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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—8540; 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, 1908, 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 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

COMMUNICATIONS. Our Public Schools. To the Editor: Education here in Medford!

To the Editor: I am one of several mothers who are nearly frantic at the knowledge of the wasted years our children are putting in school.

We have been here two years—last year my child's teacher said "have did," this year she is one of a class which has had five teachers since September.

Two of these teachers were experienced teachers; the others are dear, sweet girls but wholly inexperienced. She is now in a class where the pupils talk aloud, are rude, and one little boy especially takes delight in answering his teacher without permission and striking the little girls.

It's not the fault of these girls that they are teachers. What business have they with a license and no training?

Then the awful condition of the Washington school! The toilets are a disgrace to Medford. I understand the building has been condemned, yet these children are jammed in here. In one instance a dirty old recitation room is used as a school-room.

Some of the patrons of this school are among the heaviest taxpayers in the city, yet see the unsanitary conditions to which our little children are subjected.

Another thing, a little boy who has just started to school at one of the new buildings told his father that the toilets were "simply filthy." How's that for the plumbing?

Let us have a new school building for the Washington school pupils and for heavens sake have it planned by an architect who knows something! Then, won't some one who knows please tell us why trained teachers are not demanded? Why aren't the standards higher in this splendid big state, and why haven't these girls had a chance to properly fit themselves for the grandest of all callings? PARENT.

OREGON—LAND OF PROMISE.

THE false and defamatory circular sent broadcast by the Portland labor council is calculated to do more to retard the progress of the state than all the efforts to induce settlers made by advertising the state's resources could accomplish in its development.

Among other false assertions is the statement that Oregon is "a great wilderness of forests and mountains" and that there "is little chance for paying farms except for men with considerable capital." And the concluding statement that "idleness, destitution, have produced a general reign of crime committed by misled and desperate men."

There is less want and idleness in Oregon than almost any state in the union. Where there is one idle man here, there are a hundred in eastern states. Nor have we heard of any "reign of crime committed by misled and desperate men." And those that are idle have principally their own shiftlessness to blame.

There are few railroad lines in Oregon, hence only a small portion of the state is developed, and there is the same opportunity in the undeveloped sections that there has always been for the industrious pioneer.

There is a growing opportunity for the skilled artisan, for the factory hand, for the tradesman, for the clerk, but they are not needed so much in Oregon as the farmer, the man who is willing to go back to the soil. Conditions are not always the same as in the east for him perhaps—but there is always a living if he is willing to work.

Even the higher priced developed orchard regions offer their opportunities to the settler. If he cannot buy, he can rent, he can lease, he can hire out for a start. If he is willing to work there are always chances, such as that held out by the Rogue River Canal company here, of being provided with land and given years to make the land work out its own payments.

Oregon is a land of boundless resources. Her fields are but scratched, her vast forests marred in but few places by the ax, her mines, though yielding hundreds of millions, still undeveloped. Her orchards produce the finest fruit in the world. Vast expanses of land capable of producing abundant harvests can be bought for a trifle.

The indolent and the shiftless should keep away from Oregon, though her balmy clime and her rich soil make existence easy. The man of energy, enterprise and industry finds here in Oregon the promised land.

The state labor council has done more to discredit itself with the people of Oregon by its mossback, knocking, lying circular than any single thing it has ever done. The least these kept men of labor can do now is to correct their own misrepresentations by another circular.

DEFECTIVE CLUSTER LIGHTS.

MEDFORD'S cluster street lights need "fixing." They are pretty enough when lit up, but only about half are in working order.

Whether the fault lies with the character of air-tight globe used, as some claim, or whether it is due, as others assert, to the variation of the electric current, is a matter for the street committee of the city council, the electric company and the contractors to thrash out and remedy.

The public is interested, not so much in the cause as in the effect. It is results that are sought—and better results than are forthcoming at present.

Other cities, like Grants Pass, are said to have no trouble with their cluster lights. Still others, like Ashland, have the same difficulty that Medford has experienced.

