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STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

Councilman Kelley: "I have been in Oregon twenty-five years and I never experienced so stormy a winter as the one just past has been."

N. S. Bennett: "I have just deivered 700 Newtown apple trees to J. W. Perkins, the gentleman who recently purchased the Will Stewart orchard. I want to say to you that this continued rain is desperately hard on orchard men—and, incidentally, it isn't much good for the farmers."

Willie Warner: "I wish you would say to the patrons of Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1 that an occasional oiling of the locks on their mail boxes would be a very convenient notion for them to get into their heads—convenient for me. With all the rain we have had this winter the locks have rusted and in some cases it is almost impossible to get into the boxes."

W. T. York: "Someone has told that I am a candidate for nomination for the office of county treasurer. I wish you would say to those who may have heard this report that it is not true. I am not a candidate and while, of course, I cannot but feel kindly toward any of my friends who may have suggested it, still I positively disclaim any knowledge of the source of the rumor and as well any intention on my part to become a candidate."

C. A. Dickinson: "I am authorized to say that Hon. J. W. Merritt, of Central Point, will accept the Republican nomination for county judge if it is tendered him. I succeeded in getting Mr. Merritt to authorize this statement only after considerable persuasion. He had declared his intention of retiring from politics, but there seems to be a general demand for his candidacy, and he has decided to allow his name to come before the convention as a candidate for county judge. I am very much gratified at this and I am firmly of the opinion that a very large majority—in fact nearly all—of the Republicans of the county will feel as I do."

S. G. Van Dyke: "Some of my friends seem insistent that I be a candidate for the office of sheriff on the Republican ticket. Now, Bliton, I am not in politics and I don't want any office. I just want to grow alfalfa and other farm products and incidentally lay up a few dollars for Sam and the wife and babies, and I know full well that no man can be a successful farmer and a successful politician at the same time, and I am going to stick to that which I know most about. You may state, for me, that I am not a candidate. I feel grateful to my friends, as a matter of course, for having thought of me in connection with that office, but, as I have said before, I am not, nor will I be, under any circumstances, a candidate."

F. M. Stewart: "Where did I get those oranges and lemons? Why, I brought them up from my house. No, I didn't raise them, but I did bring them up from home and most people act like they don't believe me when I tell them that truth. Mrs. Susie Perry brought the fruit, stems and all, from Woodland, Cal., when she came up from there the other day. I had a barrel of fun out of them, carrying them around and showing them to people. About nine out of ten people would try to show their mental acumen by pronouncing them wax. Then it was amusing to see their faces when they felt of them and found that they were the real thing. Of course they are not very large, but it must be remembered that they come from the northern citrus belt and are not yet fully grown."

C. O. Ramsey: "Say Bliton, did you see that letter George Stevens has from Germany? Speaking of bouquets for Southern Oregon apples, that letter was it. It seems that some of the apples grown by Stevens & Bradshaw last season found consumers in Germany and this letter was from one of them. He said all manner of pretty things about the fruit and closed by saying that he would like to get more of them, and asked what variety they were. I superintended the packing of the apples from this orchard last year and once in a while I would get in and peek a box—just to set the pace for the girl packers—and I recognized, from the packer's slip number, that this was one of the boxes I peeked. It was a box of Yellow Newtowns and I want to say to you that it was a prime article—as a matter of fact all the apples grown on this orchard were an excellent

article and it is little wonder the Germans went wild over them. I think I know of one German who would not vote to exclude Rogue River valley apples from the German market."

MAIL Office Devil: "Say, dere's somethin' wrong about dis weather. I begin to believe dat de feller wot runs de machine has made wrong connections an' hooked up de Roosan weather hopper widd de Southern Oregon spout, an' de result is dat our climate has been mixed more'n de war reports from de Orient. But we're all right just de same. De grass is growin' on de hills an' while de farmers is doin' some growlin' about de roads, de miners is a smilin' all de time. Pretty soon de sun will git de best of de situation an' den things will commence to boom in de fruit an' farmin' line. You just watch this country next year. You'll see more fruit, grain, gold everything produced in dis country dan dere ever has been. Oh, dis ain't no pipe dream. I've been a listenin' to a lot of old-timers tellin' about things, an' if dey know anything at all, dis is goin' to be the prize year."

The Relation of Music to Other Studies.

