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WONDERFUL ADVANCEMENT MADE IN 1911

Huge Sums Expended in Past Year for Development in City and Valley--Coming Year Bright With Promise

VAST FIGURES TELL GROWTH OF CITY 1911

Every Line of Endeavor, Social and Financial, Shows Remarkable Progress During Year Which Sped Into History With Midnight.

POSTAL RECEIPTS, CERTAIN INDEX, GAIN 15 PER CENT

Over \$1,500,000 for New Buildings While City Is Improved by Expenditure of \$580,000.

With extraordinary progress made during the year 1911, which came to an end last evening, in all lines of development and business in Medford and the Rogue River valley, residents of city and valley are today ready to take up the work brought to hand by the youngster 1912 and with renewed vigor and courage, based on the past, continue to build a city where a few short years ago grew chaparral unmolested by the pioneer's ax, and develop latent resources, so abundant in valley and on hill.

Marvelous Growth.
A retrospective view of the many events, and milestones of progress, which marked the year 1911, in Medford and the Rogue River valley are presented, shows that the city and valley have made extraordinary progress in every line of endeavor. The records from month to month reflect achievements of pronounced and substantial character, this section easily taking the lead in development and progress when compared with the state at large.

Marked advancement was made in the various totals of business, a criterion of which are the postoffice figures, which show a gain for 1911 of more than 15 per cent over 1910. The local postoffice during 1911 passed the \$30,000 mark, the receipts totaling \$33,885.47, as against \$29,420.13 for 1910. In 1909 they were \$19,182.93 while for 1908 they were \$14,591.69.

Building Continues.
The marvelous era of building activity which totaled over \$1,000,000 in 1910 was continued during 1911, when no less than \$1,500,000 was expended for new buildings. Of this amount \$800,000 was for business blocks, the remainder being expended for residences.

In city improvements all previous records were shattered, \$580,000 being spent for paving, service mains and cement sidewalks. This brings Medford's mark in municipal improvements near the \$2,000,000 mark and gives her 14.77 miles of paving, 27.4 miles of water mains, 24.95 miles of sewer mains and 24.68 miles of cement sidewalks. Among other municipal improvements is the installation of electric lights on the main streets of the city, doing away with the old-time gas lights and the necessary disfiguring poles.

Trade Increases.
Medford's business houses all report gratifying increases in trade expansion. The established wholesale business houses show healthy increases while retailers are well satisfied. A large number of new business houses have been opened and welcomed.

This activity has been very gratifying and stands out boldly against reports from almost every nook and corner of the United States of sluggishness in business, tightness of the money market, and timidity of capitalists to enter new fields. While this has been felt to a certain degree in Medford, the city has forged ahead steadily.

Social Progress.
Progress has been made in lines aside from the business and development world. The year 1911 saw new church buildings, new school houses and more attention paid to education, culture and social ad-

COUNTY SEES BIG SUMS FOR DEVELOPMENT

From Every Section of Jackson County Comes Stories of Progress--Valley Towns All Make Strides Toward Better Conditions.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR POWER DEVELOPMENT

Lime Quarries to Be Opened--Brick Plant to Operate on Large Scale--Electric Road Talked.

From all sections of Jackson county come stories of progress during 1911. Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Butte Falls, Eagle Point, Central Point, Toio, Gold Hill and Woodville all have made important strides during the past year, looking toward better municipal conditions. Bond issues have been voted and work started, and in some cases completed on the installation of water systems, pavement, sewer systems, while building has been progressing at a marvelous rate.

Revival in Mining.
But not alone in the county towns is progress evident. Vast figures tell of development in other lines. A million dollars has been expended in harnessing the waters of the Rogue near Prospect, while steps have been taken toward developing the huge timber belts of the county.

The year has seen a revival in mining throughout the county and several large deals are now pending whereby development work will be started on several promising properties.

The year 1911 saw the enlargement of a huge brick plant at Toio which will employ many men and be an important factor in the industrial circles. Lime deposits have been opened, coal mines leased and worked--on a small scale, it is true, but one that gives promise of huge results for 1912.

