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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—8346; 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 13 per cent.

Danner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the West" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1908, and a car of Newtowns won First Prize in 1909.

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

Write Commercial Club, including 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

MME. LABADIE SPEAKS HERE NOVEMBER 28TH

An interesting event of a high and unique character is promised in the forthcoming appearance of Mme. Harriet Labadie who will give a dramatic interpretation of "Tomorrow," a recent production from the pen of Percy MacKaye, whose plays have already placed him in the front rank of American dramatists.

In "Tomorrow" the theme which deals with the much discussed subject of eugenics from a new standpoint, the author launches his argument in the strongest possible plea to woman to whom he directly appeals as the chief factor in the up-building of a better race.

Mrs. Dale, the principal female character in the play, stands for the highest type of womanhood, and through this character the playwright makes his appeal to those instincts in woman which, once aroused, must surely awaken her to a sense of the wonderful responsibility she bears toward humanity.

Her power to handle the theme of this play and her success in investing it with an intensity of dramatic quality as to hold her auditors spell-bound carried away the critical audience formed of members of the Century Theater club of New York before which Mme. Labadie appeared last April and led to her being immediately elected as representative at large of the American Theater goers of New York.

REV. HOLMES TO BE STATE EVANGELIST

The Rev. A. A. Holmes of the Baptist church, who handed in his resignation to the church last September, has accepted the position of state evangelist for California, with headquarters at Stockton, Cal., and will take charge of the new work December 1. The pastor's term with the Medford church does not expire until January, but he requested his flock to shorten the time, which was granted. Mrs. Holmes, well known as a singer, will be engaged in evangelical work with her husband.

The position was offered to the Rev. Holmes by the Northern California Baptist convention at its last session, and he will begin at once his campaign, beginning in all probability at King City. The new position carries with it a salary of \$2000 a year and all expenses, with a broader field of religious effort, and is a testimonial to the worth of the minister, who is highly popular among all classes in this city.

The retiring pastor will preach two more sermons in this city. No selection has as yet been made by the Baptist congregation to fill the vacancy. The matter will come up at the regular monthly business meeting.

RESPIRE TO BLACK FRIDAY FOR ALLEN AND HIS SON

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 19.—Governor Mann of Virginia granted a respite today until December 13 to Floyd Allen and his son, Claude, convicted of first degree murder in connection with the murders committed in the Hillsville county court room by the Allen clan of handits. The men were sentenced by the trial judge to die November 22.

THE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

THERE is a general misunderstanding, particularly among country people in regard to the Merchants Protective Association of Medford.

The Merchants Association is generally regarded as an association for mutual protection of merchants against the public and for the regulation of competition and the raising of prices, in other words a trust. This false idea has done much to embitter the country against the city. It has done much to make the people hostile to the association.

The association is primarily a credit association for protection against dead-beats, a board of trade, yet as it is the only known organization of merchants it is blamed for work probably done in the past by secret trade agreements.

The association is principally a social club, where merchants meet at dinner once a month and indulge in discussion. The meetings are open and anyone who desires can attend. Price regulation or control has never been discussed and is no part of the work of the association.

The Mail Tribune believes that the association spends its energies on too trivial affairs, but that it can be made a most effective instrument for the good of the entire valley and will heartily co-operate in its every effort for the up-building of town and country.

HIDING LIGHTS UNDER BUSHES.

IT is the general impression among country people that merchandise prices are higher in Medford than in other towns. This may have been true to some extent in the past, but it is not true at present.

Medford stores are obliged to carry, in addition to the grade of products demanded by the farmer, the fancier grades usually called for in larger cities—for the Medford trade is the most particular of any found in the smaller towns, because most of its residents are former city people.

A comparison of equal grades, shows that today, in many instances, Medford is underselling the smaller towns, and in all, equaling competitive prices.

Trade follows the lines of least resistance to the pocket book. It is therefore up to the merchants themselves, by advertising and other methods, to make their prices known throughout the valley.

Merchants as a rule don't advertise prices sufficiently. Fully half the merchants of Medford never advertise at all—and then they complain that people do not know they are meeting all competition.

How could they know it?

Objections to the Montessori System

(Reprinted by Request From Christian Science Herald.)

During the last year or two the magazines and newspapers have been flooded with matter appertaining to the system of instruction founded and introduced in Rome by the Princess Dr. Maria Montessori. Many American educators have traveled to Rome for the special purpose of inquiring into the conduct of Dr. Montessori's school; these have written communications to the press, lectured upon their observations; the work of the Italian educator has been generally commended; sometimes it has been given lavish and even fulsome praise. Recently a work from the pen of Dr. Montessori has called for a review in this newspaper, but we have until now refrained from expressing our opinion editorially on the subject of her method.

On the face of the case it would appear that Dr. Montessori has done little out of the common. She seems to have borrowed very largely from American and English schools for the training of a certain class of pupils. Evidently a close student of Pinel, of Seguin and others who have devoted their time and talents to the treatment of the class called deficient, she has undertaken to apply to the education of children in general the methods that obtain in medical pedagogic institutions. In plain language, she has founded her system upon the theory of suggestion, and through the process that leads the "subject" to surrender mental independence to the "operator," the former, under her system, learns what the latter desires to impart. By the employment of chairs, tables, miscellaneous objects of furniture and pictures, and under what she calls "direction," but which is simply a form of hypnotism, the children are led to do what the superficial and emotional visitors regard as marvelous. The fact that the children are not subject to their own volition and are "directed" like so many automatons does not occur to the amazed and enthusiastic observer who goes to Rome to see a "wonder," and sees it.

