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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—8546; estimated, 1912—10,000.

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 15 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzbergen apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the West" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowne won First Prize in 1910.

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 Newtowne.

JACKSON COUNTY BILLS LIKELY TO CARRY IN HOUSE

SALEM, Jan. 20.—The road bill, H. B. 13 introduced by C. L. Reames permitting counties to contract bonded indebtedness for road building will probably pass the house. A similar bill, however, being senate bill No. 12, by Barrett, will probably be passed by the senate and the two committees on roads and highways will then probably pick out the best points in the two and likely re-write the measure that is passed. Mr. Reames does not care particularly who gets the credit for passing the bond measure, just so one is passed. It looks as though his bill had a chance to go through at this time.

Reames introduced a bill which has been reported favorably by the judiciary committee and which will be voted upon by the house probably today and it will, no doubt, become a law. This bill amends section 7348 of the code. Under the old law if a man died without leaving a will or making testamentary disposition of his property, it descended, first, to the children and, if there were none, then to the husband or wife, as the case might be, and, if there were no children, nor husband, nor wife, then the property went to the father to the exclusion of the mother; and, if there was no father, then the property went one-half to the mother and one-half to the brothers and sisters. The bill amends this so as to put the mother on an equal footing with the father and provides that she inherit equally with him.

The county school supervisory law being Howard's bill to repeal the act creating county school supervisors will be reported back with an adverse recommendation from the committee on education. Howard will bring in a minority report and the vote will be very close. The entire Jackson and Douglas delegations will vote to repeal the law.

WOLGAST DUE HERE AGAIN ON SATURDAY

Mose Barkdull has received a letter from Ad Wolgast stating that he will stop over here Saturday to renew negotiations for an 800-acre ranch that he is figuring on buying.

Wolgast states that, despite the fact that this valley was covered with snow while he was here, he has seen nothing better around Portland and may conclude to buy here.

COMPROMISE AVERTS NEW HAVEN STRIKE

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—A strike of 10,000 shop employees on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, was averted today by the men accepting a 7 per cent increase. They had asked a 15 per cent wage increase and better working conditions.

NOT A POLITICAL FOOTBALL.

WHATEVER changes the new administration makes, it is to be hoped that the public market will be left undisturbed under the present management.

The market has been an unqualified success and has materially reduced the cost of living in Medford as well as helped the farmer market his produce. The first year was, of course the most trying time, for it was necessary to do a great deal of skirmishing to keep a proper supply of produce on hand.

The success of the market is due in no small degree to the efficient management given by Marketmaster Runyon. In other hands, it might have been a failure. He has, however, made it popular with both producer and consumer.

Friends of the market believe its success is of such great moment to the community that it should not be made a political football to be kicked about as a reward for political services. Mayor Eifert will make a popular move to leave the market as it is.

IMPROVE HOSPITAL ROAD.

THE attention of municipal authorities is respectfully called to the condition of the road from Main street to the Sacred Heart hospital—which is practically impassable at this season of the year.

The hospital is one of our most worthy, perhaps the most worthy of our institutions. Since its establishment, none of the afflicted have ever been turned away. At the present time, and this is no exception to the rule, sixty per cent or more of the patients are cared for and treated free.

Humanitarian considerations, the necessity of prompt service for the ill, the inconvenience and danger of delay, the actual hardship involved for all concerned, makes a good highway necessary.

The hospital sisters have already made a very large investment. The hospital is operated at an actual loss, so that it is out of the question for them to undertake to construct this road.

The city should do it—the cost is comparatively trifling, and the benefits to be derived great. There is no good reason why the city shouldn't do it, and do it at once.

Consolidation, Not Supervision, Is Solution of County School Problem

Judge Tou Velle has received the following letter on the school situation:

Dear Sir: I have read with great interest the discussion in the Medford papers on the subject of "Cost of Supervision" of the schools of the county. Would hereby tender you a few words of approval of the stand you take.

The county superintendent with his assistants are evidently looking out for their own jobs, but think they can do the county more good in the capacity of teachers in the rural districts. The system as advocated by the county school board has in view the improvement of the rural school but this is directly opposed to the actual trend as shown by the eastern states.

The consolidated county high school or graded school is the solution of the problem and it is certainly a waste of money to build five or eight nice district schools when one school with five or more grades situated in the center of the township will fill all requirements and be patronized by the wealthy as well as by the poor.

The school house built last summer between Central Point and Medford may be used as an example.

A number of pupils residing in this district will pass this new school and attend Medford or Central Point schools for the reason of better efficiency and better grading. Now would it not be economy for all the scholars to be taken by a conveyance to a central school.

It is a matter of fact that in all eastern states schools are being consolidated, and Jackson county will fall in line sooner or later.

The parcels post was opposed by many people yet it already has become popular, the same will hold good in regard to rural schools as opposed to consolidated township schools.

