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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—3240; estimated, 1911—3600.

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 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.

SELLING PANTS: Ben Selling writes he'd like to be a senator for you and me.

"Who's Ben?" you ask. I think, perchance, 'Twill jog your mind If I say pants.

Ben's as progressive as can be; Least that is what he writes to me, Yet, he's aboard.

The standpat raft Who'd turn the state Over to Taft.

I answered, "Ben, you have a chance Also the gill, and cash, and pants. Go in and win, Your scheme's immense— A platform on Both sides the fence."

If Ben does run I'll bet a plunk His boom will fall like so much junk. And if we go Up north by chance, We still will see Ben Selling pants.

TOM OSGOOD IS TO BE MARRIED SOON

An announcement has reached here from Fargo, N. D., the former home of Colonel and Mrs. John D. Benton, that their daughter, Miss Mary Benton, who had the honor of christening the battleship North Dakota, is engaged to Thomas Osgood, a former Fargo resident and successful civil engineer of this city, who graduated from the North Dakota agricultural college and later from the Massachusetts School of Technology at Boston.

The Bentons removed from Fargo to California a few years ago and until recently lived at Chula Vista, where they had a magnificent home. They are now residing in San Diego, having disposed of their home at Chula Vista and acquired a handsome residence in San Diego.

INTERESTING SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

The services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday were well attended both morning and evening. The subject in the morning was "Peace," not the inertia and inactivity of the lake or millpond, but the steady current of the river, ever moving onward.

In the evening the subject was "The Claims of Christ on the Business Men of Medford." The church was well filled and largely with representative business men of the city, and the consensus of opinion was that the sermon went squarely and truly to the point and that the remarks were an honest, concise word picture of Medford, as any person could plainly see who would take the time to give the matter serious thought.

Lenten Services.

Lenten services of St. Mark's church will be as follows: Ash Wednesday—Penitential and holy communion at 10 a. m.; evening service and sermon, 8 p. m.

Thursday—Service at 4:30 p. m.

Friday—Holy communion, 10 a. m.; service and talk, 7:30 p. m.

A NEGLECTED INDUSTRY.

INASMUCH as the Rogue river valley has been pronounced by experts ideal for the poultry industry, some statistics with regard to its development at Petaluma, California, are interesting.

Poultry raising comes near being the sole occupation of the district, a stretch about 20 miles square. Natural conditions are not as favorable as they are in the Rogue river country, and chickens and eggs enough for the entire state could be produced here.

There are close to 5,000,000 chickens in the Petaluma district and poultry products bring in \$5,000,000 annually. The average number of eggs per fowl is from 150 to 175. Ten million dozen eggs per year are shipped, two million baby chickens are exported annually and from 75,000 to 100,000 broilers and hens. At Petaluma, a cash market, over \$10,000 a day is paid for poultry products.

The average size of a chicken ranch is five acres, and from 500 to 2000 hens are kept upon it, the investment being from \$1500 to \$5000.

San Francisco takes the entire Petaluma supply and has to import much from the east in addition. Portland imports still more from the eastern states, both chickens and eggs—and the average retail price in Portland is from 25 to 60 cents during the year.

A thousand cars of Rogue river valley fancy fruit will bring from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 to the grower. Poultry can be made to bring in much more money, and no years of tedious waiting.

In neglecting poultry, in not making it one of the principal industries of the valley, we are overlooking one of our greatest assets.

FAKE FLOOD NEWS.

ONE has to go away from home to hear the news.

We learn from Sunday's issue of the Portland Oregonian that "flood threatens city of Medford" and that "Bear creek overflows its banks."

All of which would be interesting if true—but it wasn't.

Bear creek was not within five feet of the high water of last season, and never reached the danger stage or the point where its banks overflow.

Medford is some ten miles from the Rogue river and some 300 feet higher in elevation, so that danger from the Rogue, as hinted in the Oregonian's news columns, is an impossibility.

In fact, few cities can suffer less damage than Medford even from a protracted deluge—if such an unusual storm should occur.

Last summer the imaginative Oregonian sent broadcast the lurid assertion that Medford had suffered severely from a cyclone that "lifted the opera house from its foundations." Any one that cares to inspect that flimsy structure will be convinced of the utter falsity of the assertion.

