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SOME COMPARISONS

When orchard land, that is, land set to fruit, in the Rogue River valley is sold at a price ranging from \$800 to \$1200 an acre, there are those of our people who will throw up their hands in horror at the price and proclaim in language heard for miles: "Well, now; what do you think of that? That surely is the limit." But, see here, you! Let us quote a few sales recently made in the Wenatchee country. Under date of August 20, a telegram from that place and published in coast papers was this:

"J. W. Smith sold a five acre tract for \$12,000 to B. J. Hummell of Milwaukee. The orchard is two years old and is considered one of the finest in the valley." That is \$2400 an acre.

Then here is another item from same place and same date:

"S. H. McCarl of Brookings, S. D., purchased five acres of E. H. Talbot for \$11,000."

And here is another from same place and same date:

"The 20-acre orchard of James & Burke, near Cashmere, was sold this week to W. Wynne of Seattle for \$32,000."

It is an acknowledged fact that there is not an acre of land in the Rogue River valley, which is not worth more money than is the same amount of land in the Wenatchee country—this the opinion of men who are familiar with both localities. This condition exists because that orchardmen here do not have the freezing, tree-killing weather to contend with as they do at Wenatchee; then again, every foot of the land there must be irrigated, here fruit matures even better than in Wenatchee without water; this valley produces, not only a superior grade of apples, but it produces all varieties of pears—a fruit which the Wenatchee section cannot produce. All this being true—and it is true—why is not an investment in orchards here at from \$800 to \$1200 an acre safer and more profitable than double that amount per acre in Wenatchee? Any man with a thimble full of brains can see how this will work out.

The Morning Mail has not said a word with regard to a comparison of the climates of the two localities. There really is no comparison. Here the winters are mild and never harm come to fruit trees from frost. Can Wenatchee, or even Hood River, truthfully make a statement of this kind?

PEARS AS WELL AS APPLES.

Oregon people have never tired of singing the praises of the Hood River country, and commenting with pride upon the excellence of the Hood River apple. The good people of that section have well deserved all this praise; for by their painstaking industry and honesty they have given the state an enviable reputation which is more than national. Oregon has become known as the state of the big red apple—the biggest, reddest, the fairest to look upon, and the best-flavored apple that is grown anywhere. It is well, however, to take note in passing that Oregon is acquiring fame for the production of other fruit than apples.

In yesterday's Telegram there appeared a story sent in from the Rogue River country that is worthy of any man's reading who entertains the least interest in the bountifulness and excellence of Oregon products. The story pertains to the splendid pear crop of that locality; and it is one of that sort which makes the mouth water in the reading. To say that 37,500 boxes of this luscious fruit will be put on the market by the Rogue River orchardists, and that out of this fruit will go East and abroad, and will command fancy prices, is to repeat the oft-told Hood River story as applicable to another section of the state. It indicates but a newly written chapter in Oregon's development, and the opportunity for the writing of other and innumerable chapters.

As the years pass there is stronger confirmation of the prophecy, long since made, that Oregon will be the greatest fruit-producing state in the Union—and this, not only as to the quantity, but as to the quality of the fruit. In the production of deciduous fruits we have vastly better climatic conditions than California. The fruit-raising area is almost without limit, and the excellence of the fruit itself brings a price that is the envy of all other fruit-growing sections. There is a good hint in all this for the thrifty man who commands a little capital.—Portland Telegram.

CLEAN-UP DAY

During this time and for the next month or so, great crowds of tourists will visit and look over this city. Medford has advertised extensively and its booklets have been the finest

and most costly. Yet if we do not try to keep up the civic appearance of the city we will lose the benefits of the advertising. Nothing in the world makes a town look so dead and so uninviting as a great, ragged streak or patch of dry grass around one's place. A pile of rubbish here, a tin can there, all this detracts from the value of your place and causes a bad impression and leads to the belief that the owner is lazy or unprogressive. Medford has none of these—it's carelessness and oversight if these conditions exist. Let the people get together this week and have Saturday for "clean-up day." Have automobiles gone around with signs, "Clean Up," and punish those who do not do so. This is not only a case of "looks better," but of protection. Fires are an ever dangerous factor when dry grass is left around the homes. Someone is always careless and the result is loss of home or business. We have had one bad fire this year from that cause—let that be a warning, and for the good of the city and its reputation, "clean up!"

