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

Population—17,800—1910—2540, estimated, 1914—30,500.
Best paved city of size in world, 20 miles asphalt paving costing \$1,000,000.
Gravity Mountain Water System costing \$225,000; sewer system costing \$150,000.
Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River McIntosh apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World."

at the National Apple Show, Spokane, and a car of Newtowns won first prize at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C. Rogue River Newtowns won first prize at Spokane National Apple Show.



With Medford Stop-Over

GIANT BLAST TO LOOSEN EARTH STERLING MINE

Some day this week you will feel the earth quiver and shake. Do not throw up both hands and yell: "This is the end!" It will be nothing but the Bullis interests at the Sterling mine discharging 15,000 kegs of high power powder to loosen the earth, that is supposed to hide a harvest of gold.

Men are now at work distributing the explosive over the area to be "blown," and expect to have everything ready for the big blast the middle of the week. The powder will be set off by electricity and is the biggest charge in the history of southern Oregon, and the largest in the history of northwest development, outside of the one on the North Bank road, when the Hill interests tore away half a mountain of rock.

With the big blast, the Sterling mine will be ready for actual work, and the panning and washing of the earth will begin within a week or ten days. The hydraulics and other machinery are ready for operation. There will be a bountiful supply of water when the snow in the mountains begins to melt.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURE AT STAR THEATER

It isn't often that a photoplay is given applause, but at the close of the Daughter of the Hills last night, the audience vociferously applauded. It is indeed a masterpiece and is without doubt the best of the Famous Player productions yet released, no expense has been spared and the result is a photoplay of the highest order.

As a curtain raiser, a three part story entitled the Doom of the Ocean, is shown and is a big feature in itself, the thrilling rescue of two people from an isolated lighthouse by means of an aerial cable to a ship, is one of the most daring scenes ever shown in motion pictures. The program closes with Raymond & Temple in a clever act entitled "An Artistic Oddity."

END LONG DICKER WITH COLOMBIA ON THE CANAL

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Information from Bogota today indicated that an agreement virtually had been reached upon the terms of a final settlement of the long standing and bitter controversy between the United States and Colombia over the separation of Panama.

CHINESE VIEW POINTS

UPON the tombstone of Thomas Whitehead, for many years town clerk at Burton-on-Trent, in England, is the following inscription:

"27th In descent from King Alfred the Great.
"26th from King Edward the Elder.
"25th from King Athelstan.
"24th from Guy, Earl of Warwick.
"23th from Ermechild, sister of Loefric, Earl of Mercia, and Lady Godiva, his wife, better known as Lady Godiva of Coventry.
"22th from Joan, sister of William Shakespeare of Stratford-on-Avon, the celebrated dramatist.

Commenting upon this, Don Marquis of the New York Evening Sun remarks:

"How proud will Alfred the Great and the Shakespeare family be when, with their spiritual eyes, they see that tombstone and reflect that their commingling blood, growing richer through the ages, finally produced Mr. Thomas Whitehead, for many years Town Clerk at Burton-on-Trent."

This is ancestor worship as practiced among Europeans. It differs from the ancestor worship of the Chinese in that the Chinese respect is that they themselves may do credit to the dead—may live up to the standard set by the departed.

There can be no denying the vantage of the Chinese view point. But this is not the only point where western civilization lags behind that of China, according to the Chinese, who regard us as barbarians, and are more or less correct in this opinion.

In "the Chinese Revolution," by Arthur J. Brown, appears a letter written by a Chinese after his return to his native land from a tour of Europe, which gives the current view of Christians entertained by the Celestial republic:

You cannot civilize these foreign devils. They are beyond redemption. They will live for weeks and months without touching a mouthful of rice, but they eat the flesh of bullocks and sheep in enormous quantities. That is why they smell so badly. They smell like sheep themselves. Every day they take a bath to rid themselves of their disagreeable odors, but they do not succeed. Nor do they eat their meat cooked in small pieces. It is carried into the room in large chunks often half raw, and they eat and slash and tear it apart. They eat with knives and prongs. It makes a civilized being perfectly nervous. One fancies himself in the presence of sword swallows. They even sit down at the same table with women, and the latter are served first, reversing the order of Nature.

Chinese appreciation of the tango is given by a Chinese who writes as follows:

They (Americans) have no sense of dignity, for they may be found walking with women. Yet the women are to be pitied too. On festive occasions they are dragged around a room to the accompaniment of the most hellish music.

Although China has the oldest of the world's civilizations and religions, under the delusion that the Chinese need our instruction in religious matters, we still send our missionaries over to convert them the western ways of worshipping—all of which seems wasted energy and money.

