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SWORN CIRCULATION. Daily average for eleven months ending November 30, 1911, 2751.

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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—6840; estimated, 1911—10,000. Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving first 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 beans brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past season.

Write Commercial Club, enclosing 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

MUCK-RAKING IN JACKSON COUNTY.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT in a speech delivered April 14, 1906, coined the word "muck-rake" as the making of sweeping and unjust charges against public men.

A striking instance of muck-raking in the true Rooseveltian sense is furnished by the well-meaning but excitable Gold Hill News.

Like Bunyan's character, the News is so busy raking its local muck that it fancies the entire county a sea of muck.

The only violations of the law the News is able to allege is that a description of two Rogue river bridges was not filed with the county clerk after completion.

The News follows its assault upon the county court by an ungenerous vicious personal attack upon Mr. Harmon, evidently under the impression that he is to blame for exposing the supervisor in question.

Mr. Harmon must be judged by the results he has obtained. The bridges constructed under him are admitted by all competent engineers to be well built.

Another innovation Mr. Harmon has introduced is to keep a detailed list of all monies received and expended, with vouchers for the same.

The Mail Tribune does not pose as a special champion of either the county court or Mr. Harmon. It did not favor Mr. Harmon's appointment as roadmaster.

A salary of \$3000 a year is not too much to pay for a county engineer. It cost the taxpayers over twice this amount because they did not have one in the single instance of the Central Point bridge.

"Stories of graft in Jackson county official life are flying fast and loose throughout the length and breadth of the county," says the News.

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Judge Colvig and the Ballad

(From the Spectator (Portland))

Have you read "A White Pine Ballad," a mere trifle written by Bret Harte in the olden, golden days of California? It tells the story of Milton Perkins, late an owner in White Pine, who desired to see the sights, and met a bee-yautiful young lady in his travels.

vig, the greatest natural-born "booster" and sighter in the world, and a little adventure he had in San Francisco on New Year's eve.

CHICKENS ON FARMS WORTH \$154,633,000

Twenty Per Cent Increase in Ten Years in America.

Chickens are the most popular fowls in on the farms of the United States, and their number has been increasing by many a flutter and flap of wings in the last 10 years.

The total number of farm fowls reported in 1910 was 295,880,000, valued at \$154,633,000, compared with 250,624,000 in 1900.

But, as the reader has been aware, there has not been any decrease in the prices of these feathered creatures. The cost has leaped high above the increase in numbers.

Lowa has the largest total value of poultry, with \$12,270,000; Missouri ranks second, with \$11,871,000; then comes Illinois, \$11,697,000.

The number of fowls to the 100 acres of improved farm land varies considerably, with New England leading the list with 98 fowls to each 100 acres.

Have you harnessed up a want ad lately—and hitched it to your task? Tell what the piece is like—briefly.

After Forty Years

Camden, S. C., Woman Recovers from Stomach Trouble.

No one who is not well nourished can be good natured. That is why dyspeptics are always irritable.

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Our records are so complete that nothing that affects the title to any property in Jackson county could occur without our having knowledge of it.

ARTHUR HOLLAND AND MRS. ANDERSON WED

The Union hall of Medford was the scene of a pretty wedding party on Saturday evening, January 20.

The children present enjoyed themselves hugely, no napping was the order, and the merry laughs of childhood brought forth fond memories to the older ones present.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rounds and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirchgasser, daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hazelton and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Graham, Mrs. B. Gibbs, Miss M. Harris, Miss Fay, J. W. Webber, H. Brown, J. A. Smith, Roy Gee, F. W. Sotterill, C. Moreau, Bert Murray, M. S. Johnson, D. Eifer, E. Rosenbaum and S. Sherwin.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next regular meeting on February 6th, 1912, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon at his place of business on lot 19, block 29, in said city, for a period of six months.

WILL KARNES. Dated Jan. 19, 1912.

NOTICE TO MINE OWNERS.

