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## MASKED TRAIN BANDITS FATALLY SHOOT PORTER

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 11 .-Two masked men, one a negro, held up an Illinois Central passenger train near Tangtpahoa, late last night and shot and fatally wounded Isom Allen, a train porter. Luke Anderson, a negro passenger, attempted to es cape but fell between two cars and was crushed to death.

Irving Kent led other passenger in an attack on the bandits who fled without obtaining any loot. Blood hounds were put on the trail of the two men today.

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES EASTER SUNDAY

An unusually interesting musical program has been arranged for Easter Sunday at the Christian church. under the leadership of Miss Florence Hazelrigg, as follows:

Morning Service Prelude.

Doxology.

Invocation.

Hymn, 121. "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(Klein), Ladies chorus. Communion Hymn 319.

Offering. Anthem-"Alleluia to the King'

(Clemens). Announcements.

man), Miss Coffin.

Scripture Reading.

Quartet-"The Magdalene" (Warren), Miss Hazelrigg, Mrs. Wold, Mr. R. Beach, Dr. Howard.

Sermon. Hymn 128. Postlude.

Evening Service

numbers will be: "Hall Mighty Victor King" (Fill-

"Alleliua to the King" (Clemens) Also congregational singing.

D. C. Kellems, who has charge of the Bible chair in the State univerpreach both morning and evening.

A special invitation is extended to all to worship with this congregation.

### COMMUNICATION.

### An Appreciation

To the Editor: I have already expressed in personal what I think of your very excellent paper, but wish to do so by way of forced cleanliness of orchards. an Easter greeting, by letter, what I before us, and even when we do not agree I credit you with being honest. sincere and your viewpoint is always sane, open and above board, and ever anxious to help your readers to a better understanding of what you dis

Your views relative to the present administration, the Hearst's papers and even those on the temperance question have pleased me very much. Medford has in your paper one that tains to the best interests of the city and valley, and the life of those who have come into our midst to make it placing the district school. their home. In Mr. B. Sheldorf you have a close competitor in the things which make for a better, richer and more desirable place for those who have pitched their tents within our

Here is wishing you prenter prosperity and joy and peace than ever, with kindest regards, Yours faithfully

J. L. HILL. Medford, April 10, 1914.

Cience and help build W for your own love.

#### MICHIGAN AND OREGON

I NDER the caption, "There's Money in Fruit in Michigan," a Saginaw Valley paper publishes several colnnms of matter setting forth the alleged superiority of Michigan as a fruit-growing section over the fruit belts of the northwest. It is claimed that not only apples, but peaches, cherries, grapes and other products can be more profitably produced than in the Pacific coast country, and that the fruit is of better quality.

An interesting and misleading "comparison of orchard costs" in Michigan and the northwest, compiled by the Western Michigan Development Bureau, is printed as fol-15.00 lows:

***	Yakima or Hood River	Michigan	Advantages in favor of Michi gan				
Price of un- planted orchard laud per acre	\$250 to \$500	\$25 to \$100	\$200 to \$500				
Interest on Bor- rowed Money	8% on average price, per acre \$30	6% on average price, per acre \$3.75	\$26.25 per acre which would al most pay for Michigan land				
Cost of Labor per day	\$1.75 to \$2.50	\$1.25 to \$1.50	40e to 60e				
Labor Supply	Occasional Scar-		Less occasion searcity				
Cost of Irriga-	Several Dollars a Year	Nothing. Annual average rainfall 32 iu.	No cost for rain more than offsets regularity of ir- rigation				
Cost of Materials	Machinery and Chemicals high- er, packages lower	Fertilizers little used either in west or Michtgan \$3 to \$10 an acre	Advantages about equal				
Yield per Acre	The same quantity approximately can be grown in both regions.						
Quality of Fruit	Rather better colored and keep longer	Better flavor and finer meat	About same market value				
Freight Rate To Chicago, per bbl, of 3 boxes To Chicago, per ewt,	\$1.80 \$.95	26c—30c 12c—16c	400 to 500				
Icing Charges	75c for 3 boxes	Not necessary for apples shipped from Michigan because of nearness of markets.					
Length of Ship- ping Season	Till freezing	All winter	Greatly in Michigan's favor				

These statements, we suppose, refer to apples. They would be interesting if true, which they are not. Success The expert attended to the details in fruit raising, east or west, depends so much upon the It became his business, and in many personal equation that blanket comparisons are almost impossible. The best comparison would be the record of itieal machine. The system naturfruit exchanges for prices received and acreage output in ally developed that organization to both localities. Any corner grocery in the east will tell supply the function which the people ality or happens to be a friend? But the difference in selling price.

