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MEDFORD, OREGON. Metropolis of Southern Oregon and orthern California, and the fastestgrowing city in Oregon.

Population—U. S. census 1910—8840;
estimated, 1911—19.000. Estimated, 1211—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 19
per cent. 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
Canadian International Apple She
ancouver, R. C.
Pirst 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 dur-ing the past six years. Write Commercial Club, inclosing & cents for postage for the finest commu-nity pamphiet ever published.

Farnum Fish, 17-Year-Old Aviator, 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. Fish furnished the 20,000 spectators at loving appetites when he plunged ward from a height of 1000 feet his biplane righting itself when less than 200 feet from the ground, and sailing to a safe landing in a far corner of the field. The young flyer, who is but 17 years of age, stated that his machine dropped through a "hole" in the air, and that he manuged by desperate clinging to keep his seat until he encountered another current that bore him up.

Albert Elton produced the second shiver 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 gashag floated into a fogbank and pulled his ripeord at a height of 200 feet, believing the balloon to be close to earth. Stevens and a passenger sus-

tained painful bruises.

The feature of today's program was to be a true "Celestial marriage" with Neil Cochrane and Leona Cowan the contracting parties, Glenn Martin driving their nuptial biplane. The usual complement of races and exhihitions were scheduled to complete the program.

TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. - "Her verbal pictures of what she thought of me didn't hart," says J. B. Janitz, sning 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 Agnews. She acted "funny." Mrs. Willet's relatives say it was no wonder. She sold patent medicines 10 years and was a hypnotist's sub-

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

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 Inntern." "They" were two middlenged couples. They will plead Janнигу 20.

MUCK-RAKING IN JACKSON COUNTY.

PHEODORE ROOSEVELT in a speech delivered April 14, 1906, coined the word "muck-rake" as the making of sweeping and unjust charges against public men. The original allusion was to a character in Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, so intent on raking up muck that he could not see a celestial crown held above him.

A striking instance of muck-raking in the true Rooseveltian sense is furnished by the well-meaning but excitable Gold Hill News. Because the local road supervisor was accused of padding payrolls and admitted a shortage in accounts by refunding Jackson county \$126.14, | derly the Gold Hill News asserts that crookedness is not confined to Gold Hill but permeates the county court and

Like Bunyan's character, the News is so busy raking its local muck that it fancies the entire county a sea of muck. By a logic all its own, it seeks to extenuate the local sinner by splashing its muck upon others. It is a strange freak of patriotism that, without a vestige of proof to substantiate insinuations, blackens the good name and fair fame of others, simply because a local patriot was caught with the goods.

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 and the fact that in a contract Mr. Harmon was referred to as county engineer instead of roadmaster-most serious offenses, really.

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. Instead, the exposure was made by residents of the Meadows district. The chief counts against Mr. Harmon cited are that he conducted his own office without taking instructions from the countv clerk and that he was paid a salary of \$2700 for his work during the year.

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. The county paid a most reasonable price—the contractor really lest money. None of these bridges have fallen or crumbled

or are likely to. Mr. Harmon has built the best roads in Jackson county. Road building here has been an evolution—each year has seen better highway construction. He has built them at a remarkably low cost. At the county courts' convention held recently in Portland it was shown that Jackson county was quarrying, hauling and laying crushed rock Drops 800 Feet-Kept His Head at a lower figure than any county in the state. Judge J. W. Twohy of Twohy Bros., contractors of international fame, is authority for the statement that, in his estimation, Jackson county is doing better road work at less cost than any part of the northwest, and that his firm had not been able to handle rock at as low a figure as done under Mr. Harmon.

Another innovation Mr. Harmon has introduced is to keep a detailed list of all moneys received and expended, with vouchers for the same. A glance at his records in 1900, the value for the average gon, at its next regular meeting on shows to a cent the money received and expended on fowl was 34 cents, it was 52 cents in February 6th, 1912, for a license to yesterday's aviation events with a every bridge or section of road or quarry in the county, thrill that satisted their sensation the cost of each yard of rock quarried, and what it cost to transport it and lay it. The entire story is told at a glance. It has been the first business administration,

No segregated record was ever kept before of money spent on county road construction. It has always been impossible to ascertain the cost of laying macadam or grading. Nor was any highway ever built upon a regular

grade until Mr. Harmon's regime. 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, but believes in a square deal. It has watched county affairs very closely, yet hasn't been able to find any graft. Many others have watched this office, hoping to discover graft, but none has ever been found.