All persons who are desirous of securing space in the Medford Mining Jubilee Book on the mineral resources of southern Oregon and northern California, to be issued Feb. 1, 1912, should immediately call upon or address C. W. Patterson or Guy T. Thrasher, Nash hotel, Medford, Ore.



Are the Taxes All Paid on the Property You Are About to Buy or Loan Money On?

Or was there an unsatisfied judgment or mortgage against some former owner? You can't tell unless the abstract shows it. We make—

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120 acres 9 miles from Central Point, will exchange for California property. Price, \$75 per acre.

87 acres foothill fruit land, 8 miles N. W. of Medford, partly in young orchard. Can be irrigated. 6 room house. Will exchange for other property, not necessarily local. Can pay cash difference.

10-acre tract within half mile of Medford, 5 acres in 3-year-old pears, 1/2 acres bearing grapes; house, barn, henery. Price \$6000. Terms.

15 acre orchard tract within 1/2 mile of Medford. Something choice. Ask us.

160 acres level land all tillable, 6 miles from Eagle Point. Price \$7000; \$1500 will handle or will exchange for other property.

120 acres in Sams valley, 17 miles northwest of Medford, 7 miles east of Gold Hill. This is a good sidehill fruit ranch in the rough. Soil is deep. Some saw timber and wood enough to pay for place. About 12 acres cleared, cheap new house, barn and chicken house. Part of this can be irrigated from spring and creek. Price \$3500. Will take half in city property or sell on easy terms.

5 acres truck and berry land on Bear creek for sale or exchange.

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List your alfalfa land with us. We have inquiries.

8 room house, fine residence district, 4 bedrooms, each with sleeping porch, modern in every way. Price very low considering value, \$1750 will handle.

If you consider buying lots be it a high class residence lot, suitable for a mansion or something cheap, we have them and you will find both price and terms right.

We have quite a number of tracts ranging from 5 to 20 acres each within a radius of 1/2 mile of Medford. Considering the past wonderful growth of Medford and all signs indicating a continuance of the same, we have no hesitancy in recommending the purchase of acreage adjacent to this city.

10 acres deep, black stiek soil near Central Point, 3 1/2 acres 3 year old orchard. Price, \$2500; \$1000 will handle. Will exchange. Submit proposition.

20 acres in cultivation 2 1/2 miles S. W. of Medford. Price \$6000, easy terms. Will exchange. Submit your proposition.

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NERVE ALONE SAVES BIRDMAN

Farnum Fish, 17-Year-Old Aviator, Drops 800 Feet—Kept His Head and Righted Machine 200 Feet From Earth.

DOMINGUEZ FIELD, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 22.—To his presence of mind and a provident air bank, encountered in the nick of time, Farnum Fish, youngest licensed aviator in the world, today owes his life.

Albert Elton produced the second sliver of horror of the day when he dropped from a height of 100 feet, smashing his planes, but escaping without injury.

Charles Stevens, pilot of a gasbag, floated into a fogbank and pulled his ripcord at a height of 200 feet, believing the balloon to be close to earth.

The feature of today's program was to be a "Celestial marriage" with Neil Cochran and Leona Cowan the contracting parties, Glenn Martin driving their nuptial plane.

TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—"Her verbal pictures of what she thought of me didn't hurt," says J. B. Janitz, suing for divorce. "But when she got tired of that she broke other pitchers—water pitchers—over my head. Soir."

OAKLAND, Cal.—Alienists committed Mrs. Caryl Willet to the asylum at Agnewa. She acted "funny." Mrs. Willet's relatives say it was no wonder. She sold patent medicines 10 years and was a hypnotist's subject.

SOUTH PASADENA, Cal.—"I love dates; meet me under the palms," penciled a sneak thief on a stenographer's calendar in the dentist's office. He carried away two sets of false teeth and three grains of filed gold.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—"They said they were learning the Texas Tommy," explained Policeman Mahan to the judge. "They used the whole street, a milk can and a red lantern." "They" were two middle-aged couples. They will plead January 29.