ONE DAY'S RECORD.

Death's harvest through the agency of the automobile, as chronicled in the newspapers, was frightful. Let this record serve to teach owners and drivers the necessity of using ordinary caution in the matter of speed and of slowing down to a "walk" at turns where the view is obstructed in any way, says an exchange.

On the fatalities of the racing course at Indianapolis, it is needless to comment. When cars are tearing over the ground at a mile a minute they court death. A little rat that would be negligible at same speed is not less dangerous than a broken rail to the Shasta Limited. Competition among automobile manufacturers is men—some of them brave, some merely reckless—for big pay, to suicide.

Driving his own car, accompanied by his wife and babe, a valued citizen of San Jose, Cal., lost his own life and theirs because he did not stop and look to see that the way was clear as he approached at a right angle the track of an electric railroad. There was a collision. Neither motor car nor railway coach, according to the report, was moving faster than ordinarily. The men at the throttle falsely assumed that an ever-dangerous situation was a safe situation. Delay of thirty seconds by the auto car would have prevented the tragedy.

Most of the time we do things rationally. We are conscious of the danger that attaches to rapid riding in any form. New motor cars are put into service daily; street traffic is growing larger rapidly; liability to accident increases. The Oregonian again urges all owners and chauffeurs not to put life and limb in jeopardy. When you don't see your way clear, slow down.

LO, THE POOR EDITOR.

The following definition of an editor, taken from one of our exchanges, is worthy of reproduction: The editor of today has to get his hits the nail on the head and his nose down on the grindstone and keep it there 16 hours per day and 365 days in the year or he falls by the wayside. There are men who quit work Saturday night and rest until Monday morning. They lay aside business cares at 5 or 6 o'clock every evening and do not resume them until 7 or 8 o'clock the next morning. Not so your editor. He has no elegant leisure. He knows no hours, no Sunday, no nights.

When he goes to a party or to church or on a pleasure trip, it is all in the line of duty. Withal, your editor is a cheerful, long-suffering soul, going about doing his duty in his humble way. He returns good for evil. He writes long puffa for church societies and in return therefore he accepts a hunk of cake that would sink an ironclad. He notes the arrival of all the babies in the neighborhood and eternally peruses his soul by telling how pretty they are. He rejoices with the gay and mourns with those that are sad. He booms every enterprise which makes his community rich and goes about himself clothed in gunnysack coats and one suspender. He glories over the fortune of his neighbor and meekly eats his own repast of boiled cornbees and colored labels off tomato cans. He can write a sermon, an account of a prizefight, a political speech, an obituary notice, poetry, split wood, pitch hay, wash dishes, preside at camp meeting, carry horses, quote law or gospel or anything else at a moment's notice.—Exchange.

MOB SHOTS WOMAN.

CARLEISLE, Ind., Aug. 25.—A mob attacked the home of Stephen Hart, superintendent of the Carleisle coal mine, early this (Wednesday) morning and perhaps fatally shot Hart's wife. A panic in the town resulted. Miners have been threatening the superintendent for some weeks on account of labor differences.

RICH HAUL FOR BURGLARS.

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—Burglars today entered the residence of J. W. Gilkeson, division superintendent of a telephone company, during the absence of Mrs. Gilkeson, and stole \$2000 worth of jewelry. There is no clew.

SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 1

Almost all of the preliminary work previous to the opening of the schools of Medford, which open September 6, has been completed. Numerous improvements have been made in the Washington school building during the summer. The walls have been calcimined and the interior woodwork painted and varnished, which greatly improves the appearance. The floors of the basements of the new high school building have been cemented and the rooms for the domestic science and manual training have been constructed. These two rooms have been fitted up according to all the latest ideas of teaching these subjects.

In the manual training room the benches have been installed and the tools are ready for use. The domestic science room is not quite finished, but work is being rushed, and this will soon be ready. The two sciences will add almost incalculable strength and worth to the Medford school system and will be of great use and future advantage to the pupils who take them up.