The sooner the difficulty is remedied, the better.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

BRITISH parliament opens Wednesday for its third session under King George. Three important measures will be forced through by the liberal coalition, if possible—Home rule for Ireland, disestablishment of the Anglican church in Wales and a franchise reform law.

Home rule overshadows all else. It is the climax of half a century of political warfare. The proposed bill is said to guarantee complete autonomy for Irish affairs to the Dublin parliament, which will consist of two chambers and be controlled by an Irish cabinet.

The line-up of forces in the house is as follows: Liberals 268, nationalists 76, laborites 42, total coalition 386, conservatives 276. In addition there are 8 independent nationalists (O'Brienites) who will probably oppose the bill.

The house of lords is anti-home rule about 8 to 1, but all they can do is to delay the adoption of the bill for three years. If they reject it, the government will re-introduce it and pass it the next two years and it will become a law automatically.

Judge Colvig Explains and Justifies

(From the Portland Spectator.) It affords me much pleasure to publish the following letter written to Senator George W. Joseph, by Judge William M. Colvig, agent the recent robbery in which a beautiful San Francisco lady "went through" the distinguished jurist as if he had been an unresisting child. The letter is at once an explanation and a justification. It pleases me greatly to learn that the news of Judge Colvig's loss was greatly exaggerated; he assures us that he did not lose his watch. This fact, however, in no way detracts from the splendid generosity of Senator Joseph, who immediately on hearing that his guide, philosopher and friend had been robbed of his watch, graciously sent him a beautiful timepiece. Senator Joseph knows that he who gives quickly, gives doubly; so Judge Colvig may be said to have three watches. Here is Judge Colvig's letter:

weakness of the flesh. Your own uprightness and exemplary circumspection in the wide domain of morality, which makes your immaculate manhood stand out like a beacon light on the dangerous reefs of sin and wickedness, are perhaps attributable to some of the wise philosophies of life that I taught you in those ancient days which you mention—days ere you had drunk so deeply at the Pierian spring! Still o'er those scenes my memory wakes, And fondly broods with miser care, Time but the impression stronger makes, As streams their channels deeper wear. But seriously, I did not lose my watch at San Francisco—that fiction was started by a "Son of Belial," who is connected with our local paper. I did, however, lose a most elegant jade scarf pin. The watch which you sent me is full compensation financially for this loss—and then I had some fun in losing, besides. In return for your kindness, I enclose herewith a "Medford peach," taken from our late booklet, the kind you and the editor of the Spectator are generally looking for. Extend to him my thanks for the poetry—it pays to advertise. As ever, your friend, WILLIAM M. COLVIG.

Our Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLES. (By A. C. Howlett.) Carl Helfft and Henry Fry of Lake Creek were callers Wednesday for dinner and in the run of conversation Mr. Helfft remarked that the seventh day Adventists represented by Elder Bruch and the missionary Baptists represented by Rev. Holmes of Medford were to have a debate on the points of difference between the two church organizations, but the main point of difference would be the question of which day to observe as the Christian Sabbath. The debate is to be had at Brownsboro in the course of the next three weeks. During the course of the meeting that has just closed the two ministers had some exchanges of opinion on the subject. Mr. Helfft also told me of having a large steer attacked in his neighborhood by two large gray wolves and almost killing him but he received help from other cattle and thus made his escape. There was a company of surveyors out Wednesday and Thursday surveying off the tract of land to be donated to the town for a park by Mr. Hamilton of San Jose, Cal., the owner of a large tract of land adjacent to Eagle Point. Mr. Swihart of Durby came out Wednesday evening on the train, spent the night here, went on to Medford the next morning. He speaks very encouragingly of the prospect of this part of the country and predicts lively times this summer. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Timmie C. Dugan, February 8, 1912, a ten-pound daughter. Senator H. Von der Hellen and his son-in-law, Mr. Evanston, were doing business among us Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, nee Cora Brown, of Medford, and her sister, Miss Sarah Grieson and son Frank of Portland came out Thursday to visit their brothers and sisters, Frank, Will, Royal and Merritt Brown and Mrs. S. B. Holmes and Mrs. Van Scoy, Carl Jackson, the meat market man of Butte Falls, Ira Tungate and Mr. Boughton came out from Butte Falls Thursday evening and the first two went on to Medford to play basketball with the Medford team Thursday night. J. F. Ditsworth and wife, Miss Hazel and Master Stewart Ditsworth and Mrs. D. E., son and daughter Lester and Ida Lee Lyle came in from Medford about 8 p. m. Thursday on their way to the Cascade gorge. The Cascade gorge is situated at the top of the old Florence Rock grade, commonly known as the hole in the ground, a place where the water from a small mountain stream rushes over a precipice a distance of about 200 feet. Mr. Ditsworth has built a home on his place and is moving his family from Medford to their future home. Mr. Ditsworth has been living in Medford for the past year or more so as to take advantage of the good schools there. He firmly believes in educating his children and as an evidence of that he has now five daughters who are or have been school teachers. O. N. Nelson, one of the Jacksonville live insurance men, came out Thursday and spent two nights with us. He is looking after the interests of his companies in this section. Wm. Perry passed through town Friday morning on his way to his home near Butte Falls. It has been suggested to me to say that a man might do well here by opening a bakery here, as there is considerable money sent from here to Medford for breadstuffs. Mr. Kirschow, one of Medford's business men, was here for dinner Friday looking after the tombstone and monument business. Files Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Your Druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. 50c. Haskins for health.

