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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—3240; estimated, 1912—10,000.

Five hundred thousand dollar Gravity Water System completed, giving finest supply pure mountain water, and 17.2 miles of streets paved.

Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 13 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 cup of Newtown was first prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

52 KIDDIES HAVE GLORIOUS TIME

Fifty-two youngsters who had only remote hopes of seeing the circus Monday, and then only through some convenient peephole in the canvas had their fondest wishes come true by finding a friend in E. G. Brown.

Mr. Brown had little idea of taking so many kiddies to see the elephant. He invited three or four in his neighborhood and arranged to take them out. When he reached the grounds however he spotted three or four more looking forlorn and friendless.

Through courtesy of the management Brown was able to get his "family" inside in time to seat them all in a block.

RAY BOUND OVER IN JUSTICE COURT

J. A. Ray who passed a number of worthless checks on local merchants Saturday afternoon was given his preliminary hearing in the justice's court Tuesday and bound over to await action by the grand jury.

Another check passed by Ray showed up today. It was passed on the Ewing gun store.

VETERANS GET PAY FOR HORSES FURNISHED

If you furnished a horse for the volunteer soldiers who fought the Indians in 1855-6, Oregon is ready to pay the bill for service rendered or for loss of the animal.

Before the Indian wars of 1855-6 were finished, the legislature authorized by statute payment of the claims. Every session since that time has been held without providing the funds with which to make payment.

The act providing for payment said that \$2 a day for use of the horse would be allowed, and the value of the animal would be paid in the event of loss up to \$100.

FAIR AS THE GARDEN OF THE LORD.

SIXTY-FIVE thousand acres of commercial orchards in full bloom are spilling their fragrance on the soft spring air in the Rogue river valley this bright April day of the year nineteen thirteen.

From foothill slope and floor of the valley, from green expanse of grain fields to verdure clad and rock ribbed mountain, nearly five million trees are wearing bridal hues of pink and white.

There are few more beautiful sights than the Rogue river valley in spring, with its carpet of many colors, of varied greens streaked with yellow, purple and white, its myriad wild flowers, its black fields of newly plowed land, its jagged skyline of verdure clad and purple shadowed hills.

A thousand tiny throats are warbling the joyousness of life, meadow larks are whistling their wild melody, the drowsy hum of the insect world lulls the senses as the golden sunlight showers the earth on a land "fair as the garden of the Lord."

Fruit Trade Problems

(From the leading English horticultural journal, "The Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Trades" Journal, published in London.)

We publish elsewhere in this issue copious extracts from an elaborate address on some economic aspects of the fruit trade, delivered by the manager of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, Portland, Ore. We are prompted to set these deductions before our readers, firstly, because the whole paper forms certainly the most comprehensive as also one of the most closely reasoned discourses on the subject that has ever come under our notice.

The lecturer starts out by telling his hearers, who would mainly be apple growers, that most of the economic ills they suffer from are of their own making, while such as are attributable to the jobber, or salesman as we know him here, are quite easily remediable.

What would the staunch advocates for cooperation among growers have to say, we wonder, if market men sinking all trade rivalry and petty jealousies, if such were possible, sought to cooperate among themselves?

At present the Southern Pacific business in both cities is handled by the O. W. R. & N. company's agents. The change is made necessary by the recent dissolution of the Harriman lines in accordance with the decision of the supreme court, and will probably go into effect May 1.

If a retail fruiterer had applied to him he could not afford to retail them at 1d per pound under present day methods of taxation.

A hundred years ago the streets of cities were so unsafe that even the greatest had no security from thieves. King George III lost his purse, watch and buckles on a dark London street.

In the last few years many public spirited persons have planted trees in the parkings in front of their houses. This spirit is commendable, but the result can never be entirely satisfactory.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO OPEN INDEPENDENT OFFICES

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—John M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific will leave for Puget Sound in a few days to select locations and appoint agents for the Southern Pacific ticket offices in Seattle and Tacoma.

COMMUNICATION. Advocate Farmers' Strike.

In Thursday's paper you comment editorially on the fact that the local buyers here are paying from three to four cents less for pork on foot than it is worth in the Portland stock yards and advise the farmers to organize to resist such imposition.

Stop Your Whining

(By Byron H. Stauffer in San Francisco Examiner.)

With all our whining, when was there a better year than this of grace nineteen hundred thirteen?

A hundred years ago the working-man's home was a hovel, built in awkward rows, in unlighted, sewerless streets. Heaps of garbage were before the door, scattering fever and plague.

A hundred years ago England consumed six times the amount of liquor per capita as now. Gambling and drinking were well nigh universal.

A hundred years ago the streets of cities were so unsafe that even the greatest had no security from thieves.

A hundred years ago sports were vicious. Bull fighting, prize fighting, cock fighting and bear baiting were the chief amusements with drunkenness and profanity characterizing the performance.

A hundred years ago a Bible in an English workingman's home was a curiosity. Books were nearly all obscene, excepting a few volumes of sermons—dry as dust. The public

school was in its infancy. The newspaper paid a tax of 8 cents per copy, and a daily paper cost \$50 a year.

A hundred years ago English convicts were sold to work on colonial plantations, sometimes for a limited period and sometimes for life.

A hundred years ago Europe was just recovering from 50 years of wild speculation. Our 20th century, get-rich-quick methods are child's play compared with the wildest investments of the years following the South Sea bubble.

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Forest Supervisor Discusses Planting of Shade Trees

To the Editor.—The last paragraph in your editorial of April 2 almost exactly voices the sentiments I have held and often expressed to friends.

our city. What should be done by experts appointed to the position is now being done haphazard according to the personal and variable whim of individuals.

In the last few years many public spirited persons have planted trees in the parkings in front of their houses. This spirit is commendable, but the result can never be entirely satisfactory.

This is the inevitable result when the responsibility is placed on several hundred individuals working without cooperation.

A few years ago I, by request, spoke on the subject of street tree planting to the Greater Medford club and at that time strongly urged that if possible the work should be done by the city.

It is regrettable if the city can plant and control its trees in the park and yet has no jurisdiction over its parkings.

If this is so, even if it is necessary to obtain legislation for the needed authority to control our highways, the sooner we start things moving in that direction the sooner we will avert doing irreparable damage to

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