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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—5840; estimated, 1911—10,000.

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 19 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen 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 brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

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JOLTS AND JINGLES

By Ad. Brown.

We note a dispatch concerning one P. F. T. Shore. The original Pull For the Shore, perhaps.

A man committed murder in Arizona's state house. Easy to prove capitol crime.

April showers held back Medford's crop of truancy cases.

Talk about love's rocky path! A Hoquiam (Wash.) youth stole a suit of clothes from a rival. With this suit the suitor paid suit to the girl and now he has no suit on his back but one in the courts.

Do you think Frankie was right or did you bet on Anderson?

"Maryland, MY Maryland" sings Teddy.

Man named Plummer wants to serve on Portland's school board. If it were not so hot we could cork-screw a wheeze out of that.

Again comes the time of year when Judge Withington puts mothballs on his coat and vest.

From a Fighter's Fist.

A youth who says he is a prize-fighter asks us to publish the following. After sizing up said youth we hated to refuse, so here goes:

The fighters were exchanging Biff for biff, soak for soak, And the galleries were stifling In a cloud of Durham smoke, When (\*) suddenly within the ring A stalwart figure landed— He broke the gold dinged meeting up— And did it single-handed.

\* Full orchestra and spotlight.

VALLEY FARM AT THE POINT TONIGHT

Tonight will be the last opportunity to see that interesting rural drama, "Valley Farm." This play, which was so successfully presented last Friday night, will be repeated tonight at the Central Point opera house, the curtain rising at 8 p. m. A great many Medford people will motor down this evening, while some will go by train, returning on the 11 a. m.

Specialties between acts and good music are extraordinary features of tonight's production. Popular prices will prevail, the admission being only 35 and 50c. Jack Neff's auto stage will leave the Nash Hotel corner for Central Point at 6:15 and 7 p. m., returning after the play. Special round trip fare 50c.

I. W. W.'S MUST WORK OR LEAVE COUNTRY

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 9.—The backbone of the I. W. W. strike on railway construction was completely broken today when police cleared out the I. W. W. headquarters camp and ordered the men to resume work immediately or clear out of the Yale district.

OUR SHIFTY STATESMEN.

TWO weeks ago the city council called a special election for three charter amendments, one substituting telegraph poles for newspapers in the publication of assessment notices, one creating a municipal court and one regulating boxing contests.

At Wednesday's meeting the council rescinded the ordinance calling this election and passed another providing for an election May 28, in which the printing ordinance is again submitted to the people along with a bond issue of \$20,000 for the proposed Bear Creek bridge. The municipal court and boxing amendments were dropped. By their acts ye shall know them, and the council's acts tell what manner of men the councilmen are plainer than words. It reveals the petty animus they entertain towards the newspapers, as well as their shifty and unstable statesmanship—but what can be expected for \$25 a month?

If municipal court and boxing amendments were necessary two weeks ago, as the council declared, why are they not equally necessary now?

If they were unnecessary then, as the council tacitly admits by withdrawal, why submit them in the first place and put the taxpayers to the expense of needless publications of election ordinances?

This action shows plainly enough that the council does not know its own mind for two consecutive weeks. Yet these are the men paid \$25 a month apiece by the taxpayers for minding the city's business.

The newspapers exposed the attempt of the council, under the guise of economy in city printing, to fasten another salaried official upon the taxpayers, and the lack of backbone displayed by the council in submitting an unnecessary boxing law, and thereby insured the defeat of the amendments. So the council withdraws them and in revenge for the exposure resubmits the publication ordinance tacked on to a bridge bond issue whose popularity, it is figured, will also carry the publication ordinance. This bond issue will be discussed later.

Posting assessment ordinances on telephone posts instead of publishing them in newspapers, as under the proposed amendment, will result in a saving to the city of less than \$100 per lineal mile of improvement. As there will probably not be over a mile or two miles of streets improved this year, the amount is so small that it is not worth to the city the expense of a special election or a fight by the newspapers to save it.

The only issue involved is whether the newspapers are better means of publicity than telephone posts, whether those whose property is assessed had rather be informed of it through the newspapers than by consulting all the telephone poles in town until the right one is found and reading what is left legible by the rain and summer's sun to ascertain what and when they must pay.

Shall Medford return to village ways, as already practised by our shifty statesmen to whom five cents a line is an enormous sum, and use the phone poles about town to let people know what public improvements are contemplated and what they have cost or shall the city pay a fair price for service rendered to newspapers creditable to the city, whose unceasing effort has always been for the upbuilding of the community, and so help make better newspapers, better advertisements for Medford.

"In morals as in medicine, there is no antiseptic like the sunshine of Almighty God." The criticism of official acts is one of the highest duties a newspaper owes to mankind. It is always an obnoxious and invidious task to disclose to the public the shortcomings and littleness of its official servants—and if it is not done fearlessly, it cannot be done effectively. It is not from editors trembling under the threat of a little patronage withdrawn that the public may expect a fulfillment of the highest function of a newspaper.

