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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—8340; estimated, 1911—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water, and 17.3 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 29, 1911, show increase of 19 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen 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.

First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial Club, including 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

My baby learned to talk today, My thirteen month old girlie, She looked a pat her dad and said, "Do Christmas shopping early."

Hetty Green says New York is a den of thieves. Hetty has lived there most of her life and still has hers.

Listen Pansy, listen well, A great big secret I will tell; We're at the close of the old year And 1912 will soon be here. Hiest, I break the news to you The new year is a leap year too.

Last leap year I was entertained by my landlord who put my rent through a few jumping tricks.

GARY TO GIVE WIFE \$500,000 NECKLACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—One of the most costly Christmas presents which will be given this year has just been completed by New York Jeweler, Judge Elbert H. Gary as a gift to his wife.

It is a necklace of 100 perfect pearls, and is said to be worth not less than \$500,000. Part of the pearls have been in Mrs. Gary's possession for some time, but it was not until a few days ago that the last pearls to complete the ornament were found.

The pearls graduate in size from the center one, the size of a cherry, to the small ones at the ends, which are pinned by a diamond and emerald clasp. The whole thing is admittedly the most valuable single strand of its kind in the world.

ALLEGED BRIBER IS SERIOUSLY SICK

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 16.—Stephen A. McMahon of Chicago, connected with the Boone Construction company, and accused of having offered bribes to Mayor Sanderson and several councilmen to obtain paving contracts, was stricken at his hotel a few days ago, and his life is despaired of by the attending physicians. McMahon is reputed to be very wealthy. McMahon is under indictment, and his trial was set for this week.

Swindled, But Recovers.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 16.—Fritz Holmgren, a wealthy saloon-keeper here, who alleged that he was swindled in Bridgeport, Conn., of \$15,000 through a fake prizefight by W. J. Keenan, of Chicago, and others, today won his suit for \$18,130, principal and interest.

Keenan is under \$30,000 bail on a criminal charge. The bail has been attached and the amount of the verdict will be collected from it.

Hastings for Health.

RICHES.

"MONEY is a commodity that will buy everything, save health and happiness; and it is a universal transport to everywhere, save heaven."

So runs a popular quotation. But money won't buy any of the things worth having. It won't buy love and it won't buy friendship; it won't purchase virtue or make a man honest, industrious, temperate or just. It won't buy the individual, genius, talent or ability. It comes near being a universal transport to demoralization.

Riches spell power, but do not confer the ability to properly use this power. Many an acquisitive miser in his palace is poorer in all that is worth while than his spendthrift neighbor in a hovel—and really of less moment in the life of the world, for "the crown of the wise is their riches, but the foolishness of fools is folly."

For a man to become very wealthy he must of necessity seize what belongs to others, hence great wealth is frequently a synonym for selfishness, avarice and greed, so "Let not the rich man glory in his riches."

Far fewer people can stand prosperity than adversity, for adversity strengthens, and prosperity demoralizes. Riches all too often corrupt, weaken and effeminate. As Solomon said, "He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye."

Sir Francis Bacon, who believed in wealth as long as it was got justly, used soberly, distributed cheerfully, and left behind contentedly, says in his essay on "Riches":

"I cannot call Riches better, than the Baggage of Virtue, The Roman Word is better, Impedimenta. For as Baggage is to the Army, so is Riches to Virtue. It cannot be spared, nor left behind, but it hindreth the march; yea, and the care of it, sometimes, loseth or disturbeth the victory."

"Of great Riches, there is no real use, except it be in the distribution; the rest is but conceit. So saith Solomon: Where much is, there are many to consume it; and what hath the owner, but the sight of it, with his eyes?"

"The personal fruition in any man cannot reach to feel Great Riches: There is a custody of them, or a power of dole and donative of them, or a fame of them; but no solid use to the owner."

"As Solomon saith: Riches are as a strong hold, in the imagination, and not always in fact. For certainly Great Riches have sold more men, then they have bought out."

And they sold Bacon himself, for in the acquisition of wealth he prostituted his own brilliant talents, became a sycophant, time server and traitor to such a degree that Pope pronounced him "the wisest, brightest, meanest of mankind."

And so we have the world's wisest and richest admitting that "the rich man is wise in his own conceit, but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out, and echoing for futurity Agur's prayer:

"Remove me from vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me."

"LEND A HAND."

