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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—5840; 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 "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a star of Newtowa won First Prize in 1910.

First Prize in 1911 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowa.

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

Write Commercial Club, enclosing 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

CIRCUIT COURT IS CLOSED UNTIL JAN. 2

Judge Calkins on Saturday evening adjourned the circuit court until January 2, when criminal work will be resumed.

NO DECISIONS FROM SUPREME COURT TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United States supreme court remained in session but thirty minutes today and then adjourned for the holidays.

COMMUNICATIONS

Post Office Service.

To whom this may concern, and I believe it concerns many who are unnecessarily depriving themselves of that which they pay for under a false impression: When the news was given us that our postal offices would be closed on Sundays we naturally supposed that it was in order to give postal employees time for rest and worship.

I was inconvenienced considerably. I'm told that I could have got any important letter, or I could have had my correspondents put on special delivery 10-cent stamps and I would get my mail. I'm also informed that it does not give postal employees much less work.

They have to be there Sundays. The mail is separated and put in places handy for distribution on Monday. I cannot see why there should be any discrimination. Hotels and newspapers can get their mail, the papers whose offices are closed can get mail but citizens who pay box rent and save carriers the work of lugging their mail around in pouches are denied their mail.

To those who know me there is no use in stating where I stand on the rights of employees in any public service or industry. I do not believe its right for any one to work others more than six days a week of eight hours per day, and this should not prevent those who pay box rent from having their mail put in the boxes instead of being put in some other boxes to wait a day.

If it is necessary for more clerks lets have them. Our office has recently been advertised as one of the busy offices. As I understand the law, eight hours is a day's work for postal clerks. Is that law observed in Medford today?

Other postoffices in this state conduct the office in such a way that the people can get their mail on Sunday and there is no good reason why enough clerks can't be put to work so those who work on Sunday can get a day off in the week and at least accommodate the people who pay box rent, or it will soon add to the reasons for renting boxes is to be able to get mail at times when we do not expect carriers to work.

FRANK W. COTTERILL

THE MAYORALTY FREE FOR ALL.

ADDING considerably to the gaiety of the festive holiday season is the free for all, no entries barred, race for mayor—a contest that seems to be taken seriously only by the barber, the baker, the wagon-stick maker and other strenuous patriots already entered who are only too anxious to sacrifice themselves to save Medford.

Ambition is said to have been the cause of Lucifer's fall—and yet Lucifer never thought to scale such dizzy heights as those contemplated by the local candidates. Neither the misty legends of antiquity nor the semi-sacred mystical tales of the apocrypha record that he ever aspired to be mayor of Medford. What a fall there is in store for the vaultingly ambitious—there cannot be one elected. Shattered dreams, sad disillusion, and egotism worse cracked than Humpty Dumpty after his celebrated fall, awaits the self-chosen but unelected tribunes of the people.

A close observer might conclude the mayorality was the biggest lemon grown in the municipal gardens—a lemon that would bring more discord to the successful grabber than the golden apple Paris awarded, brought to Troy. But all undaunted, all candidates want to squeeze it. There must be irresistible magic about the mayor's job, although the public supplies no gilded crown or short pants. Perhaps it is the scintillation of the seventy-five plunks per month, which hard times have given an extra glitter to. And then to, seventy-five simoleons a month must look pretty big to some of the aspirants.

Not the least diverting feature of the campaign has been the organization and proceedings of the good government league, which immediately supplied a platform demanding laws already in existence, for the candidates, and then endorsed two rival aspirants, against the will and over the protest of one.

A most interesting feature of the occasion was the offering and serious consideration of a resolution to permit people to vote as they choose to, without stipulating who they should vote for. It was most generous of the league to thus confirm the constitution.

There is no reason why others consumed with ambition, or needing the seventy-five plunks, should not enter the race. It is evident that no qualifications are needed, save gall and the desire for the job. The lists are open, there are still a few days left before entries will close. Don't let modesty stand in the way, it hasn't in other cases, why should it in yours? The more the merrier. Get in and make the race as joyous as the merry Christmas time—play Santa Claus and put your own nomination in your stocking.

Humane Laws for Beasts

To the Editor: Will you please give me space in the Mail Tribune, as I wish to call the attention of owners and drivers of horses to the humane laws of Oregon.

