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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—19,000. Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest 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 Spitzberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of

BRITISH GUNBOATS HALT MASSACRE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 22.—Four British gunboats, anchored in the Dardanelles, alone have prevented a massacre of Christians in Constantinople, according to the declaration of Mrs. John Allen, wife of an American engineer, in a letter to a Milwaukee relative. Writing from the Ottoman capital, Mrs. Allen said: "The situation is gradually growing worse. The government has commandeered all ferry boats, using them to transport soldiers from Asia Minor. Every horse is pressed into service at the front and it is almost impossible for one to leave the city. Talk of a massacre is heard on all sides. The Arabs say they were promised much loot if they enlisted, and the Turkish officers are restraining them with great difficulty. All night long the British gunboats sweep the city with their searchlights. They are on the lookout for trouble at any hour and, but for their presence, the streets of Constantinople would run red with the blood of Christians. To make things worse, food supplies are low. I don't believe the city can hold out against the serious famine conditions more than two months."

KIT CARSON'S SON STARVES TO DEATH. RENO, Nev., March 22.—Baffled in his attempts to get food by the loss of his savings of eight years, amounting to \$320, Lewis C. Shilling, 81, sole survivor of the Alamo massacre and adopted son of Kit Carson, was gripped by starvation and is dead here today. Schilling passed away in an old shack where he had subsisted on crackers and water until he could sustain himself no longer. Schilling lost the money on a recent trip to California and had to borrow coin to return to his shack here. Schilling was adjutant to General Phil Sheridan in the Civil war. He had a notable career as a scout and frontiersman. RABIES EPIDEMIC FRIGHTENS TACOMA. TACOMA, March 22.—Tacoma is today facing a hydrophobia epidemic two distinct cases of the disease having come to light in the last two days. Dr. R. A. Button, a veterinary, is the latest victim and the five year old daughter of Leonard T. Oddie, is also under treatment. Orders have been issued by the chief of police to kill all unmuzzled canines found at large and scores of these have been shot. Orders have been dispatched to Berkeley, Cal., for a quantity of rabies vaccine, and both Dr. Button and the Oddie girl will be inoculated under the direction of Dr. A. S. Wilson, city bacteriologist, who is thoroughly acquainted with hydrophobia from long practice in the east.

PLANT MORE POTATOES.

THE past year has been the first in the past decade when Rogue River valley growers produced enough potatoes to not only supply the valley but to export in considerable quantity. Hitherto it has been necessary to import many carloads of potatoes annually.

Last year was an unusually favorable one for potatoes, not only locally but over the entire nation. The high price of the previous year encouraged the planting of a greatly increased area. Quiet business conditions resulted in an under consumption. The three causes created over production, which lowered prices.

The crop of 1911 brought at this season of the year \$2 and more per sack, with firm demand, while this year the minimum wholesale price is 65 cents per sack (118 pounds). Returns to growers are much less than a year ago, but there is still a profit in raising potatoes.

The growers of the valley should plant heavily again this year. There will not be anywhere near the acreage in the country at large and the season already promises to be unfavorable. The average price of the past ten years insures a fair return for the output.

A number of local growers who made a fancy profit two years ago in potatoes and a fair return last year, say they will not plant this year because they did not make as much last season as was realized from high-priced orchard property, as they did the year previously. But they are just as apt to this season, especially if they have irrigation.

When prices become as low as they have been this season, there is an extreme likelihood of high prices immediately following, through abandonment of the crop by a large percentage of the growers.

WANTS A CELEBRATION.

"AND after the battle clears we hope the mayor and council and people of Medford will gather round the Maypole and have a bacchanalian dance."

This pleasing suggestion is made by our gentle contemporary, the Sun, which dearly loves a dance, as well as a prizefight—both manly arts.

But what does our virtuous city attorney and our illustrious mayor say to a bacchanalian dance?—for bacchanalian is derived from Bacchus, the god of wine and bacchanalian means "characterized by revelry and drunkenness." Doubtless the indicted saloonkeepers will cheerfully furnish the liquid refreshments, since the administration is going to make the town dry.

It would indeed be a cheerful sight to see the mayor and council and people of Medford garbed in laurel wreaths and nature galloping wildly about the Maypole while the socialists play the fiddle, for "even bacchanalian madness has its charms." The suggestion is made that the occasion be made the dedication of the new armory.

The Sun need not worry—there will be dancing enough—there always is when village officials take themselves too seriously, when political accident lands the unqualified in the limelight to cut fantastic tricks before high heaven and rattle around in shoes too big for them.

ANDERSON NEEDS PROPER TRAINER COLD WEATHER IS MODERATING

That Bud Anderson failed to get the decision over Knockout Brown in Los Angeles last Saturday afternoon because of improper training and bad advice by his corner men is the opinion of several fight fans who have returned from the south after witnessing the contests. Anderson, they aver, was brought down to edge three days before the fight and then began to lose strength. Futile efforts were made to build him up and when he stepped into the ring he was far from being right. "With one experienced man in his corner," said one of the fans, "Anderson would have won in the eleventh and twelfth round, and even had he failed in this, he would have won the decision had he not been improperly advised in the final round, in which he permitted Brown to get a draw with him. A Rawhide Kelly or a Harry Foley would have sent Anderson into the ring in perfect shape and they would have won the fight for him by their coaching. If he has a good man in his corner next time I am going to place my money on him, but with the same men training and seconding him I am going to lay off. Anderson is being badly handled all around and if he does not get into experienced hands at once, his career is going to be spoiled. Rawhide Kelly, a shrewd manager, excellent trainer and a great coach, would be an ideal man to look after the northwestern body."

