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IS THIS COURTESY?

About this time last year, and nearly every morning thereafter prior to the Fourth of July, the Morning Mail printed columns of reading matter telling of the big things which would be doing at Ashland on the Fourth, and advising Medford people to turn out and help the town up the valley have a good time. As a result fully two-thirds of the people of this place went to Ashland to celebrate. The Morning Mail did all this advertising free—not a penny did this paper charge the Ashland committee for all this work, but we did expect that when Medford should decide to celebrate that Ashland papers would return at least a trifle of the courtesy. This is the way the Tidings squares the score:

"Grants Pass, under the auspices of the Commercial club, is making preparations to hold one of the largest and best celebrations the people have ever witnessed."

The Grants Pass celebration will continue three days, and the Tidings, after telling of all the things that are going to happen the three days, says:

"It is expected that all Rogue River will be present during one of the days."

In the same mail which brought the issue of the Tidings referred to in the above, came a letter from Mr. Billings, president of the Chautauqua association in Ashland. In this Mr. Billings sends The Morning Mail a small local—to run six times—which will amount to less than one dollar. This local tells of the next session of the Chautauqua, which will be held at Ashland in July. Mr. Billings asks that this local be given as prominent a position as possible—presumably "top column, first page" would be satisfactory, but as the local would, at regular rates, amount to only 15 cents, we hardly feel like giving it that position.

Mr. Billings closes his letter with this: "We shall be glad if we may have a large delegation from Medford in attendance upon the sessions of the coming assembly."

Sure thing, Mr. Billings, we'll all be there—Medford is not so narrow as to turn you down—because you are a good fellow and a cracking fine gentleman, and the Chautauqua owes all its success to your untiring efforts; but you are carrying an awfully heavy newspaper handicap in your own town.

COMMON SENSE IN MARRIAGE.

The State of Washington is the first in the Union actually to insist on a modicum of common sense in marriage, says an exchange. A new law goes into effect today requiring men and women planning matrimony to submit a physician's certificate that they are mentally and physically sound when they apply for a license. The new law is a step in the right direction. The insane asylums, reformatories, jails, prisons and sanitariums of the country are filled with the victims of inherited disease, mental and physical. Thousands of babies are born every year who are doomed either to an early death or a life of invalidism, or crime or madness—all because ineffectual laws and foolish social customs have permitted men and women to enter the married state in blindness and ignorance.

Some day the marriage laws in every state in the Union will be founded on common sense. And when that day comes there will be fewer divorces, less insanity, inherited disease, poverty and misery. Until that day comes, however, young men and women, confident that "love is blind," will mismanage as usual—and future generations will bear the consequences.

OREGON'S APPLES.

The New York Times of June 4 contains the following editorial statement about Oregon's apples, says the Oregonian:

"Mr. George T. Powell, a horticulturist of this state, declared this week in a letter to the Times that, in his Oregon competition, the New York farmer is up against the brightest men in our country—Eastern business men who have gone there for their health and have put their restored energies into the business of growing apples. In the Progress Magazine for June, Mr. Olin D. Wheeler says that, owing to the methods of those northwestern farmers, more money has been made in growing apples in the past decade than in any like period since the settlement of New England. Trainloads and shiploads of the sun-colored fruit move steadily across the continent and the Atlantic ocean to England and other parts of Europe. Even Asia has taken some of them, and Australia gets thousands of boxes of the very best, and calls for more. Conditions of culture like those of Oregon obtain now, also, in the states of Washington, Idaho and

Montana, where small farms are made to yield thousands of dollars' worth of apples yearly."

But the Times attempts a counter argument by adding this statement, to-wit:

"In this state thousands of neglected and abandoned farms can be made to yield apples as abundantly, better-flavored apples than those of Oregon, and at as great profit. Our business men who are tired of the city should seek these farms in preference to the farms of Oregon." Nothing probably but demonstration through further experience in New York can put a final quietus on this assumption that eastern apples may be grown as good as ours of the northwest. If that can be done, why hasn't it been done? And if it was done in old times, why was it discontinued?

When the paving on Oakdale avenue is completed the paving company expects to move its plant to Ashland, where there is a contract awaiting them for putting in 21,000 yards of paving. West Main street in Medford is still waiting to be paved. It ought to have been included in the Oakdale avenue contract—but was not, and now the chances are not very favorable for getting it paved this season. The Ashland contract will keep the company busy until early fall, after which the outfit will return to Medford and pave West Main street—if the contract is awarded. Should this bring the paving work into the wet season, there will be a vigorous protest made. Wet weather paving is not good paving—and it is expensive, both to the company and the city; still something must be done to improve West Main street before another winter.

