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MEDFORD, OREGON.

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Population—U. S. census 1910—2840; estimated, 1911—10,000.

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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 apples 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.

NEW POEM BY HARDY.

Thomas Hardy contributes to the June number of the Fortnightly Review the following poem of eleven triplets, entitled, "The Convergence of the Twain—Lines on the Loss of the Titanic."

In the solitude of the sea, Deep from human vanity, And the pride of life that planned her, stilly crouches she.

Steel chambers, late the pyres Of her Salamandrian fires, Cold currents thrud and turn as rhythmic tidal lyres.

Over the mirrors meant To glass the opulent, The seaworm crawls—grotesque, slimbed, numb, indifferent.

Jewels in joy designed, To ravish the sensuous mind, Lie lightless, all their sparkles beared and black and blind.

Dim moon-eyed fishes near, The daintily gilded gear, Gaze, querying, "What does all this sumptuousness down here?"

Well, while was fashioning This ship of swiftest wing, The immanent will that stirs and urges everything

Prepared a sinister mate For her, so gaily great, A shape of ice, for the time far and dissociate.

And as the smart ship grew In stature, grace and hue, In shadowy, silent distance grew the iceberg, too.

Allen they seemed to be, No mortal eye could see The intimate welding of their later history;

Or sign that they were beat By paths coincident On being anon twin halves of one august event;

Till the spinner of the years Said, "Now!" the which each hears And consummation comes and jars two hemispheres.

ROOSEVELT TO FIGHT ROOT AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

OYSTER BAY, June 4.—Upon the selection of the temporary chairman of the republican national committee may hang the political fortunes of Colonel Roosevelt. He decided tonight to oppose with all his strength the seating of Senator Root and issued a call to his supporters to stand by him.

The colonel's decision to make a square issue of the seating of Root was reached after a consultation with his advisors at Sagamore Hill today. They were Senators Dixon, Gifford Pinchot, George W. Perkins and others.

After the colonel completed his statement he brought up the question of whether he is to go to the Chicago convention. He said he believed now he would not go. "I may reach a different decision if any strong arm tactics are attempted," he added.

REDUCE THE RENTALS

ALONG with the reductions in the cost of living in Medford the public market will accomplish by lowering the cost of produce and meat, should come a reduction in rents, which are too high—higher in many instances than business will justify.

The shortage in buildings during the period of phenomenal growth of the past five years, forced rents in the business district up to exorbitant figures—to far in excess of a reasonable return upon the actual investment. Many of the landlords are trying to secure returns upon an inflated valuation, and by so doing, they are forcing unnecessary hardships upon merchants and through them upon the public—hence retarding the progress of the city.

The majority of buildings in the business district are little better than shacks remodeled with modern fronts. There are few modern structures. Most of them are owned by the persons who bought them for small sums years ago and have owned them since, but now demand four or five times as much rent as they formerly demanded. As a result, for the first time in the history of the city, there are several vacant stores in the heart of the business district.

Rents in Medford are higher than in Eugene or Salem, both larger cities. They are almost as high as in Portland. It is an unhealthy condition and should be remedied, and the landlords should be long-sighted enough for their own future welfare to see it, and voluntarily reduce rentals, even where they have a lease that works a hardship upon the renter.

A first-class modern, up-to-date store was recently driven out of the city because of exorbitant rent and the entire stock moved and a new store opened in another town. After remaining vacant for some time, the building was rented at half the amount or less paid by the firm forced out. This should serve as a warning to other landlords, who are likely to find themselves in the same predicament.

Merchants who tack on excessive profits soon kill their own business. The same holds true of the property owner who demands unreasonable rentals, which must be based upon the business the tenant does as well as upon the original investment. There is no quicker way to kill a city than by driving people away by high rentals and consequent high prices.

WOMEN TO VOTE MONDAY

A MASS meeting of the women of Medford has been called for Saturday afternoon at the Medford theater to consider the public school situation, select a candidate and participate in the election for a new school director next Monday.

This will be the first instance where the women have taken an active part in an election, and the women of Medford are going to assert their rights and win the election if possible.

School elections have in the past gone largely by default. A few friends of the school board or administration took the trouble to go to the school elections. The men were too busy and the women not aware of their rights. Bond issues of \$50,000 have been voted by a few score voters, so little interest was there.

But the season of indifference and apathy is over and from now on, school matters are promised the attention they merit.

Heretofore, the people have left school affairs to the board and the board to the superintendent, and as a result there has been growing a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction with conditions in the school world. Frequent complaints by pupils culminated in a sanitary survey of the school buildings by the ladies of the Greater Medford club and unsatisfactory conditions were reported. The school board replied by publishing a statement signed by the teachers reporting the best of sanitary arrangements. However, it is only necessary to visit the schools to see that the fine new school buildings have been equipped with out-of-date and germ breeding toilets and that water stands in the basements after each rain.

But it is not only the sanitary arrangements the women of Medford intend to remedy. There are other flaws they pick in the school fabric. Reform with a big R is their object—and may their efforts be crowned with success.

