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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—5540; estimated, 1911—6,000.

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 30, 1911, show increase of 19 per cent.

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, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910.

At Canadian National Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

First prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

Rogue River bears highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

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AN EXPLANATION IN ORDER.

FROM the published reports of the Medford and Ashland school districts, the following comparison is made:

Table comparing Ashland and Medford school districts across various metrics: Bonded indebtedness, Outstanding warrants, Estimated value school buildings, Insurance carried, School census, Teachers, School rooms, Enrollment above eighth grade, Number of library books, Receipts during past year, Expenditure, Balance cash on hand, Paid for teachers' salaries, Paid for fuel, Paid for janitor work, Paid for new school houses, Paid for school sites.

The reports speak for themselves and show that Ashland evidently has the best of it in school management and results.

Medford has a bonded indebtedness of \$125,000 as against Ashland's \$97,000, has \$185,000 in school buildings as against Ashland's \$175,000, and has 37 school rooms as against Ashland's 49.

But the feature that instantly attracts attention is Medford's warrant indebtedness of \$47,338, and cash on hand of \$858, against no warrant indebtedness for Ashland and her cash balance of \$13,241.

Inasmuch as the new Medford school buildings like those of Ashland, are paid for out of the proceeds of bond issues, and the cost of operation in Medford is only a few thousand dollars a year more than in Ashland, an explanation is in order from the Medford school board as to the cause of this warrant indebtedness, the why and wherefor.

In common with other taxpayers, the Mail Tribune would like an official explanation. Its columns are open for it.

DODGING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

ATTORNEY E. D. Briggs, who in behalf of his Ashland clients has secured a temporary injunction against the construction of the Medford bridge, states in an interview in the Ashland Tidings:

"It is not the intention of the plaintiffs in any manner, by inference or otherwise, to repudiate or invalidate any pre-existing county warrants, but the defendant, Perham, who has the contract for the bridge, asks for any injunction restraining the paying out by the county treasurer of any money until he has been paid the contract price, \$34,000, for the bridge. He sets up in his pleading that the outstanding county warrants to the amount of over half a million dollars, issued without authority, are illegal and constitute no liability against the county for that reason. If, during the course of these proceedings, the court should find, as claimed by the contractor, that all debts were illegal, and the injunction is granted against the payment of any debts, it will not be because of action of the plaintiffs, but solely because the contractor asks for relief."

Messrs. Bowers, Briggs, Carleton and Company are thus trying to shift the responsibility for the program of repudiation they have inaugurated, upon the contractor. Naturally the contractor is interested solely in securing money for his contract, money raised for the purpose which was on hand at the time the contract was let. In doing so, he has simply taken the allegations and admissions made in Mr. Briggs' application for the injunction—viz., that the existing county indebtedness is illegal.

If as Messrs. Bowers, Briggs, Carleton, etc., claim, the outstanding indebtedness is illegal and contrary to law, there is of course, no legal obligation for the redemption of the illegal debt. Having no legal indebtedness, the county can therefore devote the money on hand to contracts now in process of completion, like the bridge.

The contractor's position is a logical one, and to the layman, sound. He is forced in self-protection to accept the admissions of illegality and consequent repudiation made by the Ashland enjoiners, and upon their own showing, request enforcement of his legal claims in preference to the claims outstanding which they assert illegal.

If the outstanding indebtedness is held illegal, the warrants void, and the black flag of repudiation flies over Jackson county, it will be because it has been raised by the Ashland coterie—and none other.

The Daily Hint from Paris.



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rules. They must be abolished. Do you think I'm going to fight with a man who has no respect for my jaw? My jaw is sacred. If he had any respect for manhood he would not hit me in the jaw. It's foul! Foul! Foul! I'll fight no more under these rules. Here Dixon, you and Billy Film rent a hall and we'll tour the country; we'll have a regular vaudeville; Perkins will foot the bill. It will pay."

HONOR SYSTEM IS SHOWN ON SCREEN

A photoplay entitled "The Convict's Parole," written by W. G. Winstock, general manager of the People's Amusement company, and based upon the honor system of Governor West, will be shown tonight at the Star theatre in this city. Mr. Winstock after writing the play secured Governor West's endorsement. While the story is obviously overdrawn in order to make the play interesting, the fact that it is based upon West's prison policy makes it doubly interesting here.

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CONVENTION BELONGS TO COMMON PEOPLE

BALTIMORE, Md., June 28.—The Chicago convention had its "peacock alley" and its "peacock"—very splendid birds of fashion who came to see and be seen.

