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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—8840; 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 30, 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 pears brought highest price 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.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR EXCURSION

Medford Folk Who Are to Visit the Southland Next Month Will Go in a Special Train From This City.

The Medford excursionists to Los Angeles who will leave next week for California on the regular mid-winter excursion, will leave Medford on a special train, now that a sufficient number have signed for the trip.

The train will be made up of standard sleepers, a diner, baggage car and an observation car. The train was arranged for by John M. Scott, who once again made good his promise to give Medford the best in service on the Southern Pacific.

Medford is the only city of its size in the northwest ever so honored.

PORTLAND WOULD GIVE IDLE WORKMEN JOB

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—The ways and means committee of the city council today conferred with Mayor Rushlight in an endeavor to devise means of furnishing work for the hundreds of idle men here during the winter.

MEDFORD MARKETS

Vegetables: Potatoes—\$1.75 per cwt.; 2c lb. Cabbage—2c. Parsnips—2c. Lettuce—5c head. Carrots—2c. Beets—2c. Onions—2c. Celery—50c @ \$1 doz. Cauliflower—10 @ 15c head. Turnips—2c. Radishes—5c bunch. Onions—Green, 5c bunch.

Fruit: Cocoanuts—10c each. Prunes—Dried, 10c lb. Lemons—25c dozen. Bananas—10c to 30c per dozen. Oranges—15c to 40c. Cranberries—15c quart.

Butter Eggs and Poultry: Butter—Fresh ranch, per roll, 65c; creamery, 55c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 35c; storage, 25c. Poultry—Hens, dressed, 15c; live, 12c; springs, dressed, 15c. Turkeys—20c to 25c, dressed.

Meats, Wholesale: Beef—Cows, 4 1-2c; steers, 5c. Pork—5 1/4c and 6c. Veal—Dressed, 7 1/2-10c. Mutton—3 @ 1-2c, live; lamb, 5c to 7 1/2c.

Hay and Feed: Hay—Timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; grass, \$12; grain hay, \$14. Grain—Wheat, 95c bushel; oats, \$35 ton; barley, \$35 ton. Haskins for health.

COST OF COUNTY ROAD WORK.

REPORTS made by the county engineer's office show \$207,861 spent in 1911 up to December 1 upon roads and highways by Jackson county. As \$10,000 of this amount was raised by public subscription for the Crater Lake highway, the actual expenditures of the county were \$197,861.

Of this amount \$67,388 was spent under Engineer Harmon in highway construction. The six new bridges built during the year cost \$40,607. For new road building machinery, \$32,582 was spent. The supervisors of the twelve county districts spent in addition \$57,282, mostly temporary repair work that will have to be done over again next year.

Jackson county has the best road building equipment of any county in the state, and is building macadam roads at a lower cost than any county. The Ashland road, 16 feet wide, 14 inches of crushed rock, cost \$3995 per mile, the rock being moved an average haul of one mile at a cost per cubic yard of rock in place, \$1.28.

The Ross Lane road, 12 feet wide, 10 inches of crushed rock, cost \$3223 per mile, with an average length of haul of 5.1 miles, at a cost per cubic yard of rock in place, \$1.56.

The Desert road, 12 feet wide, 10 inches of rock, cost \$5226 per mile, the average haul being 1.5 miles, the cost per cubic yard of rock in place being \$2.97. The high cost of this road was due to the poor quarry, the rock being in boulders.

The Prospect road, not surfaced, cost \$1341 per mile, the Derby road \$2267 per mile and the Reese creek road \$1429 per mile.

The upper Rogue river bridge at the mouth of Big Butte cost \$8285. The lower bridge at the Dodge place cost \$12,185. The Big Butte bridge cost \$3182, the Foothills creek bridge \$1225, the Central Point bridge, rebuilt, \$4498 and the Gold Hill bridge \$11,232.

The county supervisors spent as follows: Geo. James, district 1, \$4722; S. G. Van Dyke, district 2, \$6713; A. Throckmorton, third district, \$2758; H. L. Gregory, fourth district, \$8963; O. Carter, district 5, \$6628; Thos. Stanley, district 6, \$2101; Ed Higginbotham, district 7, \$3251; D. W. Sturgis, district 8, \$2394; G. Lyman, district 9, \$2608; W. R. Garrett (special tax), district 10, \$7614; J. W. Haynes, district 11, \$6194; Jim Fredenberg, district 12, \$3330.

Each supervisor spends his allowance as he sees fit, resulting in many styles of roads. Here would seem to be a chance of reform. All work might be done under the engineer's jurisdiction. The supervisors, instead of being so many road builders working independently, might with advantage be under central authority and work along well defined and systematic lines.

In the year of 1910, the sum of \$71,286 was spent in new road construction, or a larger amount than was spent in the same class of work this year. Owing to the methods prevailing at that time, it is difficult to secure accurate data regarding cost of road building prior to the present year.

The general result of the year's work is creditable to the county court and to Engineer Harmon. Crushed rock has been moved at a minimum cost. Six miles of permanent macadamized highway has been constructed; twenty-two miles of unsurfaced road, besides that constructed by the supervisors. Three new steel bridges span the Rogue and one the Big Butte. New sections have been made accessible and nearly every section benefited thereby. New equipment places the county in a position to carry on the work still cheaper another year.

FRAUD REBUKED.

A SIGH of relief from all over the state follows the decision of Judge Galloway in making permanent the injunction enjoining the secretary of state from filing the referendum petitions against the state university appropriation. The bulk of the signatures were fraudulent and the court held that the whole procedure was so tainted with fraud that no court in equity could attempt to sift the true from the false.

Facts brought out during the hearing show that the referendum had its origin in spite entertained by Cottage Grove citizens against the city of Eugene for opposing the proposed creation of Nesmith county.

Had the referendum come to a vote it would undoubtedly have met defeat in the state, as the previous referendum did some years ago, for despite the mossback opposition to higher education, voiced by that cultured tory, the Oregonian, the progressive people of Oregon are in the majority. But it would have entailed hard work and seriously embarrassed the university.

Oregon can afford to support its university liberally and so build up a great institution that the state will be proud of. Invoking the referendum for spite by fraud is a rank abuse of privilege.

BIG CHRISTMAS FOR HONOR MEN

John Grieve Buys Great Christmas Dinner for Residents of Westville—Reports Work as Satisfactory on the Road.

John Grieve, who has charge of the road work at Honor Camp No. 1 on the Crater Lake road between here and Prospect, has left for the camp with supplies for a big Christmas dinner for his "boys" at the camp. He reports work progressing very satisfactorily on the road and the "honor men" well satisfied and generally good, faithful workers.

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