A salary of \$3000 a year is not too much to pay for a States. 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. No private corporation would think of expending \$200,000 or so without an engineer paid at least this amount. Such a person can and

does save many times his salary. "Stories of graft in Jackson county official life are flying fast and loose throughout the length and breadth of the county," says the News. Yes, they have been since The prospective tenant is watching last spring. The Mail Tribune has traced most of them down, hoping to uncover a scandal. Each one of them, however, was found to have originated, just where the News scandal gossip originated, in the fertile brain of a jealous courthouse official, who, while his envious and Camden, S. C., Woman Recovers hungry eyes looked longingly upon a fatter job, industriously whispered back-stair graft insinuations and stabbed the reputations of his fellow officials in the back, forgetful of the scriptural injunction "they that take the dyspepties are always irritable. sword shall perish by the sword."

Judge Colvig and the Ballad

(From the Spectator (Portland.)

Have you read "A White Pine Bal- And, embrace me, Mister Perkins!" lad," a mere trifle written, by Bret Harte in the olden, golden days of California? It tells the story of But I grieve to state, that even then, Milton Perkins, late an owner in White Pine, who desired to see the The tear of sensibility in Milton Persights, and met a bee-yutiful young lady in his travels. And have you met She prigged his diamond bosom-pin, Judge William M. Colvig of Medford? Here are a couple of verses from the Did seem to have of chloroform a "Ballad":

'Milton Perkins," said the Siren, "Not thy wealth do I admire,

those eyes of opal fire; And methinks the name thou bearest know Judge Colvic? Well, Pil tell please-your money back if it does

Milton Perkins her embraced.

as she was wiping dry kins' eye,

and that her wipe of lace most suspicions trace.

Why do I ask if you have read "A White Pine Ballad?" and why do I or sleep, Vinol is what you need for But the intellect that flashes from print these here two verses of the it will build you up and make you same? And why do I ask if you strong We guarantee. Vinot to _ surely cannot be misplaced, _ lyou. They remind me of Judge Col- not. Medford Pharmacy, near P. O.

of the world, enjoying the sights when a beautiful young creature ran up to him, and with a happy ery of "Father, dear father," threw her lovely arms about his neck. Fearing that an abrupt disavowal of parent, age would shock the charming girl, the judge generously forebore a too sudden revelation. But he had to reveal the truth, which he did very ten-

"What!" criew the young lady; "not my father! I am not your chee-ild! Oh, hevvings!" The pretty girl sobbed convulsively. "But" and a beaming smile shone through the wet clouds on her face-"you are a perfect dear. anyway. And I'll embrace you again." Which she did, And she passed on. out of the life of Judge William M. Colvig of Medford. And with her went Judge Colvig's scarfpin and his valuable watch.

That is why I ask you if you have read the "Ballad" and if you know Judge Colvig.

CHICKENS ON FARMS WORTH \$154,633,000

Twenty Per Cent Increase in Ten Years in America.

Chickens are the most popular and census just issued.

There are now 280,245,000 chicko state that the ponitry shows main-

s offered. There were only 233,-566,000 in 1900, or 20 per cent less, and it can only be assumed that a goodly number of the countless city nen forever planning a chieken farm

The total number of barn fowls reorted in 1910 was 295,880,000. rith 250,624,000 in 1900. This is a Turkeys, ducks and goese decreased decrease for turkers was 44.1; for ducks 39.3, and for greese 21.9,

But, as the reader has been aware, here has not been any decrease in the prices of these feathered creatures. The cost has leaped high above the increase in numbers, and where, pared with the 5631 ostriches, which had an average value of \$300 each. There were only 684 ostriches in the untry in 1900.

Geese averaged 72 cents, ducks, 54 ents and chickens 50 cents.