We are almost a unit in supporting your system of economy and wish you success.

E. C. FABER.

BOOM VON DER HELLEN AS NEXT GOVERNOR

The Sunday Oregonian's Salem correspondent launches a boom for Senator Von der Hellen for governor as follows:

Friends of Senator Von der Hellen, of Weller, Jackson county, have also suggested the possibility of his becoming a republican factor in the gubernatorial race. Senator Von der Hellen lives on a ranch near Weller, is interested in a bank and is considered a strong man in that community.

Senator Von der Hellen has not expressed himself as being a probable candidate, nor has he made a statement in this regard, but a number of his friends both in and out of the legislature have stated that he would make a strong showing if he got into the race.

DUBLIN YOUTH HELD FOR STEALING STOCKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Following cable instructions from Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, that he be taken into custody on the charge of embezzling stocks valued at \$1,164 belonging to Walter Murphy of Dublin, Patrick Joseph Kirwan, dapper Dubliner, is under arrest here today. It is claimed he deserted Dublin immediately after disposing of the stock. He was a graduate of Belvedere College, Dublin, and his father was formerly president of the First National Bank of that place.

Kirwan will go today to the Alameda county jail to be held until arrangements are made for his return to Ireland.

NAUGHTY MARIETTA AT PASS JANUARY 22

"Naughty Marietta," a comic opera in two acts, with music by Victor Herbert, and book by Rida Johnson Young, who laid her scenes in New Orleans more than a century ago, will be one of the foremost musical attractions coming here this season. It will be presented by Oscar Hammerstein, who announces the appearance of Florence Webber, his newest vocal phenomenon, who will be supported by a company of sixty vocalists. In addition, a special orchestra will be carried, so that the many beauties of the music will be realized.

There are 29 song hits in "Naughty Marietta," which comes to the Grants Pass opera house Wednesday, January 22.

BATTLE WITH HOODLUMS OVER A STREET CAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Splitting open the head of W. G. Byers, streetcar inspector, with an iron bar, cutting Mrs. De Freese, a passenger over the eye with a bottle and battling with passengers and crew, 50 toughs, returning from a dance tried to demolish a car in the heart of the Fillmore street business section, and today a man giving the name of Mahan, said to be ringleader of the gang is in jail. More arrests are expected.

The toughs boarded the car several blocks from the scene of the pitched battle and threatened bodily harm to all interfering with them. Finally attacking the car crew, they forced the latter to fight against great odds until the arrival of 20 other carmen who put the hoodlums to flight.

JUDGE WHO CONDUCTED DYNAMITE TRIAL AND ONE OF THE CONVICTED LEADERS



JUDGE A. B. ANDERSON.



PATRICK FARRELL.

Judge Albert B. Anderson conducted the famous dynamite trial at Indianapolis, Ind., at which thirty-three labor chiefs were sentenced for from one to seven years for conspiracy in the transportation of dynamite. Patrick F. Farrell, secretary-treasurer of the Ironworkers' District Council of New York, was one of those whose sentence Judge Anderson suspended.

The Relation of Insurance to the Development of a Great State

Written for the Daily Mail Tribune by Col. E. Hofer, Editor of The Oregon Manufacter.

No great city was ever built up without becoming the home of one or more great life insurance companies. This is true of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Milwaukee and Portland. The money annually sent out of Oregon for life insurance amounts to \$2,500,000. This stream of wealth was never even checked until the Oregon Life Insurance company was organized at Portland seven years ago, and which now has over six million dollars policies in force, with total death losses in seven years of only \$55,663. No such record of death losses, none of them due to climatic conditions, was ever made by any insurance company in the world, and proves that Oregon has a wonderfully healthful climate, as well as careful selection of risks by the company referred to. Yet our people go on sending out of the state two and a half million dollars annually for what they can furnish better here at home than anywhere in the world.

The wonderful record of Oregon Life is being duplicated by the Pacific States Fire Insurance company of Portland. As no great financial centers can be built up without well managed life insurance companies, no great states can be developed without successful fire insurance organizations. One of the greatest assets of states like Iowa, Massachusetts, Connecticut and California are their strong, well conducted fire insurance companies. According to the Insurance Commissioners' report just published Oregon is sending away ten thousand dollars each working day in the year for fire insurance. Only about nine per cent is carried by home companies, and yet the loss ratio of Oregon is the lowest of any state in the Union. All territory west of the Rocky Mountains has a low ratio of fire losses but Oregon is the lowest and hence a well-managed fire insurance company in Oregon must be very profitable due largely to a climate free from ex-

