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

Population—37,800 (1910—8400, estimated). 1912 census 42,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water, and 17.5 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 19 per cent.

Hannay fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen 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 pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

MORE EXPERTING NEEDED.

THE new county court is to be congratulated upon making a good start in the right direction to give the county an efficient and businesslike administration.

The precautions for public protection, such as increased bonds for officials handling large sums of county money, and the requirement that all appointees be above suspicion, gives the court the united support of the people, regardless of party.

A matter which should be probed to the bottom is the reported shortage in the office of the sheriff, made good by the personal sacrifices of ex-Sheriff Jones.

Mr. Jones himself is above suspicion. He is as honest as the day is long. He is not a bookkeeper nor an accountant, and so foolishly left tax money handling to others in whom he had implicit faith—with a \$21,360 shortage at the end of four years,—a heavy penalty for trusting others.

What became of this \$21,360? Who got it? Of course Jones didn't—a man doesn't steal from himself. Jones has always lived quietly and economically, within his means. He has no bad habits. He has made a good sheriff, quiet, unassuming, diligent. His life record is in his favor—and if reputation can be cashed, as Morgan says, Jones could raise a lot of money—and he has had to.

Other things need explanation. How was the shortage, noted by the expert last April, covered up in July and reported squared up? How were the accounts juggled to hide the discrepancy? Perhaps if this transaction was probed, and it was ascertained how the bank balances and cash were juggled to cover up a \$21,360 shortage, there would be a clue to the missing money and those who got it.

The bank books and the cash records ought to be expected, the expert ought to be expected, and so had all others who handled the money or had access to it.

NEW YEARS ISSUES.

PORTLAND, Salem, Eugene and Medford are the cities in Oregon whose newspapers make a practice of issuing annually the first of January each year, depicting the growth and progress of the state and the respective communities. Many thousands of extra copies of these issues are printed and sent broadcast throughout the nation, doing great service to the state in attracting immigration and development.

Foremost among the annuals ranks the Oregonian, with its 78 pages of illustrations and reading matter. It is undoubtedly a valuable asset to the state and a veritable encyclopedia of information.

First in quantity ranks the Eugene Guard with 88 pages, the largest paper issued in Oregon this year. It is devoted to Eugene and vicinity, its era of railroad building and the state generally.

Better illustrated and printed, though not so large is the Eugene Register with its 48 pages of matter and numerous illustrations. It is also devoted principally to its home city.

The Salem Statesman blossomed out as usual in a 36 page New Years issue, printed on calendared paper with many illustrations, which it calls "the Willamette Valley progress edition" in which the resources and advantages of Salem and the valley are comprehensively set forth.

There is more or less similarity in all these editions. They follow the conventional rut—a mass of dry-as-dust stuff that no one reads enlivened with a scattering of pictures. Next New Years, the Mail Tribune will, if sufficient patronage is forthcoming, break away from the established order and issue, not the biggest, for size defeats its own objects, nor the most wordy, for it won't be read, but the best illustrated, most unique, most original and most distinctive annual ever attempted—which will advertise the community far better than a hundred page collection of ads and words would and show the world at a glance what we are doing.

PANAMA CANAL NEARING COMPLETION.

THE Panama canal, which unites the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific, is almost finished and its completion will be the supreme American achievement of 1913.

President Taft found on his Christmas inspection trip that the six great locks were 70 per cent completed; that the excavation was 95 per cent completed; that the back-filling of the Gatun dam was 93 per cent, the concrete work of the Gatun locks, (Atlantic entrance) 94 per cent, the dam itself 97 per cent and its spillway 94 per cent completed; and the Culebra cut 94 per cent completed.

A correspondent who accompanied the president gives the following description of the canal:

"As the canal looks today—imagine the waters of the Atlantic almost lapping the edges of the Gatun locks, a lake 13 miles long—entirely artificial—to the Culebra cut; then the staggering, dizzy abyss of the 'cut,' another lock at Pedro Miguel, another lake a mile long, two more locks, a muddy channel teeming with dredges and steam shovels, and then four miles of completed canal, filled with the emerald-blue waters of the Pacific. That is the canal as it is today, from Atlantic to Pacific."

