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

Population—11,800—1910—8240; estimated, 1911—18,000.

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, 1908, 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 price in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial Club, enclosing 4 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

SWIMMING RECORD BROKEN AT PORTLAND CHRISTMAS

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Johnny McMurray, Multnomah club athlete, is today holder of the world's record for amateurs in the 100 yard swim as the result of a Christmas race against field of five in the chilly waters of the Willamette river.

McMurray's time was 55 1-5 seconds. The water was just 42 degrees above zero, but the intense cold only seemed to put new life in the swimmers.

There were entries from Eugene and other places. The swim was held under the direction of the Multnomah club.

COMMUNICATION. To the editor: Christmas is near at hand and the call "Peace on earth and good will to men" which first sounded on the hills of Judea, has again been sounded by the socialists of the world who met at the International Peace congress at Basle, Switzerland, on Nov. 24, 25 and 26, 1912.

At this congress over 518 delegates from all principle European nations representing about 40,000,000 socialists issued their manifesto against war.

Throughout, the deliberations of the delegates was against war, and that the time was near at hand when working men of all nations must refuse to shed their blood for the benefit of capitalism.

The immediate measures decided on, were to hold on the 14th of Dec. in all important cities of Europe mass meetings and protest against war, and proclaim the gospel of the Universal Brotherhood of Man and peace on earth from thousands of rostrums. No Hague tribunal peace congress, no Carnegie and Nobel peace heroes will be in it, and will the followers of the "men of peace" be absent also? Time will tell, and history will judge. If the frenzied war dog will not be chained by that time, then on the 10th of December, two days later there will be a world wide strike and for twenty-four hours the workers will stand aside from the wheels of industry and the rulers will get an exhibition of the power of labor, such as the world never saw before.

Of course this splendid exhibiting of class solidarity of labor chained the war dog at once.

We read that nothing could prevent a European war. The chancelleries were sure of it, and now, oh yes, something happened and brought back this reason. The subsidized press is not making any effort to explain the cause.

If the Mail Tribune wishes to give this news to its readers, it is because the working men refused to be targets for other working men, and we know that the fat gentlemen who sit in their offices and listen to the ticker of the Bourse and stock exchange are not to be found stopping bullets. I also see by the Mail Tribune that intervention in Mexico is contemplated by President Taft.

Well, let him call on those capitalists who have investments in that country and let that class of people do their own fighting. We working people will stay at home and raise provisions to feed the capitalist army, and it will not be "embalmed beef" either. WM. H. BREESE. Talent, Oregon.

WAR A FUEDAL SURVIVAL.

"I REFUSE to kill your father. I refuse to slay your mother's son. I refuse to plunge a bayonet into the breast of your sister's brother. I refuse to slaughter your sweetheart's lover. I refuse to murder your wife's husband. I refuse to butcher your little child's father. I refuse to wet the earth with blood and blind kind eyes with tears. I refuse to assassinate you and then hide my stained fists in the folds of any flag."—From George R. Kirkpatrick's "War—What For?"

This is the literature that the German Kaiser, the Austrian emperor, the Italian king and the French republic are destroying. Authors of these sentiments are being imprisoned. Freedom of the press is being suspended. To question the divine right of those in authority to ruthlessly order the murder of millions of human beings is not only "treason" but "sacrilege"—in the eyes of these relics of feudal ages now sitting in the seats of the mighty.

Very few wars have been justifiable just as very few murders can be justified. It is just as unnecessary and just as wrong for the nation to go into the murdering business, as it is for the individual. Those wars that are justifiable are blood-atonements for misgovernment and tyranny.

The nation as we understand the word today, the homogeneous blending of allied tribes or peoples into a composite whole, speaking a common language, is really a modern creation—a development, save in a few exceptions like Great Britain, of the nineteenth century. Out of the chaos and anarchy of the dark ages following the collapse of the Roman empire came the feudal system and the reign of the barons, from which evolved the dynasties which dominated continental Europe for centuries and still dominate a large portion of it. The wars were struggles between dynasties, not between nations, for the nation as we understand it did not exist.

