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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—8940, estimated 1911—32,000.

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 Spitznagel 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. To the Editor: In your paper of recent date you have an editorial entitled "A Neglected Industry."

Kindly permit me to differ from you in some ways. The poultry industry in Medford and vicinity is not neglected,

but is being developed along the wrong lines. Not neglected, because at this time Medford is shipping more eggs than ever before in its history.

At present the supply exceeds the demand. Therefore, having eggs for the market, we must find a market for the eggs.

Portland can easily use all the eggs our valley can produce, but the express rate to Portland of 96 cents per crate of 30 dozen eggs is prohibitive.

What then is the remedy? Organization and cooperation of all producers, large and small. The benefits that will then accrue are many.

Competition will die a natural death. Eggs and poultry, and supplies for raising the same, can then be handled through one office.

In this way eggs can be graded just as fruit is—fancy, choice and culls—for surely eggs should be sold by weight.

Feed can then be purchased at first cost. What Petaluma has done, the Rogue river valley can also do, but not without organization and cooperation.

Yours truly, S. V. NEALL.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES. The seniors were again defeated in basket ball by the sophomores, the score being 32 to 15.

The game was played last Monday night. The lineup was as follows: Sophomores. Seniors. Price.....center..... Merrick

DUBUQUE'S PUBLIC MARKET.

PRESIDENT TAFT has attracted attention to the public market as a source of lowering the high cost of living, by a public commendation of the Dubuque, Iowa, market established some 50 odd years ago.

According to sale cards sent out by the market management, the purchasing power of a dollar is greater in Dubuque than in almost any city in the land, due to the market.

Dubuque has one of the most remarkable out-of-door markets in the world. All Dubuque goes to market, and everything finds a ready sale. Nearly everything is sold to the people direct at retail prices, but whatever is left over is disposed of at wholesale prices to the grocers or shippers.

Dubuque women go to market in the cool of the morning and obtain garden produce as fresh as if gathered from the home garden; or butter, eggs, fish, and poultry, cows, etc., that are "strictly fresh." It is a common sight to see a well dressed woman trudging home with a well filled basket in one hand and a pair of live chickens in the other.

The city of Dubuque employs a marketmaster, who has general supervision. He also inspects the quality of produce and the accuracy of weights and measures, and should any person offer for sale fish, poultry, butter, etc., unfit for use or attempt to use light weights or short measures he would be fined or barred from further participation.

The city rents the space along the curb fronting city property at stated annual amounts for each stand, varying from \$6.25 to \$12.50, according to size and location, and this money goes into the city treasury. In return the city pays a salary to the marketmaster for all cleaning incidental to keeping the market in an attractive and orderly condition.

There is no reason why Medford's proposed public market should not accomplish for this section what Dubuque's market has accomplished for Dubuque, and why a dollar should not then go farther in Medford than in any part of Oregon.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

W. J. SCOTT, a farmer of the upper Rogue district, has evolved, in the Gold Hill News, a scheme which he asserts will revolutionize the finances of the world and make "the great god Money become the slave of the people instead of their being slaves to it."

"Governments and administrations will rise and fall upon this wonderful idea," states Mr. Scott. In brief, Mr. Scott's scheme is for the county to issue non-interest bearing bonds for road building purposes.

then take out a national bank charter in the name of the taxpayers' National Bank of Jackson County, Oregon, and under the national banking act, deposit the bonds with the government and have the treasury department issue national bank notes, for the use of which money the people would not have to pay anything.

This is, like the greenback and fiat money schemes, an attempt to get something for nothing. Non-interest bearing bonds are a non-negotiable security. Not even the United States government with the wealth and resources of the entire nation, can borrow without paying for it.

Neither Mr. Scott nor any one else will loan money without interest, and the use of the money is usually worth the price paid for it—if the price be legitimate. Mr. Scott's scheme contemplates that the people enter the banking business as a community—a form of socialism that would be bitterly fought. It would involve an entire readjustment of economic principles, resulting in a prolonged demoralization during readjustment. It is therefore impractical.

There is this merit in the suggestion, however. It would enable the people to secure money at a lower rate of interest, provided they wanted to go into the banking business. Three percent bonds could be deposited as security with the treasury department, for an issuance of currency, though it is doubtful if the entire issue would be so accepted.

COLORADO USES HONOR SYSTEM IN HANDLING STATE PRISONERS

Plan Adopted by Governor West in Oregon Proves Most Successful in Centennial State—Ninety-Nine Per Cent of Convicts Prove Faithful.

Warden of Prison Tells of Success of Humane Efforts—Men Set Standard of Loyalty and Obedience. CANON CITY, Colo., March 4.—From statistics we find that of the 350 criminal cases taken to the supreme court of this state over 60 per cent have been reversed. Now comes the question: How many men caught in the toils of the law can ever hope to bring their cases to the highest court in the state? And it is not reasonable to assume that, were the supreme court to rule on all the criminal cases—had these men the money to provide for it—only 50 per cent of our present prison population would be here today.