At Balboa a large mountain of solid rock, 1200 feet high, is being razed to secure more material for the breakwater. Three islands reaching into the Pacific are being joined by the breakwater. On two are being built concrete forts, for mighty 12-inch guns. On another is the quarantine station, and on the farthest island, the sentinel of the canal in the Pacific, is another fort, precipitous and inaccessible except from the breakwater. Powder magazines are being built, hidden earthworks installed and other fortification work begun.

President Taft was told while in Panama that all working records are being smashed to complete the canal this year and also that the canal, begun in 1904, would be presented complete to the government for about \$365,000,000.

REAR ADMIRAL W. C. COWLES TO BECOME THE COMMANDER OF THE PACIFIC FLEET



REAR ADMIRAL W. C. COWLES.

Rear Admiral Walter C. Cowles, commandant of the Honolulu naval station since December 14, 1910, is to become the commander of the United States Pacific fleet. There is much speculation as to Rear Admiral Cowles' successor.

Westerlund Would Give Half of Fair Appropriation to Building Highway

Representative Westerlund, of Jackson county, considers that the question of the appropriation for the Oregon exhibit at the Panama-Pacific fair at San Francisco and the question of good roads in Oregon are so closely related that, rather than stilt the appropriation for roads, or omit it altogether, he would be in favor of making no provision for an exhibit whatever, says the Portland Oregonian.

Westerlund does not contemplate anything of the sort. He suggests that \$200,000 be appropriated for the Oregon exhibit at San Francisco, \$50,000 for the Oregon exhibit at San Diego, and \$250,000 to be spent on the Pacific highway, between Portland and the California line. "We should have creditable buildings at both expositions, in which all of our products should be fittingly exhibited, and in which all the counties of the state can be given room to exhibit their several resources and advantages," writes Mr. Westerlund, who is one of the very few legislators that thus far taken the San Diego fair into consideration.

Moving Pictures Favored. Like Representative Anderson, of Wasco county, Mr. Westerlund favors, in connection with a state bureau of publicity, a daily moving picture show. He says: "There should be ample and varied pictures of our beautiful scenery, the streets of our cities, public and business buildings, the actual operations of our various industries, lumbering, mining, fruit-growing, agricultural operations, fishing and canning, the various phases of our great grain production in the eastern counties, etc. Last, but not least, there should be views showing the excellent highways which Oregon by that time should have, to be the crowning attraction of this state to thousands of visitors."

"Give us the good roads first," he continued, "and then put forth every inducement, by every practicable form of advertisement, to secure the return trip through Oregon of the tens of thousands of overland automobile tourists who surely will visit the two fairs, to say nothing of the other thousands whom we can reasonably expect to be attracted to this state, and who will come by train."

Boats Best Investment. "If \$250,000 should prove to be not enough to make the Pacific highway a complete and lasting fact, an open door invitation to all tourists, visitors and prospective investors, then I shall be heartily in favor of increasing the appropriation to suit developments. Under rigid and careful expert supervision of state road funds, we can assure ourselves of the best possible results and against extravagant misuse of the money."

Tyranny Drove Labor to Dynamiting Asserts Gompers Before Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Shifting responsibility for alleged dynamiting from the shoulders of the convicted dynamiters to those of the employers, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, made a passionate plea for the enactment of the Clayton bill regulating the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes. Gompers was a witness before the senate judiciary committee, which is conducting hearings on the proposed injunction bill.

Discussing for the first time the trial and conviction of the Ironworkers, Gompers said: "The 'conscientious' tyranny of those who control the hours, wages and conditions of work, and who are in control of legislative and judicial power drove the Ironworkers to dynamiting. For six years this tyranny continued. All the forces of organized society were used against these men, while subtle minds were scheming and plotting, that legal authority and practice might aid in their breaking down."