It took the French revolution to create the French nation. To the Napoleonic war, to Napoleon's ruthless conquests and destruction of principalities, kingdoms and small states, are due the creation of the German, Spanish, Italian and other nations, forced to merge and unite, either to gratify his dynastic ambition or in self protection, in a homogeneous whole.

Austro-Hungary, an artificial political union of dissimilar races, with little in common, in which two of the dominant races unite to suppress the third, is not a nation in the modern sense, merely a survival of feudal dynastic control, and only opportunity prevents the revolt of the Slavs to unite with the Balkans in the formation of a great Balkan nation—and the long awaited opportunity is likely to come with the war threatened to prevent another nation from securing a needed seaport.

With the irresistible growth of democracy, as the people understand more and more the criminal folly of war with its enormous burden upon the people, it is not unlikely that the twentieth century will see as its dominant political idea, the growth of a homogeneity among nations as the past century witnessed it among states, a federation of the nations of the world to deal with international problems, and the complete obliteration of the dynastic principle, which has served its purpose and is fast becoming an anachronism.

It is a travesty on Christianity to call nations that plunge into bloodshed for lust of power, that attack weaker nations for the "glory of the flag" Christian, for war is contrary to all that Christianity teaches. It is a poor patriotism that needlessly stains its flag with brothers' blood at the behest of a ruling dynasty. It is a sorry satire on liberty when men are imprisoned for preaching the brotherhood of man and protesting the needless slaughter of peace-loving thousands. It is a condition that belongs in the dark ages and must pass forever with the progress of the world.

THE MAYORALTY SITUATION

Two Citizens of Medford Discuss it on Christmas morning.

(Contributed.) First Citizen: Good morning, Merry Christmas to you! Second Citizen: Same to you! How are you this morning?

First Citizen: How's yourself? Second Citizen: Good! What do you think of the mayoralty situation?

Second Citizen: The socialist candidate is going to be elected. First Citizen: What! You certainly do not mean it? Second Citizen: Mean it! Of course I do; his election is almost a foregone conclusion. The way matters stand it is practically a certainty.

Second Citizen: Surely not! Explain yourself. How can you possibly figure out such a result? First Citizen: Well, I will tell you. There are in this town about 350 socialist men voters, and you can count upon at least 250 socialist women voters who will all register, making a total of 600. And there are about 1600 or 1700 hundred other voters of whom probably not more than 1000 will register, and of the other women voters probably not more than 500 will register, making a total of 1500. Indeed, it is very doubtful whether there will be 1500 other voters; for a large proportion of the other voters, both male and female, are not registering; but the socialists, both men and women, as you doubtless know, are all registering; and, moreover, they will all stand together and cast almost a solid vote. So you see there will be about 600 socialist voters and 1500 or less other voters to decide the mayoralty. Now these 1500 votes will be distributed among the four candidates: Watt, Mitchell, Elfert and Gates. And the indications point very strongly to the fact that each of them will poll a considerable vote; probably the lowest of the four

will poll 300 votes and the highest not over 500 or 550; which will be 50 to 100 votes less than the socialist will receive. Second Citizen: Well I declare! I had never thought of the matter in this light. Your reasoning is convincing. It certainly looks as if the next mayor of Medford would be a socialist.

First Citizen: It does indeed; and I am much worried about it; for I believe the election of a socialist will greatly hurt the town. Second Citizen: So do I, not only in reputation, but things will most probably be undertaken in Medford that a great majority of the voters will be radically opposed to.

First Citizen: Just so! Because the mayor would represent only a small minority of all the voters. Second Citizen: What is the remedy? Can nothing be done? Surely the voters of Medford do not want a socialist at the head of this town. First Citizen: I can see only one thing to do.

Second Citizen: What's that? First Citizen: For the four candidates, Gates, Elfert, Mitchell and Watt to get together and two of them withdraw for the good of the town. Second Citizen: Yes; but they will not do that. Each one has ambition, and each probably feels that his own election is almost certain.

First Citizen: I do not think so; they are all men of sense; surely all can see the "handwriting on the wall" and realize that if they all remain in the race there is little or no chance of any one of them being elected.

