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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—\$240, estimated, 1911—16,000.

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 Spitznberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of New York.

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

We are going to have a market Where they sell stuff from the tracts;

We are going to have a market— If the council ever acts.

The opera house was blown up at Bedford, Iowa. There are more mild ways to protest against poor shows, but none more effective.

When the San Franciscan read about the earthquake in Chicago he said, "What a dangerous place to live in."

According to the Oregonian, La Follette is a dead one. Why then is it so necessary to elaborate upon the subject each day?

One of the funniest things that comes in with the new year is a statement from a California editor that Albert Bigelow Paine wrote the "Bigelow Papers."

Fellow named Bacon is an aviator. Watch for a drop in Bacon.

The case of a Dayton (Wash.) girl who was able to speak German after she was kicked in the head offers a suggestion to high school educators.

Among other things the new year brought: —Jack Johnson home. —Bills, bills, bills, etc. —Clearance sales. —Triple plated, copper riveted, iron clad resolutions. —Inventories.

If any coast city had celebrated the arrival of the new year after the manner of Chicago, would the eastern newspapers denounce the "barbarous" west? I think so.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY IS TO MEET

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet Friday afternoon, January 5, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. C. W. Conklin, 205 North Apple street. The following program has been prepared:

Buddhism, chapter 2—Leader, Mrs. Mickey.

Devotions—"Born of the Spirit."

Gnosticism and the Origin of Buddhism—Mrs. E. W. Carder.

Buddhism—Mrs. Ed Phillips.

Reading, "The Gospel Among the Burmese"—Mrs. Metz.

"Shintoism"—Mrs. Chidester.

"Contrasts and Points of Contact With Christianity"—Mrs. Mickey.

Reading, "Her Passport to Elysium"—Mrs. Palmer.

Mystery box—Mrs. Fielder.

All are cordially invited.

Fire Car Shipped.

The Valley Auto company of this city has been advised that the Pope-Hartford truck, which was ordered by the city several weeks ago, had been shipped.

Cures baby's croup. Willie's daily cuts and bruises, mamma's sore throat, grandma's lameness—Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil—the great household remedy. m*

THE ROAD BOND ARGUMENT.

BEFORE the supreme court at Salem an interesting subject is under consideration. It is the Jackson county good roads bond issue. Upon the decision of the court hangs the validity of the \$1,500,000 securities voted by the people.

It would seem a clear cut issue between the red tape of precedent so dearly loved by lawyers and common sense business methods resulting from popular rule. But there is little precedent to go by, direct legislation being a comparatively new thing. So the court will be blazing a trail.

The brief filed for the county by Attorneys Reames and Lawler is very interesting reading to the layman, thereby differing from most briefs, which seem dry. The issue at stake is whether the constitutional amendment adopted by the people authorizing the incurring of indebtedness for permanent highways by counties is itself sufficient authorization, or whether an enabling act defining the method of procedure is required. As the brief states:

"The primary question involved will be whether the constitutional amendment under consideration is self-executing. In other words whether the people meant to at once take over the power to issue bonds by voting them, or whether they meant to await the action of a legislature that might never act; or whether they meant to wait until they could again vote upon the question in a statute to be put upon the ballot and voted upon in the same manner as this constitutional provision was enacted."

Speaking of the growth of direct legislation in Oregon the brief calls attention to the fact that the people have already, by a constitutional amendment, denied to the legislature the power to meddle with their local affairs. They have taken away from it the power to enact or amend the charter. They can fix absolutely their own limit as to indebtedness, or the manner of incurring it. These things they had in mind in the adoption of the constitutional provision in question. They were seeking local self-government."

Continuing the argument, the brief asserts:

"The people can in this state enact any law not contrary to the constitution of the United States. If it contravenes the state constitution they do it by writing the law into the constitution. There is, therefore, no longer any reason in Oregon for looking to the legislature for county powers. It is absolutely impossible to look there for the powers of other municipalities of the state. Why then should we adopt a policy whereby we are bound to look to a legislative act for authority to issue municipal securities, when the people can make any provision upon this subject which they desire, either by constitutional amendment or by a statute passed by a direct vote of the people? Whatever reason there has been in the past for referring these matters to a legislature no longer exists in Oregon."

Concluding the brief asserts: "Can any one point out what advantage to any county could be had by the enactment of any law by a legislature when that same law could be repealed by the people at will? If we have come to believe that all of the power of the state is in its people, and that we are in favor of local self-government, the will of the people ought to prevail."

SPECIAL EDITIONS REFLECT PROSPERITY.

THE holiday season brought forth many special editions of newspapers setting forth the progress made during the past year by the state in general and the different sections in particular. All of them reflect prosperity.

