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The Portland league team won a game from the Santa Barbara high school team the other day. Well, that's better than they did last year.

The supreme court of California has decided that it's no crime to hold up "French restaurants" and force the proprietors to pay for immunity, by affirming the finding of the court of Appeals in the Semnitz case. That's the effect of the decision although it was based on the insufficiency of the indictment.

The transfer of Cuba's government depends upon the force of our obligation to get out in accordance with conditional pledges in comparison with our obligation to a certain American control for the purpose of maintaining peace and insuring the safety of life and prosperity. The issue is in the hands of the Cubans themselves.

Uncle Joe Cannon, Representative Payne and a few more of the most eminent standpatters have at last decided that the tariff is in need of revision, and the matter will be taken up at an extra session next spring. This decision is some years overdue, but if the subject shall be properly handled and early relief shall be afforded it will make amends in a degree for the dilatory tactics of the past.

If the testimony as to the worthlessness of American battleships is given before the senate investigation committee be true, in view of the fact that the U. S. navy has established a new record for long distance traveling in fleet formation, what couldn't they have done if the ships had been perfect. The naval bureau knacker may be doubtful of the good quality of our ships and men and guns, but an enemy who would place dependence on their utterances would very likely wish he hadn't.

Senator Fulton's joint amendment concerning the grant of the O & C railroad, if passed without the insertion of a clause protecting innocent purchasers of railroad lands, will work a great hardship on many people of Oregon, and retard development work throughout the state. There have been many thousand acres of railroad lands throughout the state purchased in good faith by actual settlers, and to annul the grant now would lead to endless litigation and consequent loss to people who are least able to stand it. Some of these have been sold and resold several times, so that it can be readily seen what a chain of complications would arise.

Among other questions upon which the people of Oregon will vote at the coming June election is that of increasing the compensation of members of the legislature from \$120 to \$400 for the session. Assuming that a regular session will consist of 40 days, as in the past, the increase is from \$3 per day to \$10 per day. In the early history of the state \$3 a day was a whole lot of money, but things are different now. It is mistaken economy to pay public officers a wage which has to be supplemented in order that the officer may live. Cheap wages make cheap men. You can't hire good men unless you pay them what they are worth. The county or state official is the public's hired man, and his wages should be commensurate with the importance of the duties of his office.

### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

If you owe The Mail more than one year's subscription on April 1st your name will be taken from our subscription list. The Postal laws and regulations require that we do this.

If you do not get a paper on and after April 1st you will understand why. You will still owe The Mail the amount due at that time even should your name be among those taken off, and these accounts will be looked after just as religiously then as they are now.

It wouldn't be more than fair for you to pay up before that time, would it? We don't believe you want to be unfair and we believe you intend to pay up but the time limit is narrowing every day.

### Upholds Law Violation.

The Tribune of Monday again shows where it stands on moral and law abiding questions by violently attacking Justice Stewart for his action in fixing the bail of Prof. Pitt at \$125, for a violation of the law prohibiting the exhibition of hypnotic subjects in public. The animus of the article is very plain. The Tribune has ever been on the side of the violator of the law, from the time of the slot-machine crusade to the present instance and has never let an opportunity go by to pass adverse criticisms upon officials. In this case it goes out of its way in order to attack Justice Stewart and even goes so far as to—by implication—falsify.

The law plainly prohibits the exposure of hypnotic subjects in public and provides for a fine of ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, or imprisonment, or both. So far as Mr. Stewart judging the case in advance is concerned, he had no opportunity to judge it at all. The prisoner was brought before him and waived examination. There was no evidence introduced nor offered. There was but one course open for the justice and that was to bind the prisoner over to the circuit court. The bail was fixed at \$125, only a little above the minimum fine, and would seem reasonable enough. It would have been a farce to have placed it at the minimum fine, in the face of the evidence that a violation of the law had been committed, for under the most extenuating circumstances—ignorance of the law and lack of intentional misdemeanor—the accused could not have escaped with less than \$100 fine. In speaking of minimum and maximum bail the Tribune writer shows his lack of legal knowledge. There is no such thing as a fixed minimum or maximum bail. The matter lies entirely in the judgment of the court and he may name any amount he considers sufficient to insure the presence of the accused when wanted.

