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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; 8240; estimated, 1911—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water and six and one-half 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 sweetest 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 year.

Write Commercial club, enclosing 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

The Man From Home.

Met Bill Jones from home today, Slapped his back and yelled "hooray," Laughed and shouted, raised more noise

Than a pair of little boys, Yet back home I never ran After folks of Bill Jones' plan, There, we'd pass most every week And hardly take the pains to speak.

A cynical friend asks if Chief Hitterson bought that new automobile in order to run down crows.

The Female of the Species. (Kipling Vindicated)

Ever since Rudyard Kipling tackled woman tooth and nail With his rhyme about the female being deadlier than the male, There has been a peck of trouble down on 42nd street,

At a certain well-worn mansion where a bunch of fellows eat.

'Twas a ribbon clerk who started all the trouble when he read, With an air of satisfaction all the words that Kipling said.

"There's a poet," he concluded, "who ain't frightened at the skirts "So he writes the truth regardless if it stings or if it hurts."

Then it was that Mrs. Grigsby, she's the one who owns the place, Sort of choked and gasped, and spluttered, and grew crimson in the face,

When she got her thoughts collected she unburdened them with zest, Grim terror seized the ribbon clerk, and horror seized the rest.

Those who gave the clerk a hearing, who remarked the poem was fine

Are an abject lot of creatures now whenever they come to dine, And the few who made their protests just before the final crash—

They are eating of the roast pork while the rest are eating hash.

Al, the female of the species, down on 42nd street

Is a sympathetic person and a cook who's hard to beat.

But we have an object lesson, meek and timid, wan and pale, That the female of the species is more savage than the male.

FREIGHTS NOT TO BLOCK TRAFFIC

For several months past the local freight trains working in the Medford yards have been very much of a nuisance to travel on Sixth and Main streets in bumping freight cars around and in cutting and opening these two principal crossings, but this condition has all been done away with now, as local freight train crews have been ordered to hereafter keep off the passing track at these two crossings and do all their switching in the south yards, using the ice plant switch for a clearance track.

FOR RAILROAD COOPERATION.

NEWS of the recent reorganization of the Harriman railroads was hailed with delight all along the lines. Transfer of headquarters from Wall street to the coast, and the appointment of western men as executives with full power to act, has been construed as heralding the inauguration of a new era wherein the needs of the tributary country would be given the consideration needed.

The passing of the old regime—wherein all Harriman roads were operated under one executive and the various managers in reality given the authorities of office boys to carry out the policy of squeezing all the traffic would bear to help out stock market manipulations—is probably due to fear of government prosecution for violation of the Sherman law. The mention of the Harriman merger as illegal by the attorney general has at any rate been followed by a hasty disintegration and reorganization, which we of interior Oregon pray will result beneficially to the territory affected, and to this end stand ready to lend hearty cooperation.

The prosperity of southern and western Oregon is so dependent upon the course pursued by the Southern Pacific that every act of the traffic chiefs is studied with interest. Consequently the official utterances of Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the board of directors, during his recent Oregon trip command attention.

Among other things, Judge Lovett makes the old and oft repeated promise of an east and west line across central Oregon. This time, however, construction is made dependent upon the attitude of land owners. As Mr. Lovett says: "That is, whether they are willing to put their land on the market at prices that will attract settlers or whether they will prepare to discount railroad facilities in advance and withhold their land from settlement, demanding prices that will prevent the development necessary to justify a railroad."

This is excellent advice, coming from the head of the Southern Pacific railroad, itself the largest land owner in Oregon, which has for years withheld its land from settlement and so prevented the development of the state to a far greater extent than any other land owner possibly could. Oregon land valued at from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, containing vast mineral, timber and agricultural resources, including a big part of Jackson county, is held by the railroad for "the benefit of future generations," as the late E. H. Harriman once said. It would have paid the railroad years ago, as it would pay it today, to give this land free to actual settlers and developers on account of the increased traffic that would result—but it has been withheld from the people until public resentment was so aroused that the aid of the courts has been invoked to restore it to the nation.

It is respectfully suggested that Mr. Lovett follow his own advice and place the company's holdings on the market at prices that will attract settlers, so as to actually cooperate with the people in developing the state.

"The development of the railroads and development of the country by the railroads," Mr. Lovett continued, "rests with the people."

"If the railroads are treated justly, fairly, they can develop. If they are treated unjustly and unfairly and are hounded by unfair laws and unequal advantages under the law, then they can't develop."

Mr. Lovett can rest assured that the railroads will be treated justly and fairly by the people of Oregon. They always have been. For twenty years they controlled politics, had things their own way without protest, yet they built scarcely a mile of railroad to develop the state in that time. So unjust treatment has never stood in the way of railroad building in this state.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Lovett's promises of new roads are so vague. So far construction on the cross-state line consists of surveys. "We are making definite surveys to determine the final location of that line," said Mr. Lovett. "We have surveyed it several times, but are going over it again. * * * I don't mean to say that we will proceed with construction at a rapid rate now, because many other conditions are to be taken into consideration. * * * We have got to cut our coat according to the cloth."

As a good beginning for the new order and a start for popular reciprocity, it is respectfully suggested that the company make a Medford or a Eugene or an Albany or other interior dollar buy as much freight transportation as a Portland dollar can buy.