One of the many good purposes served by the choral societies and singing schools throughout the state and the efficient general musical instruction in our public schools, is the demonstration of the fact that excellence in music is not necessarily confined to the gifted few, but that ability to acquire by painstaking care a useful and pleasurable knowledge of the art, is as common as capacity for grammar or arithmetic. By these social and general methods an environment has been created that is favorable to the discovery and testing of talents hitherto unsuspected.

The day is past for music to be looked upon as simply a refined accomplishment and it is now universally regarded as an integral part of a liberal education, its value, like that of regular school studies, lies not only in the usefulness of the subject learned, but also in its reflex influence upon the development of the mind as a whole. Music requires precise thought, habits of observation, attention to details and that most difficult and at the same time the most indispensable quality, concentration of mind. In so far as these conditions are insisted upon, developed, and infused into the work, music is of equal value with other studies.

Acquisition of power coupled with knowledge and skill in the use of it is a vital principal in preserving a race or building a great nation; experience and observation show also that a child's most gratifying reward and the natural stimulus to a growing mind is the subconscious sense of power in knowing some new thing and successfully diverting activity in that line. Instances readily come to mind of children whose dormant faculties have been aroused and a mind regarded as naturally dull has been stimulated, through the influence of music, to actively in other pursuits. In a general way this principle is daily applied in our primary schools in furnishing relaxation and change to little minds tired by the routine duties of the school room.

In its more elevated forms music draws out and develops the emotions and the artistic side of the nature, tending to link them more closely to the purely intellectual life. The threatening danger is that the best music be neglected for "The good is the greatest enemy of the best."

Married—Calwell—Gilchrist.

In Central Point, Tuesday, March 22d, Frank Calwell and Miss Eva Gilchrist were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ned Magruder.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Margaret Calwell, and has been in the employ of E. C. Wells, of Gold Hill, in his meat market at that place, where he has gained many friends by his strict attention to business.

The bride is a daughter of C. C. Gilchrist, one of the prominent farmers of Sams Valley, and is a bright and popular young lady. She was an employe of THE MAIL office for a few months about a year ago and has since been engaged in teaching school.

The young couple will take up their residence in Gold Hill, where Mr. Calwell has prepared a home for his bride.

Union Temperance Meeting.

The Ministerial Union of Medford will hold Union Temperance Services at Willson's opera house Sunday evening the 27th. Rev. H. C. Brown will preach the sermon. All are welcome.

For Sale—

First class driving team and a good almost new buggy. Apply at Medford Mail office.

VOTE TO RETAIN THE PLANT.

The citizens of Medford evidently desire to retain the city light and water plant, at least they voted that way Tuesday, on the question of granting the city council authority to sell it.

There was not a great deal of universal interest manifested as shown by the vote, these being but little more than one-half of the legal voters at the polls. The day was very stormy, which also contributed to make the vote a light one. Two hundred and forty votes were cast in all, and of those 193 were against the proposition and 47 for it.

By wards the vote was as follows:—First Ward—Yes, 15; No, 70. Second Ward—Yes, 11; No, 63. Third Ward—Yes, 21; No, 60.

Death of Mrs. Theo. Cameron.

The many friends of Ex-Senator and Mrs. T. Cameron in this section were very much shocked on Saturday to learn of the death of Mrs. Cameron, at Klamath Falls, whither she had gone to be with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Otis Krause, who has been very ill.

Mrs. Cameron suffered from an attack of intestinal trouble and an operation was necessary to relieve her. She never rallied from the shock and died soon after the conclusion of the operation.

The same day Mr. Cameron, who had been telegraphed for, left Medford with Miss Vickars, the trained nurse, but on arriving at Lairds was met with the intelligence of his wife's death. The remains were immediately prepared for shipment and arrived here on Sunday night's delayed northbound train. The body was taken to Jacksonville, where it was interred on Tuesday under the auspices of Adair Chapter, O. E. S., and Ruth Rebekah lodge, both of which orders Mrs. Cameron was a prominent member.

Mrs. Cameron, whose maiden name was Bilger, came to Southern Oregon in the latter part of the '70s, with the family of the late John Bilger, her uncle. She was born near Burlington, Iowa, on February 18, 1859, and at the time of her death was forty-five years, one month and three days of age.

Mrs. Cameron was first married to Frank Krause, well known as a newspaper man in Southern Oregon, in 1879. Mr. Krause died some years afterward. In 1892 she was married to Hon. Theo. Cameron, to whom the loss of his faithful loving helpmeet comes as a severe blow.