Second Citizen: Perhaps so; they all seem to be sensible men, but who would withdraw? How would they decide it? First Citizen: Well! They could do it by lot; they could, for instance,

Our Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

Last Friday as I was on the car on my way to Medford, in conversation with a young lady, she remarked that Mr. L. K. Haak who owns a fine farm just above Eagle Point has a skunk farm and that he would not allow any one to kill them, so I sought an opportunity to interview him on the subject and learned his idea and motive for protecting what is generally looked on as a nuisance. He said that it was true that he didn't allow them to be killed and that he also protected the quail on his place. I enquired for his reason for protecting the skunk and he said that they were an excellent trap to catch digger squirrels, that they would get in the squirrel holes and as they attempted to pass either going in or out they would catch and kill them. But I enquired do they not kill your chickens? No, he said for the chickens roost in the upper floor and are always shut up so as to be out of their reach at night. And as for the quails he said that he was very fond of birds generally and especially of the quail and that they were so gentle that many of them would come up and eat with the chickens. Mrs. Haak is making a specialty of the poultry business, especially of ducks and chickens and has a place set apart especially for them. Mr. Haak at this writing, Monday, is in Portland on business, expecting to return by Christmas.

Frank Dittworth of Peyton was in town the last of the week and told that his sister Ora, I think it was, was taking the teachers' examination and that if she succeeded in passing that she would be the seventh of her sisters that were, or had been, following that profession, surely Mr. Dittworth has done something toward the betterment of the human family.

Miss Francis Williams, a sister of Mrs. Heath, wife of one of our merchants, of Indiana came out last Friday afternoon, she was met in Medford by her sister and niece, Miss Francis Heath, Mrs. Diamond, mother of the other member of the firm of Heath & Diamond, also accompanied them to Eagle Point.

Mrs. Betty and her two daughters, Misses Marguerite and Olive also came out Friday evening.

Horn, to Mr. and Mrs. Strong, Dec. 21, a daughter.

Among the Eaglepointers who visited Medford the last of the week, not mentioned in my last, was Miss Clara Young, Mrs. Charles Bacon and James Watkins. Mr. Watkins had been to Jacksonville as one of the jurors and was on his return trip.

Last Friday, the 20th, Mrs. Geo. Von der Hellen entertained the children in her room, the primary department, by having a Christmas tree, and the little folks report having had one of the most enjoyable times of their lives. Mrs. Von der Hellen knows just how to make an occasion like that pleasing to the children as well as interesting to the older ones.

Miss Mable Pruett one of our promising young ladies living just below town on the P. & E. railroad, was a pleasant caller at the Sunny Side Monday, she reports that her mother has gone to Oakland, Cal., on a visit to be gone several weeks.

Verna Mathews of the firm of Mathews & Fisher, blacksmiths, had the misfortune to have his nose broken. He was assisting in dehorning cattle on his father's farm, on the old John Black place, and was just finishing trying to get the last steer in the chute when he turned on Mr. Mathews and he ran, and in running came in contact with a beam in the barn that was just the right height to strike his nose. Dr. Holt was summoned and reduced the fracture and this, Tuesday morning, was around town.

Miss Ella Groeheny, who is teaching school in the Reese creek district, was doing business with our merchants Saturday.

Professor Suddath, the principal of our school, was called by telegraph, to his father's bedside in Indiana. He is said to be in a very critical condition. Mr. Suddath started Monday afternoon.

J. H. Otter of Medford was a guest at the Sunny Side Saturday night. He has been up on Elk creek the guest of David Pence.

Wm. Moore of Elk creek, who has been working in Klamath county for several months, spent the night with us on his way to visit his father in Ashland.

throw dice, and the two lowest drop out; or, what perhaps would be better, they could request the county judge recently elected to name nine (or any other odd number) of good citizens of Medford; and these nine good citizens could eliminate two of the candidates; the four candidates agreeing, of course, in advance to abide by the decision.

Second Citizen: Yes, something of this kind ought certainly to be done; and I sincerely hope it will be done. Good day. First Citizen: Good day.

WILLOW SPRINGS TWIGLETS

School closed last Friday for the holiday vacation with a short program and Christmas tree at night, which was very successful and pleasing to those present. Much credit is due our faculty for the most successful term in the history of our school, which under the direction of Prof. Sweet has become one of the best in the county. While Prof. Sweet has taken much pride in the high school work he has not forgotten to give attention to lower grades directed by Miss Taylor and Miss Laylor, who have succeeded in arousing an interest that pervades the school and home. Let us all take the spirit and push the good work along. The boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow and citizens of but a day more.