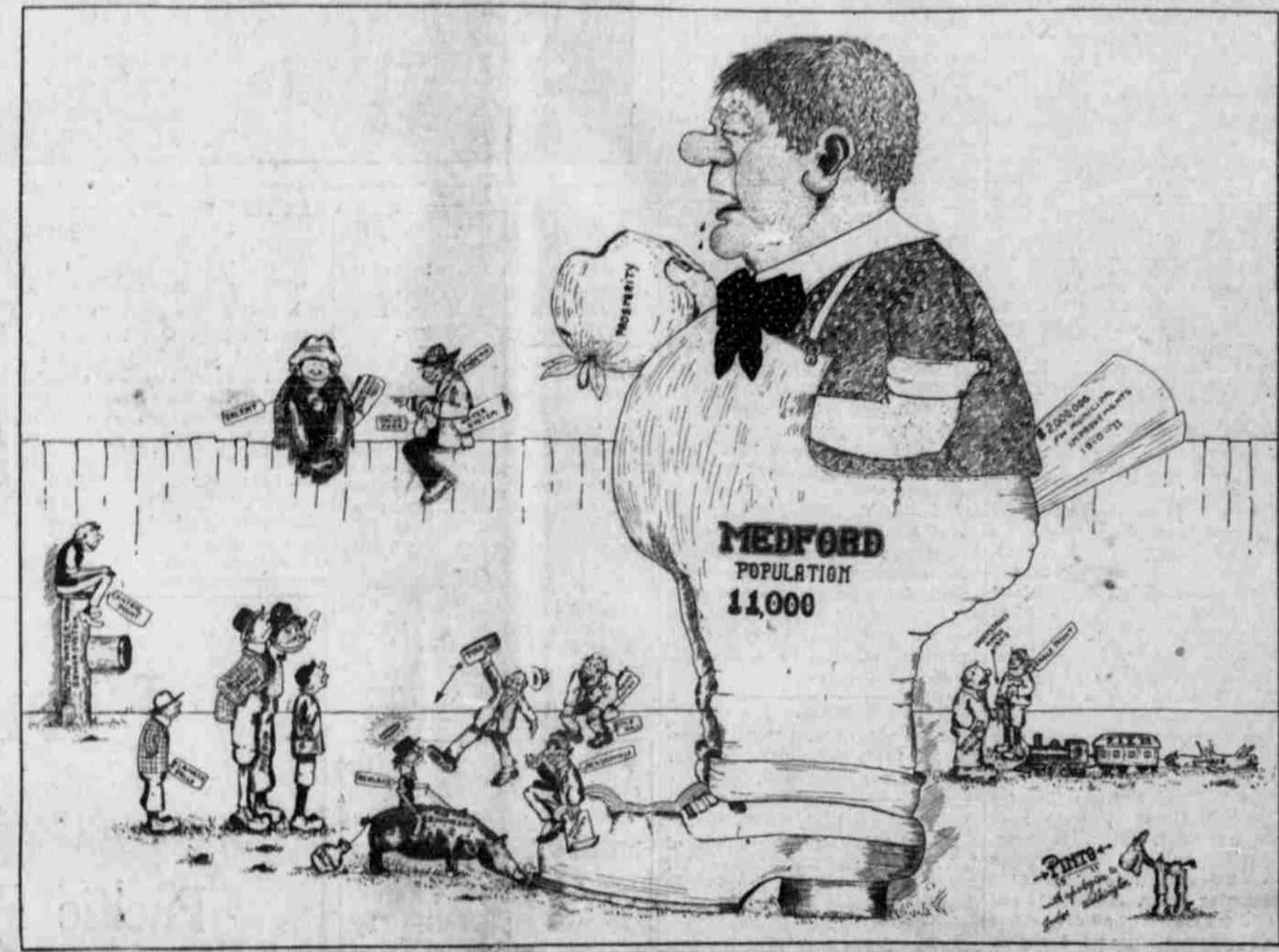
Irrigation Expands.
An electric railroad throughout the valley has been projected and plans may mature in 1912. Several thousand additional acres have been brought under irrigation during the year 1911 and work is under way to bring water to more, assuring greater returns from the fertile acres of the Rogue.