### To the Public

Having been solicited by a goodly number of the citizens and taxpayers of Jackson county to become a candidate for the office of County Assessor of Jackson county I have decided to become such candidate, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the coming primary election.  
William T. Orlovos,  
Patist, Oregon

### MEDFORD TAKES FIRST GAME

A good sized crowd witnessed the opening of the base ball season Sunday at the Medford grounds, between Jacksonville and Medford. There has always been a strong feeling of rivalry between the two teams, and when they have met heretofore the game has always been a hard fought one from start to finish, but on Sunday the boys seemed subdued like. Even Pat Donegan and Shorty Miles failed to find occasion to sullivan the game, with verbal pyrotechnics, and Isaacs only "roared" once and then took the umpire's mandate as meekly as a lamb.

There wasn't any spectacular plays, but the game was good, for the first one, the fielding was clean, as a rule and the shortage in the hit column shows that the batters haven't rounded into any kind of form as yet.

Housum pitched a good, steady game throughout, refusing to go up in the air, and made two of the six scores made by the home team. Pardy was handicapped by a sore hand and didn't do extra backstop work. His place is in the initial station—where he is hard to beat. Carter was out of luck. He is a hard hitter usually, but couldn't hit the ball on the seam Sunday, besides a hot grounder slipped through him in the ninth and saved Jacksonville from a shut out. It wasn't especially his fault, but that of the atmosphere. A warm day, with the bleachers yelling and everybody on his toes and Carter would have "eat it up" without any trouble.

Effort needs to get a little more speed and locate first more accurately, if he is going to hold down that difficult corner. Rippey showed up well at the bat but he needs a little coaching in the field.

Two snappy double plays were features of the game, one from Wilkinson to Miles to Carter and the other from Danford to Donegan.

### Greater Medford Club.

The library board met at Commercial Club rooms Monday evening, March 9th. In the absence of chairman Maddy W. I. Vawter was chosen as temporary chairman, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. U. Stoddard, Vice-president, W. I. Vawter, Secretary, Mrs. S. P. Thoma, Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Hollis. Committee on observing and furnishing for library rooms: Messrs. Watt and King. Committee to check off list of books at Haskins drug store, donated to library: Ed. Andrews, Mesdames Merrick and Hollis.

The board is to meet at the Commercial Club rooms March 15th at 3 p. m. Then a complete list of books will be selected and purchased, and the library will then be ready for the public. A number of people have offered volumes and sets of books for the library, and they are kindly requested to send a list at once to Ed. Andrews, to avoid duplicates in ordering books.

### For Commissioners

James O. Owens, of Eagle Point precinct, is a republican candidate for nomination for County Commissioner. Mr. Owens has been a resident of Jackson county for twenty-three years, and those of his acquaintances who know him best are doing the hardest work for his nomination. He is a good roads advocate.

J. W. Lawton,  
Medford Oregon.

### COUNTY OFFICERS "MEDDLING" IN CITY AFFAIRS

Vigorous Expression of Oregon Sheriff on Civic Unrighteousness and Necessity for Reform

The editorial columns of The Oregonian are so completely and ably voicing the sentiments of the moral people of Oregon on the question of law and order that little remains to be said. However, there is one important issue along that line upon which the writer has noticed scarcely any comment in the public press. We refer to the question of "whether or not county officers have a right to meddle in matters pertaining to city affairs." It is a matter that is being discussed and agitated in the small towns and cities throughout the State of Oregon.

This question has become so acute in Southern Oregon that Mayor Reddy, of Medford, has filed with the Secretary of State an initiative petition for a constitutional amendment, giving to incorporated towns exclusive authority to license, regulate or suppress saloons, poolrooms, theaters, racetracks and similar places thereby abrogating the present local option law. This question will of course be voted upon at the state election next June, and the friends of good government must turn out and promptly defeat this proposed amendment. Attempts to enact such legislation were promptly crushed at the 1905 session of the Oregon Legislature.

Mayor Reddy says: "We don't like to have county officers to meddle in matters that relate to city affairs." Now, we all know that the best interests of the town and country are so identical and closer related to each other that no dispute should arise over matters of local government. The trouble is that we have not yet eliminated from official circles all the Mayor Reddys in Oregon, and the few remaining ones must be weeded out as quickly as possible.