From all appearances, if the indications at hand are worth anything, Medford schools will be very much increased in attendance both in the grades and in the high school. Every day inquiries come from people living outside of the district, from new arrivals and from people living at a great distance from Medford, for information and enrollments.

Beginning with Monday, August 30, until September 3, from 9 until 12 a. m., Superintendent Smith will be in his office, and any and all information relative to admission and classification will be given. It will be of great advantage and will save time to the pupils if they can arrange to be admitted or classified some time during next week.

In order to avoid errors, parents and pupils are advised not to purchase books or supplies of any kind for use in any department of the schools until the opening of school, and a list is given each pupil by the teachers.

The following state adoption list of textbooks will be used in the high school during the ensuing year: Buehler's English Grammar, Herick & Damon's Rhetoric and Composition, Algebra for Secondary Schools by Wells, Tarr's Physical Geography, Hale's First Latin Book, Hale's Latin Grammar, Gunnison & Harley's Caesar, Allen & Greenough's Cicero, Channing's United States History, Myers' Ancient History, Myers' Med. and Modern History, Bergen's Botany, Joynes' German Grammar, Huns' German Reader, McPherson & Henderson's Chemistry, Wentworth's Geometry, Milliken & Gale's Physics, Hutchinson's Physiology.

On Monday, September 6, there will be only a short session in the morning. The session will be continued long enough only to enroll pupils and give them a list of books and supplies needed. It is very important that all pupils be present for this in order that they may be able to secure their books and supplies for the following day.

MOVE IT TO DENVER

Coloradoan Wants National Capitol Moved to Interior

AUDITORIUM, Denver, Aug. 21.—Really this Trans-Mississippi congress has assumed a scientific cast. Many of the papers presented would do as well in either the British or American science associations. Scientific mining occupies a large part of the proceedings.

This is resolution hour, and they are now coming at a rapid rate. The first one to be presented was that this congress urge the house and senate to admit Arizona at once to dignity of statehood. Then came another asking the same for New Mexico, handed up by former Governor Prince of that territory.

A highly important resolution was then read, requesting the national government to issue \$500,000,000 2 per cent bonds for opening a deep waterway from Chicago to the Mexican gulf. Illinois has voted \$20,000,000 to extend the system westward from Lockport. This way is to be 14 feet in depth. It was declared that the present facilities for transportation from the Central West to the gulf are inadequate.

Lengthy and complex resolutions were sent in asking congress to pass a law next winter greatly modifying the interstate commerce law, and another making railroads liable for damage in case of failure to furnish cars for shipping livestock and for delays after loading. I supposed that railroads would do this without any law.

Resolutions asking that another cabinet officer, a secretary of mines, be added, and that a national institute of mining be founded were cheered. This will be like a university where everything known regarding scientific mining, smelting and metallurgy will be taught.

And then came a big resolution from a Colorado delegate asking that the seat of the United States government be removed from Washington to Denver. He said that the British captured Washington in the trouble

of 1812 and that it was cheaper to move the government to well protected inland Denver than to waste countless millions in building a navy to protect it.

And then he resolved that the mint be discontinued in San Francisco and moved to Denver for Japan will capture all the gold when the huge war comes, unless sums are expended for battleships far in excess of the cost of moving the mint.

INTO SAN FRANCISCO

Western Pacific Arranging for Terminal on Pacific Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Vergil Bogue, vice-president and chief engineer of the Western Pacific Railroad company, called on President Stafford of the harbor commission yesterday and asked that representatives of his company be permitted to hold a conference with the commission at an early date to agree on plans for the new ferry house to be built for the company.

This is the first time the company has reminded the harbor commission that the time is approaching when the company will have its train running to San Francisco bay.

The Western Pacific expects to have its road in operation to this coast some time this fall. It will not be possible to have the new ferry-house completed in time to accommodate the road when it begins operations, and temporary arrangements are to be made. President Stafford stated yesterday, for its accommodation.

The building is to be placed just south of the big ferry building in the rear of what is now the Ferry post-office. It is planned to make it a modern affair. The harbor commission will permit the company to make suggestions, but the date for a conference has not been set.

DRIVEN TO THEFT.