She leaves three children, as the result of her first marriage: Otis Krause, of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Ella Lang, of San Francisco, Calif., and Miss Margaret Krause, of Jacksonville. Also a son, Donald, from the last marriage.

At home and abroad, in social and domestic life, Mrs. Cameron was ever the well-bred, gracious lady, and her loss will be severely felt in social circles in Jacksonville, as well as by the members of her family, and her many friends.

Suicide by Dynamite.

T. E. Nelson, a Swede, living near Kerby, Josephine county, committed suicide by blowing himself up with dynamite last week. He had purchased a ten-pound box of giant powder the day before. His brother, aged 80 years, lived with him and reported to the townspeople when Nelson did not return home. A note was found on the table in the cabin stating that the writer was unable to work enough any more to earn a living and did not want to be a burden upon anyone. The note also named the place where he intended to kill himself. At the spot described a hole made by the explosion was found, also a few fragments of flesh. From appearances Nelson had lighted the fuse and then sat down upon the box of dynamite. The explosion was heard in Kerby, two miles away, but no attention was paid to it, as blasts are of frequent occurrence. Nelson was 74 years of age.

A Petition for Pardon.

A petition has been circulated in Medford lately, asking Governor Chamberlain to pardon Ed. Winkle and Joe Mayham, who are now serving a term of six months in the county jail, for stealing turkeys from H. P. Anderson's of Roxbury creek.

As an abstract proposition we do not believe in promiscuous pardoning of criminals. This matter of going to the expense of convicting a person of a crime, and then in a few weeks circulating a petition for his pardon, is not

sound sense. It comes from a kind of sentimentality, which should not enter into the enforcement of laws for the protection of the public.

An incentive to the commission of crime is given in the first place by the loose manner in which most of the laws are administered, until it has come to be almost an axiom that only the poor and friendless criminal is ever punished. Even if convicted, and his chances for acquittal are usually more than equal, he is likely to escape without serving his full sentence.

In the present case the evidence was overwhelmingly against the two prisoners and under all the circumstances the sentence appeared to be a just one. There is no ground upon which to base an appeal for pardon except that of sentiment. Six months in the county jail will likely have a salutary effect on these young men, but if they are released in less than three the lesson will be lost. It would be more a mistaken kindness than anything else to release them under these circumstances.

Physical Culture Class.

We print below the names of the members of the physical culture class, of which Miss Edna Eifert is instructor:

Ethel Cox, Hazel Cox, Jeunesse Butler, Margaret McCoy, Gertrude Ray, Hazel Kagsdale, Hazel Enhart, George Beard, Agnes Isaacs, Ethel Eifert, Marie Eifert, Myrtle Loar, Lucy Shearer, Ruby Barke, Gladys Curry, Grace Loar, Katherine Deane, Mary Deane, Pansy Carney, Hildreth Humason, Zella White, Ruth Lumsden, Fern Hutchison, Hazel Davis, Ruth Woodford, Loraine Bliton, Frances York, Freda Hockney, Venita Hamilton, Ione Flynn, Dorothy Armstrong, Phoebe Armstrong, Marietta Martin.

These are divided into two classes and meet one class on Thursday afternoon and one on Friday afternoon.

Besides these two classes Miss Eifert has a married woman's class which meets on Monday evening. The members of this class are:

Mrs. Ivan Humason, Mrs. C. W. Palm, Mrs. C. I. Hutchison, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Mrs. J. A. Whitman, Mrs. H. U. Lamsden, Mrs. W. T. York, Mrs. H. G. Nicholson, Mrs. Louis Bundy, Mrs. W. W. Bates, Mrs. J. D. Heard, Mrs. J. M. Keene, Mrs. W. H. McGowan, Mrs. L. P. Hubbs, Mrs. M. L. Alford, Mrs. G. L. Davis, Mrs. H. P. Hargrave, Mrs. E. B. Pickett, Mrs. Warren Dodge, Mrs. F. W. Hollis.

There will be another club organized for young ladies, and also another married women's club. Any person interested should call upon Mrs. C. W. Palm or W. W. Eifert.

Lost in The Mountains.