DAVIS-TARBELL.

Wedding Took Place Tuesday Morning, Rev. M. F. Horn Officiating.

MARRIED—Tuesday morning, June 15, at 10:30 o'clock, at the home of E. F. Roberts, on South Hamilton street, Winfield Davis and Miss Edna Tarbell, were united in wedlock, M. F. Horn, pastor of the Church of Christ, officiating. It was a quiet home wedding, but none the less impressive. Miss Tarbell is one of the popular school teachers of Jackson county. Mr. Davis is a successful rancher, living near Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will reside on their splendid farm and will be at home to all their friends after July 1.

MARRIED—At the Methodist parsonage, Riverside avenue, on June 15, Rev. W. C. Repter officiating, Mr. Howard Vradenburg of Jackson county, Oregon, to Miss Eva Cole of Pierce county, Washington. They will reside in Medford.

RAIN AND LIGHTNING.

The Rain Was Very Welcome—Lightning Struck in Two Places.

Just about the time it was needed a delightful rain fell yesterday afternoon and last night, which brought gladness to the hearts of the ranchers, as well as the citizens of the city and vicinity who were troubled with the dust flying when rigs and automobiles passed by.

During the storm yesterday afternoon the lightning struck in two places in the city. Jim Stanley was putting in electric light wires at the Naah barn when he got a shock which nearly knocked him off the ladder on which he was standing. About the same time the lightning struck a chain which was stretched across the front door of the fire hall. No damage was done in either case.

OLD SOLDIER DEAD.

Word was received Sunday from Los Angeles announcing the death at that place of Wilson Bowman on the 12th inst. Mr. Bowman was for many years a resident of this city and went to Los Angeles several months ago, where he had purchased property.

Mr. Bowman was an old soldier and was 75 years of age. He was a native of Scotland. Besides a wife, who is in the east, he leaves three sons and two grandsons. The funeral will be held in this city Wednesday at 2:30 at the Presbyterian church. The interment will be in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

DEATH OF ARTHUR W. COREY

DIED—In this city, Monday, June 14, 1909, at the home of his relative, Dr. A. B. Sweet of East Medford, Arthur W. Corey, aged 57 years. Mr. Corey came here several weeks ago in poor health, thinking a change of climate from his home at Seattle, Wash., might be of benefit. The change from a low to a higher altitude, however, had the opposite effect from that desired. His family were notified and arrived several days ago. The remains will today be taken by the sorrowing family to Seattle for interment.

BROKE HIS ARM.

Olivier Jones, who lives at Griffin Creek, while thinning fruit for Mr. Judy last week, got a fall from a ladder on which he was working. He struck the ground in such a manner as to break his left arm near the wrist. Dr. Hargrave was called and reduced the fracture. Mr. Jones is a man over 50 years of age and the accident is a serious blow to him.

PREVENTION OF BLIGHT IN PEARS

Up to this time, during the present season, pear blight has been kept under complete control by the growers in the Rogue River valley. A few small outbreaks were so quickly discovered, and so effectively dealt with, that no such thing as a general spread of the disease was possible. The vigilance of the growers, as well as the good work they have done, reflects credit upon them, and it is to be hoped that this effective work will continue, not only during the season, but for all time.

After the Rain. My only reason for making mention of pear blight at this time is to warn the growers to be even more watchful, now that we have had a heavy rain. Rain does not cause blight, but it does produce conditions in the trees very favorable to blight, namely: the trees are forced into a very rapid and succulent growth. Should an infection take place in a pear or apple tree when this rapid growth is taking place, it will run much faster than when the trees are growing less rapidly. Furthermore, the young growth is always provided with a much more delicate epidermis, or skin, which is easily punctured even by the small claws found on the feet of many insects which are known to carry the pear blight germ from tree to tree and from orchard to orchard. Should such insects first visit a case of blight and become contaminated with the germ filled ooze, which is found running from infected parts of the trees, and then visit other trees, the smallest scratch of such an insect's claws would puncture the tender epidermis of the young growth and thus introduce the germ into the soft growing tissues. We know that the pear blight germ grows best in tissues which have plenty of watery sap, hence, the reason why we so often see many serious infections following a rainy spell which induces rapid growth in the trees and thus produces the exact condition which the germ desires for its best growth.