Meanwhile, President Yuan Shih-Kai, while restoring Confucianism as China's official religion, has furnished an excellent example to sectarians the world over by a mandate granting and guaranteeing religious freedom.

GO TO CHURCH TOMORROW

A REVIVAL of church going has swept over the country as a result of the naming of one Sunday when habitual non-churchgoers are especially invited. Tomorrow is this date in Medford.

It is many years since some of us entered a church, and the visit tomorrow will be found profitable in many ways to those familiar only with the exterior of the buildings.

The experience of other cities has been that many of those who go to church one Sunday out of curiosity become interested, go again and eventually become regular attendants, gainers not only morally, but intellectually and socially.

Too many of our preachers talk to too many empty pews. Too many of us are so wrapped in our own temporal affairs that we neglect the spiritual side of life. Too many forget that identification with a church is a wholesome thing for a man or woman to have, not only for resultant benefit to the individual, but for the influence on the community.

Most people are religious at heart, and the lessons learned in childhood are never forgotten. The childish prayer at mother's knee, the Bible story and the faith inculcated in youth exists in all—merely covered by a veneer of worldliness and selfishness. Go to church and scratch the veneer.

Church going has been described as a habit, once broken, hard to form again. Of the many who renew their acquaintance with the church tomorrow, there will be some who will heed the call and again "get the habit" they should never have dropped.

PRESSURE ABSENT FROM TODAY'S MARKET

NEW YORK, April 4.—The pressure exerted shortly before yesterday's close was absent at the opening of the stock market today. Trading was light, however, and changes small. New Haven, Reading and Erie were a shade higher, but all the other active stocks were slightly under yesterday's close. Bonds were easy.

PORTLAND SEEKS BRANCH SAN FRANCISCO RESERVE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 4.—An active campaign to secure a branch of the San Francisco regional bank in Portland is being mapped out here today. A definite move will be made as soon as the San Francisco district is formally organized, which is expected to be in about ninety days.

Look! Look! Smoke Governor Johnson cigars. They're made in Medford you'll like them.

CAMPBELL FREED OF ALL ACCUSATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 4.—The last charge remaining against Walter Greer Campbell, former multi-millionaire, that of obtaining money under false pretenses, was dismissed here today by Police Judge Deasey. Campbell was charged with cashing a \$250 draft without sufficient funds to back it up, but it was announced that he had settled in full with the manager of the local hotel who cashed the draft.

A charge of wife abandonment by Susie Barth Campbell was also dropped, the woman refusing to prosecute. Campbell was arrested in Portland recently at the request of San Francisco authorities.

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GOLF CHAMPION TO PLAY ON FAMOUS COURSES OF ENGLAND AND FRANCE



FRANCIS OUMIET

Francis Ouimet, of Boston, the youthful holder of the national open golf championship, recently sailed from America to match his nerve and skill with the best of the European golfers over the famous courses of the British Isles and France. On his twenty-first birthday the conqueror of the famous British professionals, Vardon and Ray, will be getting into trim for the British amateur championship tournament over the Sandwich course, May 18 and 22.

THE NEW AMERICAN CITY

A Resume of the Recent Movement in Municipal Politics and the Salient Features of Civic Reform.
By Benj. C. Sheldon, Secretary Medford Charter Commission.

III.—POPULAR CONTROL

When Galveston faced the problem of her rebuilding after the great flood of 1900, a vast amount of prompt and efficient constructive work was demanded. Her city government, based on the old system, completely broke down. The exigencies of the case gave rise to the beginning of the so-called (but really misnamed) "Commission Form" of city government in this country.

Galveston gave to the movement the idea of a small, mobile governmental body with large powers. It worked. Results followed. Vast improvements were made and with an actual reduction of raising expenses.

The Des Moines Idea
The movement spread, slowly at first but with increasing momentum. Des Moines, Iowa, in what has become widely known as the "Des Moines Plan" added to the Galveston "centralization of powers" idea, the important feature of popular control. The typical American plan of municipal organization seems to have been on a theory expressible by the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." The Des Moines idea said, "Put your eggs in one basket and then watch that basket."

First Reforms
The movement which is now spreading nation-wide is generally considered as beginning with the new charters of Galveston and Des Moines. As a matter of fact the striving for popular control had its real beginning in earlier reforms. We find it in the introduction of the direct primary, nominations by petition, and non-partisan elections. They were steps in the right direction but left the system unweidly and still the prey of those making politics their business.