"You say these men resorted to forbidden methods of violence and even sacrificed lives; you condemn their methods of fighting as elemental. If any of these men are guilty, this condemnation is true, but I ask you where the methods of the employers is less deadly to humanity and freedom? Do you think one side can play with the forces of injustice and tyranny without leading to a defensive movement on the part of the other side?"

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To Exchange: 134 acres in Applegate, good house and barn, 50 acres cleared and in cultivation, good water right, will trade for modern bungalow, with some cash difference.

Ranches in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas to trade for Rogue river valley or Medford property. Store room, 4 room dwelling attached and vacant corner lot in Seattle, 1/2 block from car line, to exchange for vacant lots in suburbs of Medford.

Good acreage near Medford to exchange for stock of merchandise to the value of from \$10,000 to \$10,000.

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277 Dean St., Brooklyn, N. Y. "Gentlemen, I am giving you below a brief history of my case, which I trust you will use for the benefit of those suffering from any similar trouble. About a year and a half ago I noticed that my health was gradually failing, until at the end of six months my weight had fallen to 120 pounds. I was troubled with night sweats, a severe cough, and was very weak, having in fact absolutely no ambition whatever. About this time I consulted a physician, who told me my lungs were affected. Not satisfied I went to another doctor, who after examining me said that I was in the first stages of consumption. At this point I started to take Etkin's Alternative. The night sweats stopped almost immediately, my cough became looser and gradually disappeared. My weight is now 142 pounds and my physician has pronounced me perfectly sound, which, together with the fact that I have been accepted by two different insurance companies for insurance, makes me sure of my entire recovery by Etkin's Alternative. I should be very glad to communicate with any one who would be interested in my case." (Signed) Alfred J. W. Giff.

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DYNAMITE PLANT UNDER A BARN

Grant Harrison, of this city, is thanking providence for the lucky termination of an attempt to wreck his barn by dynamite, says the Gold Hill News. Sunday morning, while choring around the premises, Mr. Harrison noticed a coil of fuse, such as is used in blasting operations, protruding from a dust heap beneath the corner of his barn. Presumably the coil had been scatched out by his chickens. Investigating the coil he discovered that it had been ignited and completely burned, and further search discovered seven sticks of dynamite, carefully packed down and covered by sacking. Apparently the fuse had set off the cap, which was not found, but for some unknown reason the powder had failed to respond. As several heavy frosts have been experienced of late it is thought that the sticks were frozen at the time of the attempt, in which condition it is not infrequently difficult to cause an explosion. Directly above the plant were the stalls of Mr. Harrison's team, and had the apparent plan not miscarried, these would have undoubtedly met death in the complete demolition of the barn. The structure is but a few steps removed from dwelling houses, which would also have been endangered by the terrific blast. The discovery was reported to the authorities, and an investigation will be made to trace the dynamite to its point of sale by the datings which are upon each stick. Mr. Harrison has no opinion to offer as to the perpetrator, stating that no enmity exists to his knowledge that would prompt so cowardly an attempt at reprisal.

UTAH BANKERS BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Operation of the Clearing House association of Salt Lake City and its controversy with the National Copper bank of that city were re-explained to the money trust investigating committee Monday. Five Salt Lake bankers testified.

W. W. Armstrong, president of the National Copper bank, declared his bank had separated from the clearing house when it refused to abide by a ruling forbidding banks to pay interest on open check accounts. He said it cost his bank \$25,000 a year extra to do business outside of the clearing houses. He claimed the clearing house regulated practically all the transactions between the banks and clients, and argued this was in restraint of trade.

GUN CLUB ORGANIZED BY TALENT SPORTSMEN

A number of trap-shooting enthusiasts met at the city hall in Talent Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a gun club. H. M. Gleim was chosen president, Charles M. Anderson, vice-president and G. W. Ager secretary and treasurer. A suitable constitution and by-laws were drawn up and adopted. The club will hold monthly shoots on the first Saturday afternoon of each month and suitable trophies will be offered to members making the highest percentages during the series of shoots in 1913. January 11 was selected as the day for the first shoot.