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

Population—U. S. census 1910—8840; estimated, 1911—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water, and 17.3 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 Spitzenberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of

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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 pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

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JOLTS AND JINGLES
By Ad Brown

We aren't going to get out an extra about it, but a queen died in Medford the other day. Her's was a horrible death.

An east sider sent away (to wherever they send for such things) for a queen bee. As he was proudly displaying it to an admiring neighbor her majesty rolled off his hand and fell to the ground.

So far there's nothing very horrible about the affair and royal circles would be undisturbed had not a hungry hen gobbled up queen, crown, scepter and all. A new queen is on the way to Medford. The queen is dead, long live the queen.

Maybe we have said too much concerning the bee. If so, you are stung.

Interesting Facts.

Theodore Roosevelt of New York is a candidate for the presidency.

Carbolic acid is said to be unhealthful if used in great quantities.

The Pacific ocean, for the most part, is composed of water.

President Taft is a good golf player.

A New York woman sued a food manufacturer alleging that she was poisoned by eating their stuff. Now the company says that as they sell only to the middlemen, they aren't responsible to the consumer. If they can make the argument stick, both Messrs. Jolts and Jingles will vote for Debs.

Man named Stetson had his hat in the ring in the California congressional election.

By having the gout President Taft has lost the vote of the meal ticket bunch.

Most every year about this time we burst in joyous autumn rhyme, but now the rain has come too soon it's hard to pull the gladsome tune. It's time for swollen mountain cricks, time for wood and politics. The kids have started off to school, the garden has curtailed its yield, and prickly stubble streches far in what was once alfalfa field. The fruit cars pull out of the town and soon the money will come back; we know it's fall and have a hunch that winter's headed up the track.

GRAND VIZIER PLANS NEW DYNASTY FOR SELF

PARIS, Sept. 7—The Cris de Paris declares that El Mokric, the grand vizier to Mulay Hafid, the retired sultan of Morrocco, and now with the latte in France, is to become grand vizier to Mulay Youssef, Hafid's successor. It also says that the hopes to see Mulay Youseff politically disposed, if he so himself may mount the throne and found a new dynasty in the African empire.

It is estimated that the expense of the recent convention in Ohio to frame a new constitution and of the special state election next month to ratify or reject the proposed amendments will amount to three quarters of a million dollars.

PARADING IN PILFERED PLUMES

IN THE days when Congressman Hawley adorned the pulpit and won renown as a Sunday school teacher, before he sat in congress as the obedient henceman of Uncle Joe Cannon, he taught that commandment of the Lord's—recently sanctioned by Roosevelt for the use of everyone except himself—

"Thou shalt not steal."

In those faraway bright and shiny days of the past, before Mr. Hawley won fame as a stand-pat statesman from a progressive state, he taught little children to lisp:

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

In a letter written this week to Medford parties, Congressman Hawley says:

"We, Senator Chamberlain in the senate and myself in the house, were able to secure $50,000 to begin the improvement of the roads in the Crater Lake National Park."

The history of the Crater Lake Park appropriation is well known. After Senator Bourne's bill for $100,000 for Crater Lake had been defeated in the house after passing the senate, Senator Bourne introduced an amendment to the civil sundry bill calling for $100,000 for Crater Lake. This also was defeated in the house. Senator Bourne as a conferee, again inserted an amendment for $100,000 and held up the bill for over a week, until the house conferees finally agreed to a compromise of $50,000, in which shape both houses passed the measure and the president signed it.

Both Senator Chamberlain and Congressman Hawley worked for the measure, but its final success was due mainly, if not entirely, to Senator Bourne, whose influence secured its passage. Mr. Hawley's lack of influence was shown by the repeated defeats the measure sustained in the house.

Now comes Mr. Hawley and brazenly takes for himself and incidently Senator Chamberlain, all the credit for the bill, and robs Senator Bourne of all part in the measure.

It is as much a crime to appropriate a man's labor and reputation, as it is to make away with his property. As Shakespeare said:

"Who steals my purse steals trash,
But he who filches from me my good name,
Robs me of that which not enriches him,
And makes me poor indeed."

And this in spite of the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal."

Mr. Hawley says that he and Senator Chamberlain were able to secure $50,000 for Crater Lake. Had he said he was able to help secure it, he would have been nearer the truth, but he appropriates all the credit, by implication denies all shares to Senator Bourne, his letter bears false witness against his associate, and qualifies him for membership in the Ananias Club.

No wonder the purification of politics is regarded as an irridescent dream when men of Mr. Hawley's former reputation for uprightness descend to such dirty depths for the sake of a few votes.

Only exceedingly small men have to bolster up small reputation by stealing credit due to others by false representations by themselves and the folly is made plain when the facts are all a matter of congressional and common knowledge.

For his own efforts, such as they were, Congressmen Hawley has the appreciation of his constituency. But when he filches credit from those to whom the credit is due to glorify himself, he merely besmirches his own reputation. Let him stand or fall upon his merits and not parade in pilfered plumes.

