are disclosed. If there were no U. S. Weather Bureau office located in the valley, fully equipped with accurate instruments, there would be some excuse for the inaccuracies in temperatures and precipitation.

Under the heading "Forecasting Frosts" the authors are very particular not to give the local weather bureau officer, Prof. P. J. O'Gara, any credit. They do not state that he has worked out the system of local forecasting which has been used for the past three years.

The records of the local weather bureau office were evidently overlooked. During the entire frost season, this office remained open all night whenever serious frosts were forecasted, and was in constant communication with the different orchard districts of the valley.

If any reader can understand "forecasting frosts" by going over the authors' statements he will have to read between the lines. The authors suggest that "each grower rely more or less upon his own forecasts and alarms" without telling him what to do.

The larger part of the bulletin is really devoted to advertising two types of heaters, although there are several types in the valley; and it would seem that the two rival smudge pot companies adopted a pretty good advertising stunt. A perusal of the pages devoted to the so-called tests shows that they were not all made under actual frost conditions.

A few pages of the bulletin recite the experiences of some of the growers. These experiences were secured by interview and several statements are so incorrect that they really demand correction. For instance, it is stated that it required fifteen to eighteen men to handle the wood fires in the Hollywood orchard of 50 acres, and that a fair crop was saved.

five cheap thermometers tested the previous year, and yet the 1911 crop was saved.

The bulletin winds up the discussion of orchard heating by injecting into it a problem in pollination. It is evident that the Rogue River valley is a very fine place to be and they want to have something to do, as "The investigations carried on this year were not conclusive, and simply opened up a large problem for future solution."

Throughout the whole bulletin there has not been the slightest attempt to cite from the various bulletins and papers on orchard heating. There have been published at least one U. S. Farmers' Bulletin, one U. S. Weather Bureau paper, and several articles on frost prevention in the Rogue River valley, but no references are made to them.

If this valley were to depend upon the station for its horticultural information, there would be indeed little advancement. Only after the experimental stage has passed does the station consider it worth while to experiment.

Danger of a Conflagration

(By General SooySmith.)

Forty years ago I witnessed the great Chicago fire which destroyed the buildings covering an area four times as large as Medford. And then there resolved that I would do my best to devise some method of building that would be proof against such destruction, and I have ransacked the whole range of materials used, and that may be used, in buildings and tested them as to their resistance to fire, and their non-conduction.

It goes without saying that those who do not burn, such as stone, brick, tile, iron and steel are to be preferred, each according to its fitness in strength, durability, workability and cost for the particular building contemplated.

When a fire starts in a neighborhood covered with wooden buildings the heated air rises and a strong current rushes in, even when there is no wind blowing. This quickens and spreads the flames; especially when the buildings are as dry and inflammable as tinder as they are in a perfectly dry atmosphere such as that of Medford.

Now this is largely a wooden town

and to realize our danger one need only place a small spark, a live coal or a burning splinter on a roof and watch it grow quickly into a spreading flame. Another alarming feature of our situation is that our water supply and means of its rapid and plentiful distribution are entirely inadequate to afford the fire department any chance to fight their battle with the flames successfully.

If these statements or any of them are not true, I shall be glad to have them corrected and quietly submit to being called an alarmist. I am but a newcomer and perhaps not well informed.

If fire should start and get into headway on the windward side of the town, when a heavy wind is blowing, the damage would be greatly increased.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," especially in this case. If there is danger that a total destruction of the town, or a very large part of it, by fire, proper means should be provided immediately to prevent it.

If I can aid in devising such means I will gladly do so in a consulting way, gratuitously.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor: Will you allow a suggestion from one fully in sympathy with Governor West's humanitarian plans?

It is to speak (in the paper and elsewhere) of those inmates of the penitentiary who are to be employed on public works as "trusties" and not as "convicts," as being in accord with the governor's idea of reforming them, also as being reassuring to timid people.

Another suggestion and request: I have recently had several requests from persons in the east desiring to know what wages are paid out here; the last from a college student taking an agricultural course, wanting to know what an inexperienced man would be paid. Can you not furnish facts as to mechanics, quarry men, miners, fruit-pickers and packers, farm hands, summer and winter wages, men who work in orchards the year round, men who work in box factories, etc.?

SARAH P. ADAMS. Peyton, Ore., Oct. 27.

To the Editor: Some six or eight weeks ago the bridge over Rogue river at Jackson Ford was completed; since then there has been nothing done to put the road on either side in condition to allow the use of the bridge. It is impossible to drive onto the bridge at present. A few days work on each side would remedy this. Is the bridge to remain closed all winter on this account? If this work isn't done before the rain comes, it would never be done.

A SUBSCRIBER. Eagle Point, October 29.

Papke Confident. CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—"If anybody happens to be at me, he'll know he has been in a real fight," declared Billy Papke, erstwhile middleweight champion and prominent member of the down and out club here on his way to Boston to box Bob Moha twelve rounds next Tuesday night. Papke maintains that he has really "come back" and will best Frank Klaus for the world's title. Meanwhile a large quotation mark is permeating the brains of fastiana followers.

MIXED MARRIAGES ARE DECRIED BY CLERGYMEN

VANCOUVER, Wn., Oct. 31.—Aroused by the unusually large number of mixed marriages which have taken place here recently, the clergymen of Vancouver today launched a war against mixed alliances, determined to stop the practice. Fourteen inter-racial marriages have taken place here recently. In each case a white woman became the bride of a Japanese, Chinese or Negro.

Couples from Idaho, California, Oregon and Washington, who were unable to secure licenses in other places have come to Vancouver and have been married. At the last session of the legislature, an effort to enact a law prohibiting the marriage of whites and negroes or Asiatics failed.

LAFOLLETTE AND WILSON FAVORED IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—A straw vote taken throughout Oregon on the presidential possibilities, published in the Portland Journal today shows that LaFollette, among the republicans and Governor Woodrow Wilson, among the democrats were overwhelmingly chosen. Taft, Champ Clark, Bryan, Folk and Harmon received only a few votes each.

Politicians declare that the ballot was a fair indication of the strength of the various presidential candidates in Oregon and that it shows the sentiments for Taft's renomination is weak in Oregon.

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