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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—2840; estimated, 1911—39,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System, by completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water, and 17.2 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 15 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Applesburg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a cor. 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 bears 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.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

The old calendar's thrown in the basket. And a new one is hanging high. We've turned a page in the ledger—A year has gone blundering by.

Ah, things will be changed in the new year. And hope is a star ever bright; The wrong that has pestered the old days May shine in the new as the right.

So brush off the cobwebs and mildew. A clear sky is backing the gray; No care hardened cynic can dare to Forget this is optimists' day.

Old man Ump says: "In each step toward fame an actress is accompanied by a new husband."

"I've sworn off swearing," a friend exclaimed. I coughed a doubtful cough; But he replied, "This gospel truth, I've sworn off swearing off."

T. R. stayed away from the peace dinner. Great man for peace is T. R.

Most big city papers have a correspondent at Washington who furnishes them with their own editorial opinions done over under a Washington date line.

Some New Year's Resolutions. To retire in favor of LaFollette-Taft.

To stump for Taft.—LaFollette. To buy Rogue river valley produce.—Medford grocers.

To lower freight rates.—S. P. To rush that public market.—City Council.

To obey speed laws.—Autoists. To quit smoking.—Barnum's engine.

To retire in favor of "the ring."—Socialist ticket.

To let up on West.—Oregonian.

The Candidate's Pica. Give me the pleasure, The brimming full measure, Of joy that is given with office to man;

I ask not a penny Of you or of any— I'll get what is coming if anyone can.

A bright fate is smiling In manner beguiling, Give me the chance and the party will ride;

May joy of the winning Be yours from beginning— Don't worry 'bout me, I'll make mine "on the side."

WORKER IN "SPIRITUALISM" AT OPERA HOUSE ANGRY

Because C. E. Whistler, one member of a committee from the audience which greeted Professor Eddy at the opera house last evening, looked over the screen to see how the "spirits" were working during a demonstration, Professor Eddy grew angry and ordered his manager to give Mr. Whistler his "money back." Considerable excitement was caused at the time.

A BANNER YEAR IN PROSPECT.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE today presents a review of the record of the progress and achievements made by the Rogue River valley during the year 1911.

It has been a year of material progress in all lines—the banner building year in the valley's history. All of the towns have grown substantially and the adjacent country has developed proportionately.

Assessment rolls have increased materially, delinquent tax lists have dwindled, postoffice receipts climbed steadily, new banks have come into existence, old ones have enlarged—all business barometers show steady growth. And the year 1912 promises even to exceed the splendid record of the dying year.

Work on large enterprises has continued without check; and still other new enterprises have been started. Municipal and public improvements have been rapidly pushed. There is absolutely no cause for any feeling of uneasiness—save that it may be a reflection of that which has existed throughout the rest of the country.

The Rogue River valley possesses abundant resources of its own to be independent of the nation if needed. Widespread business stagnation in the east need not affect this section—except in an imaginary way. But there are indications already of a business revival throughout the country and the dissipation of the dread of hard times.

There is no excuse for pessimism here. Development will continue on an ever enlarging scale. The natural resources that nature has showered upon this favored region call aloud for utilization. Forests await the lumberman, mines the miner, while thousands of acres of non-utilized land need only the touch of industry to become fertile farms and orchards.

Nineteen hundred and twelve finds Medford the best built and best improved city of its size to be found anywhere. Its public improvements reach a total of \$1,715,193, and comprise 16.77 miles of hard surface pavement, 27.4 miles of castiron mains in distributing water system and 23 miles of gravity pipe, 24.95 miles of sewer system and other improvements in proportion. It finds many handsome business blocks, a magnificent hospital and a public library. Cluster lights adorn the business center. The best hotels in the state welcome the traveler. In short, Medford has made good its promise as the most metropolitan small city on the coast, the most attractive and the most convenient.

Jackson county's lead among the counties is even more pronounced than Medford's among the towns. It is known far and wide as the most progressive county in Oregon. In everything Jackson county leads the procession, whether it be horticulture, good roads building, climate or resources.

