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SWORN CIRCULATION. Daily average for eleven months ending November 26, 1911, 2751.

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Metropolis of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and the fastest growing city in Oregon.

Population—U. S. census 1910—8540; estimated, 1911—16,000.

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 26, 1911, show increase of 14 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 cup of Newtons 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 Newtons.

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.

How much longer, one Medford man asks, are the Memorial day decorations to be left to fight the elements on the park band stand?

Milton, Mass., is celebrating its 250th birthday. It must be fine to live in a city where there are no inhabitants who say they remember when it started.

Poets up in Portland In meter smooth and stilted, Are writing to the roses, "Wilt thou?" and they wilted.

Just to vary the monotony, the national committee once in a while hands Roosevelt one delegate.

Boston streetcar men have been on a strike. It is thought they objected to saying "hasten forward, please," instead of the regulation "step lively."

In Oregon City a school teacher had her salary raised. The news is causing no end of excitement in educational circles.

In London striking dockmen have been docked for striking on the docks. With a little collaboration one could twist a fair twitter out of that.

The way everybody is sidestepping the vice-presidential nomination looks well for Doc Keene's chances.

West Side Market Prices

The West Side Market has something interesting to say in this paper. Their prices are for government inspected refrigerator cured meats. They deliver their goods, guarantee satisfaction and are permanently located to make good all claims.

COMMUNICATION.

Graduated Single Tax.

To the Editor:

The Graduated Single Tax measure, practically assured to be on the ballot now, is all there and 37 inches wide.

It will reduce the taxes on every working farmer and every working home owner in Oregon. No man who reads it who belongs to the producing classes can kick on it. It means dollars to him.

This may sound a little strong, but the producing masses have so long been used to paying taxes and letting the big grafters and grabbers and franchise speculators go, that it seems impossible to them for any other order of things to exist.

This measure puts a graduated tax on land values, water power and franchises belonging to one man or corporation. It begins to apply at \$10,000. All under that pay only the regular levy. At \$20,000 it would be \$25 special tax. All over \$100,000 will pay \$30 a thousand special tax.

Would be pleased to send a copy to anyone asking for it.

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SETTLING THE UNIVERSITY PROBLEM.

COMMITTEES from the regents of the State University and Agricultural College, co-operating with special committees appointed by Governor West have prepared an initiative bill for submission to the people at the November election, which will provide a millage tax for both institutions and take them out of politics.

The bill provides an annual tax of six-tenths of one mill on the dollar. The total amount of such tax as computed and determined each year, is apportioned among and charged to the several counties of the state in the same manner that other revenue required for state purposes is apportioned and charged.

The State Treasurer until otherwise directed, credits four-sevenths of the amount received, to the Agricultural College Fund and three-sevenths to the University Fund, until the first day of January, 1914, when the proportion of said tax to be credited to such funds, shall be subject to revision and change by the Board of Regents.

All money produced by the tax and placed in the funds are for support and maintenance including the payment of salaries, current expenses, construction of additional buildings, purchase of land, purchase of equipment, making necessary repairs, and in general for the payment of all such expenses connected with the management of such institutions as the Board of Regents thereof may from time to time determine, and the same shall constitute a continuing appropriation for the benefit of such institutions, and any amount remaining to the credit of either institution at the close of any fiscal year, shall be carried over and credited to the amount of such institution for the succeeding year, and any claims otherwise payable shall, when duly approved, be paid from such funds regardless of the time when they were incurred.

The government, general supervision and direction of both institutions is vested in a single Board of Regents to be called "The Regents of the University of Oregon and State Agricultural College of the State of Oregon," and consist of the Governor, ex-officio, and six residents and citizens of the state, appointed by him, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of twelve years, and until their successors are nominated and confirmed. Not more than three of such appointed members shall belong to the same political party. All vacancies shall be filled in like manner for the remainder of the term, except that a vacancy occurring during the recess of the legislature, shall be filled by appointment of the Governor until the adjournment of the next session of the legislature. No regent shall receive any salary or fee for his services except actual expenses.

This bill is a meritorious one and will end the squabble that has disgraced every session of the legislature in the log rolling efforts of the supporters of the two institutions.

A MUTINY IN OUR NAVY.

THE joyous festivities of rose carnival have been marred by a mutiny in Oregon's Navy. When, in resplendent uniform, Captain George S. Shepherd, who had been legislated out of office, boarded the state's dreaught, the training ship Boston, and waved aloft a circuit court order declaring him captain by default, the crew of one man told him to go to thunder and refused to obey his stern commands, whereupon the valiant captain pronounced him carried and assumed command.

In the still hours of the night following, the mutineer affected a bloodless victory by recapturing, single-handed, the warship. Now the Governor has ordered Commander Simpson to take the captain's examination and qualify for the post, refusing to recognize Shepherd as an officer.