Here is a chance for the women to prove that the ballot in women's hands is a good thing and will result in betterment for the community.

Fallacies of Scott's Bonding Plan

To the Editor: Any child can ask questions that no philosopher can answer but it does not take much learning to refute Mr. Scott's crude and irrational theories of money and finance, for they are contrary to all principles of money established beyond controversy by applied science.

The world's supply of gold regulates the value of money by the changes in the supply and demand for gold. While confidence is maintained any substitute will pass for money if there is no doubt that gold can be obtained for it on demand—\$150,000,000 reserve in the treasury maintains specie payment on \$2,000,000,000 of paper money in the United States.

The national banks pay a premium of \$116 for U. S. 2 per cent. bonds because of their limited quantity and the fact that by depositing bonds under the national banking law they can obtain an issue of national bank notes. National banks are compelled to keep a gold reserve of 25 per cent. of their circulation and if the examiners do them delinquent they must go into liquidation. The national greenback circulation

anomaly, that by increasing the use of credit you reduce the percentage of credit business.

E. L. McCLURE, Medford, June 3, 1912.

EIGHT OREGON SUFFRAGETTES TO ATTEND G.O.P. GATHERING

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4.—The eight young women suffragettes who have obtained tickets to the republican national convention in Chicago, today declare they intend to use them and see everything there is to be seen, the reputed attitude of certain Oregon delegates to the national convention who have received no tickets and are therefore slightly peeved notwithstanding.

CLARENCE DARROW OUTLINES PLANS FOR DEFENSE

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—That Clarence Darrow will make his principal defense on the assertion that the McNamara brothers had agreed to plead guilty before the conclusion of the negotiations for alleged jury bribing was made evident today. A special session of the county grand jury for the purpose of further investigation of the alleged corruption of jurors by the McNamara defense was the only other important development today in the trial of Darrow.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

(Continued from yesterday)

Table listing court proceedings with names and amounts. Includes entries for Mrs. J. C. Cabler, Mrs. J. Fattig, Albert Johnston, Stephen Carpenter, D. C. Henry, Ashland Tidings, Medford Mail Tribune, Herman Bros., Fred J. Pick, The Douglas Abstract & Trust Co., The Merryold Shop, postage stamps, W. A. Jones, J. H. Saunders, The Northwest Typewriter Co., Jacksonville Post Printing, Jacksonville Post Printing, W. B. Coleman, Rogue River Electric Co., Rogue River Electric Co., Rogue River Electric Co., The Medford Sun, J. Percy Wells, Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., The Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., Medford Book Store, Medford Book Store, The Irwin-Hodson Co., Glass & Prudhomme Co., Glass & Prudhomme Co., The Irwin-Hodson Co., C. W. Sherman, R. P. Cowell, H. B. Coleman, Warner, Wortman & Gore, J. N. Taylor, Houston Bros., The Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., Talent Drug Store, N. L. High, J. W. Mitchell, R. L. Burdick, Rogue River Electric Co., Gaddis & Dixon, Ashland Livestock Stable, Mrs. Mattie Thompson, Van R. Pierson, Mrs. Jane Johnston, J. C. Alkins, T. E. Smith, J. W. Myers, C. P. Briggs, Welton Brown, Mrs. J. Pendleton, J. C. Collins.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage Licenses. Joseph G. Philippe and Elsie A. Nye.

Probate. Guardian of Annette E. Wakeman, guardian's bond filed and approved.

Real Estate Transfers. Alfred A. Fuller to Ellis Davis, land in section 8, township 41, range 2 east.

F. W. Dodge to Arthur C. Dodge, lots 4 and 9, block 2, Dekum's amended Add., Gold Hill.

Geo. H. Hendricks to Len D. Jones, lot 3, block 75, Medford subdivision.

J. C. Edwin Shipley to U. Fredrickson, lot 1, block 3, Kenwood subdivision.

O. M. Corlittus to J. C. Edwin Shipley, lot 1, block 3, Kenwood subdivision.

Geo. Irwin to F. Waite, land in section 33, township 38, range 1 east.

R. H. Toft to Frank E. Loder, lot 14, block 2, Gray's Add., Medford.

G. C. McClain to Wm. Carey, 2 acres in D. L. 43, township 38, range 1 west.

Frank B. Waite to Ashland Orchard Co., land in township 38, range 1 east.

Frank B. Waite to Ashland Orchards Co., land in township 39, range 1 east.

Carter Land Co. to F. B. Waite, land in township 39, range 1 east.

Christian Kretzer to Charlotte Reed, and in township 37, range 3 west.

Henry Humphrey to F. C. Page, lot 14, block 2, Gray's Add., Medford.

W. S. Albrun to F. C. Page, property in block 2, Medford.

J. R. Wright to S. D. Fox, lots 9, 10, 11, block 81, Medford.

Gertrude A. Muoro to J. F. Latham, property in Cottage Add., Medford.

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