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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—2840; estimated, 1911—16,000. Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving fine supply pure mountain water, and 17.3 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 20, 1911, show increase of 19 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 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 peaches 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.

SOLO AT TOLO. By Rex Lampman in the Oregon Journal.

Up at Tolo. To other day—Town that's owned by Colonel Ray, Where they make good brick from clay—At a social game of solo, So they say, Stranger sat into the play Just to pass the time away

Stranger was a little gay, Wore a waistcoat recherche; Said to live up the play, Make it less like making hay, Make it more his kind of fray, What would everybody say To a small stake, by the way?

Stranger left the town of Tolo, Which was sired by Colonel Ray—Stranger damns it every day—Where they play the game of solo In the good old-fashioned way—Missed Nineteen and left next day; (Game broke up when dawn was gray);

In his waistcoat recherche Found four bits to pay the dray—Hauling trunks across the way From the sample room where they Had been used to get an order Afternoon of previous day.

Had a ticket bought to Medford—Wired from there for next month's pay.

Says next time he stops at Tolo—Station just south of Gold Ray—He will wear an ugly bolo, Take Max Jacoby's order for prunes with no delay,

And with that brutal bolo, Wicked Filipino bolo, He will cleave the first fresh jay—Native of the town of Tolo—Who may sidle up and say: "What about a game of solo, Stranger, hey?"

NOTICE. To all whom it may concern: Public notice is hereby given that J. W. Slinger, a retail liquor dealer and the owner of a retail liquor license to sell intoxicating liquors at the city of Medford, Oregon, has contracted to sell and assign the unexpired portion of said license to G. T. Shaw and C. L. Reed and that it is the intention of the said G. T. Shaw and the said C. L. Reed to carry on the business heretofore carried on by the said J. W. Slinger at No. 37 South Front street, in that certain building known as the Nash Sample Room situated on the south lot of the Hotel Nash building property on South Front street in Medford, Oregon; and that on Tuesday the 19th day of December, 1911, the undersigned will appear before the city council of Medford, Oregon, at its regular session to be held on said evening, and will at said time apply to the said city council for permission to have said license so assigned to said Reed and Shaw and for permission to conduct said saloon business at their new location herein designated.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 7th day of December, 1911. J. W. SLINGER, G. T. SHAW, C. L. REED.

FOR COUNCILMAN FROM THE FIRST WARD I hereby announce myself as a candidate for councilman from the First ward at the coming city election.

J. W. MITCHELL. Haskins for Health.

A BUREAU OF NATIONAL PARKS.

SECRETARY FISHER of the Department of the Interior is the first of the cabinet officials to grasp the importance of the national parks of the United States, by fathering a movement for the creation of a federal bureau of national parks. He first suggested this idea at the national park conference of government officials held last September in the Yellowstone National park. The American Civic association at its seventh annual convention held recently at Washington endorsed it, and Senator Reed Smoot has fathered a bill for the creation of such a bureau.

The nation is proud of its beauty spots and national wonderlands set aside for recreation purposes by the government, but only a few of the more fortunate can see them. It is one of the objects of Mr. Fisher to exploit them and make them useful to all.

The national parks are now administered without system or uniformity, in a haphazard and slipshod manner. Control is divided between three departments, Interior, Agricultural and War, and as harmony does not always prevail between the different department officials, the parks frequently suffer. The management should be concentrated in a single bureau. Except in the Yellowstone, the government has no jurisdiction to punish offences in violation of its park regulations. Mining privileges exist in some of the parks and, according to the Interior department, the tendency is to abuse them in order to secure rights which ultimately must be bought out by the government. Then, too, private interests are always encroaching. San Francisco seeks to grab half of the Yosemite for the Hetch-Hetchy watershed. The national parks are always more or less under bombardment by speculators, acting under the cover of special law. Not long ago one assault was headed off which, had it succeeded, would have enabled any one to condemn at two dollars and a half an acre the great falls of the Yellowstone or of the Yosemite.

The Crater Lake National park offers an example of this divided control. The park superintendent is under jurisdiction of the Interior department, the forest rangers and patrol under the forestry bureau (Department of Agriculture), the road surveys under the War department, the geological surveys under the Interior department, the road construction under the good roads section of the Department of Agriculture.