The cost of land east or west is dependent largely upon was necessary. The machine furn- of getting results and watched to see quality and location Conditions being equal, there is no ished it. Hence the ready-made that those results are forthcoming such difference in suitable orchard land as made out by licket. Nothing succeeds like sucthe above table. The higher priced western land is much cess. The machine became powerful the candidates and select the one of it adjacent to cities and includes the water right, which into a public menace and the most cess lies theirs. is frequently of more value than the land. In any ease, potent factor in corruption and mis-Solo-"Hall Joyous Morn" (Cad- the value mush be governed by the possible return on the government. There is not a voter investment.

Labor is cheaper in Michigan than in the west. This, to do a part of his choosing. Presihowever, is an advantage to the small western orchardist dent Eliot of Harvard, the "ideal

in dry years. A drouth not only ruins the year's crop, but ical and universal American attikills the fruit buds for the following year. Irrigation tude. In Philadelphia it even went At the evening service the musical doubles the output and makes fruit a dependable yearly so far as to elect the imaginary man. says: "I believe in the short ballot. crop instead of an uncertain bienvial crop, as in the east.

The average annual output of the northwest orchard is heavier than for the Michigan orehard, not only because simply cannot cast an intelligent way of hiding him than in mixing of better care, but because of superior climatic conditions. vote. He cannot gain a discriminat- him up with a multitude of others so The quality of northwest fruit is superior, as testified by ing knowledge of the candidates that none of them are important the higher price it brings, higher colored, better keeping, merits. In a large city the newspa- enough to catch the eye of the av ministers of the Christian church has and finer flavored. This is the only reason why a box of vers cannot inform him if they erage workaday citizen." William been secured for the occasion and will northwest apples brings a higher price than a barrel of in Chicago there were over 6000 pathy with every reform in govern-Michigan apples-and yet the Michigan "comparison" nominees. How could the papers in mental and elective machinery which rates them of the "same market value."

There are many other misstatements in the "compar-Under such an arrangement the lot." Governor Hiram W. Johnson ison." Icing charges are unnecessary for the bulk of the ready-made ticket becomes a con- of California; "The most advanced northwest apple crop, and the shipping season lasts until venience, and the power of the ma- thought in our nation has reached long after Michigan apples have gone the way of all chine waxes strong. It can only be the conclusion that we can heat apples. The co-operation practiced west in marketing is dislodged by the building of an avoid blind voting and best obtain unknown in the east, as is the official inspection and en-

The industrious orchardist can make good in almost other words, in a real democracy. A principle and look for its early and still think of it. Let me congratu- any place-but the natural and created advantages of the real democracy means a method general adoption." Judge Ben B. none better anywhere, and which are worthy of more pretentions sheets, I with conditions in Michigan, who has once felt the lure of great mass of the people may be 'jungle' of which I have been writadmire your bold, fearless, independ- this promised land, cares to suffer the hardships of fruit- with blind voting. But it follows ent stand on the great questions now raising in that winter-swept region when he can bask in naturally and inevitably the use of a the smiling sunshine and verdure-clad hills of Oregon.

### THE "COUNTRY LIFE" SCHOOL

E VANS VALLEY is to have Jackson county's first tract public attention. It means country life" school—the first consolidated rural centering authority in those few of school. Its advantages are so many that the example ficers and their appointees, and then should be widely followed in the near future.

The one-room, one-teacher district school is doomed. "conspicuous." Conspicuous candishould have larger circulation, as it Good roads sounded its knell by enabling pupils from dates, conspicuous officers after is a great educator on whatever per- several such schools to attend the central school house election, conspicuous responsibility with several rooms and as many teachers, which is re- Under the old system the people del-

> Throughout eastern states, where the consolidated dimly seen in the gloom of the inrural school has made the greatest progress, and even in significant character of their of Washington, to the north of us, and California on the fices. Invisible officers are those who can and do misuse their power, south, the consolidated districts provide transportation under the short ballot, every pubfor the pupils to and from school. A carry-all and in some lie servant is constantly visible or is cases an auto-stage is sent out daily to gather up the chil- responsible to those who are. They dren and take them home. The cost to the district is slight and the attendance more than doubled.