In these words, Thomas J. Tynan, warden of the Colorado penitentiary here, whose humane methods of handling the convicts committed to his care, have brought forth the praises of the sociologists throughout the country, summed up the reasons why he is fighting for the privilege and liberties of the men and women convicts. Make Useful Citizens

For several years Tynan has been an advocate of the theory that prisons and reformatories should not be mere places of confinement, but should convert convicts into useful men and women, with an object in life and ability to earn an honest living. Some time ago Tynan astonished penology experts through the country when he successfully put his convicts on their honor and let them work on the roads of the state on their own parole and without being kept under armed guards.

"I believe that nearly 75 per cent of the vast army of men in our prisons today need not serve their sentences behind prison walls," Tynan continued. "I believe they could be profitably worked in the interest of the state as well as themselves, in outdoor work so that, while technically serving sentences for certain offenses committed they could earn a reasonable and just wage. West's Plan Tried

"This 75 per cent, in most cases, are by no means the hopeless and abandoned creatures we presume are beyond the pale of redemption, but men who can be saved for the improvement of the race or society. Yet there is something in living behind sombre gray walls that steepens a man's self respect in a fifth and mire from which recovery is seldom attained.

"During the last three years we have had over 50 per cent of our same able-bodied population at work on the state road camps and on the state farms, some of them 300 miles from the prison, all working in the free, open air with all its attendant benefits, under skilled and competent overseers, with no gun guards, no stripes, no lock and no ball and chain, but every latitude that could be consistently given with safety. In these camps and on these ranches the men have been taught scientific road building, farming in all its departments and many departments of the building trades.

Ninety-nine Per Cent Faithful "Ninety-nine per cent have proved faithful to their pledges, and the men have set a standard of loyalty and obedience, of thrift and industry that will stand for all time. Was it necessary to tag these men with a number? Was it necessary to shear their hair? Was it necessary to proclaim to the world their criminality and advertise them as lost creatures?

"A great majority of these men need never have known penal servitude, and again, had we a law that would permit of the payment of a reasonable wage to all these men employed upon the public roads which would enable them to earn enough to keep their family intact and from becoming charges upon the various counties—would not such a law as this serve a splendid purpose?"

Prison Spreads Sorrow "The public little knows of the sorrow, bitterness, misery and poverty our modern prison spreads. A tottering old lady, already on the brink of eternity, visits her stalwart son every Sunday. He is serving a fifteen years' sentence and is her only support. Both the mother and son proclaim his innocence—but they are pitifully poor.

"Eliminating the police system of hounding men back to the prisons and the jails—eliminating the fee and the contract systems—paying more attention to the circumstances attending the crime rather than to the fact itself—enacting legislation providing for this—and the percentage of men in prisons would be reduced to a minimum that would astonish the country. There is nothing silly or mandarin to this—nothing but the soundest application of common sense.

"The entire system is wrong throughout the country. It cannot be changed in a day, nor in a month, nor in a year—and nothing but a clean sweep, beginning at the village constable's office and leading into the very courts, can better the shameful and miserable penal conditions in this country. This is why I am fighting for the liberties and the privileges and lawful rights of these men, regardless of the fine points and technicalities involved."

H. Heartfield

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FLOREY IS OUT FOR RECORDER'S OFFICE

Chauncey Florey, deputy county assessor, has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for county recorder and will oppose Fred L. Colvig. Mr. Florey is well known throughout the county, having been a resident of Eagle Point for many years.

DISTRIBUTING SAMPLE BAGS OF "DRIFTED SNOW" FLOUR

The Sperry Flour company of Tacoma, Wash., is conducting a novel and systematic advertising campaign in this city. C. H. Smyser and F. W. Guerlin, representatives, are distributing sample bags of their famous "Drifted Snow" brand of flour to the residences, asking that the housewives give it a fair baking test.

MAY ORDER GERMANS OUT OF DANGER ZONE

BERLIN, March 4.—Alarmed by the reports of perils of foreigners in Mexico because of the revolution, the German government today considered the advisability of ordering all German subjects in Mexico out of the danger zone.

MOSLER NEW OWNER OF MERRIVOLD SHOP

J. Walter Mosler, of Denver, Col., Monday purchased the Merrivold shop on West Main street from the Misses Merrill and will conduct the business in the future. Mr. Mosler arrived in the city some time ago and, being pleased with the city, sought an opportunity for investment, resulting in his purchase today.

TWO PROMINENT BUSINESS FIRMS HAVE CONSOLIDATED

D. C. McAlpine, proprietor of the Southern Oregon Electric company, and C. C. Ponting, proprietor of the Heating & Ventilating company, have formed a partnership and will continue the business at the old stand, 29 North Grape street, under the name of the Southern Oregon Electrical & Heating company.

Thief Steals Perfume

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Miss Mathilde Daglia informed the police that an ill-mannered thief purloined her bottle of essence de cologne. She sobbed before the sergeant, incidentally telling him that \$800 and much jewelry also were missing.



Better laundry work than we turn out cannot be had—ours is THE BEST. Why not give us a trial and convince yourself that we are worthy of your patronage?

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POLITICAL CARDS

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.

E. B. WALBRIDGE TUSCAN SPRINGS, CAL.

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