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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—8840; estimated, 1912—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving first 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.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitznberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a ear of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910.

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.

JOAQUIN MILLER POET OF SIERRAS DEAD AT OAKLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Joaquin Miller, died Monday afternoon in Oakland. His daughter, Juanita, and wife were with him. Miller died in his one-room cabin which he built with his own hands in Piedmont Hills many years ago. Death came slowly to the venerable poet, who became unconscious Thursday after a lingering illness which began two years ago when he was stricken with paralysis.

Since then, though he has worked at times, he rarely ventured from "The Heights," as he called his retreat. Since his collapse Thursday he has gained consciousness several times. This morning he realized he could not survive the day. At noon life was barely discernible and three hours later the end came. Miller was one of the most picturesque characters in the literary world of the United States in his day. He was born from Scotch-American parents in the Wabash district of Indiana, November 10, 1842. He was scarcely ten years old when his father emigrated to Oregon, then a wild and sparsely settled country. He received but little education and lived a wild and adventurous life. Three years later Miller, then a boy of 13, left home to try his fortune in California.

Very little of a reliable nature is known of Young Miller's life during the seven years he roamed aimlessly through the wilds of northern California and southern Oregon. Gold-diggers, lumbermen and trappers, Indians and outlaws were his companions. When he became a "squaw man," sharing the tent of a young Indian woman whose tribe he had joined, he lost caste with the white men altogether.

After his return to his home in Oregon he began to study law in the office of George H. Williams at Eugene, Ore. The following year he became an express messenger in the gold mining districts of Idaho, which position he resigned to become the editor of the Democratic Register, a weekly newspaper in Eugene, Ore.

He was well known and had no difficulty in finding papers or magazines eager to print and liberally pay for his prose and poetry. In 1873 he published a volume under the title, "Songs of the Sun Lands," and a prose volume, entitled, "Life Among the Modocs: Unwritten History." Since then he has published more than twenty books, poems, novels, essays and plays. Of the latter, "The Danites" and "49" became quite popular. The last years of his life he spent on his estate, "The Heights," near Diamond, Cal.

BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT SAILS FOR MEXICAN COAST

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—With 1,020 marines aboard, the battleship Connecticut sailed from the Brooklyn navy yard for Guantanamo, Cuba today. Seven hundred other marines left the navy yard and took a special train for Philadelphia where they will board a transport. All are equipped for active service.

A LOCAL AFFAIR.

AMONG the measures that have passed the house and are now before the senate, is a bill providing for the construction, operation, maintenance and disposal, by the state of Oregon, of the irrigation project in Crook county, known as the Columbia Southern project, and appropriating \$500,000 for the work.

The state has never heretofore entered the irrigation business—though perhaps there is no reason why it should not. However, the Carey act provides a way whereby dry districts can secure for themselves irrigation projects.

This irrigation scheme directly benefits only a small portion of the state. Indirectly, of course, it benefits the entire state, for whatever aids one section, benefits all.

But if the state is going into the reclamation business it should not play favorites. A hundred localities need assistance in constructing irrigation systems. Many other projects, besides the Columbia Southern, do not rest upon a sufficiently sound commercial basis to attract private capital and are not of sufficient magnitude to interest federal authorities. If the precedent is once established of state constructed irrigation projects, there will be a never-ending drain upon the treasury—and the best wire-pullers in the legislature will get the coin.

It is a question whether the state is authorized to go into enterprises of this kind. The supreme court held that the Crater Lake national park was a "local affair," and therefore it enjoined the state from constructing a highway to make it accessible. If a national park is a local affair, how much more so is a Crook county irrigation scheme that interests and benefits only a comparatively few farmers?

THE SENATE SHOWS APPRECIATION.

SENATOR VON DER HELLEN'S popularity among his associates at Salem was attested in an unusual way early Sunday morning, after the hands of the clock had been set back. The Portland Oregonian contains this account of the proceedings:

"During the wee small hours when the senate was cleaning up its final strokes on the calendar, one of the bills coming up had been introduced by Von der Hellen, providing for a millage tax for the Ashland normal school, the bill to be submitted to the people.

"The senator from Jackson county was accorded a pleasant surprise when, one after another, the senators, including President Malarkey, Senators Moser, Day, Joseph and others, rose to their feet and began eulogizing the author of the bill. They declared that if for no other reason than the fact that it was introduced by the senator from Jackson they would vote for it and they elaborated upon his qualities as a man and as a legislator."

Senator Von der Hellen possesses the courtly, polished manners of the gentlemen of the "old school"—rarely seen in this commercial age. In addition he uses excellent judgment in considering measures and is staunch for his convictions. He is not a politician in any sense of the word, but a legislator of high type.

The senators were right. It is a pleasure to know Senator Von der Hellen and his presence in the senate is an honor to Jackson county.

WEST'S LACK OF "DIGNITY."

SEVERAL exchanges, which never see anything commendable in Governor West, are deploring his "lack of dignity" in striking a defaming newspaper reporter. If it was not a dignified act it certainly was a very human one. Dignity as used in this sense, means loftiness of style, impressiveness, stateliness, a purely external and superficial characteristic—a mannerism.

