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There is a disposition in some quarters to grumble at the expense entailed for public improvements—objections made to water, to paving, to sewers, etc. Every dollar spent along these lines adds five dollars to the value of property affected. Make Medford habitable, up-to-date and beautiful, and with the enterprise already shown, there can be no question of the future.

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ENTITLED TO FREE DELIVERY.

At the rate Medford's postoffice receipts are increasing the record for the year will exceed \$15,000. Last year they exceeded \$10,000, which is the limit the postoffice department places for free delivery. Medford has been entitled to mail delivery since, but has it not, simply because the department regulations in regard to numbering houses and building sidewalks have not been complied with.

Last year the city council passed a law requiring the numbering of houses. The statute has not been enforced and no attempt has been made to enforce it. The city is empowered to do the numbering itself and the expense becomes a lien upon the property. This should be done at once, for citizens are entitled to receive mail at their homes.

New sidewalks are being laid as rapidly as owners can secure grades in many parts of the city, but some of the old walks need repairing, and some property owners should be forced to build the walks at once.

HOMESTEADERS FEAR ADVERSE DECISIONS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., August 3.—Homesteaders in the timber belt in this section grow more shaky every time a decision in a contest is rendered. In several cases where the settlers felt they had complied with the law and had nothing to fear from the decision, the officials at Lakeview have decided in favor of the contestants.

Four decisions have just been received here. Two of them involve sagebrush lands on the California Oregon line. In both of these cases the evidence showed that the homesteaders had resided upon the lands, as is prescribed by law, but they had not improved and cultivated the lands. The improvements and cultivation were held as a mere pretense, and the entries for ordered canceled.

Two other cases, in which the parties had contended on the lands some two years before the contest, affidavits were filed, have been decided, and in both instances the decisions have gone to the contestants. These claims were valuable for the timber growing on them, but the parties had entered them under the homestead act, and after an eight months' residence, made commutation proof. The officials at Lakeview held that the lands were filed on to get the timber, and not to make a home; that the parties did not actually reside upon and cultivate the lands, but merely made a pretense to do these things. After summing up the evidence an opinion adverse to the homesteaders was rendered and the commutation commutation proofs ordered rejected, and the entries held for cancellation.

Several decisions rendered in the past months have been about the same in effect, and it is becoming generally recognized by the settlers in the woods that it will be impossible for them to make final proof on timbered homesteads. In order to acquire the lands most of them are relinquishing and placing timber and stone filings on the claims.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY IS BECOMING WELL KNOWN

As an illustration of how well the Rogue River valley is known and where the center and business of the valley is located, a letter posted in the province of Ontario, Canada, addressed "Commerical Club, Rogue River Valley, Oregon," was among the mail of the Commerical club Saturday.

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What Papers Say

A RAILROAD'S TROUBLES.

(Jacksonville Post.)
The Jacksonville-Medford jerkwater met with the usual delay Thursday night, only this was more usual, when the engineer fireman-brakeman-president-machinist-conductor-section boss-officer-boy-official started out with a gallon of water and a few sticks of wood to make the round trip to Medford, he found that the Southern Pacific passenger from Portland was late and there was not sufficient water in the boiler to make the round trip and wait on a late Southern Pacific train, but nevertheless the start was attempted from Medford. After traveling about a mile the engineer noticed that the water was very low in the boiler and attempted to start the injector, but the old faithful injector worked as it has often done before (worked the engine).

The engine was cocked down, by gravity, to a residence, the fire pulled and the boiler filled by buckets. By this time the boiler was cold and several long minutes passed before the steam was raised. When the beautiful iron horse and palace car entered the city another unexpected step was made in front of the southhouse, and there the Rogo River fast mail stopped for the night—for want of steam. Several passengers became disgusted with the thing and walked to this city.

CAKE AND FULTON.

(Albany Herald, Rep.)
The republican party of Oregon repudiated Charles W. Fulton last April. His federal pop-suckers, known as the Fulton organization, being organized throughout the state along the old political grafting line of a late deceased senator, captured and packed the state convention with their time worn convention methods and set up the senator from Clatsop as the idol of the republicans in Oregon. Mr. Taft and his managers permitted themselves to think Fulton really represented the people of this state.

The fact of the matter is that Senator Fulton is a political dead gosh. He was defeated fairly and squarely by an able man last April, who is a friend of the people. These people are determined to throw off the yoke of this "old machine" lynch.

With the "dago" policy of knifing cake in the June election by the Fulton adherents, Governor Chamberlain was given the senatorship by a small margin. Now, these same Fulton men are making a big hullabaloo because Mr. Cake has accepted their treachery gracefully and is advocating the organization of the legislature so as to insure the ratification of the vote last June.

It's a merry game, and Mr. Cake is in it by a very big majority.

POLITICS AND POLITICANS.

Eugene W. Chaffin, the prohibition candidate for president, plans to speak in every state in the Union before election day.

John W. Crimmins of New York, who bolted Bryan and voted for Palmer and Buckner in the campaign of 1896, has come out strong for the democratic ticket this year.

John Mitchell, the well known labor leader, has promised to stump Michigan for the democrats in the coming campaign, if health permits.

Thomas E. Watson, populist candidate for president, will make some speeches in the east and some in the west, but he will devote his strongest efforts to carry Georgia.

The anti-imperialist league has issued a statement recommending that the friends of the league withhold their votes from William H. Taft for president and support for Mr. Bryan.