What May Follow. Following a rainy spell we often find what is commonly termed "hot, muggy weather." The hot weather, together with the previously added moisture, often causes plants to take in so much water that many cells, especially the epidermal cells, are ruptured and an effect technically known as guttation is produced. Guttation simply means the formation of small droplets on the surface of the young growth which look like dewdrops. With the aid of a lens one may see that these droplets have been forced through small breaks or ruptures in the epidermis. Now, it often happens that insects, which do not puncture the skin of the young growth, may carry the germs to these ruptures, or breaks, in the skin and easily introduce the germ. So long as the epidermis remains unbroken the pear blight germ cannot enter, but since we know that the germ is not much larger than one-twenty-five thousandth of an inch in length, it is very readily seen how small a break or opening is necessary for its introduction into the tissues of the trees.

Watch Trees Carefully. My only recommendation is that every grower shall continue to watch his trees very carefully during the warm period which is to follow the rain we have had. All water sprouts and suckers should be kept from the bodies and crowns of the trees. If a limb of a tree begins to show that there is something wrong with it, it had better be removed at once. Do not wait for the inspector to call, as a delay might cause widespread infection at so critical a time. We hope that there is not blight enough in the valley to cause a general infection at this time, but, in order to be sure that there will be none, we should be more watchful than ever. I beg of every grower to let all remedies and experimentation alone, as there is nothing to be gained by misguided efforts of this kind.

P. J. O'GARA, Assistant Pathologist, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

JORDAN APOLOGIZES

Explains Utterance Which Has Caused Ill Feeling

A short time ago Professor Jordan, the president of the Stanford university of California, made a statement in the course of his remarks to the students that France had become a "decadent nation." This was resented by a French professor of the same college, who, after shouting that the statement was a lie, left the hall.

Professor Jordan no doubt realized right then and there that he had made a mistake, but if he did not he has found it out since that, as he has been roasted not only all over this country, but also on the continent. He now makes an effort to square himself as the following statement from him, published in the New York World, will show:

"David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university, is sorry he said it. He did not mean that France was 'decadent' in the sense of degeneracy."

Was Most Unfortunate. "Altogether it is a most unfortunate occurrence—unfortunate, unexpected and unjustified," explained Dr.

Jordan. "I shall not discuss the occurrence at length, but I should like to say that I think my general terms were misunderstood and my inference overdrawn. I think Professor Foulet was a trifle hasty and unthoughtful when he interrupted me. I regret the publicity that has grown out of it, and I am sure Professor Foulet would wish the incident forgotten as well as I do."

"I meant that France in a decadent nation only in the sense that it has deteriorated with Italy, Spain, and other countries because of the wars and other conflicts in which its people had engaged."

Was Speaking of War. "It must be remembered that I was talking on the subject 'War and Mankind,' an address that was meant wholly to be an argument for universal peace. My remarks were intended to show that the various wars in which the nations have been involved have left their effect on the peoples of many of the old-world countries. 'The United States is decadent in the same way. The civil war cost 1,000,000 of men, the majority of whom did not leave offspring, though possessed of all the qualities to make a great race.'

"There are now, and always have been, great men in France, representing the best there is in the human race. But it is the average stature and energy of the mass of the people which has been injured by war—a fact which has been repeatedly asserted by French authorities themselves. There is no such thing as a decadent race, but where the strongest men are drawn off by war the average stock is correspondingly lowered."

THE HOUSE FLY.

It has taken six thousand years of civilization for man to make up his mind to declare war on the common house fly, says an exchange. The fly is the most pestiferous insect pest common to all nations in the world. It is a globe encircling nuisance—and now science has discovered that it is a disease-disseminator of the most dangerous type.

Science in attacking the house fly has declared war on the most numerous army in the universe. It would be far easier to exterminate all the armed soldiers on the globe than it will be to destroy all the flies in the world.

And yet it can be done. Professor W. B. Helms of the State University of California declares that 95 per cent of the flies can be exterminated with little or no expense. A careful collection of garbage, a little precaution on the part of each household in not exposing kitchen refuse to the open air, a strict insistence on cleanliness in stables, careful protection of fruit, vegetables, meat and grocery supplies, and a few minutes' vigorous work each day in every store, shop and residence—and the thing can be done.

The fly is a small insect. It is annoying. It is dangerous to health. It spreads infection and disease. Let's get rid of the house fly. It can be done. The city of Berkeley is doing noble pioneer work in its war on the house fly. Other cities might do well to take up the crusade.

CLEON AND I.

