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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—3540; estimated, 1911—36,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water, and 17.5 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 15 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 past six years.

Write Commercial Club, including 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

TELEGRAPH TABLETS

HAMILTON, Bermuda.—Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Kitchener, governor general of Bermuda and a brother of Lord Kitchener, died here today.

NEW YORK.—The directors of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad adopted the report of a special committee authorizing the issue of \$25,000,000 in seven per cent adjustment bonds. Ten millions of this is to be used in double tracking the road between Denver and Salt Lake.

TOKIO.—That the Japanese government is prepared to invade China at any time it may be deemed necessary was indicated here today in the senate by Baron Uchida, the foreign minister.

BREWSTER, N. Y.—Angered because his wages had been reduced George Mead, caretaker on the country estate of the Rev. Frank Hatfield, murderously assaulted the minister's two daughters, Ruby, aged 18 and Amy 20, and then committed suicide by exploding a stick of dynamite in a barn.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Two men were killed and a rescue party of five are missing following an explosion in No. 1 mine of the Diamond Vale Colliery company at Merritt, B. C., in the Nicola Valley.

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—With one eye lost and his face badly burned, the result of an explosion of chemical compound he made, Charles Sennickson, 14, inventor, consoled himself with the remark, "I know it will work anyway."

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—J. G. Dalydien, suspected burglar, confessed when the police seized a rosary in his suit case as plunder. The beads were given him by his mother when he was a child.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—"It's true this is a naughty town," said T. P. Lander, a Chicago businessman. He started out to do the "coast" but was robbed of all he had before he got there. "Now the expedition's off," he said.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—"Who might you be?" sternly questioned Police-man Roy, as he lifted a white squirming object from a deep mud puddle in Boyle Heights. Johnny Ober, newsie, aged 6, had gone swimming. The cop helped him dress.

PEARY BELIEVES SCOTT DISCOVERER OF SOUTH POLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Robert E. Peary when shown United Press dispatches today indicating that Captain Scott had reached the south pole, said he would not be surprised to learn that the British explorer had triumphed.

"Confirmation of the report that Scott reached the South Pole is not unlikely," said the North Pole discoverer. Scott has been a pioneer in Antarctic exploration, and I know that he started on his dash under most favorable conditions. It will soon be heard definitely if he has succeeded."

NO SILLY SENTIMENTALITY HERE.

A FEW days ago there were five men hanged together at Chicago. What an exhilarating sight it must have been—five bloody throats and five broken necks—and how pleased the Portland Oregonian and other advocates of the bloody noose must have been at this crowning triumph of justice and civilization!

Last Saturday in Delaware there was another cheerful sight, also a triumph for the principals so loudly championed by the Oregonian and Governor West's opponents—a truly manly sight, best described in the press dispatch following:

"Washington, Del., March 2.—A man was tied to a crossed post in the jail yard here this afternoon. His feet were fastened together with leg irons. His hands were manacled to the arms of the cross with glistening steel chains. From the waist up he was naked, although a biting wind swept across the enclosure from the northwest, carrying a bite that compelled spectators to turn up the collars of their overcoats and settle their chins farther and farther down into the comfortable garments.

"Across the yard walked Warden Crawford carrying a stick sharpened like a police riot club. From the end dangled nine leather thongs. As he approached, the face of the victim became a ghastly white. He seemed about to beg for mercy, but he remained mute.

"Taking a position beside the pinioned individual the muscular 'officer of the law' raised his arm. There was a pause. Then the thongs descended.

"As they fell across the shrinking flesh of the condemned man, the heavy-set warden drew the weapon toward him, and the leather thongs curled like living snakes. Again and again the warden's hand rose and fell. Slowly and methodically he counted 'one,' 'two,' 'three,' and so on. At 13, great red welts showed on every inch of the naked back.

"Then the warden changed to the opposite side of his bound victim. Again the instrument of torture was raised and again it fell. Squirm as he might, there was no escape for the sufferer, and the pitiless torture continued.

