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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—5240; estimated, 1911—10,000.

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

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

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitsenberg 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, enclosing 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

FORTUNE HUNTER A DANDY SHOW

Audience Had Long Wait, But It Was Well Worth It—Lines Were Good and Actors Handled Their Parts With Great Skill.

"The Fortune Hunter" was the first real New York production, excepting "Alias Jimmy Valentine," that Medford has seen for many a day.

In last night's production it was not alone the lines that were spoken or the excellence of the actor, but the natural environment that spoke with an eloquence that touched the heart.

In the second act, the setting of the old drug store, the honest, kind hearted old inventor and the daughter trying to make the best of their poverty; the old workshop in the corner and the hundred little signs of financial failure formed the picture that stamped its pathos on the hearts of the audience.

This surrounding, together with most excellent acting and a play that has merit of the first quality, made "The Fortune Hunter" a performance that Medford will long remember.

Miss Cohan is a genuine actress; she has a keen conception of her character; she is intelligent and talented and, above all, so sincere in her work that she cannot fail to impress.

Nothing but the consummate love of art would induce a lady with sleeves rolled up in the chilly atmosphere of last night to scrub a mimic drug store through a scene lasting 10 or 15 minutes, hands constantly in water.

The only bad feature of the evening was the lateness of the production. It was 10:24 when the curtain rolled up and, due to difficulties on the stage, the show was not over until nearly 2 a. m. That the audience remained is a great testimonial.

NO TRACE YET FOUND OF OLIVER

Army Sergeant Who Disappeared in November Cannot Be Located—Seen in Medford After Leaving Butte Falls.

All efforts on the part of local authorities to locate Frederick G. Oliver, the sergeant who disappeared November 22, when he boarded the train at Butte Falls for Medford, have been unavailing. Trace was found of him in Medford but nothing further.

A LIE WELL STUCK TO.

WHENEVER the Oregonian runs out of arguments in a discussion with this paper, it dismisses the debate by asserting that The Mail Tribune is rapidly losing ground and doesn't amount to much anyway, while its little local stand-pat echo is becoming a journalistic world beater.

Last week the Oregonian closed a discussion of newspaper ethics with the comprehensive and convincing argument that had nothing to do with the case: "The Sun has under its present management rapidly and deservedly taken the lead in the Medford newspaper field."

In Wednesday's issue the Oregonian again replies to The Mail Tribune by the following conclusive clincher: "It (The Mail Tribune) has suffered a great loss of the general confidence . . . and has been the opportunity of a live, fair and truthful paper like the Medford Sun."

Perhaps the Oregonian is judging others by itself and imagines that because it is losing its hold and becoming a hoodoo, other leading papers must be also.

But the wish is evidently father to the thought, for the Oregonian is practising its usual precept that a lie well stuck to is better than the truth.

When the Oregonian asserts and reasserts that The Mail Tribune is not the leading newspaper in southern Oregon, judged by prestige, influence, circulation, business, equipment, or by any other measure, it "lies by day, it lies by night, and it lies for the mere lust of lying."

BREAKING WITH RUSSIA.

ABROGATION of the treaty between the United States and Russia by the former is occasioned by the continued action of Russia in holding up Americans because of their race or religion in defiance of treaty obligations.

Jews and athiests are refused admittance to Russia and subjected to annoyances, and all other Americans must submit to an humiliating inquisition at the Russian embassy or consulate before their American passports are given the Russian vise, without which no one is permitted to cross the frontier.

In 1832 a treaty was made between the United States and Russia. The first article of that treaty reads:

"There shall be between the territories of the high contracting parties a reciprocal liberty of commerce and navigation. The inhabitants of their respective states shall mutually have liberty to enter the ports, places, and rivers of the territories of each party, wherever foreign commerce is permitted. They shall be at liberty to sojourn and reside in all parts whatsoever of said territories, in order to attend to their affairs, and they shall enjoy, to that effect, the same security and protection as natives of the country wherein they reside, on condition of their submitting to the laws and ordinances there prevailing, and particularly to the regulations in force concerning commerce."

Thirty years ago Russia began to violate the treaty. With religious persecution, massacres and anti-semitic outbreaks in Russia came the religious inquisition against American citizens desiring to enter the czar's domain. Russia violated the treaty and continued one subterfuge after another in reply to diplomatic protests.

James G. Blaine, while secretary of state in 1881, made formal protest against Russia's actions, stating that the United States could "make no new treaty with Russia, nor accept any construction of our existing treaty which shall discriminate against any class of American citizens on account of their religious faith."

Resolutions have been passed at every session of congress since, protesting, and during the past thirty years one secretary of state after another endeavored to make it clear to Russia that she was breaking the treaty with the United States by discriminating against American citizens on account of their religious belief. Both the republican and democratic parties have incorporated in their platforms this demand for equal rights for the American passport in Russia, and candidates for president and presidents have promised before and after elections in speeches and in letters to deal energetically with this insult to American citizenship.

American citizens are not the only ones against whom the Russian government discriminates on religious grounds. Subjects of other countries of Europe must submit to the same religious inquisition at the hands of the Russian officials in those countries. And yet the other countries do not press their claims so persistently as the United States.

America has led the way. Congress and the president have at last acted. The break with Russia is complete. A new treaty will not be made unless the American passport is honored. Other nations will follow a like course.

Russia has no navy and is powerless to go to war even if it was desired, but there is nothing to indicate that the most barbarous of civilized nations intends armed aggression. In the meantime, Americans will have to keep out of Russia.

DE ARMOND WEDS MISS MABEL COLLINS

Attorney H. H. DeArmond and Miss Mabel E. Collins were married December 20, 1911, at the home of Dr. F. G. Carlow, Rev. A. A. Holmes of the Baptist church officiating. Fully 40 guests were present at the ceremony and after the most hearty congratulations had been extended a light-luncheon was served. The young couple left on train 16 last night for Portland and McMinnville. Mr. De Armond is a member of the law firm of De Armond & De Armond of this city and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Collins, of Gold Hill.

WHITE CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLE WEST

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 21.—The middle west and the mountains are snow covered today, the fall in some districts reaching the proportions of a blizzard and entailing heavy loss of livestock on the ranges. The heavy fall ended today, but the weather predictions are for a continuation of zero weather and a white Christmas.

TO CURE A GOLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c. Haskins for Health.

RUSSIANS AND PERSIANS CLASH

TEHERAN, Dec. 21.—Dispatches from Tabriz today state that serious fighting is in progress there between Russian and Persian troops.

Services at Free Methodist Church. At the Free Methodist church, corner Tenth and Ivy streets, Rev. B. F. Smalley of Portland will preach tonight and each night this week and conduct quarterly meeting. Services next Sunday morning and evening. Come and hear him; all are welcome. J. W. Sharpe, pastor. Haskins for Health.

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- POT ROAST, pound 10c and 12 1-2c
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West Side Market LOUIS HEIL, PROP.

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MISCELLANEOUS Houses to rent in different parts of the city. TRADE 412 acres at Roseburg. 330 acres near Albany. 3 houses in Seattle to trade for acreage. 160 improved in Colorado. A fine house in Grand Junction Colo., for house here.

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