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MEDFORD, OREGON.

Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest-growing city in Oregon.
Population—11,800 census 1910—5240; estimated, 1911—6000.
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 28, 1911, show increase of 19 per cent.
Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitznagel apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowna 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 Newtowna.
Rogue River bears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.
Wylie Commercial Club, inclosing 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

JOLTS AND JINGLES
By Ad. Brown.

Speaking about prize fights, brutality, and police interference, does anybody know the officer who not long ago on a Sunday entered a bantam rooster in a cock fight?

From all accounts Frankie wouldn't have to go outside of official Medford for material for a good preliminary.

Well, I celebrated clean-up day by applying the tooth brush to last year's straw hat.

Subscriptions for stock in Prof. Bugg's collapsible ladder scheme are pouring in. For the next few days we will issue handsome hand made certificates of stock at one cent each.

He Takes Issue.

Dear J. & J.—Prof. Bugg's scheme is all right, but how are more than one man going to read the notices at once on his ladder? I am making drawings of a sinking platform which also turns around as it sinks. Can you beat that, Bugg?—West Sider.
When the above was shown to the great professor he laughed in characteristic manner. "I thought of that plan, but can't you see it would necessitate cots at the foot of each pole, upon which the readers would have to recline until their dizziness was overcome? No, believe me, my scheme is better."

Corvallis students are going to debate on the parcels post. At last this great subject is to be settled.

In Portland there is a boxer named Schmeer. With a little more help in this department we could make a joke out of that.

Also did you note a man named Buster busted his arm at Eagle Point?

E. C. IRELAND FUNERAL IS HELD HERE TODAY

The funeral of E. C. Ireland, who died suddenly Wednesday afternoon, will be held today under the direction of the Elks. The Elks lodge has issued the following notice:
Medford Lodge, No. 1168, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, respectfully requests the citizens of Medford to meet with them this (Saturday) afternoon at the hour of 3:30 o'clock, in order that proper respect may be paid to the memory of our departed brother, Edward C. Ireland.
The funeral services will be public and will be conducted by the officers of Medford Lodge, No. 1168, at the Elks hall, on West Sixth street. All friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to participate with us in these services.
Following the ritualistic services, the remains will be escorted to the Southern Pacific depot, and will be sent to the home of Brother Ireland in Champaign, Ill., for interment.
C. L. REAMES, Exalted Ruler, No. 1168, B. P. O. E.

Legal blanks at the Medford Printing company.

THE VALLEY'S OPPORTUNITY.

THE future of the Rogue River valley depends almost entirely upon the extension of the irrigation systems. The horticultural and agricultural development will not proceed much further than it is without water. Water will double the productive capacity of the land. It will quadruple the productive acreage. It will make possible the utilization of thousands of acres of barren land. It is a crop producer and a crop insurer upon any kind of soil. No land is so poor but that, given water and sunshine, something cannot be profitably produced.

Our climate, our sunshine, our soil, our natural charms lure thousands, but the fact that we have not water over our greatest area drives thousands away. The curse of the valley has been that we can do no mature crops without water, hence not realizing its necessity as an income producer, have failed to comprehend its value.

Had this been a desert valley, water would long ago have transformed it into a garden spot with many times its present productive capacity. The necessity of water, being realized, would have brought it.

The only advantage the great fruit districts of the northwest have over the Rogue River valley is water. In every other respect the Rogue River valley outclasses them. They all were desert wastes until water transformed them into orchard belts. But their water goes a long way to offset our natural advantages.

There is no use attempting to disguise the fact that water is needed, any more than that smudge pots are needed. What must be done is to remedy our defect—and it is a simple matter and lies within our grasp. All that is necessary is to grasp the opportunity that lies before us.

Five acres of the finest soil in the valley will not support a family without water. With water it will. This is the problem that lies before us—to make it possible for every five acres to support the family—then to get the family. This is your self-sustaining population, your payroll, your industrial development, your manufactures shipping soil products around the world.

The opportunity is furnished by the Rogue River Canal company, a concern that has never asked a cent from the community, which has already spent \$400,000 in development work and payrolls, that has added 7000 acres of productive soil to the valley's area, and stands ready to invest \$1,500,000 more if met with cooperation on the part of land owners.

