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MEDFORD, OREGON.

Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon. Population—12,800. Estimated, 1911—19,000.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Ed-Howe says "the man who gets into an entertainment without paying is the one who kicks the hardest." A Medford man suggests that the man who vainly tries to get in for nothing and who is forced to dig up is the one who really makes the most noise.

Every once in a while we hear of some minister who knows exactly how a newspaper ought to be run.

The Salem man who stabbed another with an awl certainly gave him his awl with a vengeance.—P. Under.

Won't be long before we see the Chinese revolution at the moving picture shows.

Just to make it unanimous, let's ask the wind to confess that it blew up the river.

One Medford woman says that an automobile is a handy thing to own, because one may stop in front of her husband's office, toot the horn and make him come out.

Note how we slipped past Thanksgiving without once mentioning turkey hash, turkey soup, etc., etc. And yet you say you have nothing to be thankful for.

Speaking of names, for the one hundred and tenth time a San Francisco diamond thief named Dodge is successfully eluding the police.

Man named Ironides was struck by a street car in Portland Friday and only slightly injured.

CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION.

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chaplain's prayer was silenced as he announced: "The clerk will call the roll of the states to ascertain the presence of a quorum."

Thereupon the house, out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Madison of Kansas, adjourned.

Senate Opens.

On the dot of 12 o'clock Vice President Sherman, immaculately dressed, entered at a door beside the elevated chair and desk at his official station, and a moment later tapped for order. Senators arose for prayer, the first number on the program, by the chaplain of the senate, Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, pastor of the church of which President Taft is a member.

Vice President Sherman directed the secretary to call the roll. At the close a number of members arose to explain the absence of missing colleagues. Sherman announced that a quorum was present.

Then came the business of appointing two senators to act with a committee of the house in informing President Taft that a quorum of both houses was assembled and that "congress is ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make." The secretary was directed to notify the house that a quorum of the senate had assembled and was ready for business.

Haskins for Health.

NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES.

NORTHERN and Central California, like the Rogue River Valley, is awakening to the need and necessity of irrigation. In both sections, crops can be raised without water, hence neither has fully realized the value of irrigation.

Failure to comprehend the enhancing value of water is responsible for California's receiving but a small portion of the allotments made of the reclamation service funds. Less than a third of the money contributed has found its way back into the state, because of the refusal of property owners to bring their holdings within the scope of the proposed projects.

Discussing these lost opportunities, the Sacramento Bee says:

"Mead and other government engineers most eloquently described, in official reports, the wonderful fertility of the valley's lands and the advantages of the climate for the production of alfalfa, vegetables and other crops with the aid of irrigation. He showed that the proper use of water would multiply the productiveness of the soil, and that instead of one crop of wheat in two years, under the summer fallowing system, lands then devoted to wheat could be made to produce at least three or four crops of alfalfa annually. It was also pointed out that such use of water would prove the most efficacious solvent for the evil of land monopoly, as exhibited by numerous great ranches scattered through the valley, each embracing thousands of acres and some containing scores of square miles.

"Unfortunately, the land owners, as a rule, were strongly prejudiced against irrigation. They had not practiced it and knew little about it. A mistaken belief prevailed that homeseekers could best be drawn to the valley, and induced to become land buyers and residents, by insistence that irrigation was not needed, the average annual rainfall being claimed to be sufficient.

"This was and remains true, in a measure, for grain crops, and for certain crops on bottom lands. But experience with irrigation has since shown that even on soils naturally rich and moist irrigation may be used to advantage for various crops, and that on the higher and dryer lands of the valley it is a great help to fruit trees and vines; that it often makes both feasible and profitable the production of alfalfa and other crops not well suited to natural conditions.

"Of late years the wonderful prosperity and progress of the northwest, and of Colorado and other states in the 'arid region,' has been due largely or chiefly to the government works of irrigation. They have profited by the failure of the Sacramento valley to grasp the magnificent opportunity that came knocking at her doors so loudly and persistently."

All of these statements hold true for the Rogue River Valley, with the exception that this is almost the only region in the world where irrigation water goes begging, and it is difficult to find users.

There is water sufficient to supply 50,000 acres that is used on only 500 acres, in spite of the fact that the productivity and output of the valley can be increased from 100 to 1000 per cent thereby.

The prejudice against irrigation is rapidly disappearing. Nothing succeeds like success—and irrigation spells success.

THE BATTLE OF THE SMITHS.

THE battle of the Smiths for the mayor's chair at Grants Pass creates an amusing situation. Of course the Smith family will win in today's balloting—no matter which branch is victorious.

