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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—4849; estimated, 1911—16,000. 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 Spitzberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a cup of Newtowna 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 carload of Newtowna.

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

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

COMMUNICATION.

Features of Primary Law.

To the Editor:

1. When will the primary election for Oregon be held?

2. When must a candidate circulate his petition for a precinct office? For a county or a state office?

3. How many petitioners are required to put one's name on a ticket for each or any of the above named offices?

INQUIRER.

1. April 19.

2. Petitions for nomination for offices to be filled by the state at large, or by any district consisting of more than one county, and nominating petitions for circuit judges and district attorneys in single county districts must be filed in the office of the secretary of state not less than 20 days before the date of the primaries; for other offices to be voted for in only one county or district or city, petition must be filed with the county clerk, or city clerk, recorder or auditor as the case may be, not less than 15 days before the election.

3. The vote cast by the party in each precinct for representative in congress at the last preceding election is the basis for computation; the number of signers must be at least 2 per cent of the party vote in the electoral district, but not more than 1000 for an office to be voted on by the state at large or congressional district, nor in any other case more than 500. One per cent of the state vote but not more than 500 names is required for national delegates and presidential electors. Petition for county, municipal or district office to be voted on in only one county must be signed by electors in at least one-fifth of the voting precincts; if a state or district office to be voted on in more than one county, signers must reside in at least one-eighth of the precincts in each of at least two counties; if an office to be voted on in the state at large, signers must reside in at least one-tenth of the precincts in each of at least seven counties; if congressional district, signers must reside in at least one-tenth of the precincts in each of at least one-fourth of the counties in such district.

GRANTS PASS ROAD SAID TO BE FINANCED

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 29.—J. G. Riggs left Thursday for Chicago, where he was called on important business matters connected with the Grants Pass & Rogue River railroad.

H. W. Lampert, an eastern representative, wired Mr. Riggs that the railroad project was practically financed and the capitalists were ready to complete negotiations. Mr. Riggs is expected to return to this city within two weeks with the men who are interested in the proposition.

Upon recent investigation it was shown that the daily tonnage for this railroad will be much greater than was formerly estimated.

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

NOW that there is slight prospect of extensive road work the coming summer, the time should be utilized in making ready most thoroughly for the highway construction temporarily delayed by the supreme court.

A thorough survey of the proposed system of permanent highways should be made, and estimates furnished as to cost of each road, with data regarding most available and best suited material for surfacing.

In other words, detailed plans should be worked out for each stretch of road contemplated and the estimates of cost thus furnished should form the basis of the bond issue deemed essential to construct the same.

By preparing complete surveys and specifications in advance much time and money will be saved when actual construction is commenced. Moreover, all will know in advance approximately what each mile of highway will cost, how much money is needed and where the money will be spent.

Highway construction should not be gone at blindly. It is a business proposition to the taxpayer, just as street paving is to the city property owner, and as the city owner knows in advance what the improvements will cost, so should the county taxpayer.

The county court had asked the cooperation of the federal government, and requested that a road expert be sent, in case the bonds were held legal, to go over the proposed system of permanent roads and make recommendations. This cooperation was promised, and only awaits formal application.

Now that the bonds have been declared illegal, and an enforced delay follows, there is no reason why the county should not be benefiting by this federal cooperation. It will be forthcoming if requested. It will cost the county comparatively little and be of inestimable value in future construction.

The county court should secure at once the services of one of the government experts, who will be sent upon request by the good roads section of the Department of Agriculture, and have complete surveys, specifications and data prepared, so that when it is possible to issue the bonds there need be no delay.

CATTLE MARKET WELL SUPPLIED

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—Receipts for the week have been: Cattle, 3284; calves, 54; hogs, 2582; sheep, 5235; horses, 115.

Every division was well supplied and the market for cattle held up the first half of the week, but toward the end of the week there was a tendency to weaken. There were quite a number of buyers present and several butchers from surrounding territory increasing the demand for light killers. Cows and heifers sold up to the price standard of the week previous, but heavy steers were somewhat weaker and might be quoted as 10c to 15c lower. The market was hungry for calves and paid \$8 for the only good offering.