The Baltimore convention is home-spun, like he that smokes five cent cigars and stogies; that dines at the eat-while-you-wait restaurants; that wears shirt waists (meaning the feminine gender of that) instead of paniers; that doesn't hesitate a second to take off its coat when it's hot.

The Chicago convention was far away from the life of the stock yards district, which scarcely knew that there was a history making event on. In Baltimore the convention is everybody's show and after six o'clock, when supper is over and the dishes washed, Baltimore goes down town, baby in the go-cart, mother without her hat and father in shirt sleeves and vest. Every night is carnival night in Baltimore during the convention.

The democratic great are easier to look upon than the republican. They don't glitter so. Senator Ollie James, of Kentucky, eats his breakfast at a lunch counter and Senator Stone's trousers need pressing. No such revolutionary thing as a delegate taking off his coat on the convention floor happened at Chicago, but the Baltimore convention is full of shirt sleeve delegates.

BARON PETERNO FACES LIFE IMPRISONMENT

ROME, June 28.—Convicted of the murder of Princess Trigona Di Sant Tella, lady-in-waiting to Queen Helena, in March, 1911, Baron Vincenzo Perterno, former cavalry officer in the Italian army, faces today a sentence of life imprisonment, seven years of which must be spent in solitary confinement. The baron collapsed when sentence was pronounced. He has several times attempted suicide.

Zionists to Meet in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., June 28.—Zionists from all parts of the country will meet here tomorrow when the annual convention of the Federation of American Zionists will assemble for a three day's session. The convention is expected to be one of the most important ever held by the federation. There are indications also that the gathering will be larger than usual, many delegates coming from Oregon, California, Texas and other distant parts of the country.

Knew Premiers of Long Ago.

LONDON, June 28.—Few men today possess a greater fund of interesting personal recollections of the English public life than Sir Francis S. Powell, who today celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday. Sir Francis entered parliament in 1863, when Palmerston was premier and he enjoyed a more or less intimate acquaintance with the Earl of Derby, Lord John Russell, William E. Gladstone, Lord Beaconsfield and their successors in the premiership.

Full Details of the Great Prize Fight

(By Grapevine Telegraph Direct from Convention Hall.)

CHICAGO.—The great American champion prize fight was staged and fought out on schedule time.

The ring had been erected with great care, in the midst of which lay an old rough-rider hat that looked like it had passed through a Texas cyclone. Joe Dixon and Billy Finn were in Teddy's corner. Herbert Hadley and Bill Borah were time keepers, and McHarg and Henry were bottle holders for Teddy. George Perkins stood outside the ring with a big roll of money, ready to bet ten-to-one on Teddy. Billy McKinley and Billy Barnes were in Taft's corner. Harry New and Murray Crane were time-keepers and Secretary Hilles and Jim Hemenway were bottle holders for Taft.

There was immense cheering when the principals appeared. Both men seemed to be in fine fettle and trained to the minute. Taft was heaviest but was trained down till his muscles looked like great knots. Teddy was chippier and walked around the ring, examining the padding, and surveying the audience, whose cheers entwined him. Twice he essayed to make a speech, but his seconds told him he was there to fight, not to talk. "Oh, well," said Teddy, "I'm a fighter from way back, and I'll knock that old duffer out the first round." Taft stood in his corner smiling. His trainers advised him to keep cool and play for the jaw, the biggest part visible. The referee called "Time!"

Round 1. Both men advanced to the middle of the ring. They danced around each other feinting. Taft was wary and careful, with his guard well up. Teddy was a two-to-one favorite in foot work, but his every effort to land was neatly parried. Finally, Teddy rushed in, and in an effort to land a body blow, Taft countered and landed a pile driver with his right, square on Teddy's jaw. He went down in a heap. The bell saved the count. First knock down for Taft. There was tremendous excitement. "Foul!" yelled Teddy, and his seconds and backers took up the cry. The referee said the blow was above the belt, and, according to the rules, was fair. "D—n the rules," said Teddy, "change 'em."

Round 2. Both men were in the middle of the ring at the call of time. Teddy's jaw was swollen, but still in working order. But he did not seem to have the confidence credited to him. Again he pranced around his opponent seeking an opening. He danced around and worried his big adversary with jabs and uppercuts, but the punishment was more annoying than dangerous. Suddenly Teddy came square in front with an effort to land a solar plexus, when the big one neatly parried the blow, let go his left and caught the cow puncher full on the jaw, and again he went down in a heap. Again the bell saved him. "That blow was foul," yelled Teddy. "That was not foul," yelled Roddy. "The rules permit a blow on the jaw." "I'll fight under no such