This mannerism is cultivated by every sort of a quack and fraud that preys upon humanity. Dignity is a commercial asset that every imposter utilizes.

There never was a pious fraud robbing widows and orphans, a sanctimonious hypocrite stealing pennies off the eyes of the dead, a platitudinous statesman selling out his constituency, a patriot buccaneer of finance making his country walk the plank, a captain of industry wrecking rivals, corrupting courts and buying legislators, that did not fairly exude dignity at every pore.

Dignity is as often a mask to cover crooks, a front to hide frauds, a pompousness to conceal shallowness as it is a stamp of native nobility, in fact, far more often, for the fine character does not stoop to dissimulation and is careless of opinion.

Governor West is honest, sincere and tries to do right and as long as he does, his lack of frock coat urbanity and stuffed pomposity and puffed-up pug-dog importance will be overlooked, along with other human frailties.

A Shetland Pony Free

Every school boy and girl in the state will be delighted to know that they are going to have an opportunity again this year to win a Shetland pony at the state fair. The Portland Union Stock Yards company are giving the pony and it will be a nice one. Nothing in all the prize list at the state fair last year attracted anything like the attention that the Shetland ponies did.

This pony will be given to the boy or girl who makes the best exhibit of livestock at the state fair next fall. That exhibit must consist of at least one trio or pen of chickens or ducks, two pigs and a sheep. The boys and girls who compete for the pony will have an opportunity to compete for several other valuable prizes also. In the poultry contest there will be good prizes for the winning trio of each breed; M. M. Garrison offers \$5.00 cash to the boy or girl making the largest and best exhibit of poultry; the State Poultry association gives a fine cup for the best pen of birds

(one male and four females); "Poultry Life" also gives a fine cup for which they can compete; Hanser Bros. give an air gun to the child raising the most poultry by June 1st; and the Northwest Poultry Journal gives a year's subscription to every prize winner in the poultry department; the boy who fits and shows the best sheep will get a good cash prize and the one who does the best in the pig feeding contest, feeding and exhibiting two pigs and furnishing an account of same, showing cost, profit, etc., will receive a liberal prize which we will tell you all about in another story, and in the prize list which will soon be published. The total value of prizes offered the children at the state fair this year will be over \$3000.

Now boys and girls don't you think it will pay you to try to win this pony and some of the other prizes above mentioned, all of which you can compete for while trying for the pony. Get busy with your chickens, pigs, lambs and gardens.

KAISER'S ONLY DAUGHTER TO BECOME THE BRIDE OF A BRUNSWICK PRINCE



PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE Prince Ernst August, only daughter of the German Emperor and Empress, is engaged to Prince Ernst August, son of the Duke of Cumberland.

Joaquin Miller's Last Poem

Joaquin Miller's last poem was written last Friday morning when he realized that death was near.

"This is my last message to the world," Miller told his wife. He handed her pieces of paper on which he had pencilled the following lines:

"At Final Parting"
"Could I but teach men to believe,
"Could I but make small men to grow,
"To break trail spider webs that weave
"About their thews and bind them low,
"Could I but sing one song and lay
"Grim doubt; I then could go my way
"Untroubled, glad, serene,
"But, Ah, this disbelief, this doubt
"Thou doubt of God, this doubt of good,
"This damned spot will not out,
"Wouldst learn to know one little flower,
"Its perfume, perfect form and hue;
"Yea, wouldst thou have one perfect hour
"Of all the years that come to you?
"Then grow as God hath planted, grow
"A lordly oak or daisy low,
"As He hath set His garden; be
"Just what thou art, or grass or tree,
"Thy treasures up in Heaven laid
"Await thy sure ascending soul
"Life after life—be not afraid!"

WOMEN INVADE WILSON'S OFFICE

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 18.—Fearing him to push his way through their ranks in order to reach his office, two thousand suffragettes took possession of the state house today in a fruitless endeavor to have a "chit" with President-elect Wilson.

On account of the stress of business Wilson's "open office door" policy has been suspended for several days and the order was not veiled for the suffragettes.

The band was headed by Dr. Anna Shaw. They waved "votes for women" flags.

MOUNTED MEXICANS RAID BORDER FARMERS

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 18.—Bands of armed and mounted Mexicans crossed the border at West Alpine, Texas, today and raiding the Hancock, Haley and Wilson ranches, took many horses and a great quantity of supplies. Sheriff Walton at the head of a large posse is pursuing the bandits, who are believed still to be on Texas soil.

It was reported today that a band of Mexican rebels crossed the border at Hachita, N. M., last night and stole a rapid-fire gun from a detachment of American troops. Officers at Fort Bliss declare the story absurd.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—The "glory of the seas" once a famous clipper ship in the China trade, is to be converted into a floating cold storage plant, for use in storing halibut in icy Strait.

SENATE REFUSES TO ABOLISH NAVAL MILITIA

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—The senate has today defeated a senate bill introduced by Senator Dimick abolishing the Oregon naval militia. The administration of the militia will remain the same as formerly.

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