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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—8540; estimated, 1911—10,000.

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 13 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzberg 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.

COMMUNICATIONS.

President Kerr's Denial

I have received a copy of the Medford Mail Tribune of May 18th containing the editorial on "Prostituting a Public Office." I had not seen the advertisement in the Sunset magazine until my attention was called to it yesterday by Mr. B. W. Johnson. He has also sent me a copy of a letter of explanation which he informed me he has sent to you for publication. In addition to what Mr. Johnson says, I desire to state that any work throughout the state by College experts has been done in the open, and the reports submitted officially for use in the development of the agricultural interests of the state. Investigation of the lands owned by the Oregon Apple Co. by the College soil expert was made before the company was organized, and so far as I know, before any one connected with the College had any thought of investing in this company. So far as I know, and I have made careful investigations since I received the editorial in question, no one connected with the College has been guilty of any impropriety whatever either in the investments they have made in the company mentioned, or in anything they have done in its interests. Different College employees are interested in orchard and other farm property in different parts of the State purely as an investment, but without any attempt, so far as I know, without a single exception, to use their official positions in promoting private interests. I do not know how it would be possible for any greater care to be exercised than has been by the authorities of the Agricultural College to prevent the improper use of the institution or of the position of any person connected with it in connection with any private enterprise. Very sincerely yours, W. J. KERR, Corvallis, May 23.

EUGENE HELPS BOOST FOR CRATER LAKE MONEY

Eugene Register. The people of southern Oregon should not be alone in urging the passage of the Crater Lake appropriations. Crater Lake Park is an asset of the whole state of Oregon. It is one of the natural wonders of the world, and is in no way second in grandeur and majesty to Yellowstone Park, where the government has expended millions of dollars in improvements.

The whole state of Oregon is proud of Crater Lake Park, and the time is not far distant when the whole nation will be proud of it. Now it is to be buried away in the mountains, and access to it is exceedingly difficult. In a short time this will be changed. The Natron cut-off will make it easy of access by rail, and its beauties and marvels will attract thousands of people to Oregon every summer.

Every resident of Oregon is interested in the improvement of Crater Lake Park, and the way to make this interest count is to telegraph or to write to Oregon's representatives at Washington.

Letter Carriers to Meet

BAYONNE, N. J., May 29.—Delegates from every large city of New Jersey are expected here tomorrow for the annual convention of the State Letter Carriers' association. The local carriers have completed an elaborate program for the entertainment of the visitors.

A SACRIFICE TO CALIBAN

S AVAGES sacrificed humans and animals to appease the wrath of the gods. The ancient Hebrews cast out goats into the wilderness, loaded with the sins of the community. The election yesterday showed the willingness of the people to sacrifice the newspapers to Caliban, "freckled whelp of a foul hag," the god of councilmanic economy. Perhaps instead of a sacrifice, it should be called a sacramental offering, part devoted to the god, in part consumed by the worshippers.

The amount of saving to the city effected by this telephone posting economy will total less than \$100 per mile of improvement. Less than a mile of paving will be laid this year and other improvements in proportion, so that the city's eleventh hour proclamation that the printing would cost \$15,000 for the next two years, was a bald misstatement of facts to becloud the public mind.

This remarkable document asserts that the amendment was not "proposed out of spite." Why then did most of the city councilmen, city employees, and even members of the election boards appointed by the council, violate the corrupt practices act in working for the amendment at the polls election day?

"All other towns in the state print these notices but once" says the proclamation. This is not the case, for Ashland prints many notices two and three times, as do other cities. Not only that, but the newspapers and telephone poles of Medford offer sufficient proof that none of the ordinary notices, that always have been printed here, and are printed elsewhere, are being printed in Medford today. "Printing the ordinances once is sufficient," but few are printed once.

"There is nothing in the amendment providing for posting notices," states the proclamation, yet the amendment reads "Said resolution shall be posted for a period of ten days in five public and conspicuous places," viz., telephone poles.

"The people of Medford want their taxes kept down and the city kept up. We know of only one way to do this, and that is by practicing the most careful and rigid economy," asserts the proclamation. Therefore a special election is called to save \$100 a mile on public improvements at the expense of the newspapers. But nothing is done to save the taxpayers money by eliminating the graft enjoyed by the councilmen and other city employees through the payment of unnecessary salaries.

The mayor draws \$75 a month. No mayor Medford ever had before and the list includes such representative citizens as Dr. E. B. Pickel, W. I. Vawter, J. S. Howard and Dr. J. F. Reddy were paid a cent for their services to the community.

The councilmen draw \$25 a month apiece, or \$12.50 for each of the two meetings. From the organization of the city until two years ago no councilmen ever drew a nickel in payment of his labors for the community—and during this period the gravity water system was built and the era of public improvements launched. Now that the improvements are practically finished, there is no reason why any of them should be paid. The honor is amply sufficient and besides the small salary tempts inferior men to serve for the sake of the salary, instead of from a public spirited motive.

