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Population—U. S. census 1910—2840 estimated, 1911—30,000

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Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 11 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.

ROGUE RISES OVER SEVEN FEET

Rogue river is booming as the result of the heavy down pour of rain for several days rising 7 to 10 feet Wednesday.

The stream has been rising and falling for some days, gaining a little each day, with heavy driftwood passing today.

The waters spread out in a menacing way in the Galice and Heligate region.

As a result of the flood, the United States mail failed Wednesday to get across the river to Galice, this being the first time in twenty years such has occurred as late as April, and never before in May.

Mr. Massie said the river was three feet above the safety mark for the ferry boat to cross, and that he was satisfied that the river would be six feet above the safe point by nightfall.

WOODVILLE IS ROGUE RIVER ON TIME CARD

Woodville will now appear on the Southern Pacific time card as Rogue River to comply with the new ruling of the post office department.

The similarity of Rogue River to Rogue, the siding at the top of the hill four miles west of the city has made it necessary to change that name and it has been changed to Dimmick in honor of the late Ben Dimmick, pioneer of Josephine county.

TEST FERTILIZERS FOR ROGUE VALLEY

In co-operation with the fruit-growers and ranchers, the state experiment station is carrying on a series of experiments with all types of fertilizers to determine the special kind best adapted to the various crops.

The experiments are being carried out upon all varieties of soil and on each variety the several crops that grow best on that particular kind of soil will have by the process of selection of the best fertilizer assigned to it.

For orchardists the regularity of bearing, color and increase of yield are the main points that will be required for the best adapted fertilizer. Similar requirements are made in relation to the other crops.

Special attention will be given to the fertilizers that deteriorate, as this type seems to be best adapted to this section.

Until this time most of the experiments have been carried on in the Griffin creek section, as this represented the largest variety of soils.

ETHEL BARRYMORE IS MOTHER OF BABY GIRL

NEW YORK, May 2.—Miss Ethel Barrymore, who in private life is Mrs. Russell Colvig today is the mother of a baby girl. The girl is the second child to be born to the actress.

The first, a boy, was born in 1909.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

THE fact that county warrants are finding a ready sale at 95 cents and that it is impossible to buy any quantity at any less price, indicates that the depreciation of them was the result of a conspiracy among speculators and politicians who took advantage of the tightness of the local money market to force down the price and influence the primary election.

The action was not very patriotic, but it is typical of the patriotism found among warrant shavers the world over. As usual, the community suffered by it.

There is no reason in the world why Jackson county warrants are not worth par. They are backed by the wealth and resources of the community and are in effect a promissory note issued by the county, drawing 6 per cent interest until paid.

The expert employed by the county, J. H. Wilson, has finished his report for the past three years' business. Beyond the fact that the county clerk needs another deputy and that the sheriff needs more room during tax collection periods, but little information is gleaned from his perusal.

The experting consisted, for the most part, of comparing stubs of licenses, receipts or warrants issued with amounts credited on the books. The books were found in good condition, and the only recommendation made is that the sheriff should remit daily or weekly to the treasurer the cash received instead of waiting until the collection register could be written up, as at present, leaving a considerable sum in his hands following payment days.

The county needs an auditor, whose duty it should be to expert the books of the county monthly and to install the up-to-date methods and simplified systems in force in private corporations doing a similar volume of business. The present system is antiquated, involved and unsatisfactory.

Economics and Ethics

By E. L. McClure. Economics is the science of political government and the natural law of social order; and ethics is the science of duty in conformity with economics.

We have been taught to believe that all the sin and suffering in the world is caused by man's imperfection and the operation of immutable law. But economics proves that all the poverty and degradation in the world is caused by the defects of political government, and shows that every special privilege that does not conserve the common good is evil; for the common good is the only good.

Dishonest profit debases as positively as theft and every selfish act arrests development, deteriorates character and weakens the will, and because selfishness has been universal in no good man has ever lived, and the best man living or dead presents a sorry spectacle in contrast with ideal perfection expressed in the beatitudes. But under natural law every individual would be a type. No imperfection could emanate from Omnipotence. Every individual whether man, animal or insect, in embryo, is a perfect being of its species which is endowed with intelligence to distinguish good from evil, (the puppy or baby knows its dinner instinctively, and learns with one experience that fire burns,) and if it obeys instinct and reason implicitly, it will develop character necessary to perfect being of its species as inevitably as the growth of body and mind.

Activity is life, and when it ceases death ensues. Industry would be universal with normal human beings, developed in an environment of generosity and plenty. Free access to common knowledge and the bounty of nature, provided by the state, to every individual from infancy, would develop a type of all men, and each individual would possess all common knowledge, like other species (the ant and bee) which have reached the maturity period of development. But man is still in the childhood period—civilization is but a moment of time in comparison with the illimitable ages for the culmination of the life of the human species, through the stages of birth, youth, maturity, old age and death, which is the natural law of species as it is of individual life.

Industry, emulation, and generosity develop; idleness, competition and selfishness degenerate. Adam Smith expresses opposite opinions regarding selfishness as I generosity—in Wealth of Nations he said "Selfish interest is the providence of God, and if political governments abstained from interfering with natural competition, the maximum of efficiency would be reached in all industrial problems." This agreed with the belief in class rule and special privileges and has given him his great reputation as the father of political economy. Many years before, he expressed the true principle of development in "Moral Sentiments." "How selfish so ever man may be supposed, there is evidently a principle in his nature that interests him in the fortune of others; and renders their happiness necessary to him, though he derives nothing from it but the pleasure of seeing it."

