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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—5549; estimated, 1912—10,000.

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, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910.

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.

OUR MORAL REFORM WAVE.

MEDFORD is an orderly and well behaved city, as cities go. It averages up well in decency with any community of its size. There has not been one arrest a week recently.

Morally the city is probably as clean as it possible to keep it. If scarlet women ply their trade, it is clandestinely and spasmodically. They come and they go as they always have and always will, as long as the single standard is preached and the double standard is practised.

The social evil problem is as old as humanity and its solution one of its puzzles. It exists because of human nature and civilization's hypocrisy. Education and a change in society's standards alone can help remedy it—and it cannot cure the evil.

Medford, along with other communities, has its share of zealous and well meaning individuals, intent upon the reform of their fellow citizens and their purification. Periodically they are inspired anew to clean up the city. Their efforts are well meant and aid materially in scattering and keeping under cover that which would otherwise be flaunted publicly.

The American reformer who loves trouble cannot distinguish between vice and crime—it is apt to be all crime to him. A drink of beer is as much a crime as burglary, and he views all the puzzling problems of humanity with the same narrowed vision. With mere edict of law he would change human nature in the twinkling of a second to conform to his own standards.

The Medford purifiers in their latest attack on the hosts of Satan, made many wild accusations, but neglected to verify their charges by substantial proof. When asked for proof, they fell back upon "common fame" as sufficient proof. Investigation showed the charges baseless.

"Common fame" means nothing more nor less than street gossip or in other words, scandal mongering. "Common fame" justifies the burning of the Salem witches. "Common fame" had Bud Anderson dead. "Common fame" is the cause of half the quarrels and bad-feelings that distract humanity and tunes the choir of discord.

But "common fame" is not evidence. Every one is guaranteed his day in court by the constitution, and "common fame" cannot deprive him of it. It cannot convict any one in any court where justice holds the balance.

Reformers usually cultivate only their destructive tendencies. Some of their energies could as usefully be applied to up-building as to tearing down.

Mutton Leg Skirt the Full Fashion

NEW YORK, July 18.—You are due to don a mutton leg skirt this fall. Perhaps you'll feel a trifle sheepish in one at first but the National Tailors' Association have wished it on you if you would be swagger.

It's really quite a lamb of a skirt, cut two inches above the waist in the back and at the waist line in the front. Plain, down to two inches below the hips, it a box-pleated from there on down to two inches below the knee and thence plain again to the finish. Developed in shepherd's plaid it is just the thing for the trotter suit—sheep-trotter as 'twere.

In a mutton leg skirt, slit to reveal a little calf, with a mole on your cheek, a rat lion in your hare, with your neck a little bear and your voice a little horse, you are bound to take some stock in fall fashions. The leg skirt is a mutton leg is sure to make a hit with the butcher's bride anyway, but if it doesn't quite meet with your approval, the National Tailors' Association fixed it all up for you with a lot of other styles at their sixth annual convention which just closed here.

There's another distinctive new skirt dubbed the Napoleon which has a turn back cuff all around the bottom just like the trousers of a regu-

lar man. It is narrower than ever and slit well up in front. Side draping has been introduced underneath in the region of the knees so when a fragile female desires to sit, she may sink down gracefully with the leeway of this extra expansion, and at the same time this concealed fullness keeps the skirt from bagging at the knees like the trousers of a rejected suitor.

Then there are the new pistol pockets on the tight walking skirts. After going all over the feminine figure the only spot where a pocket could be located without the bulge marring the symmetry of nature and the tailor's art was on the hip. Hence, the pistol pockets are the first shots fired in the fall fashion campaign. Of course, you don't have to be a gun-toter to wear 'em. You can put a powder puff or a lipstick just as well. Made of gunny cloth, these pistol pocket suits are very snappy and the jackets are all appropriately weight with shot.

The short jacket was indeed short-lived. This fall coats are to be from thirty-six to forty inches long. The Russian blouse and the square cutaway are the prevailing styles and the coat sleeves will be either raglan or kimona. Vests with Medici collars will be much worn and they will all be double breasted.