Cleon hath a million acres, ne'er a one have I; Cleon dwelleth in a palace, in a cottage I; Cleon hath a dozen fortunes, not a penny I; Yet the poorer of the twain is Cleon, and not I.

Cleon, true, possesseth acres, but the landscape I; Half the charms to me it yieldeth money could not buy. Cleon harbors sloth and dullness, freshening vigor I; He in velvet, I in fustian, richer man am I.

Cleon is a slave to grandeur, free as thought am I; Cleon fees a score of doctors, need of none have I; Wealth surrounded, care environed, Cleon fears to die; Death may come, he'll find me ready—happier man am I.

Cleon sees no charm in nature, in a daisy I; Cleon hears no anthems ringing in the sea and sky; Nature sings to me forever, earnest listener I; State for state, with all attendant, who would change? Not I.—Charles Mackay.

MEDFORD COMES NEXT.

The State Law Appears to Have Little Effect in This City.

DETROIT, Mich., June 15.—Two men dead and two women and one child injured is the toll that automobiles took in Detroit between Saturday noon and Monday morning.

An unidentified man was killed late last night by a taxicab on Jefferson avenue. John Nonan, a warehouse foreman, died yesterday in a hospital from injuries suffered when he stepped in front of an automobile truck Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Sarah Osborn, Mrs. Frances Janisse and Florence Marr were all seriously injured by machines yesterday.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

UTTERANCES ON LOCAL MATTERS

Dr. Bonner: "Well, say; speaking about homesteads. You ought to see mine, up near Derby. Yes, folks are living up there all the time. I'll make no mistake when it comes to making final proof. I have built a fine house and right now I have men at work clearing some land. I have purchased enough wire fence to go around 80 acres, and will have a stump puller here in a day or two. Going to raise poultry and hogs when I get it shaped up. Say, I have wheat now almost shoulder high."

H. F. Platt: "Nothing but business doing at the Nicholson Hardware company's store. Right now we are having a big run on coal oil stoves. The advent of warm weather makes these stoves very popular. We are selling them just as fast as we can get them from the manufacturer. See that camp outfit there? That's for a Crater Lake party of campers. We are fitting a number of parties for outing trips every day. That white enamel ware seems to be a favorite for campers in the dish line."

H. F. Hopkins: "My orchard never in its history had a better crop of fruit than it is showing right now. I have made a careful and conservative estimate of the fruit I will be able to harvest this fall, and this estimate is 14 carloads of pears and 12 carloads of Newtown and Spitzenburg apples. That's a pretty good crop, and it is largely due to the fact that I have Fish Lake water to irrigate with. I picked ripe raspberries yesterday at my place. Irrigated? Surely they were. Few people in this valley realize what a good irrigating system will mean to their orchards and gardens—I do."

H. A. Thieroff: "It is really marvelous the number of new buildings which are being put up in Medford. No person is in a better position to realize this than I am. When the spring trade started in and the Big Pines Lumber company had all its delivery teams busy all the time, I rather thought it might be because of a little spring rush, but, do you know, we have been just as busy ever since. Why, there has been a constant increase since away back last winter, and the last two weeks there has been a bigger increase than at any other time. Yes, we are booking some splendid orders right now. If our business continues for the next six months at the rate it has for the past six you will have to use the whole front page of your paper in mentioning the new buildings in your annual write-up. If I remember correctly, you printed a list of over 200 new dwellings last January—the number will be much greater than that this year."

S. C. Minnick of Central Point: "I live just joining the townsite of Central Point. I own buildings inside the town, and if that fine of Monday had not been checked just where it was my property, together with the whole town, would now be in ashes, and I want to say to you that if ever a community felt grateful for favors rendered, those Central Point people right now feel good towards Medford, and I wish right here to express personally my gratitude."

"The fire had not been burning long until the town began to fill up with Medford people, and it was only a few minutes later when they all had their coats off working shoulder to shoulder with the Central Point boys. That's the kind of a spirit I like to see manifest—and it's the kind of a spirit which makes us all of one family. It is in times of need when the full measure of friendship is appreciated. When I think of what might have been and of what your Medford fire boys and your citizens generally did to prevent the sad calamity I feel more grateful than words can express."

People of Medford: After a stay of 18 days I leave you with genuine heartfelt regret. The kind and generous treatment from you all appeals to my better nature, has called forth the good that was in me. No grander and better people live on this mundane sphere. This, coupled with the best climate on all the Pacific coast, will make your lovely city 'blossom as the rose.'

I wish you all, each and every one of you, a long, a happy and a prosperous life. Sincerely,

L. ADKINS HALL.

The writer of the above was the manager of the sale which recently took place at the store of Baker-Hutchinson company.