Of course, such a system is pernicious in the extreme. Nothing is more shocking in human experience than the loss of the volition; it is that which first of all is sought to be destroyed, however, when mental suggestion is substituted for the natural development of the intellectual faculties, and of course, this newspaper condemns the use of any system which is founded upon such teachings.

To the Parents and School Children

(From State Superintendent Office.) If you would catch a train start in time. No matter how fast you run if you start too late. If you would win a prize in the school children's industrial contest next year, begin now. Parents, if you would have your children grow up to be industrious, law-abiding, useful citizens, winners in the race of life, start them early in the right direction.

We are all agreed that an education is an essential to success, but what is education? True education is that which fits us for the duties of life. The old pedagogical idea was to cram the child with textbooks. The new idea is that we must know how to apply our knowledge to practical uses—that we must know how to use the hand with the head. Thus the need for, and popularity of, industrial education along with the "mental cramming."

Though started late and with lack of organization in many instances, the result of the state-wide movement inaugurated this year are quite encouraging, and inspires us all, I trust, to greater efforts the coming year. Many of your children entered this contest this year, and whether they won a prize or not they are all stronger in every way from the exercise and experience, and what they have learned to do with their hands will always be an available and valuable asset. We hope to have ev-

I do not know of anything that would attract more favorable attention to Oregon than the fact that all her school children are raising poultry and producing thereby more than enough wealth to meet the expense of the public school system.

The poultry on the farm is a secondary consideration with most people. Little attention is paid to it as a rule and its importance and possibilities are not conceived. We have no reliable statistics later than those of the U. S. census for the year 1899. That year there were 7,700,970 dozens of eggs produced in Oregon, which, at an average price of 25 cents, were worth \$1,927,492.50. The value of all poultry raised in the state in 1899 was \$826,687. The poultry product that year was worth considerably more than either of the following products, viz: Animals slaughtered, hops, fruit of all kinds, and was almost equal to the oats crop in value, and was almost a third as great as the wheat crop. Since 1899 there has been a big increase in the production of poultry and eggs, but there has also been a big increase in consumption, and last year there was about a million dollars' worth of poultry and eggs shipped into Portland from the east. That million dollars might just as well go into the pockets of the school boys and girls of Oregon as to the farmers of the east, and while you are earning it you will be occupying part of your time in healthful and interesting pastime and be learning how to do something worth while—how to do business, to depend upon your own efforts and to be an important factor in society.

An elementary poultry bulletin will be issued by the Oregon Agricultural College after a little, which will give valuable information upon how to raise and care for poultry. In the meantime he talking it over with your parents and making preparations for starting a little flock, if you have not already got one. Get a little garden patch ready to plant asparagus, and win some of the fine prizes that will be offered this year, both at your local fair and at the state fair.

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS

A. W. Moon left Monday morning for Grants Pass on a business trip. Mrs. M. Bowers and daughter of Gold Hill are visiting Mrs. Bowers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. O'Hara in this city.

Warren Mee and family of Applegate are here visiting his sisters Miss Mary A. Mee and Mrs. Emma Bebb and family.

Charles Dunten returned to Jacksonville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams of the Modoc orchard was here the last of the week at the bed side of Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. Dunten, who has been seriously ill but is much better now.

Mr. Moore of the Medford Business College was a visitor here last week.

Mrs. Green entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and son Robert of millionaire row Sunday.

Mr. Bacon, editor of the Central Point Herald, made a business trip to Medford Monday afternoon.

Miss Maybelle Peart, H. H. Tuttle, Mrs. Jas. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mee and daughters, Mrs. Edington and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkner and son, and Brice Nichols were among our people that were in Medford Monday afternoon.

Miss Jessie Knutsen of Applegate is here visiting her cousin, Miss Sarah Bebb.

PHOENIX

Mrs. H. P. Burleson of Lake Creek visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rhodes, last Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence E. Reames of Medford was the guest of the Misses Towne the first of the week.

Mrs. E. King and Mrs. Warren King and children returned last week from Butte, Montana, where they spent the summer.

At a recent meeting of the commercial club it was decided to organize for fire protection.

Mrs. Fay returned last week to her home in Dallas, Texas, after spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Elmer.

Mrs. Reames left last week for a visit with her mother at Waldo, Oregon.

The members of the W. O. W. served a supper in their hall Saturday evening. It was well patronized and the gentlemen realized a handsome sum for their treasury.

Mrs. H. A. Coleman of Talent is spending the week with her son, E. G. Coleman and family.

Walter P. Schuch of North Phoenix left Monday afternoon on business to Seattle, Wash.

Notice to Public. I hereby give notice that my wife, Sallie Turnbough and children have left my bed and board at their own free will and I will not be responsible for debts contracted by them in the future unless I give notice otherwise.

(Signed) W. TURNBOGH.

CHILDREN'S CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES

The greatest educational contest ever undertaken in this country is to be inaugurated within the next few days. It gives every indication of becoming one of the important events of the approaching holiday season.

More than 2200 awards are to be made to school children and teachers for the purpose of ascertaining the literary ability of children in the public schools of the United States.

The undertaking is in the nature of a great contest between the school children of the country for the American championship in a 500 word prize essay competition. There are to be 100 cash awards of \$5 each to pupils; 100 cash awards of \$5 each to teachers; 1000 Tiffin medals and 1000 engraved diplomas to the winners of the competition.

These awards have been donated by the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company, of New York, one of the greatest of our American industrial institutions.

It is probable that the school children of this town and the surrounding villages will enter the contest with the intent of bringing some of the honors to our community. It is known that there are many children here who have shown exceptional ability in their school work, and they stand an unusually good opportunity to win one of the awards in the national championship. The Remington-UMC Literary Committee, which has charge of the contest, has its headquarters at 299 Broadway, New York.

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