LEAPS FROM THIRD STORY OF BURNING HOTEL

BREMERTON, Wash., July 18.—Mrs. Alice James, a middle aged woman, is suffering from a broken leg here today, it being the only injury she received when she jumped from the third story of the Eagle Hotel, which was totally destroyed by fire here at an early hour today.

The fire gained great headway and Mrs. James was trapped on a fire escape balcony. Flames from a second floor window barred her way, so she climbed over the railing and jumped into the alley.

Firefighting forces from the navy yard were called into service to save adjoining property.

AMERICAN KILLED FOR REFUSING TO DIG UP

EL PASO, July 13.—Americans and many foreigners in Torreon and Coahuila are arranging to leave there Friday for Eagle Pass, Texas, on a special train according to an American who reached here from Torreon today. Jack Griffith, an American mechanic, was shot to death by Mexican bandits near Chihuahua, state Chihuahua, July 8, when he refused to give the captain's ransom says an El Paso American who arrived here today.

At Jacksonville, July 17, by Judge Tou Vello, David A. Smith and Mary Adams of Ashland.

POTLATCH OPENS WITH BIG CROWDS

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—Monster crowds are thronging the streets of Seattle upon this, the second day of the annual Potlatch celebration, in commemoration of the arrival of the steamer Portland in this city in 1897 with the first shipment of gold from Alaska. The city is decked in gala attire. A corps of aviators, among them one woman, Miss Arlys McKey, are giving daily programs of aerial maneuvers. Miss McKey yesterday afternoon set a new altitude record for women.

BULGARIAN RULER NOW WANTS PEACE BADLY

LONDON, July 18.—Roumanian troops are at Plevna and Mesedra, the latter within 30 miles of Sofia. King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is supplicating the king of Roumania for terms of peace. It is understood that the powers are striving to induce Roumania not to occupy Sofia and are urging Bulgaria to appoint delegates to confer with the Serbian and Greek plenipotentiaries. Desultory fighting of no great importance continues on the Greek-Serbian frontier.

Mrs. C. F. Sterdivant and daughter of Brownton, Minn., are here on a visit to her twin sister, Mrs. Bunch.

FROM ENGINE CAB TO \$15,000 A YEAR JOB



ALBANY, July 18.—Charles J. Chase, railroad engineer of the New York Central, who has been earning \$1800 a year recently, was not startled when he learned that Governor William Sulzer had appointed him a member of the public service commission for the second district at a salary of \$15,000 a year. Chase is a modest man, whose life as an engine driver has made him intense, and he shoves it in every moment.

For years he was a humble employee of the New York Central. As public service commissioner he will be one of the five men who have great control over the railroads, which have property within the jurisdiction of the commission worth perhaps \$100,000,000 or more. Railroad presidents and other officials who would not have given him a passing nod must now enter to him to win his good will. A week ago the mechanical superintendent of his division—the Hudson river division of the Central—was a big man to him. Today the president of the road will seek his acquaintance.

BRISTOW SOUGHT JOB ON CANAL

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Defending himself against the charge that he had sent private telegrams at the expense of the government, Senator Ashurst of Arizona exhibited a letter written by Senator Bristow to Senator Long of Kansas, in 1906, suggesting his (Bristow's) appointment to a position connected with the Panama canal commission, but enabling Bristow to live in Kansas half of the time.

Bristow admitted authorship of the letter, but insisted that it showed nothing inconsistent with his position now. He shouted at Ashurst: "But I have never sent \$100 worth of telegrams on private business at the expense of the public. I allude to telegrams sent by the senator from Arizona in his state over the lines of the Western Union Telegraph company."

Ashurst hotly denied the charge.

SAYS ARIZONA SOLONS USED PUBLIC MONEY

WASHINGTON, July 18.—During the debate today in the senate on his resolution regarding Secretary of State Bryan's salary, Senator Bristow openly charged Senator Ashurst of Arizona, with using public money to pay private telegraph tolls.

The Kingston, Ont., branch of the Journeymen Stone Cutters of North America was organized in 1909 and since that time the wage scale has been advanced from \$3 per day of ten hours to \$4 per day of eight hours, without resort to strike.