The Rogue River valley has not given this concern a square deal. Its project has been promiscuously knocked, the immigration it induced has been scared away, and real estate speculators, with dry land for sale, have systematically decried irrigation. Nevertheless the company, which comprises such men as Twoby Bros., Patrick Welch, R. P. Neil and other successful and wealthy business men, have kept on work, secure in the knowledge that water was essential to the development of the country.

In the past few weeks, through the cooperation of Central Point citizens, over a thousand acres of land have been signed up for water around that thriving city, which means that Central Point will double in size and business shortly.

Through the cooperation of Medford, it is hoped to secure ten thousand acres signed up for water under the proposed High line ditch, which will cover the territory from Talent north. If Central Point can secure 1000 acres, surely Medford can secure 10,000.

When once the farmer or land owner realizes the value of water, as they are beginning to realize it around Central Point, he will jump at a chance to enhance the value of his land, double its productive capacity, provide a payroll during construction and pay for the water out of the increased output of products.

There are many water users along the present conduits who have paid the entire cost of the water out of increased revenues obtained thereby, and all should jump at a chance, which in the eyes of the experienced farmer of the middle west and northwest, doubles and triples the value of the land.

MAKING A SANITARY CITY.

LADIES of the Greater Medford club are to be congratulated upon the energy and activity they are displaying for community betterment. It is to be hoped that their efforts will have the cordial support of the proper authorities and result in a long needed awakening of the spirit of civic pride.

Generally speaking, the sanitary survey of the city shows that excellent sanitary conditions prevail. Indeed there is no comparison between the Medford of today and the Medford of three years ago, and few cities will compare with it in healthfulness. The defects, such as they are, can be and should be remedied at once.

The most serious matters reported are the conditions existing at the public schools. Either the school board is woefully negligent, or those in direct charge of the schools are, probably both. That little children should be compelled to sit over basements with stagnant water pools on the floor, and that toilets should be permitted to become filthy and foul, passes comprehension and indicates gross inefficiency in management.

It is hard to understand why there is so much defective plumbing in Medford, when there is a city plumbing inspector paid \$100 a month with nothing else to do but look after plumbing.

There are other unsanitary conditions not touched upon by the ladies, such as slaughter houses where entrails are piled in heaps and burned, the unspeakable nauseating odors permeating the city—not exactly conducive to health. But they will probably get to these and other public nuisances and menaces later.

City Council Saving at the Spigot

(From the Ashland Tidings.)
The Medford city council has at once grown very conservative and economical. It has decided that there has been too much publicity of municipal business. It is determined to stop it in the interest of economy. At the same time such items as the following are being allowed by the council without objection:
Voucher No. 2, on Minnesota street improvement fund for \$537.60, itemized as follows:
To claims paid to various persons as per order of Mayor Canon, for labor performed on Geneva avenue and Minnesota street \$523.85
Interest at 8 per cent 13.75
Labor incurred in paying same to Wm. Ulrich 20.00
\$577.60
This is a fair illustration of the kind of economy actually accomplished in municipal administration. In this case the person who advanced the money was not only allowed 8 per cent interest when the law provides only 6 per cent, but he was actually paid more as a bonus for issu-

ing his check than the amount of interest earned at his illegal charge. It is not less publicity that is needed. It is more publicity. If the charter of Medford provided for the publication in full of all proceedings of the council the next issue after the proceedings were had, and the people took interest enough in municipal affairs to study these matters, no council would have the temerity to transact public business in such an extravagant and unbusinesslike manner. Instead of curtailing publicity in municipal affairs, the people of Medford will save thousands of dollars per annum, over and above the cost of such publicity, if they initiate and pass a measure providing for the immediate and full publication of every transaction by the council. Instead of allowing the council to wreak its revenge on the newspapers for their boldness in criticizing the acts of the council, it would be more economical if the people provided for more publicity. In so doing they would not only help their town by properly supporting its papers, but it would prove a real and valuable economy.

Summary of Bourne's Parcel Post Bill

Postal rates on parcels vary with distance, thus protecting local merchants and competing with express companies.
Third and fourth classes of matter are combined.
A special rate of one cent an ounce up to four ounces is provided for circulars and small packages of goods.
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Local, city and rural delivery only 5 cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound.
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