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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—3840; estimated, 1912—10,000.

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

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 20, 1911, show increase of 19 per cent.

Banner 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 Newtown 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 Newtown.

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

KLAMATH COUNTY'S WRANGLE.

OF great local interest is the fight being waged in Klamath Falls over the county court and its highway expenditures.

County Judge W. S. Worden was elected two years ago pledged to a program of road construction. In the past two years, approximately half a million dollars has been spent and some of the finest highways and bridges in the state constructed.

Under the outgrown Oregon laws, the only way such an expenditure could be made was by means of county warrants, bonds being forbidden. This naturally sent warrants below par, as the same operations sent them below par in Jackson county.

The grand jury severely censured the county court for its methods and expenditures. Jackson county court also had many critics—yet improvements cost money and no way has yet been devised for securing them without.

In reply Judge Worden has issued a lengthy statement in which he alleges a political and financial conspiracy on the part of Weyerhaeuser and other great timber interests, to stop county work to escape taxation, and on the part of the First National bank and the American Bank and Trust company of Klamath Falls, to secure financial control of Klamath county.

To accomplish these aims, he alleges, attempts were made to intimidate him into resigning by threats of indictments and a promise by bankers that they could stop threatened proceedings because they controlled the grand jury. Failing to secure desired results, recall petitions have been placed in circulation.

The bankers on the other hand declare that they are simply interested in stopping extravagance in time to prevent bankruptcy and that they consider Judge Worden incompetent.

Fights of this kind hurt both the cause of good roads and the community. Klamath Falls has ever been a community divided against itself and it had been hoped by all well-wishers that it had outgrown the factional differences which have for years dwarfed the growth of the community.

Klamath was beginning to be famous for its fine roads, and they have all been built by Judge Worden. That is all the outside public knows and the outside public hopes the good work he began will be carried rapidly on, whoever is county judge.

FOR A STATE BUDGET.

A COMMENDABLE measure before the legislature is the budget bill, introduced by Representative Carkin. A total of \$8,387,819 appropriations is being considered by the ways and means committee—and all legislation is held up in consequence.

This bill provides that all state commissions, boards, and other officers, wanting appropriations, must make an itemized list of them and file them with the secretary of state sixty days before the session; and that he must compile this and give it to the members of the legislature and to the governor thirty days before the session begins. This would relieve the congestion in legislation a great deal and the uncertainty as to appropriation bills, for the ways and means committee would be able to start in the first of the session and investigate the needs of the several institutions and, from this budget presented to them, trim the appropriations down and introduce them in the house and senate the first week or two of the session instead of waiting until the last week as has been customary heretofore.

This bill has been advocated and approved by Governor West and meets with the unanimous approval of the appropriation committee of the house. It will go a long way to get the appropriations into a uniform budget that can be put intelligently to the legislature for its action.

The small accomplishments of the legislature, now nearing its close, with nearly a thousand bills to consider and less than a hundred voted upon, is due largely to the lack of method and system in handling appropriations.

The city council in special session Tuesday evening, with George H. Miller, socialist, voting no, passed a resolution calling for a special election to vote bonds in an amount of \$20,000 for a new armory in the city.

The county is expected to appropriate \$20,000 and the state \$40,000, making \$80,000 available for the building.

The election will be held February 26.

The council also ordered the expediting of the city's books and the installation of a new system. Expert Accountant Wann is given the work.

HOUSE PASSES BILL FOR DESCHUTES SURVEY

SALEM, Feb. 12.—The house today passed the bill introduced by Representative Abbott appropriating \$30,000 for a survey of the Deschutes river. Congress has been asked to appropriate a like amount. The proposed survey of the river is for the purpose of ascertaining the possibilities of water power and irrigation projects.

JOPLIN BOYS CONFESS TO MURDERING MAN

JOPLIN, Mo., Feb. 12.—Confession to the murder of Philip Burton, a local popcorn vander, numerous robberies and several holdups on the part of seven young Joplin boys, has been made to the police today in a signed statement from Chas. Underhill, 18, leader of the "gang." Underhill declared he and another boy shot and killed Burton when the latter resisted being held up.

The youth's confession followed the arrest of Clyde Howe and Jesse White, each 16 years old, on a burglary charge.

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School Supervision as Seen by a Former State Superintendent

To the Editor: Having had considerable experience in school supervision and educational work, I wish to say that I approve of your stand in regard to this question.

First, school supervision should have some definite end in view, and should cover a period of years under the one supervisor. One can delegate office work for that is largely a matter of routine, but I cannot see how a county or state superintendent can delegate supervision.

Supervision, like teaching, is not only a matter of experience, education and fitness, but is very largely a matter of personality.

To unify the schools of a county and bring them to the highest standard of efficiency one must have intimate and personal knowledge of each school, its teacher, and the neighborhood, know the strength and weakness of each.

Supervision should be a prominent feature in the certification and placing of teachers and that should be wholly in the hands of the superintendent.

As I take it it is not supervision that you object to but the delegation of a duty inherent to the superintendency. As to a district or even a village attempting high school work is apparently absurd to an educator that it needs no answer, but to those who have not investigated the subject, I would say: No one can handle a district school and do it justice and attempt the high school work. It takes apparatus and teachers especially trained to efficiently teach the high school branches. Every progressive state is now advocating the central high school and in many states the centralization of all schools is being tried with growing satisfaction.

That the brave endure, must have made foes. If he has none, small is the good that he has done.