Why Not Go to Church?

Well, why not? If everybody reasoned this matter of church-going to its logical conclusion there would not be many vacant pews; and a widespread demand for more churches would speedily arise.

The reason is simple. People do not stay away from churches because they are opposed to religion or to the church. Far from it. Nearly everybody believes that the Christian church is absolutely necessary to our civilization. If its existence were threatened the great mass of the people would fight for it.

But by some curious kink in their mental processes they fail to perceive that if everybody else followed their example—and every honest person grants others the right to do as he does—the churches would quickly pass out of existence.

Every nonattendant upon religious service virtually votes for the elimination of the institution from society.

If a person believes that the world needs the church he has but one clear, unmistakable and unanswerable way of stating this position. That is by regular church attendance. The man who goes to church stands for an indispensable institution, even as a good citizen stands for the state by voting. Absenteeism from the ballot box and absenteeism from church are kindred failures in duty to society.

Of course that is not the best reason for church attendance. We go to church primarily to express our belief in God, and to do him reverence. The loftiest truth about man is that he is made in the image of the divine; and has a capacity for fellowship with the Infinite. Worship is the highest function of which human nature is capable. The world does not know much about creeds, but when it sees a person attending divine worship it understands him to say by his action, "I believe in God."

Thoughtful persons stand for the church, also, because the church stands for the best things. The churchgoer lines up with the forces which make for righteousness. He is on the side of the people who want to live the noblest lives themselves and who are trying to help this needy world to do the same. The most efficient agency of human service on earth is the Christian church. The church man is a sharer in all the worldwide beneficence of the organization. They who would make their lives count should be counted among those upon whom the church may count.—Wm. T. Ellis.

PROVING EXISTENCE OF LUMBER TRUST

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7.—That his firm suspended business relations with consumers forming a co-operative lumber concern, following correspondence with the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association, is the testimony of Charles E. Dant on record today in the federal investigation here of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association. The government alleges this association with others in different parts of the United States, operates in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law by striving to prevent manufacturers and wholesalers of lumber from selling directly to consumers.

Dant' of the firm of Dant & Russel wholesale lumber dealers of Portland, admitted that an understanding existed among manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of lumber that business should be confined to "regular channels."

According to a court decision an oil company in California may post a location notice on a tombstone and sink a well within 20 feet of a grave.

Single Tax the Only Tax

By E. L. McClure

All land rent is created by population, and the fluctuations in land rent are caused by the increase or decrease in the population occupying the land. The richness of the soil does not create land rent, because population alone creates demand for the products of the land, nor would there be any rent without population. Improvements do not create land rent, because the greatest improvements that could be made would not rent for anything without population; and whenever a city has been deserted the value has vanished from the improvements.

What is the reason that population, alone ,creates land rent? Every individual must eat, sleep and have amusement; all must spend more or less money to satisfy necessities and desires, and business thrives with the volume of small sales better than on occasional large sales: the sum total of all business consists in supplying the wants of the population, and the amount of business depends entirely upon the population where the business is located. A hotel is not located in a desert but in the heart of a city; the higher the rent for land indicates the greater value of a lease for business success. A tenant who pays $10,000 a year rent can make more profit than he could in a location where he could get the same amount of land for $1,000. Street cars on market street, San Francisco, running at two minute headway average two dollars an hour, 1,200 cars earn $2,400 an hour, producing a revenue of $24,000 a day, making profits so large they were able to corrupt the city administration "Peters Pence" is small at the source, but the flow of money f rom the world's millions becomes a mighty river of money by the time it reaches Rome, and J. P. Morgan sold the Pope $80,000,000 of securities at one time.

Single tax proposes to take all the land rent created by population for the benefit of the people who created rent, which would produce a vastly greater revenue than all other systems of taxation. It would do no wrong to any individual, because no one would be taxed for improvements, or for the crops raised on the land; but the tax would only take that which the population gave to the land. The greater proportion of the taxes would be paid in congested centers of population, and taxes wuld be proportionately light in the country where the population is scattered.

Single tax cannot be evaded, because the land cannot be moved or concealed. No other value can be so accurately estimated, and the amount known by all, as land rent, which could be collected without any injustice, and with less trouble and expense than any other tax.

Manhattan Island once sold for $26. It now pays a land tax of $300,000,000 annually; and if the population was removed from New York, Manhattan Island would not be worth the original purchase price, as he many billions of dollars invested in improvmeents would be worthless without any population to utilize them. The Astors collect yearly in land rent $50,000,000, which the Astors did not create, and the population of New York, alone, did create. All the land rent of Manhattan Island would be taken by single tax, which would benefit the Astors and everyone else, not by increasing the Astor's already superfluous wealth, but through the greater stability of all wealth, and the more just distribution, which would raise the standard of manhood, and estimate success upon character rather than possessions.