More attention was given diversified farming in the valley during 1911, which resulted in renewed interest along this line, and which will bring huge benefits in 1912.

The county, during the year, awoke to the necessity of good roads, and voted a bond issue of \$1,500,000 to build highways.

In fact, from every nook and corner of the county come stories of progress, of development, and these augur well for 1912.

How That Boy Does Grow!



YOUNGSTER '12 IS WELCOMED WORLD OVER

San Francisco Sets Pace With 200,000 Cheering People Mixing in Great Joyfest--New York Has Headache.

KING GEORGE AND MARY ARE BUSY TODAY

Other Cities for Most Part Are Quiet Owing to Sunday Closing Laws.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 1.—Expressing their joy at the advent of the New Year with every noise making device known to man, 200,000 San Franciscans made 1911 good-bye here in the biggest joy fest the city has ever known.

Beginning early in the evening, Market street and the cafes were jammed with shouting, rattling, yelling thousands and when midnight came the pandemonium must have been heard clear across the bay. The weather was excellent, except for a slight mist in the evening, the night being particularly warm for the season. Few accidents and those of a trivial nature were reported to the police, and today the festival bears the distinction of having been celebrated without a single crime of note.

Portland Quiet.
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—A blast of noise at midnight, when all the whistles of factories, steamboats and locomotives let go, preceded and followed by the jangle of machinery on the streets, was about the sum and substance of Portland's celebration in honor of the coming of the new year. The lid was on in this city from Saturday midnight until the birth of New Year's, with the result that the cafe celebration was a tame affair. At the road houses just outside the city a few convivially inclined enjoyed a lidless time, but in the city the citizens were compelled to welcome 1912 in a "ladylike" manner on the streets.

At Calcutta.
CALCUTTA, Jan. 1.—Reception of native princes and local notables occupied most of New Year's morning for King George and Queen Mary. Visits to hospitals and important public buildings followed, with many addresses of welcome and responses.

New York Has Headache.
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—America's metropolis awakened today with a headache, a bad taste in the mouth and her bankroll depleted just about \$750,000. That's what the New Year celebration cost old Father Knickerbocker. It was one without parallel in the history of New York, but bromides and every known nerve quietener on the market is being worked overtime today.

Seattle Quiet.
SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 1.—Seattle ushered in the year 1912 in the quietest New Year's celebration in 10 years. The lid was on tight and the cafe crowds of previous years were conspicuously absent. The streets, while presenting gala atmosphere by confetti throwing and the tooting of horns, did not hold the usual New Year's crowds by many thousands. The pre-New Year's eve celebration on Saturday night was also exceptionally quiet, the lid coming down sharply at 12 o'clock.

Los Angeles Disgusted.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—A "mitt" frappa was the only recognition handed to the young 1912 here for his knockout blow to hoary old 1911. Except for several late prowlers of the feline variety and a few night hawks gathered around in carefully guarded spots, none saw the "good night" punch when it landed.

CONGREGATION VOTES TO ERECT NEW CHURCH SOON

Christian Church in This City to Have Handsome New Building of Bungalow Style on Corner of Ninth and Oakdale.

The members of the Christian church of this city yesterday decided to at once commence work on the erection of a new place of worship. These people a few months ago sold their church property, on the corner of West Sixth and North Ivy streets, to the Rau-Moore Hotel company, the ground upon which the church stands to be used for business purposes. At the time of this sale the church people purchased a piece of ground, 100 by 100 feet in size, at the southeast corner of South Oakdale avenue and Ninth street, and it is here the new edifice will be erected.

The new church will be of bungalow style in architectural design and the main auditorium will have a seating capacity of 450. On the second floor there will be seven class rooms for the Sunday school and the auditorium will be so arranged as to be partitioned off for classes and small church gatherings when needed, or thrown open into one assembly room for preaching services. The structure complete will cost about \$8000. The size of the building is thought to be sufficiently ample for five or six years, at which time the building may be added to or moved off to make room for a larger building.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 1.—The German ship California, 153 days from Shields, England, and given up for lost, has been sighted 20 miles off Point Loma. She is becalmed. Tugs have gone to her.