trêmes of heat and cold and a high class of average citizenship and good business men and women. A fire insurance company like a life insurance company is fortunate in having men of high personal character at its head. F. E. Beach, president and manager of the Pacific States Fire Insurance company has been a successful business man in Oregon for forty years. For twenty years he has been connected with the insurance business and he has made a life-long study of the financial side of the fire insurance business. Like the Oregon Life, his company reinvests all the money put into it in the Pacific northwest. The Pacific states has twelve hundred stockholders all residing in the Pacific northwest, while the stockholders in Oregon Life are all residents of Oregon. In the conservation of the wealth and the resources of the state and in building the ideal commonwealth and its metropolis we should pay some attention to these matters and be just as careful about sending our money out of the state for what we can get better here, as we would be about sending it to Africa or Asia where we might never see it again. I cannot conceive of a better way to enrich the state than by keeping a larger volume of fire insurance premiums at home, especially when the money thus accumulated is put into buildings like the new Hamell Hotel at Albany, or a fine steel building at Salem. This appeal is made to Oregon people to stand by Oregon institutions that are well managed and by men of the highest class and standing in the business community. There is no industry that accumulates wealth so rapidly as the fire insurance business, and the record of the Pacific States Fire Insurance company is so phenomenal in this respect that the most conservative citizens are among its stockholders, and the duty of Oregon people is to cast their influence after careful investigation on the side of enterprises that build up and enrich the state.

County School Supervision

There is but one point in County Judge F. R. Tou Velle's reply to the county educational board which I deem needs answering, and that is merely a matter of figures. By an acrobatic feat in the use of figures he makes it appear that county supervision cost \$3.85 per pupil enrolled. He arrives at this estimate by dividing the total cost of school supervision, approximately \$5000.00 by the number of pupils enrolled in the two smallest of the three supervisory districts. The whole number of pupils enrolled in the county for 1911-12 was 5239. The amount spent for county supervision, including expenses and clerk hire was \$4700.00, or a cost of 89 cents per capita.

While districts of the first class (Medford and Ashland) are not included in either of the three supervisory districts, the county superintendent has a large amount of work in connection with these schools. County, state, and high school funds are apportioned by this office, the latter being made once each month. Census reports are received, checked, and compiled. Monthly statistical reports from all the schools in these cities are checked and compiled each month. All contracts, certificates, diplomas, etc., are registered here. Eighth grade final examinations are given through this office. The county superintendent has organized and conducted spelling and arithmetic contests for the county which have been participated in by the Ashland and Medford schools.

But there are three supervisory districts outside of Medford and Ashland, in which there were enrolled for the school year 1911-12 2790

pupils. Counting one-half of the county superintendent's time as given to supervision, and other half to the administrative duties of his office, county supervising cost \$1.27 per pupil, not counting time for Medford or Ashland. But even by placing the most liberal construction possible on the term "supervision," and counting the whole cost against the three supervisory districts outside of Medford and Ashland, the cost is but \$1.70 per pupil enrolled, instead of \$3.85 as stated by Mr. Tou Velle.

Mr. Tou Velle's statement that I was glad enough to hold the office of county school superintendent for two terms at \$1000.00 per year is simply another one of his errors. I held the office for less than one term at that salary.

J. PERCY WELLS.

(Judge Tou Velle states that Mr. Wells' own figures show 1377 pupils in Jackson county in the county schools, outside the incorporated cities. The county treasurer's records show in 1912, \$1800 paid Wells, \$283 paid Mrs. Wells, \$2640 paid two supervisors, \$200 paid Wells for expenses and monthly bills for expenses which brings the total cost of supervision over \$5000 or \$3.85 per pupil.)

Mail Tribune's classified ads bring results.

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

OLGA STEEB SCORES PORTLAND TRIUMPH

(Sunday's Oregonian)

"Olga Steeb, pianist gave an enjoyable recital, affording artistic pleasure, in the Multnomah Hotel ballroom Friday morning under the direction of Eugene Keuster. It was at first understood that Miss Steeb was to give no more piano recitals in this city prior to her concert tour of California and Europe, but requests were made to her by her friends that she should play once more in Portland and she consented. Never did she play more brilliantly and she stamped every pianistic offering with positive genius. The Oregonian has often commended Miss Steeb's artistry, her fine personality and general all-around ability as a first-class artist, and this morning there is no need to change this opinion."

Miss Steeb will be heard in Medford on Friday night, January 24, when she gives a recital at the Natorium under the auspices of the Greater Medford club.

TEN STAMP MILL FOR ORIOLE MINE AT GALICE

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 20.—A ten-stamp mill for the Oriole mine will be one of the first mining developments of the season, the machinery for this improvement having been ordered for installation as soon as the weather will permit its hauling from the railroad to Galice.

J. C. Mattison, manager of the property, was in the city the past week concluding the arrangements for the spring work at the Oriole, and from him are learned the plans of the company for the future mining of the ore at home. For the past five years the Oriole has been a shipper, sending many carloads of its best ore to the Tacoma smelter.

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