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

Population—U. S. census 1910—5840; estimated, 1911—10,000.

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Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 19 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg 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.

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.

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OREGON WHEAT LEADS THE WEST

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The July crop report of the department of agriculture follows:

Winter wheat condition 73.3 of normal; indicated acre yield, 13.9 bushels; estimated total production, 358,000,000 bushels.

Spring wheat condition, 89.3 acre yield, 14.1; total production, 271,000,000; wheat remaining on farms, 22,876,000.

Corn, acreage, 198,110,000; condition, 81.5; acre yield, 26.9; total production, 2,811,000,000.

Oats, condition, 89.2; acre yield, 30.1; total production, 1,139,000,000.

Rye, condition, 88.2; acre yield, 16.0; total production, not given.

White potatoes, acreage 3,689,000; condition, 88.9; acre yield, 95.5; total production, 352,000,000.

Tobacco acreage, 1,194,200; condition, 87.7; acre yield, 844.9 pounds; total production, 1,009,000,000.

Flax, acreage, 2,992,000; condition, 8.9; acre yield, 9.4; total production, 28,000,000.

Rice, acreage, 710,000; condition, 86.3; acre yield, 31.7; total production, 23,000,000.

Hay, condition, 85.2; acre yield, 1.4; total production, not given.

Apples, condition, 67.9.

The condition of winter wheat July 1, in the middle-western and western states, with the 10-year average for comparison follow:

Table with 3 columns: State, 1912, 10-Year average. Rows include Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Washington, Texas, Oregon, California, Idaho.

HIBERNIANS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 12.—Secretary James T. McGinnis of Scranton, Pa., today opened headquarters for the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which is to hold forth in Chicago during the whole of the coming week.

Secretary McGinnis says that the convention will probably be the largest in the history of the organization. Delegates from every section of the United States and Canada will be in attendance.

The Chicago branches of the organization have made elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the visitors. The gathering will open Monday night with a grand ball.

Tuesday morning the delegates will march to the Cathedral of the Holy Name, where a pontifical mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Quigley.

The convention sessions will be opened at noon of the same day with an address by the national president, James J. Regan of St. Paul.

Wednesday night a banquet will be given at the Auditorium. The business sessions will conclude Friday with the election of officers.

Special entertainment has been arranged for Saturday and Sunday.

WHEN THE BRAIN STOPS GROWING.

MORON is a word so newly coined that not even the latest edition of Webster's (1910) contains it.

A moron is a person whose brain ceased growing between the ages of eight and thirteen, neither an imbecile nor a normal person, but on a line between the two. True imbeciles never become older mentally than seven, and idiots' brains cease growth at three and under.

A moron must do a grown-ups work in the world, with a child's brain to direct him. Under proper conditions, that is, oversight and direction, he can do the simple tasks that a child can do and do them with a man's strength, and lead a happy, care free existence.

But turn the moron loose in the world and he is up against it. The world judges him as a man because he looks it, but he is only a little boy. With the impulses of the grown, he has the regulation of the child. He cannot make a living and drifts into pauperism or crime.

Our prisons, reformatories, rescue homes, poor houses, asylums and slums mark the tragedy of the morons in a world unsuited to them. When we understand them and recognize them, and provide for them, as we will some day, we will have gone a long way toward settling our social problems.

In an article in McClure's July issue, entitled, "A Scientific Study of Fools," Edwin T. Brewster tells of an invention of the great French psychologist, Binet, called the Binet-Simon scale for measuring intelligence irrespective of results of training.

The tests reveal the mental development of the subject, what he is and probably what he will become—a test of the condition of one's brain protoplasm.

When the brain ceases to grow, no matter at what age, the limit of mental development has been reached. Says Mr. Brewster: "According to Dr. Osler, the minds of the ablest professional men stop growing at forty. After that, these specially original persons work and learn, but no longer develop. It is notorious that the general run of educated persons can not really learn a new language or master a musical instrument much after twenty. Their minds "Oslerize" at about half the age of those of the finest grade.

Apparently the great mass of mankind Oslerizes between fourteen and twenty-one—a fact which seems always, in some sort, to have been recognized both in law and custom.

"This plastic time of the mind is perhaps the most important of all differences among various individuals and races of men. It appears also, now that we have an infallible means of discovering the moron, that this heretofore unrecognized type of human being is as common as argon and radium.

"There is abundant reason to believe that virtually all women of the class into which delinquents inevitably drift are either morons or high-grade imbeciles, who are not fully responsible for their acts. Nearly a third of our criminals are morons, and at least as many of our paupers and alcoholics, not to mention a host of unreasonably and incompetent persons, cranks and visionaries of all sorts, who do not seem to be able to adjust themselves to the grown-up world, because they are too young to understand what is for their own interests."

The author contends that in most cases these mental defects are inherited, passed on from generation to generation, though sometimes caused by malnutrition. "The kind of brain that becomes old at ten and twelve, or the kind that begins to stiffen at twenty, or the kind that keeps its gristle well into middle age, are all definite, inheritable "unit characters," peculiar qualities of family stocks that pass along from parent to child."