Copper Production Is Increased

The United States geological survey has just issued an advance statement of the production of copper in 1911. This statement, prepared by B. S. Butler, gives the final figures of production as made up from reports from all the reduction plants. The preliminary estimate of the smelter output of the country, issued by the geological survey January 2, 1912 differed from the final figures by but a fraction of 1 per cent.

The total smelter production from ores mined in the United States was 1,097,232,749 pounds. This is the largest production in the history of the industry and compares favorably with the output of 1,059,159,509 pounds for 1910.

Arizona again heads the list of copper-producing states with a production of 393,292,532 pounds, the largest production ever made by the state. Montana is second with 271,814,491 pounds; Michigan third, with 218,185,236 pounds; and Utah fourth, with 142,340,215 pounds.

The most notable gains were made by Alaska and Utah, the production of Alaska increasing from 4,311,026 pounds in 1910, to 22,314,889 pounds in 1911, and that of Utah from 125,185,455 pounds in 1910 to 142,340,215 pounds in 1911.

The states showing the most marked falling off in output were California and Montana. The former decreased from 45,760,200 pounds in 1910 to 35,835,651 pounds in 1911, and the latter from 283,078,473 pounds in 1910 to 271,814,491 pounds in 1911. In California the decrease was due to difficulty in controlling smelter fumes; in Montana it was caused by voluntary curtailment due to the condition of the copper market.

The total production of refined copper from primary sources, both domestic and foreign, was 1,433,875,925 pounds in 1911, compared with 1,422,939,135 pounds in 1910.

In addition to the copper produced from ore a total of 214,000,000 pounds was recovered by the treatment of old copper and brass, copper and brass scrap, filings, clippings, etc.

The consumption of copper in the United States for 1911 was apparently somewhat smaller than in the previous year, but the amount exported was considerably greater, so that the stocks of refined copper held in the United States were materially reduced.

New Kind of Public Land Withdrawal

Withdrawal of public lands for use rather than from use is the latest piece of practical conservation. The president, by executive order, under the withdrawal law has withdrawn from entry many tracts of unappropriated public lands which contain springs or small streams. These watering places control the public range over large areas in Utah and Wyoming and the withdrawal of these lands

will in no wise interfere with the use of the springs or streams but will in fact insure the possibility of public use. Control of watering places by strong private interests and resultant monopolization of grazing on the public domain are believed to be prejudicial to public interest, and the president regards the setting aside of these watering places for public use as serving a distinct and beneficial

public purpose, in harmony not only with the letter but with the spirit of the act of 1910.

The three withdrawals already approved by the president represent an aggregate area of about 80,000 acres in six counties in Utah and Wyoming, and include tracts of public land known from the records of the United States geological survey and the general land office to contain 248 springs and streams.

It is well known that in the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states there are many large areas of excellent grazing land in which the number of places where water for man or beast can be obtained is relatively small. Sometimes the shortest distance between "water holes" is 10, 20, or even 50 miles. Some of these watering places are springs, some of them ponds of alkaline water, some of them small streams flowing down from adjacent hills or mountains and becoming lost on the edge of the desert. The lands in large part support a growth of grass and small brush which is excellent fodder for horses, cattle, sheep, and as practically all these areas are government land they are "free range" for whoever may care to graze his stock thereon. However, stock can not live without water, and unless watering places are available to a stock owner it is impossible for him to utilize the range.

As a result of these conditions it has come to be common practice in some parts of the west for a big cattle or sheep outfit to obtain possession of the few scattered water holes in a certain area and by this means to monopolize the grazing privilege almost as effectively as if it actually owned every acre of the area. In consequence the small stock owner has been placed at a serious disadvantage and in many localities has been forced out of business.

This practical development of the conservation policy in order to prevent monopolization of the public grazing lands will not only insure equal opportunity, under present conditions, but it prepares the way for future legislation. Should congress at any future time decide to pass a grazing law the retention of these watering places in public ownership will make the enactment of a satisfactory law possible; whereas if the water should pass into private hands the framing of a law providing for the control of grazing on the public domain would be useless, because the law itself would be inoperative.

The present action will really be beneficial to both large and small stock growers, although it will doubtless not be pleasing to those who desire to exclude rivals from the range by acquiring the watering places themselves. The competition and struggle for existence have in many places, however, grown so keen that even to the largest outfits the strife has become burdensome, and to some of them, at least, the removal of one of the causes of contention by the reservation of the springs and streams for the common use of all will be a decided relief. To the small stockman who has been fighting for existence and who has seen his grazing area diminish year by year as he has been barred from this spring or from that stream, it will be welcome news that the government has taken steps that will at least make the competition fairer.

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