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

Population—City and 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 Spitznberg 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.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

I took a thousand straw votes For I sought a dead sure hunch, And I clipped all I could find in print Then averaged up the bunch. And when election day came round I was buried to my ears With newspapers from east and west, A pot of paste, and shears. At last I got it figured out And paused, weak and dejected, "There here thing says that Teddy wins But Wilson is elected."

The fever of the straw vote had Sure got my nanny goat, I struggled with the figures And clean forgot to vote.

Let a wheel slip off a wagon and a larger crowd will collect than will gather in Medford to hear a standpat speech.

For the demonstration of which we are indebted to the Hon. Mr. Fulton.

Which all goes to show, we are told, that while the Taft vote won't be large it will be orderly and exclusive, don't you know.

Its hard luck that politics should interfere with a perfectly good football season.

Of course you have heard the alleged joke going about town that Shrank was arrested for shooting a bull moose out of season.

A VAIN ACCUSATION.

(From the Portland Spectator.) The always interesting Mail Tribune of Medford was more interesting than usual on Wednesday when its genial and able editor paid his respects to the management of an Ashland paper. With an utter disregard for facts, the Ashland journal charged George Putnam, the editor of the Mail Tribune, with "being the ringleader of the Medford gang" that had looted the county.

In nineteen separate ways—each polished, beautiful, and brilliant—Mr. Putnam shows that his highly disesteemed contemporary is untruthful no end. It was hardly necessary for George Putnam to enter a denial of the ridiculous charges made against him, although in the interest of art it was well that he replied to his vain accuser.

Mr. Putnam and his fine paper—than which there is none better edited, abler and truer to the traditions of honest journalism in this state—have done more for the Rogue river valley than any other influence in that rich and fertile land. No dirty dollar has ever stuck to Mr. Putnam's fingers, nor has any dishonest thought ever found expression in his paper.

SUFFRAGE LECTURE AT NATATORIUM SUNDAY

Rev. Edith Hill-Booker will speak Sunday evening, November 3, at the Natatorium building. Mrs. Hill-Booker is a lecturer of the National Suffragette club and is sent from Ohio to the Oregon suffragette campaign. She has lectured through the middle west for some time and her lectures are found very interesting. It is expected a large crowd will attend Sunday evening.

THE GRADUATED TAX BILL.

THE measure on the ballot that has attracted the greatest attention is that numbered 364-5, an amendment for specific graduated taxes, commonly called the graduated single tax.

This amendment is drawn upon single tax lines, though not the single tax. It is a step in tax reform and the only measure upon the ballot that offers any real relief.

A series of tax measures are offered by the state tax commission. They do not materially affect the present unjust system that provides penalties for industry and enterprise and rewards for land hogs and speculative doings. Their main aim is to further strengthen the members of the tax commission in their jobs.

The campaign in behalf of and against the graduated tax bill consists principally in an appeal to prejudice conducted by paid workers. On the one hand is the Fels fund, provided by Joseph Fels and other single tax believers, for the spread of the single tax propaganda. On the other hand are the millionaire timber barons, the landlords of Portland, the owners of railroad grants and speculative holders of idle lands and public service corporations who have employed Mr. Shields of Seattle to fight their cause.

A most unusual and suspicious solicitude is being manifested for the small farmer and the little home owner by the millionaires created by unearned increment. As a matter of fact, this bill will reduce the tax to the small owner and increase it to land and timber monopolists, besides levying taxes on water power and corporation franchises.

The single tax is the only just tax. It is the tax of the future. Eventually it will be so recognized and universally adopted—when the people have studied the subject sufficiently and are advanced enough to realize the benefits.

Meantime the present agitation is a good thing—it leads to a study of the problem.

Monopoly of any kind is indefensible and none more so than land monopoly. There is no more reason and no more justice in permitting the monopoly of land than there would be in sanctioning the monopoly of air or other necessities that God has given freely and made a requisite for humanity.

Whether you agree with these sentiments or not, do not accept the prejudicial statements of advocates or opponents. Study the single tax problem calmly and dispassionately, real what has been written upon the subject and make yourself a master of one of the great problems of the present and future—one that its advocates firmly believe will eventually shatter land monopoly and go far towards making that equality of opportunity humanity craves and that is essential for its welfare.