Clerk Who Had to Support Three Wives and Mother Confesses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—T. J. Connor, in the employ of the Southern Pacific company for several years, was arrested yesterday by Special Agent Patrick J. Kindeon of the Southern Pacific company and booked at the city prison on the charge of embezzlement.

The railroad officials said his pecuniary loss amounted to between \$2500 and \$4000. He held the position of prepay order clerk and he was detected appropriating money that he should have forwarded to the East. He had been under the surveillance of private detectives for the last 30 days.

Connor had been married three times and although he was only earning \$110 a month, he had to pay two former wives alimony, support his present wife and an aged and infirm mother. He lived at 905 Eddy street and when taken to the city prison he confessed.

"I cannot say how much money I took," he said. "I confess that I took money, but have a mother whom I must support and a wife also. On account of domestic affairs I have to support the family separately. Every cent I took went to the support of my family. I don't drink or gamble."

TAFT LIKE ROOSEVELT.

President Will Not Be Silent on Tariff Provisions.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 23.—It was intimated at Taft's cottage today that the administration was prepared to defend to the last ditch its record on the recent tariff legislation. This was unofficially stated in connection with the announcement that Senator Aldrich would be here Thursday. It is said that Aldrich will discuss with the president the report of the monetary commission and other matters. These "other matters" are supposed to include the tariff. If the Western opponents of the new tariff expect silence from the president or a reluctance to discuss its different provisions, they will be disappointed. The administration has burned its bridges and will debate any and all schedules. The president defeated Editor Ogden, of the New York Post, at golf today.

SPECTATORS WERE MISTAKEN.

Crowd Thought Burning Steamer Was Part of the Play.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Aug. 20.—While a band of merry-makers watched without feeling or alarm, thinking the occurrence a part of a pyrotechnic display on the water, four persons tonight jumped from a burning boat into the Mississippi river and two women were drowned. The bodies were not recovered.

An elaborate display of fireworks was set off on a barge in the middle of the river, surrounded by many launches and rowboats. It was announced to be a set piece representing the destruction of a vessel by fire, showing passengers jumping overboard to escape the flames. Consequently when the gunpowder on the barge caught fire and people leaped in all directions, the spectators applauded.

NEW BIKE RECORD.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 24.—A new bicycle record for five miles was established tonight by Iver Lawson at 9:42 2-5. The former record was 9:48 1-5.

INVENTION OF OREGON MAN

To Oregon, the land where grow the fruit which makes all nations sit up and take notice, also belongs the credit of revolutionizing the mechanical world, by means of the invention of the Favary tire and cushion device whose inventor is a Portland, Oregon, man.

Mr. E. Favary is a graduate of the Conservatoire Nationale des Arts et Metiers of Paris and of the City Polytechnic, of London. After five years of practical experience in mechanical and electrical engineering he became identified with automobile work and for the past eleven years has devoted himself to automobile designing, having been in charge of French, Austrian, English and American manufactures. He is also a well known contributor to technical papers of Europe and America. His New York school has among its graduate designers some of the best men in this country.

In common with other authorities, Mr. Favary has recognized for years the crying need for improved tires for automobiles that would eliminate all the ills of the present pneumatic tires without sacrificing their advantages. Mr. Favary labored for quite a number of years on this and spent a fortune and not only has he solved this, but he discovered a device that is new, unique and has reached the fondest hopes of the inventor and revolutionized all theories and present mechanics. Not only is this device good for automobiles, but is good for bicycles and other vehicles, cushions of all kinds, pulleys and bridges.

As to the invention, it can best be seen by going to the Medford Auto Co., garage where it is on exhibition, but for those who cannot go to see it there, the following will give an idea of its character. Needless to say, the device is patented in nine countries and not only on the tire, but to whatever the idea is put to, and as the patent is a basic one no infringement can be made.

Only inventions of new ideas and of great things are allowed basic patents. There are only twenty of these patents issued so far. The Bel telephone is one, and wireless telegraphy another.

