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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—4840; 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 19 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitznberg 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.

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, enclosing 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Those Southern Delegates He lost in California, And Oregon as well; In Illinois they swamped him, In Ohio he fell.

And yet he has the awful nerve To come out spanking flat And say he's nominated if Those southerners stand pat.

Chorus: Oh, those southerners, by gum, And those southerners, by heck; He has armed them all with hatchets To swat Teddy in the neck.

The news from old New Jersey Where the skeeters buzz and bite, Was enough to make him lose his peace

And stay awake all night: But he only said, "I'll get him if Those southerners are right." Chorus:

The above song was written by Prof. Bugg while experimenting with a planola attachment for sewing machines. It will be noted that in several places the genial professor dropped a stitch.

How They settle It If one wishes to know who is to be the next president all he has to do is listen to the street corner conversations, which all run like this:

"Well, who's going to get it?" "Well, there's Teddy." "He will be knifed in the East and can't win."

"Guess you're right, how about Taft?" "No show at all—lied already." "Right again, but there's Wilson." "Clark has him beaten."

"Clark's made too many mistakes. Never will win." "Guess you're right. How about Bryan?" "Been lied too many times. But who will win?"

"Well, there's Teddy," etc., down through all the above over again until game's called on account of darkness.

COMMUNICATION. On Publicity Work

To the Editor: The publicity methods employed by the various commercial organizations of the Rogue river valley may have been well suited to former conditions, but at present are not very successful in bringing in settlers and expensive propositions and it is difficult to raise the necessary funds to publish them.

Moreover, they are soon out of date and new editions must be gotten out to exploit changed conditions. Their size precludes anything but the briefest summary of a district.

In some parts of California booklets are issued by the county board of supervisors and paid for out of the county funds, which are also used to pay the expense of answering inquiries about the county's resources. This is a good plan, but impracticable here at present, on account of the lack of funds in our county treasury.

One of the best and most successful publicity plans is the one employed

BORROWING FROM PETER TO PAY PAUL

MOSES in an early historic day, smote the barren rock in the wilderness and water burst forth. In the nation's infancy, Alexander Hamilton "smote the rock of our national resources and a stream of revenue gushed forth. Medford a few years ago, smote the rock of her resources and there has flown forth both the life-giving waters of Moses and the golden stream of Hamilton.

Medford is proud of its water system, the vitalizer of the community and its principal source of revenue. It has transformed the rather shabby village with its unkempt yards and treeless streets into the thriving young city, with neat lawns and tree-lined avenues. It has been worth many times its cost in the improved health of the community. That it is a revenue producer as well is shown by the receipts, which were \$29,489.64 in 1910 and \$30,396.90 in 1911, a total of \$60,886.54. As yet but a portion of the water is used, and there is sufficient quantity for a city of 25,000 or 30,000 people.

The water system is well managed. The expenses of operation are small. There is abundant supply for all consumers. The quality is excellent. But the method of handling the water receipts is open to criticism. The common council, in its efforts to make a financial record, has loaned these surplus water receipts, which should be used for sinking fund purposes, to other funds, just as the Medford road district funds and the bridge fund have been loaned to other funds.

The ordinance which authorized the gravity water bonds, and which forms the city's contract with the bondholders, reads as follows:

"That for the purpose of paying said bonds at maturity there shall be set aside out of the gross revenue from said water system in each year hereafter until said bonds are paid a sufficient amount to create a sinking fund to pay the said bonds as the same fall due; there is here and now levied a direct annual tax on all taxable property in said city a sum sufficient to pay said interest as it falls due and said levy shall be made and collected in each of the years hereafter until all of the said bonds are paid."

The report of the experts employed to audit the city books last spring makes the following recommendations:

"These bonds will have to be provided for and we believe that ample provision should be made without delay. This sinking fund when created may well be invested in purchasing the city's own improvement bonds bearing 6 per cent interest. The original issues of water bonds bear only 5 per cent. The city's financial condition should be considered the same as private or personal interests. We do not consider it good policy to pay a large amount per annum in interest without making provision for the cancellation of the debt. Refunding has already been resorted to in the \$30,000 issue of 1890 which was refunded in 1900 and again refunded in 1910.

