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MEDFORD, OREGON.

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

Population, 1910—8840; estimated, 1911—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest public water supply, water and 17.2 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 20, 1911, show increase of 13 per cent.

Bonneville fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Queen of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowners won

First Prize in 1910.

at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

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Rogue River bears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the six years.

The Commercial Club, inclosing 5 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

**SUSPECTS ARE HELD HERE FOR ROBBERY OF SALOON AT HILT**

"Goldie" Brown, alias S. C. Smith,

and a companion are lodged in the city jail following their arrest Tues-

day night as suspects in the Warren saloon robbery at Hilt Saturday night when \$2500 is said to have been secured at the point of a gun.

The men tally in every particular with the descriptions sent out from the California town, and in addition to this a revolver, searchlight and a bottle of chloroform was found in Brown's suit case at a local hotel where he had registered first as "S. C. Smith" and later as "G. T. Smith."

Brown and his companion arrived in Medford Monday night. On Tues-

day they spent money lavishly locally attracting the attention of the police. Their arrest followed. Both decline to make a statement.

Proprietor Warren of the saloon which was robbed is expected to arive tonight for the identification of the pair.

The robbery occurred last Satu-

day evening. The Warren saloon was crowded with the employees of the Fruit Growers Supply company, when two masked men entered and at guns' point held up the crowd. They are reported to have secured over \$2500, including considerable money that the laboring men had deposited with the saloon keeper for safe keeping, as well as that which they had on their persons. "Slim" Warren, the proprietor, who has a string of saloons in northern California, happened to be at Hilt. He was robbed of a diamond ring, and the robbers grabbed his diamond shirt stud, but succeeded in getting it away from them. The robbers departed south down the railroad track. There were several shots exchanged between Warren and the robbers, but they escaped unharmed.

**LOS ANGELES REGULATES LENGTH OF HAT PIN**

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—On recommendation of its committee on legislation, the Los Angeles city council has instructed the city attorney today to prepare an ordinance regulating the use and length of hatpins. The measure will legalize guards for the pins. The order was adopted after determined resistance by several women's organizations.

**THE EVOLUTION.**

A notion new is sprung

Whereby a change is rung

And all men with one tongue

Jeer.

The new idea grows

Until men change their pose

And everybody knows

Fear.

Its battle fairly fought,

Its destiny is wrought

Till it is merely thought

Queer.

Then suddenly one day

Men find it here to stay

And with a wild hooray

Cheer.

## A BALKAN EMPIRE.

IT seems not at all improbable that the defeat of Turkey by the Balkan allies, will eventually result in the formation of a new first class power in Europe.

Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is the most ambitious and ablest of European monarchs. A sketch published of him in Current Literature portrays him as the biggest figure in the Balkans.

The throne of Bulgaria was hawked about Europe for months and declined by all, until offered to the German prince, Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg in 1887. Under his wise rule, the country has recovered from years of Turkish misrule and internece warfare, is today populous and prosperous, with well built cities and towns.

For years, Ferdinand has been preparing for the assault upon Turkey. Quietly he perfected his army, and by modern artillery, made it the most effective in Europe. He accomplished the seemingly impossible task of uniting the warring Balkan kingdoms into a secret coalition against Turkey, and seizing the moment when Turkey, weakened by the war with Italy was torn by factional struggles, began the brief and brilliant campaign which has already taken from Turkey two-thirds of her European territory and left the allies bombarding Constantinople.

It is improbable that any European power will intervene to save the sick man. Jealousy will prevent it, as well as the sympathy felt by half of Russia and half of Austria for their fellow Slavs.

If Austria begins a war, it is more than probable that that empire will face a serious revolt within itself. It is predicted by Servian statesmen that in such an event the Austrian provinces of Dalmatia, Herzegovina, Bosnia, Croatia and Slavonia, which are largely peopled by Serbs, will revolt against Austrian domination and will join the Servian kingdom.

If this should occur it would change the map of Europe in a far greater degree than even the new distribution of the Turkish empire, and would mean the elevation of King Peter to a position rivaling that of any but the greater European sovereigns.

The war will likely result in an offensive and defensive Balkan alliance, with Bulgaria and Servia dominating factors, and as the regicide, King Peter, is by no means firmly seated upon his throne, an amalgamation may result, out of which will emerge a Balkan empire—or as American Slavs dream, of a Balkan republic.

