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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—5540; estimated, 1911—10,000.

The hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving fresh supply pure mountain water, and 17.5 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 Spitzberg 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.

First Prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by earliest of Northwest.

Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past year.

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

JOLTS AND JINGLES

By Ad Brown

As They Have It.

Wilson is a grafter, Worst of all the sharpers; Here is proof authentic— He had a quarrel with Harpers.

Here's another awful fact, It makes us blush to mention, He surely shan't be president He asked them for a pension.

And if this is not enough To feel his chances flat, He intimidated Bryan should Be knocked into a hat.

Goodness, gracious, mercy me, How can such things really be; Wisdom, fitness for the place Have naught to do in such a case.

A Harvard student gambled away \$75,000 in one evening. Wasn't it wicked for him to spend a week's allowance that way?

Woodrow Wilson's repudiation of Harper's isn't so surprising as would be an expression of love between Post and Collier's.

The Valley Muse. Adaptability, best proof, to be shown, Of a sedate or an explosive town, Welcomes cordial, with never a frown,

When quietly or noisily looking around, Given a goodly bunch of blue-rock artists, Booming their business, the smartest;

Wet or dry, their mission's no fake, Liquid refreshments through "upper intake." —Tom Toiman, in Ashland Tidings.

HUNDREDS OF TURKS ARE REPORTED SLAIN

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Dispatches from Tripoli say that hundreds of Turkish soldiers were killed and more than 1000 wounded in one of the fiercest battles of the war, when Italians repulsed an attack at Derna.

Despite the heavy list of fatalities on the Turkish side, it is declared in reports from the front that the Italians lost but a score of men and only 17 were wounded.

The Italians were engaged in repairing a damaged water supply. Word of the Turkish advance reached them in time to prevent surprise. The Italian position was strong, but additional preparations were rushed to repulse the attack.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Unusual activities about the office of District Attorney Fredericks today strengthened a report that Fredericks is en route to Los Angeles and may arrive before night. Attaches of the office were silent regarding the whereabouts of their chief.

Haskins for health.

WITH HONOR AND WITHOUT.

IT WAS too bad that the escaped "honor men" were so speedily recaptured. It cut so short the "I told you so" triumph.

Human nature is full of frailty—that is the only reason these prisoners attempted to escape. A little viciousness, considerable weakness, a large lump of folly, a distorted vision and an inverted perspective—and you have it.

In any crowd of twenty-seven men, picked up as you meet them, and not from the gutter or from the prison, will be found a certain percentage of the unworthy. If only three out of twenty-seven violate their word of honor it will be an unusually small percentage. There is a bigger percentage among the business men of Medford who signed up contributions for public funds and then repudiated their pledges.

When, however, the selection is made from among those who have been the under dogs, who have suffered for their own and perhaps for others' sins, whose outlook has been strangely twisted, who have been led to regard law and order as more or less of a common enemy, yet who are really the product of the mistakes of civilization, it is remarkable indeed that there should prove to be so many in whom is implanted a sense of honor and a desire to do right if opportunity offers.

A few years ago two convicts, watched by armed guards, escaped from the Oregon penitentiary and left a trail of murder and blood through two states that ended only when both had been shot down like the hunted beasts they were. The inhuman treatment then accorded prisoners was as much responsible for this outbreak as the natural depravity of the men themselves. Had Tracy been an "honor man" his escape would have been heralded as a shining example of the failure of a system that tries to lift the fallen instead of trampling them still further in the mud—yet it was the product of the old regime.

It is the irony of fate that the escape of these honor men was discovered only when an attempt was made to present one of them with his parole signed by the governor. There was no reason why they should have attempted to get away. They stated less than a fortnight ago that they were satisfied and contented, and infinitely preferred the life to that at Salem. Yet with all to lose, and nothing to gain, they played to lose and lost.

This incident illustrates the difficulties in the thankless task Governor West has set for himself in being courageous enough to defy criticism from the uncharitable and boneheaded, by lending a helping hand to many unworthy of the opportunity—yet the percentage of the worthy is large enough to justify the effort—as the results have amply proven.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

THE Oregon Retail Merchants' Association at their annual meeting held in Medford adopted a resolution pledging support to Congressman Hawley "in his effort to secure an appropriation for the Crater Lake highway."

This is interesting as there is no recorded instance of Congressman Hawley's ever having made an effort to secure an appropriation for Crater Lake park.

All bills affecting Crater Lake that have yet been considered by congress were introduced in the senate, killed in the house, without Hawley's objection, revived and saved in joint conference by the Oregon senators. These measures were introduced by Senator Bourne and ably championed by Senator Chamberlain.

There is now pending before the senate a measure introduced by Senator Bourne known as S. 4451, which reads as follows:

"A bill to authorize the construction of a road in Crater Lake National park, Oregon, and to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars for the commencement thereof.