You may rest assured that the city or town that has respect and reverence for law and that stands for civic righteousness and public decency has no desire to secede from nor to nullify the state criminal laws. The towns that is governed by men who stand for law and order, who have regard for their oaths of office, and who have a sense of their moral duty to society, has no fear of a "meddling" sheriff, but is glad and willing to work in conjunction with him for the betterment of social, moral and financial conditions.

The municipality that doesn't want to be "meddled" with by the state criminal laws is usually governed by men who stand for a wide-open, Cripple Creek, rip-roaring town, where gambling and thievery thrive and where everybody, including father, works on Sunday. The mayor and councilmen and marshal and recorder of such cities are nearly always to be found spending their leisure moments in the saloons, at the gambling tables or some similar place of amusement. They are usually men who regard home as simply a quick-lunch counter and a place to sleep. Home, in its highest and noblest and grandest sense—the very foundation of the government itself—is an unknown institution to them.

The wife of such a man stays at home year in and year out, slaving along with the children and house drudgery, never knowing what it is to enjoy the sweet companionship and tender protecting love of a husband and father. Wife and children see him only at meal times, for after business hours and all day Sundays he sits at the card tables in the saloons or at the club. He has degenerated into simply a money-making machine, and will sacrifice everything, even the honor and future welfare of his boys and girls, for the almighty dollar. His sons have to look to the school teacher at school and the town marshal on the streets for their moral and intellectual training, not daring to follow the precept and example of their father. He is a moral coward, and as an official he is owned body and soul by the law-breaking element. He will tolerate any civic condition so long as it contributes to his financial welfare. Of course he doesn't want

any sheriff to "meddle" with his politics.

In most of the towns of Oregon the saloon element is strong enough to elect a "favorable" mayor and city council, by importing a bunch of floating tin-horns if necessary. The city council collects the license money from the saloons, gambling dens and houses of prostitution, and of course expends the money in the city. When these incubators of crime hatch and bring forth their finished products in the form of murder trials and kindred cases, it is then only that such cities do not object to the sheriff and the district attorney and the farmers and the stockmen butting in and "meddling" with city affairs, for there are perhaps thousands of dollars of circuit court bills to be paid. Ninety-five per cent of all crimes are incubated if not perpetrated in the saloons of the cities and towns.

Mayor Reddy, has the county taxpayer no interest in the way his home town is run? Has he nothing to say when his boys and girls come to town to attend school and fall prey to vicious town environments? Has the farmer nothing to say when his harvest hands come to town Sundays, get drunk and don't return for several days, while his crops and hard work are sacrificed for want of help?

In such places a law-enforcing sheriff or district attorney proves a God-send to the farmer or stockmen and the law-abiding element of towns and cities, after the easy-going city authorities refuse to do their plain duty. These county officers represent a higher power, and are usually under no obligation to the vicious element for their election. They can bring order and decency out of that chaotic state and be upheld by the people of the county. They are, of course, some sheriffs and district attorneys in Oregon who have no desire to "meddle" in city affairs, or in anything else that might lose them a few votes. Such officers belong to the gang above described, and their chief pursuit is playing politics and smiling and winking at anything and everything, even the devil himself, if he could in some manner help keep them in office.

It is really refreshing to see a mayor or any other public official rise above his surroundings and take a firm, manly stand for law and order. It is astonishing how quickly he can change the moral complexion of the city without the least damaging its financial interests, for after all there is a latent majority in every community that stands ready and willing to come to the support of a public official who had the moral stamina and courage to take a stand for right.

Such men as Mayor Reddy and the others we have described belonged to a past age, and have no place in official life in this great, growing, regenerated West. Eliminate the moss-bank official and professional politician and innuendo patriot who hold sacred their oaths of office.

What we need in Congress, in the Governor's office, in all state, county and municipal official circles are men who are not afraid to do

their plain duty, whatever this calls for, even though an apparent majority are against them on the start. Great and small reforms spring from heroic and persistent minorities. Lincoln, Roosevelt and Folk furnish good examples for emulation.