The Oregonian should caution its correspondents that facts, not yellow sensationalism, is expected—if such is the case.

Del Norte County Should Bond

(Crescent City News.) Del Norte county occupies a unique position in this state. It is one of the least known and one of the richest counties in the state. Where can you go and find such a body of gigantic Redwoods, such rich copper and gold deposits, such beautiful marine and mountain scenery, fine dairy ranches, such possibilities for stock and orchard industry, such fine salmon streams, such latent, hydro electric power possibilities, and its attendant industries? All these lying here practically undeveloped and unknown because of our poor transportation facilities and our poor roads. There is no one thing that would develop this county more than good roads.

It would open up our county and its numerous possibilities to the view of thousands of tourists and moneyed people.

These tourists bring money into our county and seeing the opportunities, some are sure to invest. One investment begets another. Then if we had a good road running from this county to the Rogue river valley, we would develop a commerce for our harbor that would warrant better ship service and better and larger ocean commerce would get better harbor facilities.

But the greatest benefit of all would accrue to the farmer. He could handle his produce for less than half its present cost, could go and come at all seasons with ease and comfort, would be in quick communication with all centers of trade and would save in breakage and wear enough to pay the interest on the cost of such a road as this county needs, and the increase to the value of his land would be enough to build the road.

But the farmer or tradesman of this county would have to pay but very little for these improvements because the timber interests pay about 75 per cent of it. If a man needed an article very badly and it would save him a great deal of money and it would lighten his labor and add greatly to his wealth and would increase his pleasure and comfort, and some person offered to pay three-fourths of it, he would seem like the proverbial ass if he wouldn't dig up the other one-fourth.

But to argue for good roads seems like trying to argue that daylight is daylight. The main thing is how to

get them. We want the roads now so that we can get the use of them during an ordinary lifetime. We want to enjoy the benefit of our labor and we want the ones who come after us and share the fruits of our labor to share in the cost of them.

The only way that can be done is by a bond issue. But when you say bond issue to some people you scare them nearly to death. They seem to lose sight of the fact that our whole tax system is really a bond issue. The laws of our county bond us to pay taxes for the maintenance of our government and if we do not pay them our property is confiscated. But a bond issue is going to reduce your taxes by increasing your profits. Take, for example, a bond issue of \$200,000, for 25 years at 4 per cent. At the end of 25 years we will have paid out \$204,000, and cleaned up the debt and had the use of \$200,000 worth of good roads.

Under our present way we pay \$16,000 a year and at the end of 25 years we will have paid out \$400,000 and the interest on these \$16,000 payments brings it up to \$608,000 and we have had rotten roads all the time and can keep on paying our \$16,000 ad infinitum.

If the roof of your storehouse is gone and damages your produce to a great extent you are not going to put on one shingle a year, but you put on a whole new roof, if you have to borrow the money to do it. Why? Because you have enough goods from damage to pay for it.

When you look at any great work that is done, calling for the expenditure of a large sum of money for the public good, you find it is done under a bond issue. As an example the Panama canal, all irrigation and reclamation projects, all railroad and street railroads, all gas and electric propositions, all water and sewer systems, all permanent highway systems all over the United States are built by bond issues, without exception, so why should we attempt to do without it?

Now, to go back to a bond issue of say \$200,000, how would it effect the taxes of a man with \$5000 assessed property? If you figured that you still paid your \$16,000 per year as at present and had a \$200,000 bond issue his taxes would only average an additional \$15.20 per year. And what man is there in the county who pays on \$5000 assessed value

who wouldn't benefit \$15 a year. But as a matter of fact he wouldn't have to pay that much because the cost of upkeep would be less and our present \$16,000 per year expenditure could be cut in half.

It is safe to say that there is not a resident of this county with \$5000 assessed property whose breakage and wear due to bad roads does not exceed that sum.

So let us hope that our citizens will grasp the opportunity and benefit that may be had by bringing at least \$200,000 of outside capital into our county and turning it loose among our workmen.