"Regarding the annual interest on the \$365,000 of water bonds which should be collected by a direct tax as specified in the council records above quoted, and which equals \$18,250 per annum—the interest tax levy for 1910 was .001, from which was realized only \$5326.40, leaving the fund short for water bond interest alone nearly \$13,000, which has been supplied by the water fund. The 1911 tax levy is .002 which should return about \$13,000 less perhaps 10 per cent for delinquencies; the interest fund will still be over \$5000 short of the water bond interest requirement. In addition thereto, there are other city bonds amounting to \$138,000 on which is \$7,150 per annum still to provide for.

"The sum of \$28,667.44 has been transferred from the water fund to other funds. From a reading of the council records, Folio 98, Aug. 14, 1908, it will appear that this amount should be replaced and the same placed in a sinking fund for the retirement of bonds as noted above.

Transfers from the general and the water fund to the interest fund total no small amount, the interest fund being in debt to the other funds \$18,771.30. From this it appears that the interest fund is not being maintained by a tax as provided in council records of August 14, 1908, but from the water fund in particular, the surplus of which should be distributed to a sinking fund for the retirement of certain issues of bonds. The requirements of the ordinance and council proceedings referred to above should be fulfilled."

The list of loans for one year made from the water fund, and not returned, include loans to the Interest fund, the Water Main Improvement fund No. 2, Water Main interest funds, street and road fund, Light and other funds, not properly charged to water funds.

There is no question but that in the use of road and bridge and water funds for other purposes, the intent is to make an apparent record for low taxes, but it is robbing Peter to pay Paul, for the shortage occasioned in road funds has to be made up by a bond issue as the shortage in the sinking fund will also have to be. It is questionable finance, both on account of its debatable legality and because it is a breach of faith with the bond holders.

The first number appeared early last summer and by February the paper had become self-supporting the readers paying the postage, the advertisers the paper and presswork and the Association furnishing the copy. Fifty thousand inquiries per month were being received at the time of my visit.

The above plan ought to work well here in the Rogue River Valley. The chief difficulty, perhaps, would be to get the various communities to pull together. We ought to bury petty jealousy and instead of each section striving to get the advantage of some other section we should cooperate and work together for the common good. One strong, central organization working for the entire valley, with a monthly publication representing all sections, could accomplish far more than is being secured by present methods.

O. H. BARNHILL Ashland, Ore., May 28, 1912.

WOOL CLIP IS HEAVY THIS YEAR

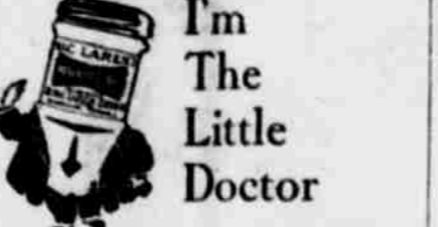
The wool clip in Jackson county will be between thirty and forty thousand pounds this year. It is expected to bring between \$6,000 and \$8,000. The quality is very fine and expected to sell at twenty cents a little later. No buyers have been in this locality as yet but they are now paying fifteen and a half cents for the clip in the Lakeview district, where wool is of less desirable quality and farther from market.

The Herrins completed their shearing a week ago Saturday and the Barrons are now at it. There are several other smaller herds. The clip amounted to about 12,000 pounds and the Barron clip will be about 15,000.

The shearing crew of six men is said to be the best that the sheep men have gathered together in the past ten years. They are all local men—Al Boone, Tom Murray, George Dean, Roy Eiker, Charles and Mark Woddy. The last named three are new men in the valley residing at Medford but have sheared in Eastern Oregon for years.

COMMITTED SUICIDE BY USE OF DYNAMITE BOMB

CALUMET, Minn., May 31.—Exploding a bomb beneath his body while lying in a field on his mother's farm, Otto Tournale of Calumet is dead here today. His left side was torn open and his shoulder shattered.



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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BRANCH OF

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In the Kingdom of Great Britain on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns for DEPOSIT CAPITAL, INCOME, and DISBURSEMENTS. Total income: \$9,023,501.50

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Total assets: \$11,840,202.74

Table with columns for BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR. Total risks written during the year: \$6,468,774.00

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AL SATHER in Song

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