Section 1. Whoever overdrives, or overloads, drives when overloaded, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, cruelly beats, mutilates, or cruelly kills, or causes or procures to be so overdriven or overloaded, driven when when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated, or cruelly killed, any animal; and whoever having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts cruelty upon the same, shall, for every such offense, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding sixty days, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. Every owner, possessor, or person having the charge or custody of any animal, who cruelly drives or works the same when unfit for labor, or cruelly abandons the same, or who carries the same, or causes the same to be carried, in or upon any vehicle or otherwise, in a cruel, inhuman manner, or knowingly or willfully authorizes or permits the same to be subjected to torture, suffering, or cruelty of any kind, shall be punished for each and every offense in the manner herein provided.

The housewives of Medford could save the poor delivery horses many an unnecessary trip by ordering their goods in larger quantities and by sending in their orders early in the morning or in the evening to be delivered the next day, instead of going to the phone and ordering during the day just as they wish to use them in quantities of from 10 to 25 cents worth. I will ask the women that order so often by phone to go to the door the next time the delivery wagon comes to her place to go out and look at the poor horses and see if they do not appeal to you for protection. The worst abuse of the delivery system is by the merchants who run their own delivery and who have no system about making deliveries. I would like to get the ladies of the Greater Medford club interested in humane work. They could be of great assistance to the humane society in their work. Let's have a better Medford as well as a greater Medford.

W. J. DRUMHILL, President Humane Society.

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Our high school basket ball team went to Grants Pass Saturday evening and played a game of basket ball with them. Score being 21 to 33 in favor of Grants Pass.

Mrs. W. E. Kahler entertained her Sunday school class at her home Saturday afternoon, each guest coming representing some book. Much curiosity was shown among the young ladies as to the books represented. One of the most enjoyable amusements of the afternoon was a progressive contest. A very elaborate supper was served by the hostess in the dining room. This one of the most delightful afternoons the girls have spent for sometime and will be long remembered by them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Orr returned to their home near Los Angeles Sunday.

ANTHONY JANNUS MAKES THE LONGEST AEROPLANE TRIP YET REPORTED OVER WATER



ANTHONY JANNUS LEAVING MEMPHIS, TENN. ON HIS OMAHA-NEW ORLEANS HYDROAERPLANE CRUISE.

Anthony Jannus, accompanied by W. H. Trefts, Jr., a photographer as passenger, is on his way in his hydroplane from Omaha, in his flight to New Orleans. The total distance of the voyage, following the bend in the river, is 1,973 miles.

After having covered 1,873 miles, Jannus went on record as having made the longest journey yet reported in a hydro-aeroplane, or of any aeroplane carrying a passenger. He left Omaha November 6, reaching Plaquemine, La., in leisurely stages of 75 to 100 miles, covering thirty-eight days. With him at the start as a passenger was T. W. Benoit, of St. Louis, builder of the biplane type of marine aircraft which Jannus flies. Later a photographer took the builder's place.

An automobile tried to keep up with the machine, which followed the tortuous channel of the river, but poor roads caused the land vehicle to drop out of the contest in a few days.

At St. Louis, which the aviator reached in eleven days, covering 771 miles, the aeroplane took fire and was destroyed. Another replaced it and they went on.

In this country the longest cross country flight was that of Calbraith P. Rodgers, from New York city to Long Beach, Cal., covering 4,500 miles in seventy-seven days, ending December 10 of last year. Rodgers carried no passenger, and used a Wright biplane with landing wheels. Robert H. Fowler flew from Los Angeles to Jacksonville, about 2,500 miles, in a similar machine in 121 days, ending January 20 last.

Our Correspondents

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS

John E. Ross and J. J. Parkesville who are now located in the Frazier river country, British Columbia, are visiting their families in this city.

Mrs. J. E. Grieve and son of Prospect are visiting relatives and friends here.

Claud Clark and Fred Farra of our depot force, were on the sick list Friday and Alvin Williams and E. L. Farra officiated in their places.

Mrs. Miller of Lake Creek spent the last of the week here with her daughters who are attending school here.

Christmas will be duly observed here. The Baptist church will have Christmas services Sunday. Tuesday evening the M. E. Sunday school will render a cantata at the central hall. This will be one of the hits of the season. Wednesday evening the Christian church will have a Christmas tree with a program.

Miss Cora A. Smith returned to her home in Grants Pass Friday evening to spend the holidays with home folks.