FOR CONGRESSMAN.

FIVE candidates are before the people for congress from the first district. They are J. W. Campbell of Roseburg, progressive, W. C. Hawley of Marion, republican, W. S. Richards of Lane county, socialist, R. G. Smith of Josephine, democrat and O. A. Stillman of Marion, prohibitionist.

Mr. Campbell has lived in Oregon but eighteen months. But little is known of him, except that he has a loud personality, plenty of brass, cannot make a speech and does not hesitate to slander his opponents. He represents the Rooseveltian and steel trust theory of the perpetuation and legalization of monopoly.

The socialist candidate simply runs as a party duty without hope or expectation of election—merely to show the socialist strength and growth. He represents many live issues in advance of their time and the somewhat chaotic dream of Utopia that in some mysterious manner is to glorify the world.

The prohibition candidate represents the one idea—prohibition. He has made an aggressive, energetic campaign, buoyed up by the hope that always dominates a candidate. He will receive a considerable support from the church element which has hitherto supported Hawley, because the latter has refused to support a national prohibition law.

Mr. Hawley is a stand-pat republican, a partisan and henchman of Uncle Joe Cannon. Were the latter still in control, Mr. Hawley would have access to the pork barrel, but with a democratic house he is out in the cold. He has honestly endeavored to do what he could for his district, but is not and never will be a commanding figure and can accomplish but little, particularly with a democratic administration.

Robert G. Smith, the democratic nominee, is a native son of Jackson county and has lived in the Rogue river valley all of his life. He is a leading attorney, a brilliant orator, as mayor of Grants Pass has proved a fearless and capable executive, and is by all odds the best equipped man among the candidates. As congressman he would be heard from.

Southern Oregon has never had a representative in congress, and has a chance now to elect one who will be in sympathy with the majority party and the national administration and therefore able to deliver the goods.

Mr. Smith should carry Jackson county by a large majority.

Bill to Settle County Divisions

Hidden away among 37 other measures on the general ballot, "Number 348 Yes" has just begun to receive the attention it deserves. It is designed to relieve the ballot from senselessly encumbered with legislation referring to consolidation of cities and division of counties, matters which could by their very nature be left to the voters in the territory affected. The Portland press, seeing in the measure a long felt want, is now unanimous for its adoption. Portland and other growing cities are affected by the provisions relating to consolidation of cities and towns. Counties threatened with division also felt favorable towards the bill

provide for the appointment by the governor of a commission of three disinterested men (not residents or property owners in the territory affected,) whose proceedings are all thoroughly advertised, who hold open meetings in the territory affected where and when they see fit and receive all testimony submitted. The expenses of this commission are guaranteed by the petitioners. The old county must make its case before this commission. If the commission decides against the proposed new county, all proceedings are dropped. If the report is favorable, the commission defines the boundary lines for the proposed new county and the governor calls an election in the proposed new county only. A favorable vote from 60 per cent of those participating in the election is required to create the new county. New counties must have 500 square miles of territory, 2000 population and \$2,000,000 assessed valuation, leaving the same amount in any county from which territory is taken.

1912 Registered Vote of Jackson County

Table with columns: Rep., Dem., Soc., Ind., Prob., Refuse to state, Prog., Total. Lists precincts like Antioch, East Ashland, West Ashland, etc.