The government has established thirteen national parks and twenty-eight national monuments, or small areas, the former comprising more than 4,500,000 acres. The parks created by congressional action which are entitled to rank as national institutions are the Yellowstone, in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho; the Yosemite, the Sequoia and the General Grant in California, the Mount Rainier in Washington, the Crater Lake in Oregon, the Glacier in Montana and the Mesa Verde in Colorado, which is a five mile strip for the protection of some of the most interesting ruins on the continent. The Grand Canon of the Colorado probably will be added. Smaller but some of them as beautiful, if not as extensive, are the Wind Cave in South Dakota, Sully's Hill in North Dakota, Platt in Oklahoma, the Casa Grande Ruin in Arizona, and the Hot Springs reservation in Arkansas.

Some of the smaller parks are relatively unimportant and may be ceded to the states which contain them. The remainder, however, are of international interest and attract visitors from all over the world, yet even the greatest of these parks, the Yellowstone, was visited by less than twenty thousand persons in 1910.

Secretary Fisher holds that the advantages of a bureau of national parks would be:

First, to bring together in orderly arrangement all national parks and monuments, thus substituting uniformity of law and administration for the present helter-skelter conditions.

Second, such a bureau, competently officered and provided with funds with which to attain expert advice, could insure development of useful properties and avoid a great waste of money upon others. It would also provide for skilled landscape architects under whose directions the natural beauties of the parks may be properly displayed and brought to their highest development.

Third, exploitation of the parks—follow the example of the railroads and let the people know what unrivaled attractions in the way of scenery and health the parks have to offer. The bureau could issue literature, maps and hotel and railroad information, and, in a word, develop business for the parks to the benefit of the public.

If Secretary Fisher succeeds in the creation of a park bureau he will have accomplished something well worth the while and made his regime most memorable. In his efforts he will have the cooperation and best wishes of a majority of Americans everywhere.

Hogs--Razor-Backs and Others

To the Editor: I see you copy an article from Ashland's Tidings called "His Swineahp."

Yes, I believe you have it named right.

Now there are two kinds of hogs, the well bred Poland and the Razor Back. The first is Medford's kind. They are the finest raised and are always fat—and of course that means satisfied. The other, the Razor Back, are the most homely of all hogs, always squealing and making a noise, but they are so common no one pays any attention to them or their noise.

The razor back is a running mate for the calamity howler, the most dissatisfied, the most miserable of all mankind.

Now my dear brother of the Tidings, it is almost Christmas time and the new year is almost here. There are those that were as near lost that have been redeemed. Come over, get in the good shepherd's fold, get a square meal, get your stomach sweet, then you will see and think as we do, that Medford is all right. Yours with brotherly love, W. V. TONER. Medford, December 17.

Exposing It's Little Soul

From the Portland Spectator. A rather interesting discussion of newspaper ethics enlivened the editorial pages of two important contemporaries—the Oregonian and the Mail Tribune—in the past ten days.

The Oregonian this week brought the disputation to a close by publishing an editorial paragraph of which this is the point: "The Sun has under its present management rapidly and deservedly

taken the leadership of Medford newspapers."

The average reader of the Oregonian does not know what that meant; some readers, maybe below or above the average, do know. Those few lines mean that in the discussion of newspaper ethics the Oregonian was beaten by the Mail Tribune. To revenge itself on an opponent which it could not overcome in debate, the Oregonian picks up a publication that is carrying on feeble opposition to the Mail Tribune, and on that unworthy object of praise most unworthily bestows praise. The Oregonian knows that the Mail Tribune is now, and has been for some time, the leading paper in Medford—knows that the Mail Tribune in circulation, influence and ability is the leading paper in the southern part of the state.

The Oregonian has a bad habit of misrepresenting what or whom it cannot coerce—or trying to suppress what or whom it cannot control. It was this bad habit that made the Oregon Daily Journal possible in Portland. The Journal represented a protest against the Oregonian's policy of suppression, misrepresentation and coercion; there happened to be enough victims of that policy in Oregon to make the Journal a success.

At times, the Spectator is almost moved to think the Oregonian a big, fair, broad minded paper; but just at that moment when the pen is in hand to express the thought, the Oregonian exposes its little soul in a paragraph such as it printed about the newspapers of Medford, and we

regretfully withhold the commendation which our big but misguided contemporary refuses to earn.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that O. M. Selby will make application to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its regular meeting on December 19th, 1911, for a license to sell spirituous liquors and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon at No. 17 So. Front st., for a period of six months. O. M. SELSBY. Dated Dec. 8th, 1911.



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