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

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

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Gone, like the snow from the top of old Wagner, Gone, like the hair of a Mexican dog.

The Oregonian first page tells a story of a man who was "barefooted and naked."

Ed Root's dog Snyder says: "When will we hear the last of the fellow who pulls a gun out of a wagon muzzle first?"

Siskiyou Heights residents are petitioning the amateur hunter who lately killed a steer, to take a pot shot the head of cantankerous horses which is still tearing up lawns.

It may become necessary to buy red shirts for the protection of all steers and law abiding horses in the suburbs.

Man named Puffer runs a hotel in Frisco. Find him near the cigar counter.

\$75,000,000 WORTH OF LAND IS AT STAKE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Keeping of the records in the local hearing of testimony bearing on the government's suit to recover from the Oregon-California company, subsidiary of the Southern Pacific, an empire of agricultural land in Oregon comprising 2,300,000 acres valued at \$75,000,000, and resumed today, is being entrusted to a woman, Miss M. A. Fleming who is acting as special examiner.

The government's charge is that in the disposition the railroad company made of its indemnity lands has been in flagrant violation of the federal grants.

The testimony being taken here is largely records of the land involved, kept in the Southern Pacific land office, and to be submitted in answer to the demurrer decided in favor of the government by Judge Wolverton of the United States district court.

Of the 820,000 acres alleged to have been sold prior to the filing of the suit for recovery, the government claims that 526,000 acres were in parcels greater than 160 acres, and hence in violation of the grant.

Among the larger sales alleged, 77,000 acres went to the Booth-Kelly Lumber company and 60,000 to the A. B. Hammond company of San Francisco and their various milling companies. Other parcels ranged from 10,000 to 40,000 acres at prices from \$5 to \$40 per acre, when the great specifiers must be sold to bona fide homesteaders at not more than \$2.50 per acre.

B. D. Townsend, special assistant United States attorney general, is in charge for the government. B. A. McAllister, land commissioner for the railroad company, was on the stand yesterday and today.

TAFT'S FEAR UNWARRANTED

PRESIDENT TAFT, in his letter of acceptance, fears that popular government, that is, the assumption by the people of more activity in governmental affairs, instead of increasing the essential interest in government, will tire the people "into such indifference as to still further remand the control of political affairs to a minority."

Experience has not demonstrated the truth of this assertion. It is true that most of our governmental ills have been due to the failure of the people to devote the necessary time to political duties required, but with the assumption of a more direct control, has come an awakened public interest. Indeed the chief value of the initiative and referendum has been the arousing of interest in the masses to study government and exercise their prerogatives.

If President Taft's contention is true, popular government is a failure and an absolute monarchy the logical solution. Then popular indifference need not be feared, but prayed for.

The nation, thinks Mr. Taft, attaches too much importance to governmental affairs. The president remarks: "Constitutional amendments are not work. Referendums do not pay rent and furnish houses. Recalls do not furnish clothing. Initiatives do not supply employment and relieve inequalities of conditions or opportunity."

Perhaps they do not, but they are intended as remedies for injustice caused by unjust government. They supply checks and regulations against admitted abuses. They make possible the elimination of evils which have perverted government into a machine for the creation of special legislation to benefit the few at the expense of the many; and so aid in the creation of equality of opportunity.

Constitutional amendments are not work, but by removing unnecessary restrictions, they make work possible—as in the case of Oregon's good roads problem.

Referendums do not pay rent, but they sometimes prevent excessive expenditures and increased taxation, and so help pay the rent.

Recalls do not furnish clothing, but they stop prostitution of government by public looters and they end a reign of corruption and rank injustice, and make it easier for legitimate endeavor to buy clothing.

Initiatives do not supply employment, but they sometimes make possible employment and they do relieve inequalities of conditions and opportunity.

Popular government is not a cure-all for human ills—it is merely a corrective for the cause of many governmental ills. Its chief benefit lies in its educational value in awakening popular interest and so assisting the people to become capable of governing themselves better.

Turkish Baths in Constantinople

The public baths at Constantinople are open one day in the week for Turkish women and other for the Greek women. Ladies go attended by their own women, carrying such supplies of linen and toilet accessories, as well as luncheon and apparatus to make coffee, that the occasion looks like a house-moving.

er rooms still hotter; but gratefully to the heat that the shock in these is not so great as on entering the first room. The servants have a quantity of queer-looking yellow gloves of varying degrees of roughness, and in the hot-room these are used to shampoo the bather, the soaping and rubbing being done with increased vigor.

The temperature of the boiling-room, which is filled with dense vapor soon after the bathing begins, is pretty high, and from it open small-

The whole scene, as the large floor becomes covered with mattresses and reclining women for the after-bath repose, is picturesque to a degree. It is the principal social opportunity in a Turkish woman's life, and this glimpse of her in easy familiar intercourse gives strangers a most favorable impression of her native refinement.