Five candidates are hustling for the democratic nomination for governor of Illinois, the selection to be made at the first general primary in that state next week.

Present plans do not contemplate that William H. Taft will make any political speeches during the campaign, except those to be delivered in Cincinnati this fall.

Judge Amos W. Davis, who was recently named for congress by the democrats of the Tenth Kentucky district, won his nomination by the narrow margin of one-third vote.

The speeches of William J. Bryan which may be heard in the slot-phonographs are entitled: "The Railroad Question," "The Labor Question," "Smoot's Postures," "The Trust Question," "The Tariff Question" and "An Ideal Republic."

Eugene W. Chaffin, who leads the prohibition party this year, is an attorney. He is a native of Waukesha county, Wisconsin, and for several years practiced law there. He was at one time candidate for governor of Wisconsin on the prohibition ticket.

John W. Kern, the democratic vice-presidential candidate, has accepted an invitation to be a guest of the Jefferson club of Chicago at a rally to be held on September 15, and which it is expected will mark the opening of the democratic campaign in the middle west.

Frank S. Monett, formerly republican attorney general of Ohio, and later was employed by the interstate commerce commission to gather material upon which to base the government suits, has announced his purpose to actively support Mr. Bryan in Ohio in the campaign.

Probate.

Estate James Elliott, order made setting aside sale of real estate.

AIKEN PLEASD WITH MEDFORD

Editor of Sunset Leaves for San Francisco After Gathering Data

Charles Edgwick Aiken, the editor of Sunset Magazine, who has been in this city since Thursday getting material for a story for his magazine, left this morning for San Francisco, after thoroughly covering the valley and obtaining many photographs and much data for a writeup on this valley. The story will appear in the October number of the magazine.

"You have a most remarkable valley," said Mr. Aiken, "and on all sides one cannot help but see the many signs of wonderful development. The many resources about Medford are such that the city will some day be the leading city between Portland and San Francisco, unless something unforeseen develops."

"I would suggest that Medford establish a fair for every year during the height of the fruit season to be known by some appropriate name, as New Orleans has its Mardi Gras, Pasadena its tournament of roses, and Portland its rose festival. Rates would be granted to Medford and much would be done in an advertising way."

"I would further suggest that miniature pear boxes be made, labeled as are the regular shipping boxes, and a large pear placed in each small box, the same to be sold on the trains passing through this city. In this manner Medford would become known as the place where the large pears grow."

"I have had many conversations with Secretary Miller of the Commercial club and with others in this valley. I am more than pleased with what I saw of your fruit, your scenery, your mineral, your timber, in fact, with all the marvelous resources of the country surrounding Medford."

Her Sunday Knitting.

"Years ago," said an Auburn woman forty years young, "I was counted a spin among the good wives of the little Maine town where I was born to waste a single moment of time. I have heard my grandmother tell the story of one dame who much scandalized the church people on one never to be forgotten occasion. People who went early to church were surprised one Sabbath morning to see Aunt Betty sitting away up in front, gray yarn stockings in her hands and her knitting needles clicking merrily away as she worked. The minister stopped in surprise as he passed her on his way to the pulpit, but the old lady was not one whit disturbed by his disapproving air. Smiling serenely, she said complacently: 'Thought I'd knit a stitch while the people are gathering. I never was one to waste a minute, either.' And the good dame continued to click her needles, while the horrified minister hastened to his desk. Not till he began his sermon did Aunt Betty lay aside her Sunday knitting work."—Kennebec Journal.

Carlyle Was a Terror.

The domestic infidelity of the Carlyles is common knowledge, but it is not inappropriate to give Mrs. Carlyle's view of her husband. "If he would only be satisfied," she used to some times complain of Carlyle. "But I have had to learn that when he does not find fault he is pleased, and that has to content me."

On one occasion when Carlyle was away from home Mrs. Carlyle busied herself to get all in perfect order for her husband's arrival, and when all was complete—his dinner ready, his armchair in its usual position, his pipe and tobacco prepared, all looking as comfortable as possible—Mrs. C. sat down at last to rest and to expect him with a quiet mind. He arrived, and "after he had greeted me, what do you think he did? He walked to the window and shook it and asked, 'Where's the wedge of the window?' And until we had found that blessed wedge nothing would content him. He said the window would rattle and spoil all."

Hard and Soft.

"What," asked the teacher, "does anthracite mean?"
"That's a kind of coal," said little Willie.

"Yes, Anthracite coal is what we call hard coal. So 'anthracite' must mean 'hard.' Now, can you tell me what 'bituminous' means?"

"That's coal, too," Willie replied.
"But it isn't the same kind of coal that anthracite is, is it? Bituminous coal is what we commonly refer to as soft coal. Now, Willie, let us see if you can form a sentence containing the words anthracite and bituminous."

Willie thought the matter over for a minute and then said:
"Here's one: 'This morning before pa started downtown ma wanted \$3 for groceries and things, and she tried to get it by saying bituminous words, but pa gave her an anthracite look, and when he disappeared around the corner she was weeping bituminously.'"

The Realistic Actor.

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Approximate quantities: 1,200,000 feet board measure, staves; 1,000,000 pounds steel bands; 40,000 cubic yards excavation; 800 barrels cement.

BENJ. M. COLLINS, Recorder.
W. J. ROBERTS, Consulting Engineer.

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