It is also suggested that Medford and other cities be enabled to ship merchandise from San Francisco at a reasonable rate and not have to pay for having it hauled first through the towns to Portland and then back again.

As a further evidence of the dawn of the new day, it is suggested that the mythical California-Oregon boundary line be discarded as a basis for rate making, and that shippers on the Oregon side be given the same rate for the same haul as on the California side.

To clinch the newly established friendship for the people, it is urged that rates be made interior points, other than fruit rates, which will enable the creation and establishment of industries, thus utilizing raw materials and developing the country in other than horticultural lines.

Real reciprocity, establishing mutual regard and creating prosperity for both railroad and people would follow systematic efforts to develop the state's natural resources. The establishment of a bureau to study the resources of each locality, bring them to the attention of manufacturers and investors, and secure the location thereon of factories and the establishment of rates that would permit these developers to do business at a profit, would be a ten strike for the railroad.

All emigrants do not want to raise apples. Work must be furnished in other lines. It is up to the railroad to cooperate with the cities and supply the present deficiencies.

How Well Are You Versed in History?

Furnish the names of the historical characters described in the following poem and you will be given a three month's subscription to The Mail Tribune free. Answers must be in by next Friday evening. Address "The Historical Man, Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Oregon. Number the answers according to the numbers opposite the couplets.

- There lived a magician in Beloochistan; Said he, "I will make a historical man." So he traveled afar, and he dug and he matched, He restored with his magic, and tinkered and patched, With erudite cauldron, saw, scissors and spade; And this is the way that the creature was made. 1—He seized on the square, unmistakable chin Of the man who was first in—first in—first in. 2—His lips were that traitor's sent justly to dwell, As Dante relates, in the nethermost hell. 3—Above, the long nose of a musician he set, Which struck the piano and won him a bet. 4—A king's eye he placed on one side of the head, With an arrow stuck in it the king was found dead. 5—His mate was that giant's of mythical story, Which blazed from his forehead alone in its glory. 6—One ear was that Captain's, in revenge for whose pain Great Britain was forced to declare war with Spain. 7—And the other that ear once cut off in wrath, And restored by a miracle, free from all scath. 8—A part of the hair was the long locks of him Who was caught by the oak tree of Ephraim. 9—But seven locks once were that hero's so funny Who invented the riddle of the lion and the honey. 10—And he added the forehead of the giant of old, Which was struck with a stone by a man of the fold. 11—And the tongue was that Greek's, who discovered of yore Not sermons, but speech, in the stones of the shore. 12—In the head went the brain of that Frenchman renowned, The heaviest ever anatomist found. 13—The neck was once seen topped by no head at all, Outside of the Banqueting House at Whitehall. 14—The body was that of the man who once cried "Make way for Liberty." Made it, and died. 15—On one side was a beautiful arm whereon lay A deadly asp sprung from a fatal bouquet; 16—And queerly attached was that vile actor's hand, That once pulled a trigger, and saddened a land. 17—On the other side hung the arm wrinkled and old, That shook out a flag once, as Whittier told. 18—And its hand was the man's whose signature free King George might decipher from over the sea. 19—One leg was a wooden one, silver strips round it— In the grave of old "Hardkoppig Piet" they found it. 20—The other a Norman once kissed in a pet, And managed its owner, a king, to upset. 21—Within the body so sturdy were pent The lungs of the "Old Man Eloquent." 22—Below lay the heart that Sir James the good Toward Palestine carried as far as he could. 23—And to fill up the body, there went in, all pat, The stomach immense of that king called "The Fat." 24—What flesh there was lacking the wizard supplied From the maid who at Rouen was tortured and died. 25—And for all missing bones very handsomely served The poet's, by blessings and curasings preserved. And how was this creature historical dressed? In garments quite motley, it must be confessed. 26—On his head was that thousand year old crown, Worn by monarchs of mighty renown. 27—In its robe a score of rents had been made By the dangers that round Pompey's statue played. 28—But gayly a mantle was over it thrown That the foot of a queen had once trodden upon. 29—On the leg that was flesh an unfortunate boot That had carried dispatches, completed the suit. 30—He placed the historical man on that throne Which Count Robert of Paris intruded upon. 31—He is sitting there still, my informant goes states, With a quite complex air, and a mouthful of dates.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor: It is a fact that the party who supports the title of state district horticultural commissioner and quarantine guardian did condemn the entire shipments made by us to the different points in Slakey county, California. Strange to say, however, that when our representative showed up on the scene and faced the district commissioner, the officer divulged the information that he had not personally examined all the stock and, notwithstanding the fact that he had rejected the entire shipment of \$388 worth of stock consigned by us to Yreka and had wired us to that effect and had given us 24 hours to remove the stock from the state he, the officer, proceeded to examine the consignment, and after so doing, condemned 31 trees only from the shipment. The commissioner proceeded with our representative to re-inspect the consignment at the other points with like results.

The above facts are set forth in order to show the public the gross recklessness with which a tree inspector will proceed in order to establish a record among his constituents, or for some other unknown reason, so long as he thinks the innocent owner of the property is hundreds of miles away. Not only does he condemn property that he does not know to be affected with disease, but cuts the tags and labels from the packages, mixing up the goods so that it takes an expert to arrange the trees after him, but his incorrect decision is published over his state and adjoining territory.

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