The hog market showed some weakness and was 10c to 15c lower at the close of the week. This was in sympathy with Eastern markets where tremendous runs had a tendency to cut prices down. The sheep market was heavily supplied but prices held up surprisingly well throughout. Ewes sold at \$4.10 and wethers at \$4.50, which gives an idea of the strength of the market.

OREGON'S NEED OF PROGRESSIVE POLICIES

(Eugene Guard.)

The Medford Mail Tribune is very much disgusted over the supreme court's decision in the Jackson county bond case, and we think with good reason. The people there, by a three to one vote, declared for a policy of road improvement, but the court ties their hands. They had a similar experience in attempting to build a state road into the Crater Lake national park. Oregon boasts of its progressiveness, its future greatness because of resources yet to be developed, and still binds and gags every progressive citizen who dares to outline a liberal policy tending to growth and expansion.

It is because of this spirit of non-progressiveness that the State university has been handicapped and hampered by meager support and tied up with referendum petitions. Washington and California sneer at Oregon and boast that they are educating our young men and women because we are too poor or too stingy to provide them with proper facilities at home.

Oregon can never become a great state until its people are willing to do great things. Neither can they convince the people of other states that they have faith in the future until they prove that faith by their works.

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.

CENTRAL SELLING AGENCY ENDORSED

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—The formation of a central selling agency for northwest fruit, which was proposed some time ago, is nearer of being worked out today than at any previous time, following a meeting of Hood River growers who heartily endorsed the movement. Committees are to be appointed from the Rogue River, the Hood River, the Wenatchee and the Yakima fruit districts to work out the plan. In all probability the four associations will buy the control of the Northwestern Fruit exchange in order to secure the benefit of a selling system already organized. The Hood River fruit growers met Saturday and after a lengthy discussion endorsed the plan.

Fight Pictures Tonight at Ugo

Wolgang-Moran fight of July 4 will be the attraction at the Ugo tonight, showing the full 13 rounds and knockout. These pictures are practically new films and have been secured for the benefit of fight fans of Medford by the management of the Ugo at an extra heavy cost.

Rebekahs Will Entertain.

The members of Olive Rebekah lodge No. 28 will give a box social on Tuesday evening, January 30, at 8 o'clock, at Odd Fellows' hall. All Odd Fellows, their wives and all members of their family are expected to be at this social. All ladies are asked to bring a box lunch for two.

JOSEPHINE E. CLARK, Recording Secretary.

Haskins for health.

Two more days of the one-half price sale on Tailored Suits Long Black Coats Children's Coats All Furs

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SAYS M'NAMARA IS INNOCENT

Judge Hilton of Denver Declares That John J. McNamara's Innocence of Dynamiting Crimes Would Soon Be Proved.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 29.—John J. McNamara is innocent of complicity in the destruction of the Los Angeles Time building, according to Judge O. N. Hilton of Denver.

This statement was made before the Denver Trades and Labor assembly. Before giving in detail his reasons for believing in the innocence of John McNamara, Judge Hilton asked the assembly to go into executive session, declaring that he did not want the Los Angeles grand jury to learn of his knowledge of the facts in the case.

First, according to Judge Hilton, is what led the chief McNamara to plead guilty to the charges. McNamara believed, Hilton said, that if the trial continued he would be found guilty and hanged.

In concluding his remarks, Judge Hilton announced that John McNamara's innocence soon would be proved.



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5 1/2 million feet saw timber to exchange for other property or will sell, easy terms. Price, \$6400.

Vacant lots on Ross court and Whitman Ave., also 20 acres black sticky land near Eagle Point to exchange for unincumbered property, not necessarily local.

\$25,000 worth of improved income property in Medford, one property practically in business district, to exchange for unincumbered property or if incumbrance isn't due before 1914 might consider assuming.

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New 5 room bungalow on Riverside, rents for \$25, includes 2 lots, also 2 lots opposite Queen. Above school to exchange for alfalfa land. This property unincumbered.

Homestead relinquishment 9 miles from Medford, about 80 acres tillable. Price \$500.

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