SLAYS SCORN AND HERSELF.

Society Woman Despondent Because Child Was Mentally Deficient.

SALEM, O., June 14.—Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sharp, a prominent society woman and wife of G. V. Sharp, a politician and manufacturer, killed her 12-year-old son, Harold, last night, and then herself, with a revolver. The tragedy came when the two had retired, after spending the evening together playing the piano and singing.

The motive for the tragedy is believed to be the woman's sorrow be-

cause the son had been mentally deficient from birth. Mrs. Sharp was 38 years of age.

Mr. Sharp heard the shots, muffled by the bed clothes. He investigated, found the door locked, broke it open and discovered his wife and son dead in bed.

GOULD SCANDAL

Mrs. Gould Placed in an Unpleasant Situation

NEW YORK, June 15.—Torn with anger and extreme humiliation, flushing with shame, sobbing, clenching her hands in exasperation, Katherine Clemons Gould sat through the trying ordeal in the supreme court today. It was a day of testimony for the defense, during which Howard Gould's attorney sought to bring out that Mrs. Gould's habits justified him in leaving her.

In the event of proving this, the defense hopes to undermine charges of abandonment. Mrs. Gould yesterday naively told what is required of a woman of fashion in the matter of dress. Witnesses for the defense today recited the indulgence of the same woman of fashion in the matter of alcoholic stimulants.

That Mrs. Gould was intoxicated on various occasions; that she called Howard Gould "you little hound"; that she was once apparently so under the influence of liquor as to stagger; that her maid brought liquors to her room; that her administration of Castle Gould was erratic and that clashes were frequent between herself and the manager of the estate and with carpenters employed about the grounds; that she remained in her room for a period of two weeks, during which she consumed seven bottles of brandy and other liquors; that she wanted, on one exciting night, the doors of the house locked, regardless of the fact that Howard Gould was out on the lawn, which fact did not appear to appeal to Mrs. Gould as any reason for not closing the front door, were among the statements brought out today as employees of the Gould estate related on the stand their experiences with their former mistress.

Mrs. Gould's lawyer, Clarence J. Shearn, who had objected strenuously at first to the trend of the testimony, but was overruled, advanced rather a novel argument, that even admitting his client had been intoxicated, this should have strengthened, rather than weakened the ties between the husband and wife. While most of the testimony was against Mrs. Gould, one witness spoke in her favor. This was Charles H. Davis of Glencove, L. I. He testified that in 1902-5 he did considerable work on the Gould estate and saw Mrs. Gould frequently. He never had seen her intoxicated, but at times knew she had been drinking, because he could smell her breath.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON BY REV. DR. LINSOTT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB

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Review Golden Text—With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Acts iv:33.

The following review is planned for all who are taking up these Bible studies, whether having actually studied the eleven lessons here reviewed or only a part of them. Even if this is the first lesson which has captured a reader's attention it can be made a profitable lesson in itself. The date and title of each lesson and where found, the Golden Text and one question from each lesson follow:

April 4—Acts x:1-45. Peter and Cornelius. Golden Text, Acts x:35. In every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Verses 1-2—Can you give a good reason why God today, is not as well pleased with a devout Roman Catholic, as he is with a devout Protestant, or vice versa?

April 11—1 Cor. xv:12-28. Easter Lesson. Golden Text, 1 Cor. xv:20. Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

Verse 12—Can you mention a single nation, or tribe, or people in the past, or the present, that has not believed, or does not believe, in life after death in some shape?

April 18—Acts ix:1-30. The Conversion of Saul. Golden Text, Acts ix:4. He fell to the earth and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Verses 1, 2—How do you account for Saul's bitter hatred for Christians before his conversion, and that after he became a Christian he showed such a spirit of love toward those who were not Christians?

April 25—Acts ix:36-43. Golden Text, Acts ix:36. The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Verses 29, 30—Should the church of Christ today be a practical brotherhood, caring for one another, and helping each other financially, and in every other way as the need may be?

May 2—Acts xiii:1-12. Paul's First Missionary Journey—Cyprus. Golden Text, Mark xvi:15. Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

E. R. Brophy to Fay Pleasant; Gordon S. Eberly to Edith N. Rothwell; Albert Burton Bower to Georgia Ellen Herbert; A. O. Bailey to Mary E. Arnold.

Both Castro and Abdul Hamid seem to have fallen on the sleeping sickness.

England's knees still tremble from an attack of Zeppelinitis.