Through civilization all human organizations—political, religious, fraternal, and social are governed by the principle of selfishness. Secret orders are oath-bound to the selfish interest of their particular coterie of brothers. The church is in the selfish business of saving souls of the elect from damnation, to which all

heretics are condemned. Society is composed of the elite, and the vulgar outsiders are excluded from the select circles of every grade and class. And political governments act on the principle that might is right, and enforce their selfish will on any weaker competitor.

The universal reign of selfishness can only be understood and accounted for by first understanding the subtle power exercised by the control of the circulation of money. Every individual knows what would happen if he should be broke—without money one can do nothing, and the practical object and constant effort of every man is to be prosperous in getting money to satisfy his desires, and the struggle is just as imminent to every organization, whether governmental, business or social.

The quantity of money in circulation fluctuates proportionately the value of all wealth, and every one with wealth, whether rich or poor, are constantly menaced by the peril of depreciation and possible bankruptcy. There is no escaping the possible danger of financial disaster in any investment; and the fear of poverty and starvation makes onwards of the strongest men in every walk of life. Doubt and uncertainty is the opportunity for the financial sharks and vultures to offer plausible schemes of pretended absolute security, the worst of which are but legal robbery and the best often prove to be bad investments.

It is in this condition of uncertainty, which no one can escape under the gold standard, that compels every individual to banish the impulse of generosity from the government of his will, for if it were permitted, the inevitable penalty is poverty,—no matter if he had the wealth of Rockefeller it would vanish like mist before the rising sun.

There is no other remedy but the adoption of scientific money to remove all doubt of stability in value. The first and most important education is to develop knowledge of the principles of money to be able to understand what value is. The ignorant think money has intrinsic value, and believe that gold is a precious metal which gives it an intrinsic value.

There is no such thing as intrinsic value. Value is created by human necessities and desires, and fluctuates with the intensity of and the difficulty in satisfying—necessities and desires. Air has no value, because there is a super-abundance for all without price. Land has no value until population creates demand. A person perishing on a desert, though he owned a mountain of gold, would give it all for a drink of water or a loaf of bread.

Scripture is often quoted that "the love of money is the root of all evil," and money is blamed for producing all human ills, because it is not known that a fixed and unchangeable measure of value and medium exchange is more vital than all the measures of quantity. Money is the only measure of value that is possible to be made fixed and unchangeable. But gold, or any commodity, as a standard must necessarily fluctuate in value with every change in the supply and demand for money. Scientific money alone can maintain a fixed and unchangeable standard of value, and place the measure within reach of every one with wealth to exchange beyond any possibility of manipulation by financiers to make money disappear from circulation.

The desire for wealth is innate in all normal adults. All wealth is produced by labor, and if credit could not be disturbed, there would be an unlimited demand for labor to produce wealth to satisfy the insatiable desire for wealth, beyond any possibility of the supply exceeding the use and satisfaction that wealth is able to give. The unlimited demand would be compelled to reward the limited supply of labor a just share of the wealth produced by labor.

Labor would be stimulated under perpetual prosperity. It would release all laborers from the strain and menace of idleness and poverty, and make employment certain with just and satisfactory compensation, which would stimulate industry and produce such a superabundance of wealth that sustenance would be in reach of every individual with less exertion than oxygen, when poverty would be as preposterous and ridiculous as nakedness.

The ability to distinguish good from evil is given to every normal individual, and an infallible mentor directs the will without any necessity of submitting to human authority, creeds or beliefs. And when all mankind become certain of sustenance without any possibility of its being denied them than there is of oxygen, no man would violate the dictates of conscience and destroy his own self-respect, than he would mutilate his body; government would then have no other function but service, for there would be no occasion to exercise the power of might to compel men to do right, when there was no disposition in any normal human being to do wrong.

REPORT OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

To the Hon. County Court, Jackson County, Oregon. Gentlemen: As directed by you, I have made an examination of the books and accounts of the several county officers of Jackson County, Oregon, handling county funds from July 1st, 1908, to January 1st, 1912, and make the following report:

School Superintendent—J. P. Wells. The superintendent has kept an accurate record of all fees collected, which I have compared with his receipt and certificate stubs, and find that he has collected and deposited in the county treasury during the term ending Jan. 1st, 1911. The sum of \$181.90. And during the year 1911, the sum of \$142.50.

The County Clerk—W. R. Coleman. The county clerk has collected fees of his office, and deposited promptly each month in the county treasury, the sum of \$764.15. And during the year 1911 the sum of \$509.85.

County Treasurer—James Croninger. The treasurer has received the following amounts: July '08 to Jan. '11, \$182,674.79. Sheriff's office, \$59.69. Sheriff mileage, \$80.70. \$9.30. Fines and forfeitures, \$83.00. \$73.00. Road, \$14,508.45. \$6,987.49. Roads, \$19.29. \$5,928.85. Clerk, \$7,741.15. \$1,639.10. State school, \$2,288.58. \$2,284.48. Institute, J. P., \$71.00. \$19.50. Licenses, \$75.90. \$9.00. Rent, \$23.95. \$21.19. Sale old county property, \$9.42. \$5.96.

County warrants redeemed, \$178,771.91. \$98,222.25. Interest on county bonds, \$10,376.92. \$6,378.66. Special school orders redeemed, \$59,641.52. \$49,223.24. Special road orders redeemed, \$75,091.29. \$44,544.95. Special city orders redeemed, \$128,978.39. \$1,684.41. Supt. orders redeemed (common school), \$124,321.64. \$62,282.15. State taxes paid, \$90,811.70. \$7,431.73. Sundries, \$2,575.55. \$7,224.23. Totals paid, \$792,891.83. \$501,674.42. Balances on hand, \$22,385.64. \$5,483.142.51. (Original signed.) JOSEPH H. WILSON.

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