Cut This Out and Take It to the Polls With You Election Day

How to vote on various initiative and referendum measures upon the ballot

- After careful consideration of the measures on the ballot, the Mail Tribune advises as follows: X 300 Yes. Equal suffrage. X 303 No. Creating office of lieutenant-governor. X 305 No. Divorce of local and state taxation amendment. X 307 No. Permitting different tax rates on classes of property. X 309 No. Repeal county tax option. X 311 No. Majority rule on constitutional amendments. X 312 Yes. Doubt liability on bank stockholders. Amendment. X 314 Yes. Statewide public utilities regulation. Referendum. X 318 Yes. Creating Cascade county. X 320 Yes. Millage tax for University and Agricultural college. X 323 No. Majority rule on initiated laws. X 325 No. County bonding and road construction act. Grange Bill. X 326 Yes. Creating state highway department. Grange bill. X 328 Yes. Changing date state printer bill becomes effective. X 331 No. Creating office of hotel inspector. X 332 Yes. Eight hour day on public works. X 334 Yes. Blue Sky law. X 336 Yes. Prohibiting private employment of convicts. X 338 Yes. Relating to employment of county and city prisoners. X 340 Yes. State road bonding act. X 343 No. Limiting state road indebtedness. X 345 No. County bonding act. Harmony bill. X 347 No. Limiting county road indebtedness. Harmony amendment. X 348 Yes. Providing method for consolidating cities and creating new counties. X 350 Yes. Income tax amendment. X 352 Yes. Tax exemption on household effects. Elemental tax bill. X 355 No. Tax exemption on monies and credits. X 357 No. Revising inheritance tax laws. X 358 Yes. Equitable freight rate bill. X 360 Yes. Home Rule road bill. X 362 Yes. Abolishing state senate. X 364 Yes. Graduated tax measure along single tax lines. X 366 Yes. Abolishing capital punishment. X 369 No. Prohibiting boycotting. X 371 No. Anti-Free Speech bill. X 372 Yes. Appropriation for university. Referendum. X 374 Yes. Appropriation for university. Referendum. X 377 No. Taxpayers bank scheme.

Dunn Told Shut-in People to Dig Themselves Out

To the Editor: At the upper end of the valley they are rooting for Dunn, and for no other reason than that Dunn lives at the upper end of the valley where he owns and operates a ranch. The voters of Jackson county sent Dunn to the state legislature. What Dunn did or did not do as a legislator I am not prepared to say. Ask Max Praecht. (I hope this will not compromise Max, for he is a pretty good old fellow.) Then Dunn was elected county judge and of what transpired during his administration I would like to say a word, and particularly do I want to say it to the voter who lives off the main road, or as we say in the back woods, where we ford streams, build corduroy bridges at our own expense, wallow through the mud, or any way, to get from and to our homes. The little burg of Butte Falls sprang into existence and a supply station was established, so the people up-country failed to do as formerly, put in a winter's supply, depending on the home market. High water came and unbridged streams were almost impassable. Such were the conditions just outside of town. A man on foot could not ford it, and the only way to get to market or the postoffice was to coon it along a fence for twenty or thirty rods. A Baptist minister undertook to ford it on horseback and came near going under, horse and all. He said he didn't want any more of that, and where there is water enough to make a Baptist preacher squeal, there surely is some water. Well, we began to devise some plan to make the stream passable. One man who owned a team thought he could get his team across the creek where he could cut and haul stringers and with the use of ropes and cable we could get them in place, anchor them, cover with poles and effect at least a temporary crossing. Then the question arose, who will pay for it? The man with the team would donate his work. I would give mine, while others said it is a county road, and they ought to help pay. I walked from Butte Falls to Jacksonville to see Judge Dunn and ask for help. I found him in his office and proceeded to lay the case before his judgship, telling him of the number of people that were in need of help and would be benefited by a small outlay of the county funds. When I had concluded my story the judge smiled. That gave me hope. Surely I had not made the trip of nearly forty miles through the mud and rain on foot for nothing. He would help us. Then turning on his office chair he said to me: "You tell me that these people are shut in?" I replied, "That is what I have told you." "Well, let them dig themselves out" was the reply. "I looked him over. I could see the judge's chair, could see a coat and pair of breeches in the chair, but the occupant began to shrink and

shrink till I lost sight of the judge entirely. I could only see Dunn. I remembered once hearing an Ashland man say that Dunn was an ingrate. Of course I knew what ingrate meant, but I then knew what an ingrate looked like: When I had recovered from the set-back a little, I found my voice, and placing my finger as near his beak as would do without committing an assault, I said to him: "There are two ways to spell your name. You spell it D-u-n-n but I spell it D-o-n-e." The result of the following election shows how near I was right. I am ready to make affidavit that the foregoing statement is true. Voters of Jackson county let us spell it Doneagain. E. A. HILDRETH, SR. Butte Falls, Oct. 28.

VOTE FOR G. A. GARDNER for COUNTY CLERK

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