The Portland Oregonian issued its usual annual, replete with data and statistics, elaborately illustrated, altogether a most potent influence to attract immigration from the east, a newspaper alike creditable to the publishers and the state.

The Eugene Guard surpassed itself by issuing a 72 page issue, devoted largely to Lane county and the bright future that awaits the university town. So far as known, this is the largest edition ever issued in Oregon outside of Portland.

The Salem Statesman issued its usual holiday issue, with its special feature printed on book paper. It is calculated to attract the settler and spread the fame of the capital city.

Perhaps the neatest and most attractive of the special issues was that of the Portland Spectator, which fills the place of a high class weekly in the metropolis. There may be better papers of its class than the Spectator, but we have never seen them. The illustrated Christmas number, replete with short essays upon the growth and development of city and state, is as valuable immigration literature as ever printed.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Table with 2 columns: Real Estate Transfers and Sheriffs W. A. Jones to L. T. Corliss. Lists various property transactions and court cases.

PROGRAM IS ARRANGED FOR BIG MINING MEET HERE IN FEBRUARY

The program committee having in charge the preparation of the program to be delivered at the meeting of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress, to be held in Medford, Ore., on the 3d and 4th of February, A. D. 1912, have prepared the following program for that occasion:

Forenoon: Meeting of trains with band, inspection of exhibits, committee work. Afternoon: 1:30, music and procession to hall; 2 o'clock, address of welcome, Mayor Cannon, to be responded to by mayors of Yreka, Ashland and Grants Pass; 2:30, address, "Our Congress," Attorney F. J. Newman, Medford; 3, address, "Early Mining Reminiscences," Judge W. M. Colvig, Medford; 3:30, "Needed Mining Legislation," Judge Thomas C. Burke, Baker City; 4:30, "School of Mines," Prof. H. M. Parks, Corvallis, General discussion.

Evening: At 7, music on street and procession to hall; 7:30, address, "Prospecting," T. M. Anderson, Kerby, Ore.; 8, addresses on "What's Doing"—(1) Siskiyou county, Attorney Otto Hoeses, Sisson, Cal.; (2) Jackson county, E. W. Liljegren, Medford; (3) Josephine county, C. L. Mangum, Grants Pass; (4) Douglas county, speaker to be selected later. Business meeting.

Forenoon: Drilling contests for suitable prizes; awarding of prizes on exhibits. Afternoon: At 1:30, address, "The Bohemian District," M. O. Warren.

Medford Real Estate & Employment Agency FOR SALE: 20 acres, 11 1/2 acres planted, some 10 years old. 22 acres part planted to pears, cherries, etc. 10 acres, 7 acres 6-year-olds, 1/2 and 2 year old. 7 room house, \$1800. 4 room house, vines and berries, \$1400. 5 room house, \$950.

NEW SACRED HEART HOSPITAL IS IN USE; TEN PATIENTS MOVED

The new Sacred Heart hospital was opened last night for permanent use, and 10 patients were moved there from the old hospital, 344 South Central avenue. The work of moving the patients, which had all previously undergone surgical operations, was commenced early in the evening and the ambulance was kept very busy for several hours. They were all soon made comfortable in the magnificent new building and none seemed to have suffered in any way from the ride given them.

The first operation in the new hospital was performed Thursday morning on Miss Frances Ash, who was accidentally shot last summer with a 32-caliber revolver, when a part of the cranium was blown away. The operation performed at this time was the replacing of this bone with a silver plate and the incision made closed in over the plate. The operation was performed by Dr. Conroy, assisted by Dr. Cianey and Dr. Lockwood.

Three new patients were taken into the hospital, one of these from Medford and two from Glendale. The two last named will be operated upon for gallstone. It is expected, now that the new hospital is opened and every possible convenience and comfort can be given, that there will be a number of patients received from all the different towns of southern Oregon.

There are now eight nurses in attendance, six of whom are Sisters, and four more Sisters are expected to arrive soon and assume nurse duties at the hospital. A training school for girls who wish to become nurses will soon be established and maintained at the hospital. Dr. Conroy has preselected the hospital with a full equipment for the operating room, but this, together with other equipment for the building, will not arrive in Medford before the first of February, soon after which the hospital will be formally opened. Bishop Christie will be here at that time and give his blessing to the new institution.

Table with 2 columns: Estate Geo. H. Haskins; order appointing February 2, 1912, as day for final settlement. Estate Bradley D. Williamson; order settling and allowing first and final account. Estate Geo. W. Burch; order appointing Perry Burch administrator. Estate John Ehwegen; order setting January 6, 1912, for hearing claims.

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