The vast increase in revenue from single tax would stimulate public improvements of all kinds beyond any experience in political government; and the increased advantages provided would be enjoyed by the whole population, instead of the present social condition where the idle rich dissipate the wealth produced by the labor of the people, while laborers are condemned to perpetual toil without any hope of escaping poverty, for when wealth is concentrated in the hands of the few poverty for the many is an inevitable consequence.

Single tax would restore all vacant land to public use, because there would be no object for anyone to own land without cultivation or improvement sufficient to pay the land rent. The owner would derive no benefit from the rise in value of land; but the increased value of the improvements would greatly exceed the rise in land rent, so the single tax would be no hardship to any owner of land.

Vacant lots and unimproved land would pay the same tax as improved lots or land—regardless of the value of the improvements—the tax would not be increased, except, as the increased population that might be caused by the improvements would increase land rent. Single tax would reverse the present practice of punishing everyone who spends money and employs labor in creating wealth that benefits the community, by levying a tax on the total wealth he added to the assessment roll; while it rewards the speculator who does not make any improvements on land, by making his assessment low and the taxes light, that he may enjoy the increased value of his land by the growth in population brought by the improvements of his neighbor.

The vast majority of land is now leased or rented from individual owners. It would make no difference in the security of possession, and demand for improvements, because land rent was paid to the state by single tax, instead of paying the rent or lease to individuals; on the contrary, the increased opportunities it would open for the people would stimulate business and industry. It would also destroy speculation in land and put the real estate gambler out of business, for all the prospective profits from cutting up acreage into town lots would be lost, for single tax would take all the land rent, and the only profit to the owner would be derived from the improvements he puts on the land.

It is objected that single tax would remove taxes from the vast improvements owned by railroads, trusts, corporations and rich men. But the taxes the rich pay with so much ostentation is a bagatelle to the tax special privileges are constantly levying on the people; excessive fares and freights are filching everybodys pocketbook, middle-men, pay the lowest prices to farmers and producers and sell to consumers at the highest prices, all monopolies fix prices to produce the most profit; what do the yearly property taxes amount to in comparison with the daily and hourly tax imposed on every movement and necessity of the people? And finally—MONEY—the king of all special privileges that rules both the government and the people.

The standard of value fixed in gold gives to financiers in control of gold supply absolute power to fluctuate all values by changing the quantity of money in circulation to produce prosperity or panic, at will. The rate of wages is regulated by controlling the supply and demand for labor, for when credit ceases the demand for labor ceases. The degree of prosperity is regulated by financiers in control of money supply as positively as steam pressure.

The power of capital is absolutely invincible while gold is the standard of value, and it is only a matter of expediency that capital ever submits to the demands of labor—they can starve labor any time they choose—for money is as vital to the body politic as blood to the individual, and when money disappears from circulation it creates bankruptcy, starvation and death throughout the body politic as inevitably as severing the jugular vein kills the individual—whatever the rate of wages fixed, in a settlement between labor and capital, the profit can be taken away from labor by increasing the quantity of money in circulation, which would make money cheap, and reduce the purchasing power of the money in which wages are paid.

No power can regulate or control money power as long as gold is the standard of value, but it can be destroyed by making money a fixed and unchangeable standard of value, only possible by eliminating all commodities from the standard—which is the desideratum of a fixed and unchangeable standard of value—the money issue and bond issue being equal and interchangeable, and the issue of money super-abundant, the supply of money in circulation would be automatically regulated to equal the demand. Scientific money would place money in reach of every one with wealth to exchange as positively as weights and measures, which would esablish credit and prosperity as constant as gravity.

Single tax will simplify the system of raising revenue for the state, and eliminate the unjust and unequal personal property tax, which those of small means have to pay in full, while the rich escape the personal property tax on the vast majority of their wealth assessed under that classification. When capital has had its teeth pulled by the demonetization of gold, and can no longer dictate the policy of government, the people will be the gainer by removing taxes on wealth, through the regulation of all special privileges and compelling their operation for the common good, instead of profit for capital.

All the frenzied fulminations of hired orators to defeat single tax legislation are filled with deceit and cunning for the purpose of concealing the truth from the voters, and has no more merit than the ridiculous false hood that single tax would favor capital by increasing the burden of land owners. The exercise of common sense and reason will convince every intelligent voter that there would be no injustice to anyone by the adoption of single tax as the sole revenue system of the state.

An ordinary carpenter's clamp can be made to hold twice as much with half the pressure of the screw by filing a groove in the center of the anvil.

FAILS TO HELP ACCUSED OFFICIAL

JAMES E. MARCH
(PHOTO BY HALL'S STUDIO)

James E. March is a republican political leader in New York who tried to explain to the Grand Jury in New York how Police Lieutenant Becker accused in connection with the murder of Gambler Rosenthal in that city, became wealthy, but his story fell flat and proved a weak alibi for the police man.

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