Iowa has the largest total value of coultry, with \$12,270,000; Missouri ranks second, with \$11,871,000; then mes Illinois, \$11,697,000; Ohio, \$9,-533,000; New York, \$7,879,000; Indiana, \$7,762,000; Pennsylvania, \$7,-674,000; Kansas, \$7,377,000; Michigan, \$5,611,000 and Texas \$4,807,000. These 10 states, with a poultry value of \$86,481,000, have 55.9 per cent of the total poultry values of the United

The number of fowls to the 100 acres of improved farm land varies onsiderably, with New England leading the list with 98 fowls to each 100 neres. The lowest relative number 36, is in the mountain division.

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

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facts." Take our word for it, when you are weak and run down, cannot cat

The Union hall of Medford was the cene of a pretty wedding party o Saturday evening, January 20. The groom was Arthur Holland, a steam fitter and vice president of Local 362 of the United Association of Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters. The bride was Mrs. Kate Anderson. Afte. a quiet wedding at Jacksonville at automobile trip was made, which wound up at the Manhattan cafe where the wedding supper was served. The friends of both were in waiting with a good supply of old shoes and rice, ready to start the couple off on any journey they might have chosen but everyone was gladly surprised to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Holland were not to leave. So an informal party was arranged within an hour and the festivities lasted until the wee hours of the morning.

The master of ceremonies was Baird Worthington, who was best man at the ceremony. Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Kirchgasser took turns furnishing piano music, and dancing was indulged in till all were fired, including the musicians.

The children present enjoyed themfowls in on the farms of the United order, and the merry laughs of child- bearing grapes; house, barn, States, and their number has been hood brought forth fond memories nereasing by many a flutter and flap to the older ones present. Refreshof wings in the last 10 years, as told ments were served in both solid and a report of the Thirteenth decen- liquid form of all varieties. That all enjoyed themselves was proven by those who after doming their things as on farms, and the report hastens, preparatory to leaving soon forgot they had them on and when warmed ained by thousands of fanciers in up to the chorus of "We Won't Go able, 6 miles from Eagle heir spacious back yards are not in- Home Till Morning" were soon back Point. Price \$7000; \$1500 on the floor tripping the light fan-No explanation of the big increase tastic. Before the close of the entertainment the bride and groom were presented with a silver set of

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holland, Mr. and the country have actually made the Mrs. Henry Sayder, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hill, This is a good sidehill ter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. alued at \$154,663,000, compared Hagelton and son, Mr. and Mrs. B. ain of 45,000,000, or 18 per cent, Graham, Mrs. B. Gibbs, Miss M. Bur- cheap new house, barn and very materially in nearly all sections | Brown, J. A. Smith, Roy Gee, F. W. of the country. The percentage of Sotterill, C. Moreau, Bert Murray, baum and S. Sherwin.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Ore-1910. Turkeys, of which there were sell spirituous, vinous and malt liq-3,689,000 in 1910, averaged \$1.79 uors in quantities less than a gallon change for lots. Price \$3200. each, but they look cheap as com. at his place of business on lot 10, block 20, in said city, for a per of, six months.

> WILL KARNES Dated Jan. 19, 1912.

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10-acre tract within half mile of Medford, 5 acres in selves hugely, no napping was the 3-year-old pears, 11/2 acres hennery. Price \$6000, Terms.

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120 acres in Sams valley, 17 miles northwest of Medford, 7 miles east of Gold E. Rounds and daughter Helen, Mr. fruit ranch in the rough, Soil and Mrs. J. P. Kirchgasser, daugh- is deep. Some saw timber and wood enough to pay for G. Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. Neit place, About 12 acres cleared, ris, Miss Fay, J. W. Webber, H. chicken house. Part of this can be irrigated from spring M. S. Johnson, D. Fifer, E. Rosen, and creek. Price \$3500, Will take half in city property or sell on easy terms.

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pay cash difference. 10-acre tract within 1/2 mile of Medford. 5 acres in 3 year old pears 1/2 acres bearing grapes; house, barn, hennery. Price \$6000; terms. 15-acre orchard tract within 1/2 mile of Medford. Something choice.

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