AUTOMOBILE SKIDS; WHEEL IS LOST

Owing to a wet pavement an automobile owned and driven by Councilman Campbell skidded into the curb as Mr. Campbell was leaving his residence this morning and a wheel was lost. A remarkable feature of the accident was that the machine was in the low gear when the accident occurred.

Attention Sir Knights!

Our Easter service will be held at the Presbyterian church at Medford, Oregon, at 11:30 a. m. Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913. A large delegation of knights coming from Ashland and Grants Pass. All Sir Knights should be at the Masonic hall at 10:30 a. m. to uniform and march to church. All the trunks belonging to Medford Knights will be at Hall. Luncheon will be served to knights and their ladies at the hall after the services. All Medford knights should be on hand.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will petition to the city council of the city of Medford at its next regular meeting on April 1, 1913, for a permit to transfer place of business in city of Medford from No. 31 South Front street to 36 North Front street. B. S. REDCLIFFE. Dated March 18, 1913.

Our Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS By A. C. Howlett

When I last wrote for the Mail Tribune I had just spoken of my return from Josephine county and spoke of my meeting Bert Higginbotham here, and while he was here I learned that the stock up in his section of the country was in a very good condition owing to the fact that they had plenty of hay and good attention. The stock raisers have learned that cattle are worth so much that it pays to feed them.

Stockmen say that the past winter has been one of the most severe on stock we have had for several years. As a rule they begin to turn their stock out on the range by the first of March but some of them are still feeding up to this the 20th of March.

I also found on my arrival Mr. H. Rasmussen of Cincinnati, Ohio, here. He was here soliciting for a firm manufacturing aluminum ware. I also learned that H. B. Tronson, the apple king, Nick Young and Art Nichols of this place had visited Medford that day, Tuesday, that Hon. C. B. Watson, one of the prominent attorneys of Ashland, arrived in Eagle Point on the same car as myself, although we did not recognize each other until we met at the post office that night. The arrangements for him to deliver a lecture to the school the next morning were made, which he did and it was highly appreciated by those who had the satisfaction of hearing him. I did not learn what business he was on or whether he had a business call or not. He was the guest of F. M. Stewart the night he stayed in Eagle Point.

On Wednesday afternoon Prof. P. Wells, our county school superintendent, came out and visited our school and spent the night with your Eagle Point correspondent.

Hon. John Watkins, our justice of the peace, was summoned to appear in Jacksonville with his court docket to be used in a suit pending between Fred Palouse, but the case was settled out of court and all hands are satisfied.

Last Wednesday our sheriff, Mr. Singler and Don Cameron called for dinner and after dinner they started out to capture Walter Woods, who was indicted for using too freely a gun on one James Watkins, and as he the sheriff was riding through town he was hailed by the aforesaid Walter Woods and informed that he was the man he was looking for. He knew Mr. Singler, but Mr. Singler did not know him. They both went out to Jacksonville together the same afternoon.

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Prof. Greenleaf left for a tour of California on a series of lectures Friday. Miss Cora Smith spent the last of the week with home folks at Grants Pass. The members of the seventh and eighth grades were very busy Friday afternoon putting in their garden on the school ground. The pupils are taking much interest in garden making and a great success is looked forward to. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hesselgrave of Dunsmuir, Calif., is here visiting friends and relatives. Miss Eliason spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Ashland. Dr. Dow has purchased a fine Overland car from Mr. Gates of Medford.

Jess Wright, who has been spending the last week with his mother and other relatives here, returned to southern California Thursday. This evening (Friday) will end up the revival meetings which have been going on for the last three weeks. These meetings have been well attended and quite a good deal of good was received from them. There will be a number baptized Friday evening and communion services will also be held. The Central Point orchestra will give a dance in the Central Hall Saturday evening, March 22. All are cordially invited to attend. Miss Ella Stone has accepted a position in Mrs. Hawk's millinery store. Miss Rayner has returned from a visit to Willow Springs where she has been nursing.

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ALONG ROGUE RIVER

T. C. McCabe took a load of chickens to Eagle Point Friday. He then took the train for Medford on a business trip. The farmers are spraying their orchards.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Belcher moved Mr. and Mrs. Howard to their home above J. C. Hannah's last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Belcher returned to their home in Central Point Sunday. Miss Annie Johnson and Alvin Conover surprised their friends a few days ago by a trip to California and Miss Johnson becoming Mrs. Conover while there. Mrs. Conover is the eldest daughter of Frank Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Conover have spent their entire lives among us and their many friends wish them a long and happy married life.

Will Jones of Prospect made a trip to the valley the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Berman were shopping in Eagle Point Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and daughter Hattie who have been spending the winter at the ranch on Reese creek, returned home a few days ago.

Ed Houston and sister Miss Ida were in the valley Saturday and returned Sunday. Miss Davis of Ashland returned with them and began a three months term of school the 17th in the Long Branch district. Jasper Hannah was in Jacksonville Friday.

Mrs. Jasper Hanna, Mrs. T. Daily and Miss Mima Hanna were the guests of Mrs. R. Daw last Saturday. Mr. Fry of Trail made a trip to the valley the first of the week after a load of oats. Mrs. Johnston of Medford spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Robe Daw. Mrs. Daw took her to Eagle Point Thursday where she took the train for Medford to meet Paul Marholmow who passed through on the evening train.

Norman Gage was a passenger on the P. & E. last Friday afternoon. Henry French was driving a lively team home from Eagle Point and nearly caused Dr. Kirchgessner's little gas wagon to run away. Dr. Kirchgessner made a professional call to W. Houston's family whose children have the whooping cough.

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