## DEFEAT STRENGTHENS A JUST CAUSE.

THE graduated single tax bill was defeated by a vote of approximately \$80,000 to \$1,000 in the state. In Multnomah, where the most active campaign in its behalf was made, the vote stood 22,201 against 12,103 for. In Jackson, the vote was 2932 against to 1422 in the affirmative.

The defeat of single tax is hailed with great glee by the plutocratic press as the death of the movement. The wish was father to the thought. Only the most enthusiastic ever dreamt of its success at this stage of the game.

Single tax is a comparatively new idea and like all new ideas, must slowly grow in the minds of the people before a majority accept it. The germ of truth and equality it contains will eventually bring it to victory—for it is the taxation of the future.

The American people are naturally conservative. They do not accomplish results by revolution, but by evolution. They love their chains and until conditions become unbearable, do not arouse sufficiently to throw them off.

Our institutions are built largely upon land speculation. As long as the unearned increment rather than the product of toil, is the aim of a large percentage of the people, so long will single tax be misrepresented and the mass of people be induced to vote against their vital interest.

The campaign against single tax was amply financed by the special interests that profit largely at the public expense under the present system.

It was a campaign of misrepresentation and abuse. The small farmer was led to believe that he would be the sufferer instead of the land hog, who withholds immense tracts from development. Even the laborer who owns no land, voted to perpetuate conditions which bar him from it.

It took 50 years to win the battle for equal suffrage in Oregon. It may take as many to win it for the single tax—but economic conditions, long before that date, will force its universal adoption. With each defeat it will grow stronger.

## Rogue River Apples for Wilson

(Portland Oregonian.)

The Oregonian hopes that President-elect Wilson will soon have the opportunity to test the quality of the famous Rogue river apples; but it confesses that it has become a little anxious since receiving a letter from Mr. A. K. Ware, of Medford, containing for the most part matter wholly irrelevant to the public wager of two boxes of Rogue river apples on election results, but having also this paragraph:

"If I remember aright, you wagged me a box of Rogue river's best Newtown apples that Col. Roosevelt could not win nor even be second in the race. How about it?"

Mr. Ware does not remember aright. To refresh his very poor memory we reprint the offer made by The Oregonian:

"We will wager Mr. Ware a box of first-class Rogue river apples that Mr. Roosevelt will not get as many votes in the electoral college as the next highest presidential candidate. We will wager another box of fancy Rogue river apples that he will not get half as many."—The Oregonian, Monday, August 10, 1912.

Just how far Mr. Ware's treacherous refection has led him astray may be seen by reference to the clear terms of the wager. Mr. Roosevelt will not get as many electoral

concession demanded, and the accumulated fruit was disposed of at auction to prevent it rotting.

## COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Be it remanded. That a regular term of the regular court of Jackson county, state of Oregon begin and held at the county house in Jacksonville, on the 4th day of September, 1912, at the time fixed by the holding of said court. There were present the commissioners, J. E. Brown, county commissioner, W. H. Coleman, clerk and W. A. Jones, sheriff.

When the following bills were audi-

tioneed for by W. A. Tresham et al.

W. L. Chittenden, repairing road machinery.

Geo. F. Merriman, road expense Frank Grissell, surveying road at Applegate bridge.

Louis French, work on roads.

S. F. Spotts, work on roads.

James Evans, work on roads.

J. E. Bush, work on roads.

E. H. Strohmeier, putting in culverts on Bear Lane, road expense Sprague Lumber Co., supplies for roads.

J. W. Mitchell, road expense.

James K. Stewart, road expense Herkoff Bros., lumber for Applegate bridge.

Burnett Bros., supplies for roads.

Alfred S. Tee, superintendent of Central Point, road, August, 1912.

Central Point Lumber Co., lumber for roads.

Frank Grissell, surveying Central Point roads, August, 1912.

S. W. Walsh, wood, road expense Wm. von der Helle, road expense.

W. C. Leever, powder, etc., for roads.

Medford Iron Works, repairing bridges.

W. H. Holman, work on roads and bridges.

D. Adams Co., road supplies.

Frank Grissell, work on roads.

Huxley Ward, work on roads.

Frank Lambert, work on roads.

W. C. Williams, work on roads.

Henry Conger, work on roads.

J. W. Powell, work on roads.

Joe Strohmeier, work on roads.

E. C. Cathorn, work on roads.

Gos. Rice, work on roads.

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