Landscape Gardening for Homes

Landscape gardening for the small home and a suggested course of study in nature study for the grade schools were two diverse points discussed in Professor Smith's lecture on Nature Study before the University of Oregon Summer school.

In planning for a home garden, there are a number of principles that should be observed, declared Professor Smith. In the first place, the planting of flowers and shrubs should be to make a picture, not simply to secure something growing. To enhance the beauty, and also to add to convenience there should be as wide open spaces as possible. They give perspective to a yard.

Straight lines in walks and hedges should be avoided, and tall plants should be banked against walls with the smaller ones in front.

Plants, too, may be massed for their color effect, either because of their bloom, or the color of their bark or because they hold snow in the winter.

Care should be taken, also, in selecting flowers and shrubs that will blossom in succession, keeping the garden ever fresh.

RANCHER FATALLY HURT IN RUNAWAY

C. M. Dow, a rancher who resides near Gold Hill, is lying at the Sacred Heart hospital in this city with absolutely no hope of recovery as the result of a runaway accident Thursday. His spinal cord is said to be shattered and he is paralyzed.

Mr. Dow was engaged in hauling hay when the accident occurred. The team ran away and threw him from the load. He struck on his head and his body was paralyzed from the neck downward. Physicians today stated that there was no chance of recovery.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY MEET AUGUST 5

Interest in the Third Annual Convention of the Pacific Highway Association, which convenes at San Francisco on August 5, 6, and 7th, continually grows and active preparations are being made by delegates who will motor to this central meeting point for the purpose of discussing ways and means for improving the "Road of Three Nations."

In commenting on road conditions and difficulties that will have to be overcome, Judge J. T. Ronald, president of the association, recently gave out the following interview:

"I have been assured by a great many of my friends throughout Washington, Oregon and Northern California that they are doing everything possible to make our trip just as agreeable and pleasant as possible. I have personally asked a great many Boards of Supervisors and County Commissioners to read all possible co-operation in making immediate slight repairs that will leave a favorable impression of road conditions with our friends, who go to San Francisco. To all of the officials that I have not been able to reach, I wish through the medium of this interview to express my desire that they co-operate with us as far as possible and thank those that have already rendered such efficient aid in making the Pacific Highway route not only passable but enjoyable for all kinds of travel this year. I believe the San Francisco convention will be worth while and I anticipate that splendid results will come from this gathering. Last year more was accomplished at Portland than I ever hoped for and I believe that the annual gathering this year will equal that record."

ENGLISH TEACHERS ARE NOW IN SESSION

LONDON, July 12.—The Imperial Conference of Teachers' association, which was formally opened in London today under the auspices of the League of the Empire, adds one more to the series of important gatherings that has been held during the last few years with a view to knitting more closely together the various units of the British Empire. All of these gatherings have been held since 1901, in which year the League of the Empire was formed to promote co-operation among the countries and colonies of the Empire, mainly in affairs connected with education and to inspire personal and active interest in the great problems connected with the Empire's conditions and progress. Many delegates have arrived to attend the conference of teachers. The sessions will continue through the greater part of next week and at the close the delegates will make a tour of the British Isles. The Canadian delegation is headed by Dr. James L. Hughes, who recently retired from the position of chief inspector of the public schools of Toronto. Dr. Hughes is scheduled to deliver several addresses at the conference and will preside over one of the sessions.

ASK RECEIVER FOR TOWN TO PREVENT VANDALS

TACOMA, Wash., July 12.—Citizens of Summer, Wash., objecting to the action of the city council ordering business streets paved, have begun mandamus proceedings in the superior court to compel calling an election to disincorporate the town and put it in the hands of a receiver. The case comes up July 17.

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"The trip is not a difficult one," states Hodson, "and is easily made until one leaves Arant's camp and starts for the rim. About three miles of the road is still impassable but by the end of next week no more trouble will be encountered and machines may drive easily to the rim."

"The Crater Lake company is making preparations now for the season, which will be open in full blast within the next week or 10 days." Local garages are crowded with machines daily passing north and south and all have inquired regarding Crater Lake and expressed disappointment when they have been told that it is simply impossible to make the trip at present.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The sheriff's office is sending out notices to all taxpayers whose Personal tax does not show "paid." These notices are being sent out for the reason that heretofore the assessor has always assessed the personal property with the real estate and when real estate was paid, the whole tax was paid. This year, however, the assessor has placed all the personal property in a separate roll apart from the real estate. Many people pay the taxes on their real estate alone believing they have paid all their taxes. For this reason a considerable amount of Personal Tax shows unpaid on the Personal Tax Roll.

Sheriff Jones believes that in justice to the taxpayers who have intended to pay all their taxes, they should be notified of their unpaid Personal Tax before the delinquent tax-list is published.

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