What La Follette Will Do

(Oregon Journal.) The newspapers are widely speculating on what La Follette will do presidentially.

La Follette is a progressive progressive. His progressivism is not a matter of today, yesterday or tomorrow. He was one of the pathfinders. He was the Bryan of Republicanism. He was the lighthouse. He built the signal fires and kept them lighted. He fought reaction when he had to do it with his back to the wall and fight alone.

It isn't what La Follette may do today or tomorrow that tests out his progressivism. He cannot be the kind of progressive that Mr. Roosevelt is. Their policies are as irreconcilable as the antipodes. Roosevelt doesn't want trust magnates

Though the baths of China and Japan are a striking contrast in their simplicity to those of the Greeks and Romans, and even to those of modern Turkey, the principle is the same in all. Their great heat stimulates the pores of the skin to throw off impure sweat all the waste matters that otherwise linger sluggishly in the veins and glands to poison and depress, when they do not irritate, every organ of the body.

Both hold almost identical views in national affairs. Both are for publicity of campaign contributions. Both are for revising the tariff downward. Both oppose the taking of crooked money from crooked business in alliance with corrupt politics. Both believe in sending a trust magnate to jail whenever he violates the anti-trust law.

They disobey the law. La Follette declared that if president he would call together all the federal district attorneys and require them within three weeks to stop illegal practices by trustdom, and that if they didn't do it he would remove them.

Roosevelt has declared for the George W. Perkins plan of regulating the trusts by a commission. He says the La Follette plan is wrong. Judge Gary of the steel trust says the La Follette plan is wrong, and that the Roosevelt plan is right.

It is one irreconcilable difference between Roosevelt and La Follette. There are others. La Follette made a great fight for physical valuation of railroads, and is still fighting for it. Roosevelt, as president, opposed

VETERAN LAWYER SHOT DOWN BY ANGRY LITIGANT.

OFFICE OF JOSEPH FETTRETCH, CHAIR IN WHICH HE WAS SHOT



PHOTO BY BROWN. JOSEPH FETTRETCH JOSEPH CONROY

The crime wave is still waving over New York city. Joseph Fettretch, a prominent lawyer, was shot down in his office in Park row by Joseph Conroy, who had come to protest at the lawyer's report on a case in which he had acted as referee. The murderer was wounded in a scuffle with several clerks who had tried to save the life of their employer.

MANY HUNTERS OFF TO TALL TIMBER

With a score of local nimrods already in the hills after deer and a large number planning to leave within the next few days for the tall timber the 1912 deer season opened to-day with better prospects than for a year past. More deer have been reported this summer in the hills by campers than for several seasons and it is believed that all who go out will meet with luck if they are hunters in any sense of the word.

TAFT IS WORRIED ABOUT PANAMA CANAL

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Unless congress at this session provides for the operation of the Panama canal President Taft and Secretary Stimson believe it will be impossible for army engineers to keep their promise to open the big ditch next year.

WASHINGTON PROGRESSIVES DECIDE ON FULL TICKET

TACOMA, Wn., July 31.—A complete third party ticket, county, state and congressional was decided on at the Roosevelt convention held here today.

ELECTION IN IDAHO IS CLOSE AND IN DOUBT

BOISE, Idaho, July 31.—Indications tonight are that it will be several days before complete returns of Idaho state primaries are compiled. With about one-third of the returns in Clagstone and Haines are running neck and neck for the republican gubernatorial nomination. Congressman French has been renominated and A. T. Smith, private secretary to Senator Heyburn leads in the second district congressional race. Borah is nominated without opposition.

GROOM STARTS REVOLVER DUEL WITH BRIDE'S FATHER

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Grover Grimsley, a Montana cowboy, is under arrest here today for starting a revolver battle in the home of his father-in-law, Frank Bernask, and as a result his bride and his mother-in-law are in the hospital nursing bullet wounds.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., July 31.

A message just received from Point of Rocks, says a cloudburst occurred here late tonight. A forty foot wall of water is headed for this city. The people are warned.

GREAT INTEREST IN SUNDAY'S GAME

Judging from the deep interest and rife speculation current in base ball circles as to the outcome of Sunday's game between Medford and Wood for the championship honors of Southern Oregon and Northern California, a record crowd is expected to fill the grandstand and bleachers to capacity.

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WHERE TO GO TONIGHT

ISIS THEATRE

Advanced Vaudeville Licensed Photoplays MAN WOMAN FENNER AND FOX Comedy singing, talking and dancing act BRONCHO BILLIE'S BIBLE Another of G. M. Anderson's Western dramas. The Bible saves his life. THE LEADING LADY'S BABY Comedy The baby makes a mess with everything, even to the hotel cat. NEAM—ITS RIVERS AND CANALS. Scene AN INNOCENT THEFT Drama Showing how honesty is the best policy. A little boy helps himself to the cash in the collection plate in church. GOOD MUSIC Evening performance, 7:30 Admission 10 and 15 cents. Special matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2 p. m.

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