The guardianship of these is entrusted to us, and their future is our immediate responsibility. Let us program ourselves lest we fail. The program was as follows:

- 1—Song, "Sing We Now of Christmas Time"..... The School
2—Recitation—Welcome Speech..... Weida Bean
3—Recitation—"When I Am Big"..... Roland Berkholtz
4—"A Little Word of Kindness"..... Pearly Bean
5—Song and Drill—"Christmas Star"..... The School
6—Recitation—"Christmas Delema"..... Viola Cleveland
7—Recitation—"Little Fishes in the Brook"..... Elsa Bean
8—Recitation—"How We Spent Christmas"..... Frank Dean
9—Song—"Why Don't Parents Visit the School"..... The School
10—Recitation—"Christmas Time"..... Ernest Harris
11—Recitations—"Through the Telephones"..... James Eaton
12—Recitation—"Christmas Carol"..... Herbert Harris
13—Piano Solo..... Miss Ethel Dean
14—Recitation—"Two Little Stockings"..... Russell Harris
15—Recitation—"Seein' Things at Night"..... Ray Kelly
16—Song—"Jolly Old St. Nicholas"..... The School
17—Christmas Carol..... Seven Boys
18—Dialogue—Lost on Xmas Night
19—Vocal Solo—"His Lullaby"..... Miss McNasser
20—Christmas Tree..... The School

The Willow Springs district duly appreciates the Medford market. Last Saturday a number of our residents were busy selling their produce at said place.

The Willow Springs Grange, No. 477, is the recipient of a fine new cabinet, donated by Mr. Hamilton, one of our visiting members.

Corvallis lectured Saturday, Dec. 21, on "Distribution," to an appreciative audience. Mr. Gardner was entertained by Mr. Yierger.

Those shopping in Medford Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie, Mrs. Frank McKee, Mrs. John Sisty, Mrs. H. J. Taylor and many others. It is supposed they were doing their Christmas shopping.

Friday at the school house we will have a local good roads meeting. We hope our enthusiastic boosters will be present and succeed in their efforts.

What might have been a serious accident occurred last week. However none were badly hurt. The pin that held the single tree on the shafts broke and let the horse plunge ahead, dragging Mrs. C. L. over the dashboard onto the ground and leaving Miss Taylor sitting in the buggy. Mr. Thompson assisted them home.

Mr. Sweet will spend his vacation with his family at his ranch near Beagle, and at Salem, where he will visit the state department.

ASBESTOS ITEMS

Stock is doing fine and the grass is better in the mountains than it has been for years.

Ed Houston has gone to Medford after his sister Ida, she will spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Mark Walker just returned from an extended visit at Prospect. He will spend the holidays with his uncle, John Walker, near Houston. Elmer Simmons and Dave Walker have just finished getting in their winter supplies.

Charles Walker has just returned from Medford with a fine lot of holiday goods. Among them was a large jug of beautiful Rogue river water. John Walker has rented his place to Houston & Son. He also sold them his cattle.

There were three chicken thieves came to Jack Houston's the other night. Jack Houston and Sanford Houston tracked them up the next morning and found them in a large hollow oak tree. Sanford with a

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Taft Finishes Canal Inspection

PANAMA, Dec. 26.—With Colonel Goethals and Major General Barry added to his party, President Taft plans to start from here at 6 o'clock this evening on his return to the United States.

It is probable Barry will be the next chief of staff of the army. The president announced today that he was still undecided whether to make Colonel Goethals civil governor of the canal zone. It is understood that Goethals has been offered the position and that he is returning to Washington with the president to ascertain whether he will be able to accept. A decision will not be reached until after the return to Washington of the presidential party.

President Taft this morning inspected the Culebra Cut, and this afternoon returned here, where he will board a special train for Kansas, there to take the Battleship Arkansas for the voyage home.

President Taft's party today attempted to belittle the dynamiting last night of a kiosk in Central avenue shortly after the president had passed the spot en route to a Christmas ball given in his honor. They insist the explosion was in no way connected with the president.

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