"For a time the man retained his composure. But no human being could stand the torture, and soon the great tears were pouring down his cheeks. He did not beg for mercy. He knew that was useless. His moans were pitiful, and the great tears of agony told more than anything else of his suffering.

"Finally Crawford reached the '40' and dropped his hand. Two stalwart jail officials stepped forward. The manacles were quickly unlocked, a woolen shirt was dragged brutally over Wright's head and he was led back to his cell. Before he had entered the door of the prison the shirt was stained with blood.

"The man was Richard Wright. The law of Delaware had declared him an habitual criminal, and he was sentenced to 14 years in the prison, and to receive 70 lashes on his bare back. This is the heaviest flogging sentence imposed in Delaware in many years, and it was admitted by the doctors that he could not stand to receive all of the punishment at once, so a week will be allowed to elapse, and then he will be given the remaining 30 lashes on a skin that will hardly have healed after today's terrible punishment.

"Before Wright was punished four other convicts were whipped. None received to exceed 20 lashes."

Here we have none of that mawkish sentimentality, that mistaken kindness that treats prisoners as human beings, that silly faith in less fortunate and fallen brothers that has induced Oregon's young governor to open the felon's cell to opportunity and that has been so roundly berated by the Oregonian and other stern advocates of a sterner law.

And yet some of us are thankful that we do not live in civilized, long settled Delaware, and feel grateful for the cruder and ruder civilization that has produced the Oregon system and seated a practical humanitarian in a seat mighty enough to enable him to lend a helping hand to the hopeless, despite stupid, stumbling opposition.

Why does the Oregonian not advocate the Delaware law for Oregon—a law, as Ingersoll said, "Dug up from a grave in which it has slept for a hundred years, with its thin lips drawn over its long teeth. What rejoicing there must have been in heaven when they heard Delaware was on their side!"

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY.

THE Salem Capital Journal is very much excited over Roosevelt. It endeavors to make out that the world is a vast conspiracy against the rough rider. It is learned from its columns that the conspiracy extends to and permeates Jackson county—all of which would be interesting if true. One must go away from home to hear the news.

It is interesting to learn that we still have political bosses in Jackson county, but we are not told who or what they boss. Reference is probably made to the gentleman from Oklahoma, at Ashland, who is trying to force Judge Dunn upon the county by means of a "funny" paper. Although here only a few months, he evidently seeks to be political dictator—and so, perhaps, he is meant.

The Salem paper remarks follow: "The democratic bosses and the republican bosses in Jackson county have no use for Roosevelt.

"The county clerk of that county refused to post the petitions, and was a week afterwards hauled up for withholding public fees.

"One business man at Central Point wrote to this office for blank petitions, and in two hours had them all filled.

"Practically every business man in Central Point signed the petitions, and especially all the business men.

"Jackson county is where Dr. Keene lives, who, as state central committeeman, brought the suit to set aside the presidential primary.

"All Roosevelt sentiment has been systematically suppressed at Portland, where the capitalistically controlled

press is against him, republican, democratic.

"What would be the expression of public sentiment in Oregon if the press would give it a chance to become known?

"It should be understood that these same newspapers control the news and information that is sent out from Oregon.

"Are the same kind of methods employed all over the United States to suppress the real sentiment of the people?

"Why do the grafting elements of both political parties fight the very idea of such a man as Roosevelt becoming president?

"Is it instinctive, and is it the natural shrinking and timidity of those who in the name of republicanism and democracy exploit and plunder the people?

"But the people will have a chance to vote for Roosevelt in Oregon, as his name will go on the ballot, unless defeated by some technicality."

A Nationwide Famine Collection

(From the Continent.)

On Sunday, March 10, churches of all denominations throughout the United States will be asked to take special collections for famine relief in China. The central committee which has its headquarters in the offices of the Laymen's Missionary movement at 1 Madison avenue, New York, is sending out an appeal to all pastors whose addresses are obtainable from denominational year books requesting that this cause shall be presented to their people on the date named and strong representations made of the humane and Christian duty of furnishing succor to 3,000,000 people of Central China whose food supplies are virtually exhausted and among whom deaths by starvation are already beginning to occur. All advices from China accentuate the impression of a calamity more dire than has ever been suffered before in a nation all too sadly accustomed to experiences of this sort. Not less than \$1,000,000 is urgently needed for food purchases and relief work at once, and it is believed to be by no means impossible that the gifts of the united churches on the 10th of March will aggregate that sum.