In 1912 the total number of strikes and lockouts in Canada was 148, according to official reports.

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WOMAN RIDDEN ON RAIL BY WOMEN

WAUKEGAN, Ill., July 18.—John Richardson, a crippled storekeeper at Volo, near here, sought warrants today for fifty "women vigilantes" who kidnapped his wife rode her on a rail in the streets of the town and dumped her into a sea of mud. He says he has mortgaged his store for \$1000 which he gave to his wife, and that she has gone to Chicago.

Will Dummil, Richardson's brother-in-law, also has left Volo, and his whereabouts is unknown. Richardson denies that there is anything wrong between his wife and Dummil. The mob of infuriated women seized Mrs. Richardson, tore off part of her clothing, placed her on a rail, pelted her with mud and stones and ordered her to leave town. Then the "vigilantes" went to Dummil's residence, but he had left for parts unknown.

CHOKO OFF DEBATE CAMINETTI AFFAIR

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Four hours' debate on the Caminetti affair had been arranged for in the house. Before the discussion had got well under way, however, Representative Byrnes of Tennessee made a motion to shut off the talk and table the Kahu resolution. This was adopted by a vote of 137 to 84.

In a formal statement issued this afternoon, Representative James Mann of Illinois, leader of the republican minority in the house, attacked the democrats for what he termed their "almost unprecedented action" in the Crimmetti matter.

"Their conduct in this matter," the statement said, "shows how desperately afraid the democrats are of having the truth made known. That the attorney general does not want the truth is not surprising. He did not send all the papers in the case to the judiciary committee."

Mann charged that McReynolds ordered a halt in the Caminetti case a month before the date of his published telegram to District Attorney McNab.

Representative Kahn, it was stated, was prepared to produce evidence on this point.

AUTO CRASHES IN POLE; ONE FATALITY

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—Mrs. Frances E. Lennon, wife of Arthur J. Lennon, president and manager of Lennon's hosiery and umbrella store here, was killed, and Mrs. Marie Clemmer, wife of James Q. C. Lennon, manager of the Clemmer Theater, was severely injured when an automobile driven by Clemmer crashed into a telephone pole at Meadow Drive, boulevard and Green Lake boulevard this morning at 3:30 o'clock. Lennon, who was in the rear seat with his wife, was thrown out and escaped with only slight injuries.

BELMONT'S TRACERY WINS \$50,000 RACE

LONDON, July 18.—August Belmont's Tracery today won the \$50,000 Eclipse stakes at Sandown park. Lovinov was second and Bachelor's Wedding third. There were seven starters.

John A. Perl Undertaker, Lady Assistant, 28 S. BARTLETT, Phones M. 47 and 47-J-2, Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

HIGH PRICES FOR PEARS IN ENGLAND

E. M. McKeeney, local representative of W. Dennis & Sons, the English fruit shippers, received the following cablegram today: E. M. McKeeney, Medford, Ore., French pear crop total failure. Excellent prospects early years, Bartlett's and Howells if precoded, would carry.

Baking Powder Biscuits

Light as a Feather By Mrs. Janet McKeeney Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine



Baking Powder Biscuits made by this recipe are so far ahead of ordinary baking powder biscuits that, if prepared, you will never use any other recipe. Try it the next time you run short of bread. Save this recipe.

Three cups flour; 1/2 to 3/4 cup shortening; 3 level teaspoonsful K.C. Baking Powder; about 1 cup milk or water; 1 teaspoonful salt. Sift three times, the flour, salt and baking powder. Work into the flour the shortening, using lard or butter for shortening. Then mix to a very soft dough with the milk. The softer the biscuit enters the oven, the lighter it comes out. Never knead baking powder biscuits; press the dough into shape and roll lightly. Cut in small shapes and bake on a sheet or very shallow pan in a hot oven. In placing biscuits in the pan place well apart, not allowing edges to touch. Small biscuits are better than large ones. Large biscuits do not have the proper amount of time to raise and bake.

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