The tire is made of four belts of interwoven wire, each wire having a testing strength of 1137 lbs., each belt has 45,000, or the whole tire of 125,000 lbs. Compared to this the pneumatic has only 3200 lbs. Between each belt are numerous steel rods, placed at regular intervals, and between each rod is an air space. This gives the resiliency and power of the tire. The rods are placed so that no two between the layers of belts are ever each other. This gives the cushion effect. Besides this each side or rim of the tire acts independently of the other and there can be no skidding. Each side has a gripping surface which can act independent of the other, so that the tire will adjust itself to any condition of roads. Beside this by the use of tension screws the tire can be made hard or soft, yet is puncture proof. This makes it invaluable where the auto is first used on pavements and then on rough country roads.

Obstructions up to three-eighths of an inch can be absorbed with no jar. The tire can be worn until nothing is left and yet the automobile can be run with no anxiety of blow outs. With a pneumatic tire, when half of the thread is worn the tire will explode from inside pressure.

Mr. Favary guarantees this tire for 10,000 miles with no breaks of any kind and to prove his statement that this is true he will drive a Winton six from New York to Seattle next month equipped with these tires and which have no special covering, but are unfinished, and he says they will stand the wear and tear and so positive is he that he will carry no extra tires.

This invention does away with extra tires, tubes, jacks and pumps.

The invention can be used in the construction of pulleys and it has such a gripping strength that no belt can slip. This was proven in San Francisco, where almost every day at a local machine shop whenever the machines are blocked or overfed the large pulleys would slip and a sixty dollar belt would be burned before the machinery could be stopped. A pulley like this was used and the machines "stalled," but the belt did not slip.

In bridges a mat, with this idea used, and it absorbs all vibrations which every one knows destroys the life of all bridges.

Old Oregon may be slow, but when she does things she starts the world whether with apples or tires.

DEATH RESULTS FROM FEAR.

Fearing Rats and Mice, Woman Falls to Death.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Fear of rats and mice and the fear that her pet cat was chasing them toward her killed Mrs. Sarah Nagler yesterday, for in her efforts to escape the imaginary peril she fell out of a third-story window. Since girlhood she has been mortally afraid of rats and mice. Rat traps and mouse traps were in every room of her house, and she kept a cat that was a splendid mouse catcher. While she was sitting alone she heard the cat scrambling about in another room as if battling with a rat. With a scream she jumped to her feet and mounted a chair. She fell, and, grasping at the curtains, pitched through the window to the yard below.

PARALYSIS CURED.

Bee Stings Enables Man to Recover After Four Months.

BOSTON, Aug. 24.—By allowing swarms of bees to sting him on the bare arms and legs, J. B. Webster of Roxbury is recovering from an attack of paralysis, and already can walk a mile. Four months ago Webster could not walk at all, and had no use of his left hand. He had heard that bee stings were an efficacious cure for rheumatism. He hesitated for some time to try such extreme measures, but finally decided to do so and today apparently is a full man.

ISLANDS LOST.

Mexicans Believe Clipperton Islands Were Swallowed Up.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 23.—Dispatches from Acapulco today say that the people of that port believe the Clipperton Islands were swallowed up by the sea during the late earthquake. No word of any kind has come from the islands and the neighboring bed of the ocean is known to have been disturbed. Officials are urging the sending of a gunboat to investigate.

Land For Sale

I have for sale from 20 to 160 acres of first class fruit land. Call upon or address E. Dahack, Eagle Point, Oregon. 33-4f

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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Said bids are to be accompanied by a cash deposit, or other good security to the amount of Fifty Dollars to insure that the successful bidder will enter into a contract with the Board of said school district for the building of said school house; said bidder will be required to furnish all the material for building and finishing complete, said school house according to the plans and specifications now on exhibition at the store of George Brown & Sons of Eaglepoint, and the successful bidder will be required to deposit with the Board of Directors on approved bond sufficient to insure the faithful fulfillment of the contract in a good and workmanlike manner and that he will have the school house completed according to contract within two months from the date of said contract, and further the board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Address R. R. MINTER, Eagle Point, Oregon. 35-2f

FOR SALE

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Wanted to Trade

I have two building lots 40 minutes ride on trolley from San Francisco, Calif., will appraise at \$1000 each, which I will trade for unimproved farm or fruit land in Rogue River valley.

E. F. LAFFERTY, Las Casendas, Panama Canal Zone. 35-3f

JOHNSON MATCHED.

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