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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—\$840; estimated, 1911—10,000.

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

Postoffice records 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.

"Apple King of the World" at the 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.

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JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

When some men get peeved they try going without meals so they will look haggard.

More men would blow out their brains if they had confidence in their ability to hit a small object.

The man who can see the funny side of his own actions isn't lost.

The water wagon winds its weary way.

Deep loaded with its freight of manly virtue;

The while the scuffers grin and jeer and say:

"Come on, get down, a little beer won't hurt you."

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

And as the days roll on the crowd aboard

Is lessened, and the cart forsaken;

Below, the rapidly increasing horde

Is proof that poor advice is taken.

Lots of us, when speaking of some reprehensible custom, look virtuous and say, "That's something I don't believe in."

"Leave It to Ad Brown." (Or Miles Overholt.)

A lone, sweet bird-call out o' the dusk.

And the faint, blown smell o' the clover-musk;

A few dim stars and a last long kiss—

Is magazine verse much worse than this?

—Rex Lammiman, in Gold Hill News.

A long fried sausage in the pan,

A scent of onion, and the heart of man

Beats fast. The magazines may print some verse

As bad as ours', old top—no worse.

TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS.

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Coffee, black and strong, did it," declared Mrs. Nellie Hedlin to Judge Sullivan, "and I will not disgrace my family by pledging myself not to drink. People might think I drank booze."

SAN FRANCISCO.—Promoter Coffroth is going to take a look at the newest thing in white hopes. But he'll have to go to jail for it. Arthur Maxwell knocked six men down because they would not tip him.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Because she persistently sought the company of George C. Thomas, 23, a railway clerk, Bertha Weiss was arrested on an insanity charge, sworn to by the clerk's father. Alienists examined the girl and said she was simply "love sick" and sent her home.

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—In celebrating his "golden divorce" from his leg, which was shot off during the civil war 50 years ago, Donald Ericson danced a Highland fling before his guests, just to show them "how spiny a wooden legged man could be."

Haskins for health.

IN TUESDAY'S city election a total of 1326 votes were cast as against 1174 a year ago. But Tuesday's election was a quiet affair for minor city officials, while the mayoralty was the stake a year ago.

The first ward this year cast 386 votes as against 374 a year ago. The second ward cast 467 as against 427 a year ago, and the third ward 473 against 363 a year ago. The result shows that in spite of the increased population the socialists have made no gains in Medford the past year. They cast 235 votes for Wolters for mayor in 1911 as against 230 for Egan for recorder and 260 for Reifer for treasurer in 1912.

In the first ward Gould got 63 votes for councilman in 1911 and Sankey 66 in 1912. In the second, Drumhill got 47 a year ago and Thomas 85 this year. In the third, Millar got 151 last year as against White's 128 this election. Generally speaking, the socialist strength shows no gain, for what was gained in the second ward was lost in the third.

Developments of the past year have given the public a better comprehension of the ideas and aims of socialism than it had a year ago. It is an evolution rather than a revolution.

Good men have been elected to the council. They have their work cut out for them, for they replace men who have made a most enviable record.

A NEGLECTED INDUSTRY.

SOME time since The Mail Tribune called attention to the volume of exports shipped into the valley and the necessity of raising here more of that which we consume, thus maintaining the balance of trade.

In this connection, showing the market that exists, not only for feed and produce, but for livestock, the following letter from D. O. Lively of the Union Stock Yards at Portland is printed:

To the Editor: In the clippings which come into this office there appears an editorial from your paper which gives the amount of feed shipped into Medford from points outside of the Rogue River valley. It is gratifying to see that you are taking up this important phase of agriculture. Of course it is generally understood that Medford is famous and successful as a section for special production, but you can raise feed and livestock in the Rogue River valley and convert the feed into livestock. If the Rogue River valley imports \$35,000 worth of feed the chances are that it imports four or five times that amount of meat and meat food products. We need a greatly increased livestock supply on the Portland market and we ought to get a share of it from Rogue River valley.

FOR A MINING EXPERIMENT STATION.

THE introduction, by Congressman Baker, of California, in congress last Saturday of a bill providing for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the establishment of a federal mining experiment station at Auburn, Placer county, is not surprising to mining men.

For many years the American Mining congress has been working to educate the general public to the importance of the mining industry. In the beginning the chief object of the congress was to secure a department of mines in the national government. In a measure this has been accomplished, but the scope and powers of that department are too limited at present and need enlarging. The mining congress has had a hard fight, but sooner or later its efforts will surely be crowned with success.

The objects of a mining congress are to foster and promote mining in all of its various branches and it is to be hoped that the Baker bill will become a law and also that the Oregon delegation in congress will immediately take steps to introduce a similar one for the establishment of a mining experiment station at Medford.

Such stations, when established, will be to the miner what the agricultural experiment station is to the farmer and fruit grower. To many of the mining men today, research and demonstration would be of great value. Mining experiment stations would give the miner the information he needs, in order to work more intelligently and more effectively, just as the agricultural experiment stations have helped the farmer.

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KANSAS DEMOCRAT SENT TO CONGRESS

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Jan. 10.—Complete returns today from the special election in the Seventh congressional district of Kansas, held yesterday, show that George Neeley, Democrat, has been elected to succeed the late Congressman E. H. Madison. In 1910, Madison defeated Neeley. Neeley's victory yesterday gives Kansas two democrats in the house.

SEVEN REGIMENTS TO BE STATIONED IN HAWAII

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 9.—It was decided by the secretary of war to put the department of Hawaii on a war basis by making Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter a seven-regiment post. The total cost of this move will be about \$5,000,000.

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