It appears as if Captain Shepherd and his full dress uniform will have to go back to his old job of running for congress, with a little legal work for the Southern Pacific thrown in between campaigns. Running for congress has been dignified into a profession by the captain, who is also admiral of the fleet, he has been at it so long. The uniform may come handy in winning votes—when the women take a hand.

Oregon's naval militia ought to be staged as a part of the Opera "Pinafore." Shepherd's career has a parallel in that of the daughty Admiral who sings

"When I was a lad, I served a term As office boy in lawyers firm, I washed the windows and I scrubbed the floor, And I polished up the handle of the big front door I polished it up so carefully That now I am the ruler of the Queen's navy."

HARD ON DOGS, EASY ON CAPITAL.

AN examination of the revenues of Los Angeles reveals the interesting fact that the dogs of that city bring in more revenue than the public service corporations. Other figures show how poverty is taxed and wealth escapes.

For the year ending June 30, 1911, Los Angeles received for dog licenses \$24,247. During the same period it collected from street cars, telephone and lighting companies and banks \$26,733.92. In short, the dogs paid \$500 more than all the magnates of big business.

Express wagons paid \$22,384.20; street cars paid \$17,108.55. Difference in favor of express wagons, \$5,275.65.

Milk wagons paid \$2,905.40; banking paid \$2,545. Difference in favor of milk wagons, \$360.30.

Rubbish wagons paid \$1,379.90; telephones paid \$1,275.50. Difference in favor of rubbish wagons, \$104.40.

Manure wagons paid \$434.10; insurance brokers paid \$268.49. Difference in favor of manure wagons, \$165.61.

Fortune tellers paid \$6,720 and pawn brokers paid \$6,560.05, but the lighting company paid only \$604.80.

Inequitable taxation such as this, which is typical of the average American city, is what making socialists so rapidly in the great population centers. Government should be more than a burden upon the poor to the profit of the rich.

Great Work Accomplished by Rev. W. F. Shields of Medford

(Continued.)

When Rev. W. F. Shields came to Medford on the first of January, 1903 and took charge of the First Presbyterian church the membership of the church was sixty and the church was receiving aid from the Home Missionary Board to the amount of \$350 per year. In 1905 the church became self-supporting and the salary of the pastor was increased from \$900 to \$1200 per year with free use of the parsonage for Mr. Shields, 341 persons united with the church, thus making the membership 401. Of these 98 have been dismissed to other churches and 16 have passed over the great divide. The present membership is 387, an increase of over 400 per cent during Mr. Shields' pastorate.

When Mr. Shields came the Sunday school numbered 56 with 5 teachers for all departments, but now the Sunday school numbers 325 with 29 teachers, two superintendents, two secretaries and one librarian. The Sunday school has the primary and adult departments, a young men's and an adult men's Bible class, also a young women and an adult women's Bible class. During the time that Mr. Shields has been here this church has given \$2500 to missions. The subject of missions has constantly been urged upon the church. The church is well organized for work. Aside from the regular church and Sunday school there is a Ladies' Aid, a Men's club, a Girls' club, an organization of older young people known as the F. L. L. club, a woman's missionary society, a woman's mid-week Bible study class, and a mission study class. For a time the men's class had a weekly Bible class, and conducted a free reading room. Other clubs have served their day in Mr. Shields' pastorate, they have been "The Young American Club," "The Knights of King Arthur," "The Queen's Esther," and "The King's Daughters." Since Mr. Shields came to this church the church building has been done over, the parlor put into its present shape, the pews put in

and the church carpeted, and the pipe organ installed. Mr. Shields has been evangelistic in his preaching, and each year evangelistic meetings have been a feature of the year's work. This church has been interested in the mission work, and in every good cause in Jackson county and in the state of Oregon. Mr. Shields has preached as mission work not required of him in his duties to this church at Griffin creek, independent school house, Gold Hill, Butte Falls, Table Rock, Sams Valley and Central Point. In two of these places Presbyterian churches have grown—Butte Falls and Central Point. Mr. Shields did his utmost for civic reform in this city.

Mr. Shields has not only been pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Medford, but he has also served the Presbytery of Southern Oregon on every important committee. At present he is chairman of the Home Mission committee of the Presbytery of Southern Oregon and a member of the Home Mission committee of the Synod of Oregon.

This committee is the most important of all in the Presbytery and Synod in these western states. The Presbytery of Southern Oregon covers seven counties—Lake, Klamath, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos, and Curry. The Home Mission committee of which Mr. Shields is chairman has to do with the engaging of men for the churches, the fixing of salaries, the grouping of fields, and the chairman is the medium of communication between the board of home missions and the presbytery in regard to all home mission work. In this position Mr. Shields has the entire confidence of the members of presbytery and of the board and he is considered efficient in his work. Mr. Shields came to this church from the foreign mission work in Siam where he spent nine years, and he now goes to Alaska where he will doubtless spend ten years in the work under the home mission board of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A.

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