The famine relief committee at Shanghai has determined that all money expended for relief of famine sufferers shall be paid out as work wages. The work to be done under

the auspices of the committee will all be in the way of dike building in the flood regions, aiming to prevent future overflows. It is the plan of the committee to offer the workers a little less than the wage scale that is customary in central China. This policy is dictated not only by a desire to economize, but also by the belief that this is the only way to confine the benefits of the famine fund to men actually in need. If the average wages were offered, there would be danger of immigration from outside districts into the famine territory.

The Chinese are contributing very liberally, especially in South China, which is at the present time fairly prosperous. The provisional government at Nanking is undoubtedly short of funds, but is expected nevertheless to make a generous appropriation. Where dike building protects the fields of wealthy landed proprietors, it is believed that a large part of the cost can be taxed on them by the intervention of local civil authorities, if they do not contribute it voluntarily. At the very best the sums which America must send to meet the dire plight of China will have to be enormous; but money will certainly be given the more cheerfully if Americans understand how much China is doing for China and how carefully the funds contributed are being spent.

O'Gara Writes Home Paper Concerning the Oregon Plan

The Cedar County News of Hartington, Nebraska, contains the following letter from P. J. O'Gara of Medford on West's prison policy, which has attracted much comment in eastern and middle western states: Medford, Ore., February 17, 1912. Editor Cedar County News: For some time I have been wanting to compliment you on your editorial discussing the prison policy of Governor West of Oregon. Being personally acquainted with our highly esteemed governor, your editorial was all the more pleasing to me. I am glad to say that I am proud of being a citizen of a state whose governor is big enough and strong enough to initiate policies that are truly humanitarian, and who cares not for the harping criticism of the stand-pat politician.

Governor West has done something new in the way of prison reform. He has talked with men who have been so unfortunate as to break the state's laws, rather than to discuss them with the warden and guards, who, after all, rarely have a human interest in the men given to their care. Governor West gets the prisoner's point of view and gives him a chance to make good. He believes that, just because a man has broken a law, that is no reason why he should not be given a chance. Governor West is intensely human and he has the full confidence of the men serving time.

The honor system has been established, and the "square deal" is at the bottom of the whole movement. In this county (Jackson) a number of Governor West's honor men are working on our public highways. If you were to visit the camp where these men are at work, you would not know that they are prisoners. They are not guarded in stripes, neither is an armed guard to be seen anywhere. They are at liberty to do what they will so long as they perform their tasks. The governor visits them from time to time, sits with them at their dining table and treats them as men. The plan which the governor is following is working out successfully, and he has no reason for making any change in his policy. Not long ago one of the honor men needed some dental work done and came down to Medford from the camp, and remained a week without anyone to guard him. As soon as the dentist completed his work, the man returned to the camp. Many instances of where the men have been permitted to go without guard may be given, but the above will suffice.

Governor West does not believe in capital punishment, nor does any other man. The fact that a man has taken a life does not mean that some hired butcher should take the life

of the murderer. The horrible scene enacted in the Cook county (Illinois) jail the other day is enough to make one's blood run cold. It was a scene quite as revolting, and undoubtedly more deliberate in all its gruesome details than the crime for which men paid the death penalty. What the country needs is more men like Governor West, men who will defy tradition and institute modern, humanitarian methods in dealing with the unfortunate human beings who have fallen by the way. The prison, like the church, is for sinners, so why not apply at least some of the methods of the latter in dealing with the prisoner.

Sincerely yours, P. J. O'Gara.

Krause, No Hold Out. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 8.—Pitcher Krause, who, it was feared, might be a hold-out, reached the camp of the Philadelphia Athletics here today.

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