Among the long list of employees is a plumbing inspector who draws \$100 a month and there isn't more than a few hours work a week for him. But in the council's anxiety to save the people money, only the newspapers they cannot control are available for a grand-stand play of economy.

It has been suggested that Medford adopt the commission form of government, but have we not already such a form, with the city attorney as the commission? Does he not issue proclamations like that aforesaid election dodger and sign the councilmen's names without their knowledge? Is he not custodian of the charter, which no one else has a copy of, and which has been amended so frequently that no one else knows what is in it? And does he not do all this for the small sum of \$75 a month? His predecessor, it is true, drew but \$25, and he drew but \$50 up to a year ago. The city is involved in no lawsuit, and when there is a case, other legal talent is employed to help the city. But think of his powers! No chance for economy here.

It is not the amount of money involved that the newspapers care about. It is the spirit shown that hurts,—the lack of appreciation or co-operation on the part of the community, in building up creditable properties that day and night work for Medford and the Rogue River valley, that have championed every public spirited movement and have done and are doing much to make Medford a city.

THE O. A. C. ORCHARD ADVERTISING.

RECENTLY the Mail Tribune published a criticism of the president and faculty of the Oregon State Agricultural college for permitting their connection with the institution to be used as an advertisement of an orchard company in which they were stockholders.

The advertisements in question appeared in the May Sunset magazine and conveyed the impression that the orchard was under the supervision of the state college and its faculty.

Letters received from President Kerr state that the use of the phrase "a president and three members of a large state agricultural college" in connection with the orchard scheme was unauthorized and that neither the president nor faculty were aware of it. President Kerr writes:

"Different college employees are interested in orchard and other farm property in different parts of the state, purely as an investment, but without any attempt, so far as I know, without a single exception, to use their official positions in promoting private interests.

"I do not know how it would be possible for any greater care to be exercised than has been by the authorities of the agricultural college to prevent the improper use of the institution or of the position of any person connected with it in connection with any private enterprise."

It seems that the orchards in question are under con-

tract with an advertising agent, who despite instructions to the contrary, is doing his best to use a state institution to advertise a private enterprise, and to convey abroad the impression that the Oregon Agricultural college is back of the "O. A. C. orchard."

DISTURBS AUDIENCE

If you have any curiosity about the number of people here who have had coughs just notice the next time you are at church or in any public gathering. You will hear someone coughing almost all the time.

We have said before in this paper that there is an unusual amount of bronchial trouble now, and this is because so many people neglect it.

There is no excuse for letting a cough hang on for months and years. The proof of this fact is that a remedy which cures stubborn cases right along would cure at first if taken then as it should be.

Mrs. E. B. Millard of Middletown, N. Y., says "Having used Vinol for chronic bronchitis which I have had for three or four years I can recommend it highly. It has given me very satisfactory results."

Take Vinol right away, and it will build you up, and stop your cough. It is doing this for thousands of others.

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Better get it now while our stock is complete.

Medford Book Store advertisement with decorative border.

CATERING FOR PARTIES

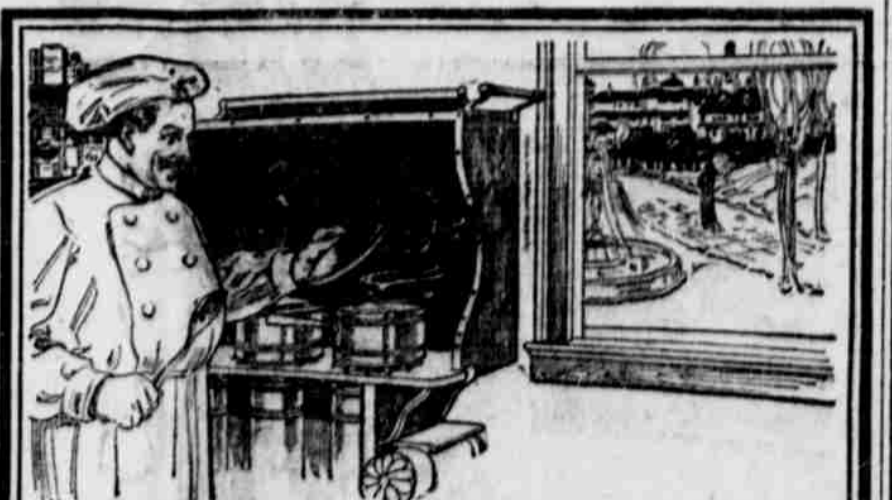
When you have a party don't worry about the catering—let us do that. We make a specialty of furnishing everything for parties and serving it in your home without the slightest trouble to you.

PALACE OF SWEETS

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MY SPECIALS

A new 4 room bungalow, water, electric light, water and sewer paid for, on paved st., close in; lot 52x128. Party leaving town, and if sold by Friday \$675 takes place.

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Unfinished 8-room house, lot 60 by 121; \$150 will finish the place in good shape; \$100 cash, balance (\$600) \$20 per month. Must be sold at once.

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