Last week Gabriel Plymale went out with two companions named James and Johnson, on a prospecting tour in the vicinity of the Sterling mine. On Tuesday he was left at the cabin, to take care of the camp, while the other two men were out prospecting. On their return in the evening Plymale was not to be found. Not a great deal of attention was at first paid to this circumstance, as it was thought he had gone to some of the neighboring cabins. The next morning, however, becoming uneasy, James and Johnson commenced a search for him. Snow had fallen the night before, obliterating all traces so that it was impossible to track him. The search was kept up Saturday and that night word was sent to Medford. Several people went out Sunday to join in the search.

H. W. Jackson, H. G. Nicholson and T. E. Kelso left Wednesday morning to help in the search. Jackson took his famous bloodhounds and expects to be able to find the body, if death has overtaken the lost man.

They returned Wednesday night, not having been able to find any trace of the missing man. The searchers are considerably handicapped by the snow that has fallen during the past few days. The dogs will be taken out again Saturday, by which time it is expected the snow will have melted so that the search can be made successfully.

H. E. Ankeny, who was in town Tuesday, gave it as his opinion that the body of Plymale will be found in Sterling creek, and on that supposition he has instructed his men to keep a sharp lookout along the stream. The creek is not deep, but very swift, and filled with boulders. A man in Plymale's condition, either in trying to cross or by accidentally falling in, would be swept down by the swift current and be unable to rise. He had three men in his employ who knew the location of every prospect hole in the vicinity, examining all of these places and the result confirms him in the above opinion.

Notice to the Public.

You can buy furniture, couches, etc., at T. C. Norris' store in Jacksonville at almost cost while they last. This is no fake. Come and see before they are gone.

GOOD THING FOR THE VALLEY.

Suggestion to Request our Delegation to Secure a Bureau of Rogue River Valley by Bureau of Soils.

Through the courtesy of Welborn Beeson, THE MAIL has been favored with copies of two of the soil maps issued by the Bureau of Soils, of the Department of Agriculture. These maps are of the Albermarle section of Virginia and the Big Flats section of New York, and are the two maps which most nearly coincide with the soils of this section.

The maps show the character of the soils in each section and the explanatory text gives information as to the crops best adapted for each kind of soil and the methods to be employed in working it. This information enables the farmer to go about his work scientifically and intelligently, and thus increase the productivity of his farm, and practically eliminate failure.

Such a map of Rogue river valley would be of incalculable benefit to the farmer, orchardist and gardener, on account of the great diversity in the character of the soils; but it will require an effort on the part of the people to secure this benefit—within any reasonable time. There were but forty-four of these maps made last year, and about the same number are made each year; so that if we await our turn in this matter it may be many years before the map will be made.

Mr. Beeson's idea is to interest the boards of trade of Medford, Ashland, Jacksonville and Grants Pass in the matter and prepare a memorial to our delegation in Congress, requesting them to use their influence with the department of agriculture to have the work done as soon as possible. The benefit to be derived will more than repay any effort that is made to bring about the work, and we believe with Mr. Beeson that the matter should be taken in hand and pushed before the department.

If the commercial bodies of the four towns above named will unite on the question and present a strong petition to our senators and representatives there is no doubt but that the survey will be made sooner a great deal than it will come in the natural course of events.

The Medford Board of Trade is ready and willing to co-operate with any movement likely to bring about the desired result.

Southern Oregon Mines.

The Oro Fino mine, near Grants Pass, is to have a cyanide plant.

A lot of gold from the Jewell-Moore mine was brought to Grants Pass last week, amounting to \$600. Several pieces weighed from \$15 to \$25.

A trial of the machinery in the big dredge of Champlin & Co., at the mouth of Footh Creek, was made last week. Everything worked smoothly, and active operations will soon be commenced.

The Vickroy mine on Forest creek, operated by W. J. Bostwick and Ira Coffman, is having a good run this season. They have pined off a large area of ground already, and expect a big cleanup.

At the Lone Star mine on Pleasant creek at a partial cleanup lately, nearly \$2000 was taken from one sluice box. The gold is mostly coarse. A big amount is expected as the result of the final cleanup.

Col. O. E. Woodron, of San Francisco, has bonded the Ada mine in Footh creek district, for \$16,000. The mine has a three-foot ledge and is opened to a depth of 175 feet. Mill tests have given returns of \$30 per ton in free gold and concentrates.

