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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—8400; 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 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.

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 4 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

THE ROAD BOND DECISION.

THE decision against the county road bonds was a great disappointment to the progressive citizens of Jackson county as well as to the entire state.

The obsolete constitution framed for Oregon by the fathers of the commonwealth has effectually tied the hands of progress in many lines—consequently Oregon has lagged far behind her sister states in development.

Courts in America have gradually usurped the governing power, seizing both executive and legislative functions. Legislatures may enact, the people may enact, the executive may approve, but the courts really govern.

Red-tape and precedent take the place of common sense and justice all too frequently. What some other court ruled in the musty past counts for more than abstract right or wrong.

Formula, formula, formula! It is always formula! Formula stunted our past and stifles our future. It was to break away from formula that the initiative and referendum was adopted—yet it also finds its course hampered, as in our road case, by the dusty formula of days gone by.

In brief, the court holds that the initiative is not revolutionary, but evolutionary—that laws passed by the people must comply with the split hair technicalities of precedent.

Though the voice of the people may no longer be the voice of God, and the voice of the courts has become the voice of God, for all practical purposes anyway, a course has been indicated whereby Jackson county will be permitted to spend its own money in building itself highways.

What a misfortune to Jackson county that it is not a part of California, where the state aids instead of obstructs road building and where efforts at self-improvement are encouraged instead of frowned upon!

But California is twenty years ahead of Oregon in material progress and development.

SPORT ONE OF OUR ASSETS.

JACKSON county ranks second in the state in number of hunting and anglers' licenses issued during 1911, there having been 6414 licenses issued as against 3720 in 1910.

This makes Jackson county's contribution to state funds so large that it is entitled to a large amount spent in return in game and trout propagation.

The hatchery at Elk Creek should be enlarged to mature to the fingerling stage, at least 3,000,000 trout. Bob White quail and other game birds should be introduced in the valley.

With this number of sportsmen in this county, it is easy to understand why our hunting and angling is regarded as an asset.

NO SPRAY TANK WANTED.

LADIES of the Greater Medford club are to be commended for their stand against the construction of an ill-smelling, unsightly spray material tank in the heart of the city.

Not only will the tank be an eyesore to the community, a foul-smelling and nauseating obstacle, but it will be an added excuse against vacating the railroad right-of-way for parking purposes.

There is abundant vacant ground at either end of the city and plenty of room outside, where a stench tank can be erected, without offending the nostrils of citizens by placing such a nuisance near Main street.

The property owners and tenants of adjacent buildings should join with the ladies in the protest—otherwise they will regret it exceedingly.

Public opinion is with the ladies in their fight for a better, cleaner, more beautiful city. May they win.

ROYALTY MAY TARRY LONGER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Plans for an extension of their visit to New York are being made by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their daughter, Princess Patricia.

The duchess and Princess Patricia probably will not accompany the duke to Washington to visit President Taft.

The royal party is delighted with the city as a result of two days' sightseeing. The duchess and princess will attend the opera here tomorrow afternoon and evening.

San Francisco, Cal.—Dull care drove John Watson to attempt suicide. He leaped in front of a car. The fender tossed him beneath the hoofs of a team of runaway horses, which stopped still, and John saved Miss Gwen Morrow's life.

SOCIALISTS MAKING HARD FIGHT AT POLLS

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—Confident of success, the socialists are out in full force at the polls today in a determined effort to capture a majority of the districts where rebelling is necessary as a result of none of the contestants for membership in the reichstag receiving a plurality at the general election January 12.

The early vote indicated that the socialists would make good their boast to sweep Germany "with a red flood" of votes, and it seems certain that their membership in the reichstag will exceed 110, insuring them first place over the Catholic centrists.

NOTICE. I desire to give notice that I am no longer the physician for the Medford Hospital association. Dr. R. W. Poelnitz is the physician for the association. Dr. Poelnitz and I are not partners.

J. E. SHEARER, M. D.

CHOC SOLDIER GREAT SUCCESS

Assembly of 60 People Will Put on Great Production—Is One of the Best Shows Which Will Be Here This Season.

Medford music lovers are certainly indebted to the efforts of Manager McCallum for the successful arrangements by which he will bring the F. C. Whitney Opera company, intact in the production of the "Chocolate Soldier" Saturday night, February 3.

The management wishes it distinctly understood that those not signing the lists, which are at Whetzel's and Haskins', will not be allowed to select their seats until the following day.

Work on the enlarging of the orchestra pit will begin at the close of the "Rosary" engagement, and additional dressing rooms will be added.

W. A. Marvin of Gold Hill, who was arrested Tuesday on a charge of non-support of his child, was brought before Justice of the Peace Glenn O. Taylor Tuesday afternoon and was bound over in the sum of \$500 to appear before the next grand jury, which convenes on April 5.

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.

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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.

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KILLED MEN FOR SHEER JOY OF IT

Zollie Clements, Holdup Man, Says He Killed and Robbed Merely for Excitement—Had No Use for Money It Gave Him.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Having finally broken his silence, Zollie Clements, the young holdup man arrested here with a gunshot wound in his arm after having held up a saloon and seriously wounded the proprietor, James Martin, today seems to revel in reciting his deeds of murder and desperation.

He has confessed with gusto to a remarkable career of crime lasting for a period of ten years, in which he killed three men and committed innumerable robberies.

When but 16 years of age, Clements says he shot and killed James Markham, a bridge builder, of Sacramento, while holding him up here. He also confessed to having killed Policeman George Brown in Oakland in September, 1904, and to having murdered "Diamond Bill" Newman, a saloonkeeper of Stockton, January 15 of this year.

Clements says he has traveled up and down the Pacific slope and has committed countless robberies and holdups. He killed and robbed for mere excitement, he says, stating that he had no use for money, but that it gave him great pleasure to hear his victims groan and drop to the floor. "It used to make my blood bubble when I saw 'em drop," said Clements today.

Mrs. Hattie Clements, wife of the prisoner, was astounded when told of the confession of her husband.

He is the last man on earth I would have suspected of doing such things, said Mrs. Clements, who has been employed here as a manicurist since her husband left her about two years ago.

"To me he was always kind and showed no signs of a vicious nature. One day he left me in Stockton, I never knew what for, and he did not come back. I saw him two weeks ago and he asked me to get a divorce from him."

Clements married his wife, who was Miss Hattie Seely of Placerville, four years ago and lived with her for two years. A Stockton girl, Emily Barbelles, claims Clements as her fiancé. She attempted to establish an alibi for him in the Newman case, saying he was with her at the time of the murder.

Fights Duel With Bandits. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—In a revolver duel with bandits early today George Ard, a bartender, was slightly wounded. Three highwaymen entered the saloon in which he was employed and with drawn guns advanced. Ard drew a revolver and fired at the trio, who fled after an interchange of shots.

Haskins for health.