NOTICE TO SPRAY

In accordance with the horticultural laws of the state of Oregon all orchard fruit trees, shrubs, vines, roses, etc., must be sprayed with a lime-sulphur solution in order to control San Jose scale and such other insect pests as may be controlled with lime-sulphur. This spray shall be applied at a strength or test of not less than 4.5 degrees Beaume, or 1.03 specific gravity. In order to dilute the concentrated commercial lime-sulphur solution to the above test, the following table may be used:

Table with 3 columns: Gallons lime-sulphur, Gallons water. Rows: 30 degree test (1 7/8), 31 degree test (1 7/8), 32 degree test (1 7/8), 33 degree test (1 8-1/8), 34 degree test (1 8-2/8), 35 degree test (1 9), 36 degree test (1 9-1/8), 37 degree test (1 9-2/8).

The above table is in accordance with the best practice, and no attention should be paid to the directions for diluting as found upon the container. Peaches and pears should be sprayed as soon as the weather permits; apples may be left until later. By applying the spray just as the buds are beginning to break will give the best results.

This order to spray includes both commercial orchards and the trees found on city property. Therefore, all owners, agents or lessees of city property are hereby ordered to comply with the law. Failure to do so may necessitate the removal of such trees, vines or shrubs not sprayed by the county inspector.

A. H. CARSON, Commissioner Third District. P. J. O'GARA, Pathologist in Charge. J. W. MYERS, Chief Inspector. Medford, Oregon, February 17, 1912.

POLITICAL CARDS

(Paid Advertisement.) For Joint Representative.

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C. E. WHISLER, County Clerk.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of county clerk, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries. I promise the people of Jackson county that in case of my nomination and election I will fulfill the duties of the office according to law and the best of my knowledge and ability.

W. H. MILLER, Gold Hill, Ore., Feb. 16, 1912.

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FINLEY WANTS A FISH CAR

Game Warden in Letter to Governor West Points Out Work Now Being Carried on in the State—Outlines Plans.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—In a letter to Governor West, State Game Warden William L. Finley says that when the work of stocking rivers and lakes with fish gets into full swing, it will be necessary to have the railroads remodel an old car to provide special transportation facilities for the young fish.

The letter details the plans which Mr. Finley has made for work this season. In full it is as follows:

"We have secured some Hungarian partridges and I want to release about a dozen pairs in some favorable spot on a reserve near Salem. I judge the best place for this is in the asylum farm. Please let me know where the best location will be and to whom to ship these birds.

Bob White Quails. "I am expecting to get a good bunch of Bob White quails from Missouri. I have been trying for some time, but these birds are very scarce. I shall also want to release some of these at the asylum farm, and also send a good bunch down to Rogue River valley.

"Last year we ordered some 400 or 500 pairs of Chinese pheasants direct from China, through Mr. Andrew Khan, but he failed to show up with his birds. He has recently gone to China, himself, and has promised to see that we get a shipment within the near future, if possible; if he cannot get the birds immediately, he has promised a good shipment next fall. I hope this plan will mature.

"Things look very favorable toward us getting a good, big supply of trout eggs for liberation. During the coming summer we are planning to take trout eggs to the McKenzie and Trask rivers, Elk creek, Yaquina bay, Souch fork, Coos river, Walloona river, and Salmon river.

50,000 More Eggs. "In addition to the million eastern brook trout eggs we bought in Rhode Island, we have secured 50,000 more through the bureau of fisheries at Washington and they have recently promised 50,000 rainbow trout eggs and 200,000 black spotted trout eggs.

"We are working in close touch with Mr. O'Malley, who is in charge of the government work in this state and through him we expect a good take of rainbow trout eggs in southern Oregon and also at some lakes in the upper Clackamas county. We shall have, undoubtedly, from eight to ten millions of rainbow trout eggs for liberation the latter part of the summer.

"When we get this work in full swing, we shall have to prevail upon the railroads to remodel an old car and make us a special fish car, which is necessary in the transportation of young fish. In California they have cars of this kind and it is very advantageous and necessary when working on a large scale."

PORTLAND, Ore.—An expression of the owner of two demented looking skinny horses, is looking for a sign painter who decorated the name plates with this legend: "Oats wanted inside." The sign was done in paint that won't wash off.

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