A half interest in the Snoker creek placers, in Josephine county, has been recently purchased by F. Slade for a consideration of \$5000. A large equipment will be put in on the property, which has always been a good producer, and some big cleanups may be expected.

The Sakima Smelting Co., a corporation with a capital stock of \$250,000, organized under the laws of Colorado, will erect a 100-ton smelting plant in the Waldo district, Josephine county. The company announces that it has closed contracts for the delivery of the machinery on board cars, not later than May 1st. The plant will do custom work, but it is intended mainly to handle the ores of the Waldo Smelting and Mining Co., which consist of copper and gold. The capacity of the

plant—100 tons per day—will be ample to handle the output of the district for sometime to come.

An article on the Opp group of mines near Jacksonville, in the Grants Pass Mining Journal, gives quite an exhaustive description of the property. The property comprises 213 acres of patented land and 40 acres held by mineral locations. There are a number of ore veins out by tunnels and crosscuts. The average width of the veins is 7 1/2 feet and the average values \$7.85 per ton, with 23,885 tons in sight, valued at \$188,837.

A Veteran Sexton.

After a service extending over a period of more than thirty years E. E. Dunlap has resigned the position of sexton of the Jacksonville cemetery.

During Mr. Dunlap's incumbency he has seen Jacksonville grow and flourish and finally decline. He has sided to lay away the remains of the friends of his youth and has watched their sons and daughters grow to man and womanhood, with children around them.

The records of his office have been kept carefully and accurately, and many an unmarked grave has been located, years after it was made, by reference to these records and to the almost infallible memory of the venerable sexton.

Mr. Dunlap is a veteran of the Mexican war and came to Oregon soon after the close of that contest. There are scattered throughout the country many people, natives of Jacksonville, who remember the kindly "Sergeant" Dunlap, who always has a good word for a youngster.

One of the main events of the summer in Jacksonville's early days used to be the harvesting of Sergeant Dunlap's hay crop. Invitations were sent out to the boys of the town and it is to be remarked that few, if any, were ever declined. At the appointed day and hour the youngsters gathered and a day of hard work for youthful laborers followed. Many hands made the work lighter and much enjoyment was gotten out of it. But the crowning glory came afterward. The hay being harvested more invitations were sent out—and this time the girls were included. Then some bright morning a happy crowd drawn by four prancing horses departed for a day's picnicing on Rogue river. Children of older growth followed in other vehicles, and the banks of the river echoed all day to the shouts and laughter of the joyous crowd. The joys of these picnics linger in the memories of many a Jacksonville-born man or woman, whenever their thoughts stray back to the scenes of their childhood—and the patriarchal figure of their old friend furnishes an ever pleasing background to the picture.

OUR OBSERVER.

Various Views—Facts and Fancies—Quips and Others.

There's still universal honor for the man who never told a lie. But how much estimation?

It's all right for a man to remark "patience with the under dog in a fight," remarks the Observer of Events and Things, "but he'd be a fool to bet on him."

The possibilities of the war in the far East bring prominently to the front the surprising fact that Spain still has a few islands to loose.

In the United States each year there is eaten \$150,000,000 worth of candy, and it isn't all the children's doings, either.

It is denied as ridiculous that King Edward never wears the same suit of clothes twice. Instead he never has more than three new suits each year. Now you can figure it out for yourself.

A scientist has found out that a child 2 years old uses a vocabulary of 1,582 words; a 5-year-old, 3,300, and a 4-year-old 7,600 words. Evidently only Boston children were examined.

The Baltimore newspaper man who tells how he worked at his desk with the copy paper burning as he wrote, ought to put in a requisition with the business manager for some asbestos paper in the new office.

Salaries of baseball pitchers are to be cut from \$4,500 to \$3,250 per season. If this sort of thing continues our baseball pitchers will have to save pretty carefully in order to be able to go into the saloon business when they retire from the diamond.

Socialist Committee Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the County Central Committee of the Socialist Party of Jackson county at Medford, Saturday, March 26th, at one o'clock, for the purpose of filling out the blank places on the ticket for our June election and to transact any other business that may properly come before it.

JOE A. THOMAS, Chairman.

E. P. HAMMOND, Secretary.

For Sale.

House and lot, in block 70, the second block south of city water tank. House has six rooms and a bath room; also a five acre tract in northwest Medford with apple, pear, peach, plum and cherry trees in bearing. Inquire of D. L. DAY, Medford.