The Des Moines charter provided for the Initiative, Referendum and Recall. We citizens of Oregon think of these measures as established fixtures for with us they are state wide. In this, as in many others, Oregon is in the vanguard of progress leading her sister states in the uphill struggle for a real rule of the



HOCHAMBEAU
The imported Percheron stallion, owned by Walter Kitch will be in Phoenix, on Mondays; Jacksonville, Tuesdays; the Dickey place at Table Rock, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Vincent barn in Medford on Fridays and Saturdays.

people. To most of the more populous eastern states, these principles are new, vague and not understood.

Initiative

The initiative is a provision whereby a certain percentage of the voters, varying in different states and cities, may petition the legislature or city council for a specific legislative enactment. If the petition is granted, the provision becomes law. If not, the proposal must be submitted to the people for a vote and becomes law upon its adoption and cannot be repealed except by vote of the people.

Referendum

The referendum is a provision whereby any enactment by the legislative body, save a few necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, shall not go into effect for a certain time, usually ten days. If during that time, a petition of a specified number of electors is filed, protesting against said enactment, it shall not become operative but must either be repealed by the body passing it or it shall be submitted to a vote of the people.

The charters of some cities make a referendum on bond issues in excess of specified amounts (except for certain public improvements and refunding outstanding bonds) obligatory. Also, either all, or certain classes, of franchisees.

Recall

The recall is a provision whereby the people may remove any officer whom they have elected. If a petition is filed in due form, signed by a required percentage of electors qualified to vote for said officer, demanding his removal and stating the grounds for such demand, the

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question of his continuing in office must be submitted to the people for a vote.

Means to an End

These are the common means of securing popular control. Their application varies widely. Huntington, W. Va. substitutes for these devices a supervisory citizen's board of 64 members which is given the power to veto acts of the Board of Commissioners (if the power is exercised promptly). It may also, under certain rules, remove from office a member of the commission.

The devices herein mentioned are only means to an end. Their incorporation in a city charter do not insure popular control. They must not be abused. They must be used, and used intelligently.

Public Interest

It is important to understand, in consideration of popular control, that the same cannot be secured without public knowledge and public interest. The recall cannot be used justly nor effectively unless the people know the facts. To know them, public affairs must be conducted and the accounts thereof kept in a thorough systematic manner, and they must be made public in a way easily understood by the average citizen. The people will not undertake to control when the governmental machinery makes it difficult. Neither will they be interested in that which they find it hard to comprehend.

A public official who is wasteful and negligent is a greater public menace than one who has been caught in a single dishonest act. Wastefulness cannot be prevented unless systematic and well designed administrative methods are adopted. In the municipal reform movement sweeping the country, this subject is referred to as the "efficiency movement" and as such will be treated in a separate paper of this series.

Real Democracy

The secret of the plan's success lies in the fact that the exercises of public power it taken out of the jungle of unapproachable, unresponsive officialdom, and the darkness of obscure accounts and unpublished records, and set upon a pinnacle of light where the people can see and watch it. It involves a breaking away from the old shibboleths of

forms and concerns itself with the substance of real democracy. It consists in not electing all officials, but in the closeness with which official action follows popular will. The mayor's office buy's efficiency depends upon his service to that office, not upon the question of whether he was elected or appointed.

The Gun Behind the Door

A survey of the states and cities having these popular control measures shows that, considered nationwide, they have rarely been used. So much the better. Their indirect efficiency is unquestionable. President Wilson's description of these devices of "deserved popularity" as the people's "gun behind the door" implies, and correctly, that as instruments for actual use, they are emergency measures only.

But their real value is much greater though not so apparent. They mark the logical development of the democratic idea that the voter has the capacity to think sanely upon public questions. They increase the citizen's interest in public affairs by making it easier for him to impress his ideas upon public action. They mean the wholesome stripping from public officials of the idea they seem to have gained that they have been exalted to powers greater than those of the people who elected them.

The People Supreme

Above all else these measures stand as a monument to the fact that the people are supreme. And so they work with a two-fold power; upon the people in broadening their view of a citizen's civic duties and powers, in enlarging their conception of the real ends of government; in contributing not only to the public welfare, but the more altruistic consideration of making for a better, nobler posterity; and upon officials in keeping steadily before them the basic facts relating to public office, that they are only representatives of the people, impressed with the necessity of making their official acts a close approximation of the popular judgment; that their service to those whom they are supposed to serve must be loyal, constant and efficient; and lastly, a realization that they are constantly under the watchful eye of a people possessing an intelligent ability to judge of the quality of service rendered.

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