"Shall prohibition prohibit?" is the issue. R. G. Smith, who has been attorney for the wets, and is not a prohibitionist, says it shall if he is elected. He promises to close the many "blind-pigs" and declares that "the trouble with Grants Pass today is that it is rotten; it is worse than any town in southern Oregon."

E. V. Smith, the socialist, declares: "The prohibitionists are making the same mistake they usually make. While men of intelligence in ordinary things, they permit the liquor interests to invariably use them politically as they wish. The ossification of the human brain begins at the word 'prohibition.'"

Dr. J. C. Smith is the candidate of the "open town" element and believes that prohibition was forced upon the city by the county and that the city does not want it and hence ought to enjoy the principle of home-rule enough to regulate itself—in other words license the blind-pigs. Meanwhile the Grants Pass Courier prints a letter from a man who "intends to invest \$115,000 in Grants Pass" because "it seems remarkably clean. What above all else appeals is the absence of saloons and the undesirable element that saloons always draw."

LOCAL SOCIALISTS CONDEMN M'NAMARAS

The socialist local of this city at a meeting held Sunday adopted resolutions condemning the McNamara brothers for the manner in which they deceived the labor world and those who had contributed money to the defense fund. The case was discussed in detail.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Central Labor council will give a few entertainments at the Medford opera house on December 4th and 5th. Several beautiful, high class, up-to-date moving picture subjects, music, illustrated songs, and a short lecture on trade union labels. Children admitted if accompanied by parents.

Haskins for Health.

MANY ATTEND ELK MEMORIAL

The Elk memorial services held at the opera house Sunday afternoon were attended by a large number of local people who gathered with the Elks to pay a tribute to their departed brethren. The exercises of the afternoon were most impressive, while the addresses were closely followed.

The Elk memorial is held by each lodge on the first Sunday in December each year. This year local Elks rejoiced because no member of Medford lodge 1168 failed to respond to roll call.

Haskins for Health.

ERICKSON BACK FROM LONG TRIP

Supervisor of Crater National Forest Spent Two Months Inspecting the Large Domain Under His Charge—Logging on East Slope Lively.

M. L. Erickson, supervisor of the Cascade national forest service, returned a couple of days ago from a two months' inspection tour of all that part of the forest reserve in his jurisdiction. He visited all of the service ranger cabins and the trails leading to and from these cabins, and made note of the condition of the forest at all the different points where work has been required during the past year.

Mr. Erickson made special note of the progress being made by the large lumber company which is logging timber in the vicinity of Pelican bay. This company has purchased 100,000,000 feet of lumber from the government and is now in active and fully-organized operation. The company has dredged a canal three-quarters of a mile in length from Pelican bay across low, swampy land to a point where the actual logging operations have commenced. This canal is fifty feet wide and eight feet deep, and was built at a cost of from \$6,000 to \$7,000. A logging railroad is being built, which, with its spurs, will be fully three miles in length.

The company has imported a great number of Minnesota lumbermen—the regular, dyed-in-the-wool lumber jacks; which made Minnesota famous by their hardiness and capability as logging men, and these men are now putting from 60,000 to 70,000 feet of logs into the canal each day. The company expects to cut and make into lumber over 30,000,000 feet each year for the next three years, and when their present contract with the government for the purchase of lumber is completed it is not improbable that they will contract for an additional amount at the now prevailing price of \$3.25 per thousand for all kinds of pine and \$1.50 per thousand for all kinds of fir. These logs will be floated into Pelican bay and from there into Klamath lake and then to Klamath Falls, where they will be saved.

The government has two men employed, one a scaler, who scales every log as it is put in the water, and the other a spotter, whose duty it is to "spot" all trees to be cut by the company. All trees two feet in diameter and under are left standing. Of the total of this great amount of money which the government will receive for this timber the state of Oregon will receive one-fourth, and this one-fourth will be divided among the counties in which the reserve is located. This division is made in proportion to the number of acres of all the reserve in each county, which will give to Jackson county 70 per cent of one-fourth, there being a greater area of the reserve in Jackson county than in Klamath county.

As soon as transportation facilities are provided for moving the lumber on this side of the divide the government will offer for sale all that tract of timber in the reserve lying west of the Crater Lake National park.

Flies Up Market Street. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 4.—Starting from Golden Gate park, Aviator DeMasson, in a Curtiss biplane, flew down Market street at 2:30 o'clock Saturday, and, passing over the Ferry building, crossed the bay to Oakland, at an altitude of about 500 feet. The flight was undertaken for a prize offered by a commercial firm.

Haskins for Health.

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