The era of speculation passed away in the Rogue River valley over a year ago, and the era of development is upon us. Nineteen hundred and twelve will witness the expenditure of large sums in county highways as well as in continued improvement of cities. It will see the extension of the Pacific & Eastern over the Cascades to a connection with the Oregon Trunk. It will watch the construction of a smelter at the Blue Ledge. It will behold the extensions of irrigation systems. It will look upon the further establishment of lumber mills and factories in the timber belt, and the opening up and development of many mines. It will see the continued subdivision of the big farm into the small tract and the planting of additional orchard and garden area.

Nineteen hundred and twelve, in brief, will witness the harvesting of the banner fruit crop in history and the inauguration of many enterprises for the utilization of the natural resources which so thickly sprinkle this region.

The future is bright with promise. The resources are here. It is time to talk good times, to get in and boost and make good times, for we have the goods—and if 1912 is not the record year in the history of southern Oregon, we will have failed to use our opportunities.

With optimism, courage and hope, The Mail Tribune speeds the old year out and the new year in and wishes its many readers a prosperous and happy Nineteen Hundred and Twelve.

UP TO GOMPERS DREAD DISEASE SAYS FREDERICKS SPREADS TO ITALY

District Attorney Declares President of American Federation of Labor Should Appeal to John J. McNamara to Unseal His Lips.

(United Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—

Before leaving for Indianapolis Saturday, where he is to assist in the federal dynamite probe there, District Attorney John D. Fredericks, according to a local morning publication, declared that it was up to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to unseal the lips of John J. McNamara. In the course of the interview Fredericks is quoted as saying:

"It is up to organized labor to clean house if it wishes to retain the respect of the world. If Gompers does not know of the cancer that exists in labor unionism, let him appeal to J. J. McNamara in the way he best knows how to unseal his lips and disclose the extent and ramifications of the disease in order that it may be rooted out for all time."

Not many unadvertised business opportunities will be considered by people who have money to invest in this city this week.

QUIET WELCOME FOR BABY 1912

One Lone Whistle Breaks Silence As New Year Comes and Old One Goes—Former Celebrations Are Not Repeated.

It was a quiet greeting that the youngster 1912 received on his arrival in Medford last night. One lone whistle—that of the Natatorium—welcomed him.

Former New Year celebrations in local cafes were not duplicated, owing to the fact that New Year's eve came on Sunday, when Medford is a "closed" city. Owing to the day being the Sabbath several parties which otherwise would have been held were not arranged.

CLARENCE HELLAN WEDS MISS SULFS

Among the young couples to start the New Year together were Clarence Hellan and Miss Francis O. Sulfs, who were married Sunday afternoon at 322 South Central, Rev. A. A. Holmes of the Baptist church officiating.

Both of the contracting parties are well known. Mr. Hellan is a member of Medford's police force and has served several times as acting chief. Miss Sulfs has a large circle of friends who wish her well in her new venture.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS

Skilled Mechanics Have Materially Assisted Medford During 1911.

During 1911 plumbers and steamfitters have been busy most of the time. The reconstruction of the Hotel Nash last winter, when up-to-date accommodations were installed as well as the steam heat, were closely followed by the erection of the new Medford and Holland hotels. Then the new public library and business college, together with the residence work and two public comfort stations has furnished work to many mechanics. This work has attracted to Medford plumbers and steamfitters highly skilled in their special branches of the pipe fitting trade. They are all members of the United Association of Plumbers, Gas and Steamfitters and Steamfitters' Helpers of the



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United States and Canada, known in Medford as local union No. 362. That this union has materially assisted Medford is proven by the fact that 75 per cent of the membership are men of families. Wages in Medford have been considerable less than in San Francisco, Portland or Seattle, yet the Medford plumbers and steamfitters have maintained their scale of \$5 per day, and it's safe to say that \$100 per day has been distributed among the merchants of Medford by the plumbers and steamfitters alone. The members of this union are at present employed in the following shops: Medford Plumbing company, Van R. Pierson, Pennwell & Gault, E. C. Brown, Garnett & Corey Hardware company, A. L. Vroman, C. C. Post (heating exclusively).

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The Year 1911 January 1st, system put in operation at Medford with sixty telephones connected.

December 31st, fifteen hundred Home telephones connected in Southern Oregon, with exchanges at Medford, Ashland, Jacksonville, Gold Hill, Woodville and lines reaching Phoenix, Talent, Grants Pass, Central Point, Rock Point, Foots Creek, Wimer, Blue Ledge, Applegate, Ruch, Sams Valley and other points.

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