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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—8240; 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 15 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 prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial Club, enclosing 6 cents for prospectus for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Someone has suggested that when the S. P. catches that train robber they charge him far between Redding and Red Bluff.

Woodrow Wilson has told Harper's Weekly that it is doing him more harm than good and it is now up to Harper's to discover some other ideal man for the democratic nomination.

The baby emperor of China can't be found. Have they looked in the jam closet?

The fellow who chops wood in the back yard doesn't have time to notice the wolf in the front.

A London suffragette objects to bald headed men. "Stick to your knitting, woman!"

A Yale student is taking lessons in high altitude aviation. Allee samee high flying.

Every reform writer sooner or later writes, "It is time to throw off our shackles."

Evidently the great singer doesn't care a rap for Rapp.

King George may visit America. We'll show him how little Americans care for kings to the extent of a first page story every day.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson says—but fill it out yourselves, as he has said everything.

Every time we think of publishing some delightful little Christmas gem about the "Window Washers," we refrain through fear that a typographical error might make the title read "Window Washers."—Georgetown (O.) Telegram.

Or, worse yet, the "Widow Washers."—Baker Herald.

It might even turn out "Window Mashers" and hit the mark.

MULDOON TELLS OF THE CAUSES OF DECAY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 19.—"Money hogs and money madness are the twin causes of decay."

This is the contention here of William C. Muldoon, foremost conditioner of men in the country, in discussing his views of race decadence.

"The younger generation," he said, "is losing its vitality, its morals and its reputation, all from too much money. They are no good to themselves and no good to anyone else. Every year it gets worse, with men driving themselves at a greater pace. Then follows the inevitable collapse. Nearly all my patients are neurasthenics, their nerves ragged, their digestion gone and sufferers from insomnia. It is the alarming increase of decadency, mental and physical, with which we must battle."

Every one of your store ads that really repay reading also creates interested readers of all the ads you print in the days to come—thus creating and holding your store's capital of "good will."

FOR A CITY BEAUTIFUL.

THE old city council made an enviable record for itself from a utilitarian standpoint. Under it Medford became the best paved, watered and seweraged city in the country.

The new council has an equal chance to win fame by making Medford the city beautiful—by initiating and fostering movements tending to beautify the city and make it attractive.

Medford is shy on shade trees, shy on parks and on other needed improvements that in themselves are small, but in the aggregate work a transformation in appearance.

Medford has many long, flat and rather uninteresting streets. A row of shade trees, uniform in size and variety, would make such streets avenues of beauty besides enhancing the property values and increasing the community healthfulness.

Medford should secure some public parks and recreation grounds before the expansion and growth of the city send the price skywards. These can gradually be improved.

Above all things, the Southern Pacific right of way in the heart of the business district should be cleared of its shacks, lumber piles and debris, parked and beautified. Especially ought that portion between Sixth and Eighth streets to be thus improved, as it would add immensely to the attractiveness of Medford to the passing tourist.

Clearing these old shacks off would work no hardship upon railroad, owner or occupant. The builders have long since retired from business and now use them as a source of income. One shack that cost a few hundred rents for \$90 a month—and the railroad gets \$1 a year for its share. The owner long since made many times its cost and the tenant could get quarters elsewhere more commodious for the money.

The Southern Pacific leased this ground for a nominal rent to encourage the shippers with cheap facilities. That purpose is past. It is not fair, moreover, to other merchants and business houses that one set of shippers should be favored, and others not.

It is up to the new city council to act. The Commercial club, the Greater Medford club, the University club have all petitioned the Southern Pacific to clear off the shacks and park the grounds. Public sentiment is well-nigh unanimous in favor of it.

Now is the time to start to make Medford the city beautiful.

DOES DR. WITHEYCOMBE FAVOR THE FARMER?

IT HAS always been supposed that one prominent in an agricultural institution supported largely by the agricultural interests of the state, would favor such methods as would tend to give the farmer what is justly due him for his labors.

Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural college, in his Medford address before the Merchants' association declared that there should be no public market, but, on the other hand, the farmer should merely grow the products and let some one else handle them for him.

In other words, Dr. Withycombe tells the farmer that he must not be a business man, and that, as in the past, his products are such things as should be gambled with by a set of individuals who are not producers.

Agricultural statistics as well as the findings of the country life commission show that the farmer, or, for that matter, the producer of an industrial product, does not receive more than a third of the actual value of the product. No one doubts that there must be some aid to distribution but at the same time no one believes that a product should go through half a dozen hands before it reaches the consumer.

If Dr. Withycombe is right, then all the fruit growers' associations are a menace to business. The farmer has no right to be a business man; he has no right to form an association for his own protection; he has no right to eliminate from his business that which has been a constant source of loss, or in other words, a consumer of profits.

No one doubts that we must have some one to help distribute the farmers' products, but has not the farmer, through cooperation, the ability to hire such talent rather than to have it apart from his business?

Does Dr. Withycombe know that the success of the citrus industry in California was brought about by the farmers themselves? Here we have a business of many millions handled by fruit growers who before the citrus association was formed were not successful, because their profits went elsewhere. Does the Doctor believe that the Hood River or Rogue River associations are not helpful to the fruit growers?

But to return to the public market. Everywhere the public market has been a success, that is to say, wherever one has been instituted. It is possible that Dr. Withycombe has never seen the public markets of Baltimore, Washington, Des Moines, Minneapolis, and Seattle, not to mention scores of others in smaller places. The merchants in a city with a good public market are never the losers, nor is the public who buy the farmers' products in these markets. The farmer is certainly not the loser. All have more money to spend since there is a more equal division of profits.