He's struck no cup from perjured lip, He's caught no evil on the lip, He's never turned a wrong to right, He's been a coward in the fight."

But like Wilson and La Follette take the people with your confidence and they will be with you, for it is their fight, and they will follow their leader.

Wishing you success. Very sincerely, LAURA J. ALMING, Medford, R. F. D., Feb. 7, 1913.

To Revive Live Stock Industry in Rogue River Valley

To the Editor: Believing that everyone in the Rogue river valley is in a receptive state of mind toward any proposition tending to put our local agriculture on a basis of permanent prosperity, the writer begs to present through your valued paper the idea of a co-operative livestock association for the Rogue river valley.

The writer makes no pretense of being a practical stockman, but believes that we have here conditions in many respects highly favorable for the production of beef, mutton, pork and dairy products. Some of these conditions are: 1. A considerable area of land adapted for alfalfa, which, with irrigation, would produce a tonnage far greater than is now produced. 2. A mild winter climate. 3. Good and reasonably accessible summer range.

A co-operative association, such as the writer has in mind, would have as its general aim the promotion and fostering of the livestock and dairy industries in every conceivable way. Some of its specific aims might be: 1. The gradual introduction into the valley of better breeding stock of all classes. 2. Co-operative sale, and perhaps purchase of livestock in outside markets. 3. The development of a satisfactory credit arrangement for the advantage of members. 4. Protection against introduction of infectious diseases and against all depredators involving livestock.

Such an organization, though perhaps started in a very modest way, would require in order to reach its highest efficiency and value, a competent stockman as manager and an impartial and active board of directors. By a system of weekly telephone reports the manager would be constantly in touch with every member and as the market warranted and stock was ready for market he would collect, grade and market the various

classes in carloads or as the occasion might demand. Purchase and distribution of stock among members desiring to feed would also be one of his functions. His office would be a clearing house for transactions between members.

In the spring livestock belonging to members, each creature bearing the association brand in addition to the owner's mark, might be collected, driven to the range and held there by the association's riders, thus minimizing the expense per head. In the fall would come the grading and marketing of everything returned from the range except such stuff as owners might retain.

Careful grading and strict adherence to the best business ethics should establish for Rogue river livestock shipments a name analogous to that enjoyed by Rogue river peas and apples.

Some of the effects of such a rehabilitation of the livestock industry here would be: Outside money in circulation; a better balance of business conditions, year in and year out; better maintenance of soil fertility; an outlet for quantities of alfalfa and other forage crops. Irrigation would then come into its own for overproduction, at least in forage crops would be unlikely. Indeed irrigation is essential for the maximum success of such an enterprise for there must be certainty of winter feed.

Argument is hardly necessary to show that the beneficial effects of such a development would be felt by every individual in the Rogue river valley.

Should this communication be favorably received the writer hopes that an organization meeting may be held to initiate such a movement, even in a very limited way.

RALPH W. ELDEN.

Irrigation, Historical and Instructive Facts

By F. H. Walker, C. E.

(Continued from Monday.) Irrigation has been practiced for a great many years, in many sections and where properly handled, no wearing out, or other injurious effects are to be noticed.

WHERE TO GO TONIGHT

ISIS THEATRE VAUDEVILLE

JAMES AND STERLING Singing, Dancing and Sidewalk Patter

Photo Plays Tuesday and Wednesday THE CROOKED PATH A Story of the Underworld in Two Reels

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TOO BAD we can't let you in on the secret yet, but it's so good that you will relish it all the more when we spread the glad tidings. Within the next two weeks we are going to make an announcement that will not only wild with enthusiasm and will convince you that the Star Theater means progressiveness in photo play accessories.

Matinees Daily, 2 to 5 p. m. ADMISSION, 5c AND 10c

Auction Sale of Acreage

The undersigned has decided to make another auction sale of 2 1/2 to 5 acre tracts in the Pierce Subdivision between the 15th day of April and the 15th of March.

Since my sale last March much improvement has been done in this locality, positive evidence that this is the preferable location for building suburban homes.

Two nice homes and a number of smaller ones have been built this past summer and fall. Building is now going on in this neighborhood; a new free rural delivery now passes through the Pierce Subdivision. An electric power and light line has recently been constructed. With good roads, free soil and city water, a home here is a little ranch in the city.

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MESSAGE TO WOMEN

Who Are "Just Ready To Drop." When you are "just ready to drop," when you feel so weak that you can hardly drag yourself about—and because you have not slept well, you get up as tired-out next morning as when you went to bed, you need help.

Miss Lea Dumas writes from Maline, N. Y., saying: "I was in a badly run-down condition for several weeks but two bottles of Vinol put me on my feet again and made me strong and well. Vinol has done me more good than all the other medicine I ever took."

If the careworn, run-down women, the pale, sickly children and feeble old folks around here would follow Miss Dumas' example, they, too, would soon be able to say that Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron remedy, had built them up and made them strong.

It is a wonderful strength creator and body-builder, and we sell it under a guarantee of satisfaction. You get your money back if Vinol does not help you. Medford Pharmacy, Medford, Ore.

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of drainage, and the careless use of water. Good deep drainage of land, even if water is used carelessly and extravagantly, would largely, if not completely remove waterlogging. The same good deep drainage would likewise largely eliminate the cause for complaint against an injurious deposit of alkali, if the land in question chance to be in a district where either the water or the soil contained a sufficient amount of alkali to eventually cause trouble.

If the water contains alkali it will