THE MAIL TRIBUNE is in receipt of a copy of "Lend a Hand," an attractive little publication issued by the state prisoners at Salem. It is full of matter interesting to the prisoners, and appeals to the world for a square deal for the under dog. In the December issue Governor West outlines his prison policy, while the editors pay their respects to the Portland Oregonian as "the morning Kill-joy."

Accompanying the publication is the following note from the publishers:

"We send you herewith a copy of the Lend A Hand, a paper edited and printed by the inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary. We aim to morally help the prisoner, bearing in mind that such aid also benefits society at large, for some day that prisoner's time will expire and he will again mingle with the world. Our facilities for obtaining outside information are pitifully small, and we would be pleased to have you on our exchange list. Will you lend a hand?"

Needless to say The Mail Tribune is very glad to lend a hand.

TO BUILD UP THE CITY.

ATTENTION is called to the article published elsewhere in this issue describing the Joliet, Illinois, public market, which has furnished a satisfactory solution of the problem of bringing the producer and consumer together with mutual profit, and brought about a material reduction in the cost of living.

In this connection the communication-written by W. V. Toner is interesting. Mr. Toner, who is an auctioneer, suggests that an auction be held each Saturday in connection with a Saturday bargain day, wherein farmers and stockmen can dispose of livestock. Such a feature can be added to the public market with profit.

With a public market, a Saturday bargain day and livestock auction pulled off weekly, in addition to public lectures and entertainments, an effective way will have been found to attract the farmers to Medford with mutual profit to producer, consumer and merchant.

This is the way to build up Medford. To accomplish it, cooperation effort is needed all along the line.

A MAIL ORDER DEAL.

THE following from "Square Dealer" forcibly illustrates the usual bargain secured by purchasing from a mail order house:

Down in Oklahoma the other day a man went into a store to buy a saw. He saw the kind he wanted and asked the price. It was \$1.65, the dealer said.

"Good gracious," said the man. "I can get the same thing from Sears, Roebuck & Co. for \$1.35."

"That's less than it cost me," said the dealer, "but I'll sell it on the same terms as the mail order house just the same."

"All right," said the customer. "You can send it along

and charge it to my account."

"Not on your life," the dealer replied. "No charge accounts. You can't do business with the mail order house that way. Fork over the cash."

The customer complied. "Now 2 cents for postage and .5 cents for a money order."

"What—?" "Certainly, you have to send a letter and a money order to a mail order house, you know."

The customer, inwardly raving, kept to his agreement and paid the nickel.

"Now 25 cents expressage."

"Well, I'll be—," he said, but paid it, saying, "Now hand me that saw and I'll take it home myself and be rid of this foolery."

"Hand it to you? Where do you think you are? You're in Oklahoma and I'm in Chicago, and you'll have to wait two weeks for that saw."

Whereupon the dealer hung the saw on a peg and put the money in his cash drawer.

"That makes \$1.67," he said. "It has cost you 2 cents more and taken you two weeks longer to get it than if you had paid my price in the first place."

Auctions On Market Days

Bargain Day. To the Editor: I see you have a very interesting writeup about Saturday's bargain day. Now, Mr. Editor, you have done fine as far as you have gone, but you haven't gone far enough. Advertise you will have an auction on sales day for the purpose of selling anything the farmer has that he wants to dispose of and that it will be sold without cost or any charges to the farmer. You would be surprised at the amount of stuff the farmer would bring in, and also at the crowds. All farmers have horses, cattle, farm implements or something they wish to dispose of. My experience is that it is a winner. I have sold \$1000 worth of stuff for the farmers on one sales day. Nothing like it as a booster. If you think well of this plan and want a salesman I will sell all that may come for a time without any charge. Wish you would be kind enough to let me know what you think of this plan. I am a stranger here and know very few people. I take your paper and could not get along without it. There are more live people in Medford than any city twice its size on the coast. Yours to help boost. W. V. TONER.

Clean, Dry Heat. Clean, dry heat, with no smoke or odor and with no flying ashes or soot—that is what you get with a Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater. The Perfection is the most reliable and convenient heating device you can find. It is always ready for use. There are no pipes or flues or wires to bother you. You can pick it up and take it wherever extra warmth is wanted. Every mechanical improvement that experience could suggest was already embodied in the Perfection Heater. This year we have tried to add to its appearance. The drums are finished either in turquoise-blue enamel or plain steel, as you prefer; nickel trimmings; as ornamental as it is indispensable to comfort. A special automatic device absolutely prevents smoking. All parts easily cleaned. Gallon fuel; lasts nine hours. Cool handle; damper top. Dealers everywhere; or write for descriptive circular to any agency of the Standard Oil Company (Incorporated).

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