Charles Tryer and Frank Manness took the civil service examination at Ashland Wednesday. The city council voted issuing \$20,000 worth of bonds for the water system. Prof. F. C. Smith and wife attended the North Dakota reunion and banquet Tuesday evening. The ladies of the Methodist church held a food sale Saturday. Talent and Phoenix high schools held a debate at Phoenix Friday night. The question was, "Resolved, That the Jury System should be Abolished." Talent supported the affirmative and Phoenix the negative of the question. Talent won by a vote of two to one. The debate was evenly contested and the judges gave Talent the decision on the ground of argument. The debaters were George Mongrain, Agnes Lester and Ono Maxson for Talent; Miles Gammill, Eldon Cortwell and Sadie Rice for Phoenix. Superintendent Briseon, Professor Milan and Miss Niseley all of Ashland acted as judges. G. W. Ager was a Medford visitor Saturday. Mr. Ager enjoys these visits. Last week he had an operation on the nose and today is having another. Whenever Mr. Ager hears that there is a surgeon in town he takes to the tall timber. Mr. Lester reports heavy sales of nursery stock for this time of year. J. A. Jeffery was stricken with paralysis of the right side last Friday. He is some improved at this writing. Edward Hughes, W. W. Hartley and the T. Thompson properties changed hands during the past week. James Kane, who removed to Los Angeles a few months ago, has returned and will make Talent his home in the future. Prof. F. C. Reimer of the experiment station will deliver an address at the Talent school Friday night, February 16. Admission free.

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS. Mrs. Miller of Lake creek is here visiting her two daughters, Misses Blanche and Grace Miller, who are attending high school here. Clarence Pankey left Sunday morning for Walker, Cal., where he will be engaged in pruning contracts for several weeks. Miss Mary Strong of Medford spent Saturday with friends here and left Saturday evening for Portland, where she has accepted a position as teacher in one of the business colleges there. J. E. Boswell made a trip to the California line Sunday to meet Mrs. Boswell and children, who will make their home here. Hugo Lange left Saturday evening for a tour of California. Wells Wheeler and wife of Talent were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey. A. E. Strong of Eagle Point was a Central Point business visitor Saturday. Florence Stearns and Pearl Ross visited Tojo friends Sunday. Among the Central Point people in Medford Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robnett and son, Mrs. J. C. Ward and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beale, Etta Williams, Sarah Bebb, Ella Hay, Pearl Pankey, Luke Pearl, Shipley Ross, Dr. E. Davis, W. R. Newman, H. Holmes, Miss Grace Smith and Howard Dunlap.

W. E. Phipps has removed his law office from the Phipps Building to First National Bank Building rooms 207-208. Telephone number changed to 1272.

Dr. E. Kirchgessner WHERE TO GO TONIGHT

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