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, and to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war and the supervision of the chief of engineers, for the construction of a wagon road and the necessary bridges through Crater Lake National park, Oregon, together with a system of tanks and water supply pipes to provide for sprinkling, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the war department published as house document numbered three hundred and twenty-eight. Sixty-second congress, second session: Provided, that the secretary of war may enter into a contract or contracts for such materials and work as may be necessary to complete the said project, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, not to exceed in the aggregate six hundred and seven thousand dollars, exclusive of repairs and maintenance and of the amount herein appropriated: Provided further, that the work may, in the discretion of the secretary of war, be carried on by contract or otherwise, as may be most economical or advantageous to the United States; and provided further, that such sums as may be necessary for repairs and maintenance of the said road, bridges, and sprinkling system, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars per annum, may be expended from the appropriations herebefore made and authorized."

Oregon merchants should be just enough and fair enough to give credit where credit is due, and not to play partisan or factional politics by bestowing upon one unearned praise at the expense of the other—even though Senator Bourne does champion the parcels post.

Congressman Hawley will have another opportunity to work for Crater Lake, by securing the passage of this bill through the house. If he does it, he will be justly entitled to praise and commendation. He has a chance to make good—let us hope he will not be asleep at the switch.

Every person in Oregon or elsewhere interested in Crater Lake should write personal appeals to their acquaintances in congress asking support for this bill, and

should assist in lining up congressmen from their former homes to vote for this measure, which means so much to the development and progress of southern Oregon.

Medford Nineteen Years Ago Today

Items Taken From The Medford Mail of January 20, 1893—A. S. Bliton Buys the Paper—Pardlu Revamps Hotel—Hon. W. S. Crowell to Give Talk on China—Preparing Exhibit for Chicago Fair.

It was just 19 years ago today—January 20, 1893—that A. S. Bliton printed the first Medford Mail in Medford. When Bliton purchased the paper it was the Southern Oregon Mail, and had previously been published by Felix G. Kertson, who was a populist and conducted the paper as a political organ representing the publisher's political faith. Bliton changed its policy, making it independent, and also changed its name to the Medford Mail. Bliton is still living in Medford.

Among the items found in a copy of the paper of 19 years ago the following may be of interest to Mail Tribune readers:

Landlord M. Pardlu was the proprietor of Hotel Medford, now the Nash, and he had just completed "a nice, clean job of varnishing and papering the interior of his hostelry."

A profitable investment for Medford capital would be the erection of cottages. Demands are being made daily for dwelling houses by new arrivals in the city, and their wants go unsupplied.

Nicholson Bros. were making a specialty of the sale of Casady sulky plows.

Sutton's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company at opera house January 27. See big street parade.

Landlord Pardlu rejoiceth quite a plenty over the arrival of a fine, large baby boy.

Among the old things which have recently become new is the sign on the Hotel Medford. Why not "The Medford," Mr. Pardlu? Isn't that more aesthetic—and more in keeping with our city?

E. P. Hammond reports the recently organized lodge of Good Templars gaining membership at an astonishingly rapid rate.

C. T. Nicholson has a 4-year-old Norman colt which tips the scales at 1600 pounds.

C. S. Price, county school superintendent, was in Medford Wednesday.

Frank Stevenson, employed in the Southern Oregon packing house, is laid up with a peculiar attack of blood poisoning which was contracted while working about the scalding tubs. Two other employes are similarly afflicted.

Five new residents were added to the roster of the Medford Business college this week. They are C. W. Angle and Mamie Isaacs of Medford, Rosetta Waters, Ella Terrill and Mary Wilcox of Talent.

Among the Seventh street improvements is the new brick addition being built by D. L. Pritchard to his jewelry store. Childers Bros. are doing the work. (This particular spot is now covered by the Jackson County bank building.)

Rev. E. E. Phipps will address a union temperance meeting in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, January 22.

Hamilton & Palm sell real estate. Get prices on city lots. Also money to loan.

Hanging lamps at cost at Davis & Patterson's.

Bert Whitman left Wednesday night for Portland and Sound cities.

J. J. Brophy returned last week from a mining trip into the Gold Hill country.

Fred Lookemeyer of the Medford Artificial Ice company returned Sunday from Portland.

Sheriff Pellon was in town this week for the purpose of receiving taxes.

Miss Alice Matthews of Jacksonville and Miss Bertha Stewart of Medford are visiting Miss Matthews' mother at Rock Point.

Elmer Bashford, bookkeeper at the Medford distillery, has been ill for several days.

Rev. Foster and family arrived from the Sound country last week. He will be the Presbyterian pastor in Medford.

Born—On January 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richardson, a son.

Miss Ida Rodden has been elected

conductress of the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 34.

Ashury Beall was severely bitten on the leg by a male this week.

The Hon. W. S. Crowell, late United States minister to China, under the auspices of the Ladies' guild, will deliver his celebrated, illustrated "Evening Talks," at the opera house, January 26. These "Evening Talks" are reminiscences of the "Flowery Kingdom," accompanied by unique curios.

John Weeks of the firm of Weeks & Orr is having labels printed for 10 boxes of prunes which have been put up by this firm and are to be put in the Oregon fruit exhibit at the World's fair at Chicago. The prunes are of the French variety and are said to be a splendid article. Each of the 10 boxes in which this fruit is packed is of a different variety of wood and all of the varieties a product of the country surrounding Medford, and are oak, alder, laurel, yew, fir, birdseye pine, red cedar, manzanita, mountain mahogany and white wood. This lumber was all carefully sawed at the Weeks Bros. mill in Phoenix and the boxes all made by them.

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