The consolidated rural school affords the country child all the advantages of the grade schools of the city. Many of them offer special courses in manual training, agriculture and home economics. They add much to making country life attractive.

## 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.

#### IV .- THE SHORT BA LLOT PRINCIPLE

Ask one hundred students of are each in the spotlight. Public in-American municipal government, fa- terest instead of being diffused to niliar with the typical city's condi- ractical extinction, is concentrated be 'the short ballot principle." The he stand or full. And more imporprinciple lies the only method of obtaining real popular control."

#### Growth of Long Sallot

To understand its significance on must consider the growth of the evilwhich it seeks to remedy. They may be variously expressed: "Lack of popular control," "unresponsive of ficials," "a lack of popular interest," crament. It means that the people "party rule" or "boss domination." Their growth has been natural. It has come with our development from judge from his own experiences a nation of towns to a nation of Have you not followed with much standard is perfected. cities. As the duties falling on government became heavier and more complex, more efficials were added election or defeat you were particuand, in keeping with the common estimate of democracy, they were largely made elective. The ballo grew. Fewer votes were east intelligently. While the public became more clumsy in its use of the ballot the necessity for its intelligent use became more argent as government al functions became more delicate and intricate.

#### The Politician

Hence the rise of the expert in political affairs, 'the politician." Hi introduction was the necessary outgrowth of the people's inability through the mass of details to which they were called upon to give attention, to do their duty as electors cases a most inerptive one.

From the politician grew the polof mature years in America who has not, to some degree, allowed others who supplements his income by selling his surplus hours. The advantage of irrigation consists in crop insurance of insurance of irrigation consists in crop insurance of insurance of irrigation consists in crop irrig men admit that they do. It is a typ-

### Voter Not to Blame

long ballot. With it the individual him; and there is no more effective would. In a recent primary election II. Taft: "I have the fullest sym form the citizen as to the merits of shall facilitate the expression of the

The remedy is the short ballot, it given expression. That is impossible ing. ballot short enough to receive, all of it, the study and intelligent judgment of the citizens. The short ballot principle means that only those offices should be elective which are tract public attention. It means watching them. In fact, the keynote of the principle is the word egated large powers to many officers whom, after election, were but

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ions and needs, what one element in and effective. The elected officer he great reform movement sweeping must make good. He is careful in teross the country is of first impor- selecting his appointees. For upon tance, and ninety-five answers will their work, as well as his own, must other five might answer. "popular tant than all else, is the constant control," but to that the ninety-five feeling, on the part of every pubwould reply, "In the short ballot servant from top to hot om, of respensibility to the people and the watchfulness of his work. Even

#### Popular Interest

cenient to be straight,

corrupt man would find it more con

The short ballot promotes the c to zen's interest in public affairs; the handled, most potent influence to good gov remain interested in the officers whom they elect. Let each reader greater interest and attention to of ficial conduct that officer in whose larly interested? And, generally speaking, is not the reverse truethe official in whose contest you were not interested has not been followed in his work. The short ballot means that the citizens' civic in terests do not cease on election day

#### People Do Not Select Experts

Experience has proven time with out number that the people as a mas will not make a discriminating choice a selecting an expert to handle public function calling for expert service. They choose men whom they like; men of their own kind. men whom they know. How many voles east for county surveyor are with a real regard for the abilities of the candidate to handle the tech nical problems incident to that office? Does the average citizen vote for a health officer because he is a student of municipal sanitation, or because he has an attractive personcould not supply-attention to de-the conspicuous elected officials. A certain amount of order charged by the people with the duty consider carefully the attainments of

### Endorsements

The short ballot principle has been indorsed by every living American writer on political economy of any importance. It is being taught and advocated in the classrooms of our restoration of popular government is You cannot get good service from Don't blame the voter, but the the public servant if you cannot see discrimination of the electorate by a short ballot," John Mitchell: "I am heartily in favor of the short ballot

The short ballot means the difference between a real and an assumed democracy. The long ballot has prevented an expression of real popular will. The short ballot means that the popular will and the vote-expressed will shall be the same.

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