Our schools here closed Friday evening for two weeks' vacation.

Quite a few of our teachers returned from Jacksonville Friday evening where they have been taking teachers' examinations.

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Central Point was well represented in Medford Saturday afternoon, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. E. Childers, Mrs. Lucy Williams, Mrs. J. B. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chambers, Miss Marguerite Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Mrs. J. C. Herring, Mrs. K. Beebe and sister Doris, Miss Madie Beebe, Miss Fern Beebe, W. C. Leever, Al Pailey, Mr. Rawlings, J. S. Barnett,

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

Charles Reed of Lake Creek was a guest with us Wednesday night. He had a lot of twenty-five fine turkeys on his way to Medford. He is making a specialty of the poultry business and seems to be making a success of the business.

A gentleman by the name of Swanson of Butte Falls spent the night with us Wednesday. He came out to gather up a lot of cow horns. He is manufacturing hat and coat racks out of them, thus utilizing what would otherwise be wasted.

H. McIntyre, who has been living in the neighborhood of Derby, called on us on his way to his homestead above the Meadows.

Mrs. A. N. Thomas prides herself on having had the sidewalk, recently ordered by the town council, put down first. She is a wideawake lady and up-to-date generally.

The Eagle Point Lumber company had a carload of lumber come the first of the week, and now the people will likely have the lumber to finish the sidewalks, and when completed we will be able to walk from one end of the town to the other, on both sides of the creek, on sidewalks.

Mrs. W. G. Knighton, wife of one of our leading citizens, went to Medford last Thursday on business.

H. Turrell of Lake Creek dined at the Sunnyside Thursday.

Mrs. A. J. Florey and her sister, Mrs. Joseph Phipps, Miss Mable Wamsler, Miss Mae Christy of Elk creek, H. Painter, Alex Vestal, Mrs. C. Herren of the Crater Lake orchard, and Mrs. Heath, wife of one of our merchants, and her daughter, Miss Frances, were on the P. & E. car for Medford Friday morning.

I omitted to state in my last that Lee Bradshaw and wife were pleasant callers at the Sunny Side, taking the afternoon train for Medford. Mr. Bradshaw is the man who sold the famous orchard known now as the Corbin orchard, and is now living on a small farm just above Brownsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Diamond, the former has been acting as brakeman

Kenneth Barnett, Ed Kahler, H. H. Tuttle, John J. Brown, Sarah Bebb, Master Floyd Kyle left Saturday morning for Lebanon, Oregon, to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bateman of British Columbia are here visiting Mrs. Bateman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers.

Miss McNeil arrived here Sunday and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Tuttle, Sr.

Mrs. Belle Pleasants of Yamhill is visiting her son, J. E. Boswell and family in this city.

O. Olsson, S. P. train dispatcher at Roseburg, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paulus Olsson in the suburbs of this city.

Ralph M. Holmes returned from Ballston, Oregon, Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon being a very beautiful afternoon many of our citizens took advantage of it and spent the afternoon in nearby places.

John A. Perl Undertaker 28 S. BARTLETT Phone M. 471 and 473 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

on the P. & E. railroad and his wife as saleslady in Heath & Diamond's, have moved away. Mr. Diamond is now employed on the S. P. line in California and his wife has gone to Minnesota to visit relatives and to attend to business.

Our pharmacist, A. H. Weber, who has been acting in that capacity in Von der Hellen's drug department, has moved to Medford with his family, in that case our loss has been Medford's gain.

George Von der Hellen made a business trip to Medford the first of the week.

Rev. Charles Daley, a cousin of our townman A. J. Daley, has been spending a few days here with his relatives and at this writing is visiting the family of John Daley of Medford. He is gathering material so as to write a biographical sketch of the Daley family.

Roy Willis, our stage driver and mail contractor from here to perist, reports that a man by the name of Olsen has killed a cougar, near the Buzzard mine that measured seventeen and a half feet, but I am inclined to think that Roy was excited for he admitted that when he came down he had been riding with a nice young lady and that may have acted on his imagination. He also reports that the snow at Perist was six inches deep and at the Buzzard mine it was eighteen inches.

J. E. Reed and wife, now residents of Wellen spent the night with us Wednesday. They were recently married in Medford. While here Mr. Reed subscribed for the weekly Mail Tribune.

Our telephone office has been moved to the upstairs part of Von der Hellen's store building. Mr. Clemens has charge.

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