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Population—U. S. census 1910—8340; estimated, 1911—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest quality 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 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 last six years.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

An Easterner's View.

I noticed in a recent issue of your paper you plead again for a "city beautiful," and which, since our short residence, I have read several times.

Many easterners, like ourselves, read of the beauty of the city along with its advantages and some here in hopes of making it their home.

But let every one who can help to make the city beautiful, and don't forget the trees as a prime factor.

THE REVIVAL MEETINGS OF FREE METHODISTS

The revival meetings at the Free Methodist church continue with unabated interest, though the heavy rains of the last few days lessened the number in attendance.

The very clear and forceful presentation of Bible truths by Evangelist Wheatlake have drawn out the attendance of many clear thinkers.

The Scriptural evidence of God's purpose and Christ's power to forgive all the wrong past, to purify the heart of the believer from all evil passions and habits and to empower the Christian to live unspotted from the world, have been so manifested that several have professed to have received sanctification and the life of the church has been quickened, and some have been greatly blessed.

There will be revival services to-night, Saturday evening, twice Sunday and probably all next week. Come and hear for yourself. All are cordially invited.

ARGENTINA READY TO WAR ON PARAGUAY

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 26.—Sovereign diplomatic relations with Paraguay the Argentine minister and his aides have withdrawn to the gunboat Parana, and Argentina is today hurrying preparations for possible war.

Paraguay failed to reply to Argentina's demand that compensation be made for attacks upon Argentine citizens and goods in Paraguay.

BOB EXTENDS HIS CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Extending his campaign for the republican presidential nomination several weeks into February and March, Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin announced here today that he would stump the states of Illinois, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

La Follette announced that his campaign in these states would be thorough, and predicted that it would probably keep him busy until the last week in March.

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SHE FLIES LIKE A BOOBY.

"SHE FLIES with her own wings" is the motto of Oregon. She tries to—but as soon as she prepares for a flight, along comes a supreme court decision that clips wings become from inaction almost atrophied.

The supreme court evidently doesn't intend there shall be any road building in southern Oregon. Two years ago it decided in the Crater Lake road case that the state could not spend any money here, despite the fact that the legislature had appropriated \$100,000 for it, exhibiting its Solomon like wisdom by declaring that Crater Lake, one of the famed natural wonders of the world, was a local affair.

A story is told of a boy who had spent the day hunting. Toward night he was seen running at full speed after a rabbit, and was asked what luck he had had. He shouted in reply: "If I catch this one and four others, I will have five."

The people of Oregon, according to the supreme court, did not vote to amend the constitution so that counties could build highways—as they thought they were doing—but simply to enable the legislature to enact legislation that will permit counties to act, or if the other construction of the decision is correct, and the mere layman is in doubt—people of Jackson county have no business to say whether they want roads or not, except at general elections.

At the same time that the court held that an enabling act was necessary to make the highway amendment effective, it decided that no enabling act was needed to make the tax amendment effective. Yet in the one case the people voted clearly with the intent of making possible the construction of highways, and in the other case with the misunderstanding that the amendment simply abolished the poll-tax.

There is no telling how the Oregon supreme court is going to decide. In many cases it takes a narrow literal interpretation of the constitution. In other cases it takes a broad construction and legalizes open violations.

Article 7, Section 10 of the state constitution provides that there shall be "three justices of the supreme court." Article 13 states that "the justices of the supreme court shall each receive an annual salary of \$2000" and Article 4, section 3, provides that the sessions shall be held at Salem.

Who knows what the supreme court decision means? Attorneys differ and it will evidently require still another decision to elucidate it. And the elucidation will be—in the light of the past—who can guess? Two and two may be held to make four—or we may be learnedly informed, with judicial precision, in fine sounding phraseology, that the solution may depend entirely upon the presentation of the problem, or perhaps such an authority as Jones Higher Mathematics may be called in to settle the difficult problem.

We may be informed that in the light of well established precedents since "the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" that "whereas, one and one make two it indubitably follows that two and two inevitably make four." "It is true, however," quotes the learned judge, "that Lord Coke in a divorce proceeding made two out of what had been formerly one, but we think the more established and equitable rule is that two and two make four. Vigilantibus non Dorientibus."

In Maloney versus McGinnity the authority cited by the learned counsel for appellee a somewhat different rule is stated but in the light of more recent decisions on the subject we are of the opinion that the rule stated in that authority was not well considered, the case will therefore be reversed and remanded for a new trial."

Bound by the red-tape of an obsolete constitution that effectually blocks progress, her wings trimmed by a supreme court that worships at the shrine of the great god Precedent, Oregon hopelessly flutters behind her sister coast states. Richest of all in opportunity and resources, enterprise futilely exhausts itself beating against the iron bars of formula.

Thames River is Rising and Upper Valley is Inundated—Property Loss Is Said to Reach an Enormous Sum.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Thames river is rising, a thousand homes in the upper valley have been inundated and rowboats are today rescuing hundreds of persons who were forced to spend the night on the house-tops. No lives are reported lost, but the property damage is enormous. Heavy rains caused the stream to swell.

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Schools Are in Unsanitary Condition and Health Officer Steps in—Matter Will Be Remedied at Once—Two in Bad Condition.

Dr. R. W. Stearns, city health officer, had called the attention of the school board to the unsanitary conditions in several of the city schools and to two—the Lincoln or North school and the Jackson school—in particular.

At the Lincoln, or North school, the sewerage system has been faulty for some time and has caused more or less trouble continuously, especially during the wet season.

At the Jackson school the floor of the girls' toilet is covered with rain water which has seeped through the walls, making it necessary to lay a plank on blocks in order that the room may be entered without stepping into water from a half to an inch deep.

At the Washington school the toilets are also reported to be in a very unsanitary condition.

Dr. Stearns has called the attention of the school board to the matter. Conditions will be remedied at once.

\$20,000 TO FEED HUNGRY STUDENTS

VIENNA, Jan. 26.—The city council has appropriated \$20,000 for the feeding of poor school children. Coming to school without any breakfast and usually no lunch, the authorities have realized that a child cannot acquire knowledge while there is such a void in the stomach.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our deepest gratitude to the many friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful to us during the recent illness in our family and who were so sympathizing and were themselves in their efforts to help us bear our great grief when death had entered our home.

Especially grateful are we to the kind friends and societies of the city who expressed to us their sincere sympathy and hearts' sadness in the floral offerings at the funeral.

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120 acres nine 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 1/2 mile of Medford. 5 acres in 3 year old pears 1 1/2 acres bearing grapes; house, barn, hennery. Price \$6000; terms.

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