This world is full of lost motion. By eliminating lost motion we save time. In other words, the shorter the gap between the producer and the consumer, the fewer the losses and the greater the gains. Dr. Withycombe is at the head of an institution which is supposed to teach the agriculturist how to produce. He ought to be there, also, to tell him how to secure profits and rid his business of leaks and lost motion. If he is not doing this, he is only doing part of his duty.

If Dr. Withycombe's talk was purely for political effect, it is poor politics. Would he make the same talk to the grange that he made to the retail merchants? If he does not believe in public markets or business methods for the farmer, why speak of these things at all if he has a political ax to grind.

Dr. Withycombe's honesty is not doubted, but his ideas are certainly not in accord with the agricultural interests of the state.

Woodrow Wilson on Initiative and Referendum

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 19.—The following letter from Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey to Professor R. H. Dabney of the University of Virginia is published in the Richmond Times-Dispatch:

"My Dear Heath: We did not have a chance when I was with you to have our talk out about the initiative, referendum and recall. It may be worth while, therefore, in view of the importance of the subject, for me to summarize somewhat more formally what I said to you in scraps.

"In the first place, with regard to my own state of mind, I surrendered to the facts, as every candid man must. My whole prepossession—my whole reasoning—was against these things. But when I came in contact with candid, honest, public spirited men, who could speak (with regard, for example, to Oregon) from personal observation and experience, they floored me flat with their narration of what had actually happened. I found in them the men who had advocated these things, who had put them into operation, and who had accomplished things by them, not critics or opponents of representative government, but men who were eager to restore it where it had been lost, and who had taken—successfully taken—these means to recover for the people what they had unquestionably lost—control of their own affairs.

"In short, they were not trying to change our institutions. The initiative, referendum and recall were to their eyes (as they are to mine) merely a means to an end—that end being the restoration of the control of public opinion. Where opinion already controls, where there is no actual, genuine representative government, as I believe there is in Virginia, and in the south in general, they are not necessary. Each state must judge for itself. I do not see how it could be made a subject of national policy. The people will, in my opinion, demand these measures only where they are manifestly necessary to take legislation and the control of administrative action away from special, hopelessly entrenched interests. They are no general or universal panaceas.

"The recall of judges I am absolutely against, and always have been. It is a remedy for a symptom, not for a disease—the disease being the control of the system by indulgences which general opinion has ceased to control.

"It interested me very much to find that even in Oregon literally no one thought of these new methods of action as a substitute for representative institutions, but only as a means of stimulation and control. They are as devoted to the idea of our representative institutions as we are—and are bent upon realizing these ideas in practice. That is their conscious object.

"As for the recall, it is seldom used outside the municipalities. I do not remember an instance of its use on a state officer. It is merely a gun behind the door." Faithfully yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

A Trifling Exaggeration

(From the Portland Spectator.)

In the interest of truth and justice, the Spectator desires to correct a misstatement that appeared in a recent issue of our genial and usually well informed contemporary, the Mail Tribune. Our Medford friend, reviewing the career and discussing the policy of the Portland Oregonian, closed a clever and otherwise accurate editorial with the words: "It (the Portland Oregonian) lies by day, lies by night, and lies for the lust of lying."

That is an exaggeration—slight, it is true, and perhaps hardly noticeable to the cursory reader—but an exaggeration nevertheless. As the Spectator was the unhappy but unwitting cause of the quarrel between the Portland Oregonian and the Mail Tribune—a quarrel whose animosities led our Medford friend to dig into the Portland paper's mucky past, and to impute to our local acquaintance a viciousness that is rare and unique—it is the Spectator's duty and pleasure to show that our southern contemporary has been drawing it a lee-tie strong.

Here is how the trouble—which culminated when the Mail Tribune said the Portland Oregonian "Lies by night, lies by day, and lies for the lust of lying"—began: The Spectator, noticing that the Portland Oregonian published as a paid advertisement a most mendaciously flattering story about the disreputable A. W. Lafferty, asked the Portland Oregonian if it considered it honest to endorse through its advertising columns a fraud and a cheat which it had denounced in its news and editorial pages. The Portland Oregonian did not answer the Spectator; but when the Mail Tribune put the same question, our local acquaintance took the pains to say that "frauds, fakers, cheats, rogues, rascals, quacks, wild-

catters, and Jeremy Diddlers of the ilk who had been exposed by it in news and editorial articles could use its advertising columns to deceive and defraud the public, if they paid for their advertisements in advance. The Spectator confesses to having emitted a rather sarcastic laugh at the Portland Oregonian's self-exposure of its queer notion of the duty it owed the public; and the laugh was boisterously echoed by the Mail Tribune. This jeering laughter jarred the Portland Oregonian, which, in a sputtering rage, printed an article that caused the Mail Tribune to use the words quoted at the beginning of these mild, pacificatory, and explanatory remarks.

We wish to give the Portland Oregonian its due, and we desire to set the Mail Tribune right, so that in the future it will refrain from exaggerating, even in the slightest degree, the shortcomings of our local acquaintance. We think the Mail Tribune should have said: "The Portland Oregonian lies by day, lies by night, and lies for the lust of money." No good purpose can be served either by exaggeration or by sacrificing Truth for a mere matter of euphony.

We wish our two contemporaries a happy New Year. We hope the Mail Tribune will get over its habit of exaggeration of trifles, and we trust the Portland Oregonian will resolve to lead a new and better life.



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