E. M. SHUTT,  
HEPNER, OREGON.

### M AND M CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT

The Medford M and M Club will give a "silver offering" concert at the Methodist Episcopal church on Wednesday evening, March 18th, commencing at eight o'clock.

The M and M club is an organization of young Medford ladies, which organization was effected several months ago by Mrs. Sophia A. Krause, of this city. What the name of the club signifies the writer does not know, and in this respect he is equally wise with all others who are not members. However, that has nothing to do with the fact that the club has some of the best musical talent in Medford on its membership roster. And these same ladies are going to give a concert—and it is surely going to be worth hearing—and they are going to be assisted by the Medford Glee Club, which is a cracking good one, and will prove an able help to the ladies excellent voices.

The program will consist of selections by the chorus of twenty-five voices, quartets, duets and solos. Following is the program:  
"Summer Fancies".....Glee Club  
Piano Solo.....Miss Curry and Rester  
Vocal Solo.....Nerva Samuel  
Selected.....Miss Flynne  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Flynne  
"Gib and Floss".....Glee Club  
Piano Solo.....Clarence Kellogg  
Vocal Solo.....Howard Hill  
Violon Solo.....Miss Flynne and Mr. Todd  
Selected.....Miss Flynne  
Solo.....Glee Club and M. M. Chorus

Mrs. Krause, who has been instructing these classes for several months past, is one of the very best in her line, in fact there are few her equal on the Pacific coast, and she has selected the members of these classes because of their genuine, natural ability to sing and has given them the amount of training she has there seems no good reason to expect that this concert will be anything less than a decidedly rare musical treat.

As before stated there will be no admission fee, but there will be a silver offering asked. Inasmuch as the concert is given for the benefit of the church a liberal offering would be appreciated.

### Turpin Re-Appointed.

Charles Turpin was reappointed chief of police by Mayor Reddy on the evening of February 23. The council has not as yet confirmed the reappointment but it is thought that they will do so at their next regular meeting.

Some time ago, as the result of an agitation against Turpin by members of the council, he was asked for his resignation, after a committee had reported to the council upon his actions while chief. The chief tendered his resignation to take effect March 1, 1908.

Later, however, the matter has been dropped to a certain extent, so, when the time came for his resignation to take effect he was re-appointed by the Mayor.

### Noodle Soup Supper.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church will give a unique supper at the D. G. Karooe building Friday evening, March 20, from 5 to 8 p. m. Noodle soup, pie, salads, pickles, etc., will be served to a hungry public. Watch and wait for this supper at the Karooe's building, West Side, on G street, between 7th and 8th.

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  - 66—120 acres near Gold Hill, 12 acres in orchard, irrigation ditch, 15 acres in alfalfa, 22 acres in wheat, farming implements, some stock, good improvements, 400 rods netting fence. Price \$7800.
  - 65—1 lot, 79x125 feet, good new 6-room house, well, wood shed, some fruit trees, only \$1395.
  - 64—103 acres near Eagle Point, bottom land, under cultivation and irrigation ditch, school house on the land. A special bargain at \$6000.
  - 62—240 acres of choice fruit land, four miles from Medford, well improved. Price \$60 an acre, easy terms, 6 per cent interest
  - 60—10 1/2 acres in bearing fruit near Medford, new 6-room house, fenced with Page wire. Price \$4700.
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Medford, Oregon.

### SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson

Mrs. Lynn Plankitt  
vs.  
William Lynn Plankitt,  
Defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within ten days from the date of the return of this summons upon you; and if you fail to answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will take a default against you, and will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:

That the marriage contract now existing between Plaintiff and defendant be forever dissolved.

This summons is published in the Medford Mail, by an order of Hon. H. R. Hanna, Judge of the above entitled Court, made March 10th, 1908; to be published for six consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof being Friday, March 13th, 1908, and the last being Friday, April 10th, 1908, and the defendant is hereby required to appear and answer the complaint herein, on or before the said last named date.

COLVIG & URRILL,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

### Land For Sale.

I have 240 acres of timber land for sale. Three million feet saw timber. Eighty acres good fruit land when timber is off. \$10 per acre.  
H. N. Hollan,  
Trail, Oregon.

### For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Jackson County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election, April 17.  
Medford, Oregon. W. A. Jones.

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