Three Die in Fire.
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Three men are missing and believed to have perished in a fire which at an early hour today destroyed the stables of the Mutual Milk and Cream company.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU.

The Medford Mail Tribune extends its most cordial best wishes to its many readers for the happiest and most prosperous year in their several lives—a full twelve months of health, happiness and success in all of their affairs. May the friendship of your friends be more closely cemented; the lasting welfare of your family more certainly assured and opportunity for advancement and betterment come to you more than ever before—is the wish of The Mail Tribune for you during the coming year.

ATWOOD HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Big Wave Hits Hydroplane When It Falls Into Sea and Aviator Comes Near Death—Rescuers Just in Time.

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 1.—Falling 100 feet into the ocean near Point of Pines, Aviator Harry N. Atwood, shortly after starting from here today on his way to Portland, Maine, in his hydroplane, had a narrow escape from death. The machine was going nicely when its engines stopped and Atwood dropped into the water. As he attempted to rise again a big wave struck the machine, tipping it over backward. The hydroplane began to sink, and Atwood crawled to its top, calling for help. Rescuers arrived just as he was going down.

BOB LA FOLLETTE IS NOT DAUNTED BY SORE THROAT

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 1.—Undaunted by a sore throat and a lame hand, the latter badly swollen from the grips of Cincinnati admirers, Senator Robert M. La Follette started from here today for a hrted days' tour of Michigan. He was billed to speak at Flint in the morning, at Saginaw this afternoon and at Bay City tonight.

Spokane Shivers.
SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1.—Spokane today is shivering in the lowest temperature in two years. At sunrise the thermometer stood two below zero.

WIFE HELD FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH

Police Are Convinced That Charles B. Morrow Was Killed by His Wife Following Quarrel Over a "Star Boarder."

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Convinced that Charles B. Morrow, an inventor whose frozen body was found on the back porch of his home here with a bullet in the head and another in the heart, was murdered and was not a suicide as claimed by his wife, the police are holding Mrs. Morrow on a formal charge of murder. They are also searching for a young automobile salesman who is reported to have been the "star boarder" at the Morrow home. Attorney Cuthbert D. Potts, a friend of the dead man, has informed the police that Morrow's domestic life was unhappy; that Mrs. Morrow made her husband sleep in a disused kitchen, and that shortly before the tragedy she secured the deed of Morrow's property and when he demanded it, chased him from the house with a butcher knife.

OHIO PROGRESSIVES CONFER ABOUT LA FOLLETTE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Ohio progressives conferred here today to perfect their state organization. The majority of the delegates in the conference favor endorsing Senator La Follette for the republican presidential nomination, although La Follette himself prefers that an endorsement should be deferred, so that should he fail to show the needed strength later, the name of some other progressive may be substituted.

LABOR LEADERS MAY NOT BE TRIED UNTIL NEXT JULY

Congested Condition of Criminal Calendar in United States District Court Will Probably Delay Trial for Months.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—Owing to the congested condition of the criminal calendar in the United States district court it appears unlikely today that the conspiracy cases against Olaf A. Tveitmo, Anton Johannsen, E. A. Clancy, J. E. Mandsey and other labor leaders will be set for trial before next July. The accused men will be arraigned tomorrow before Judge Wellborn in the federal district court. This formality finished, a date for their pleas will be set and the cases placed on the term trial calendar for January 8, the opening of the new court term. Forty criminal cases are now at issue and ready to be tried before Judge Wellborn and if the regular procedure is adhered to it will be at least six months before these cases are disposed of and the conspiracy cases taken up.

FRISCO IS TO CALL ON CONGRESS TO OPEN ALASKA

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 1.—A delegation representing the San Francisco chamber of commerce will go to Washington the latter part of this month to use their efforts to aid in enacting legislation that will help in the development of Alaska. The chamber sends the body as San Francisco's share in a work that will be carried on all over the Pacific coast. Thirty or forty members will be included in the coast delegation, each city sending several.

Underwood Ill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Appendicitis threatens the life of Representative Oscar Underwood, democratic leader of Alabama in the house of representatives. He is confined to his bed. How serious his condition is has not yet been fully determined.