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THE WAIL OF THE KNOCKER.

In accordance with its usual spirit of knocking every venture that comes to town, the Medford Mail has for a week past been industriously sounding the anvil chorus on the application made for a franchise for a trolley line through Medford.

Every argument, many of them most absurd and ridiculous (evidently written by one ignorant of the subject), that could be put forth to defeat the franchise has been hammered on to injure the proposition in the eyes of the public. If the city was being robbed of its chief asset, the knockers' wail could not be louder.

Number one of the knocker's knocks read like a bid for graft. It was a notice to the public that the merits and demerits of the franchise would be discussed impartially. Evidently the applicants did not consider it worth while to hush the wail, for the series of "discussions" has ended without a single merit in the application being named. The "discussions" has been only one-sided from the start.

Without entering into the merits or demerits of the franchise application, and it has both, it might be well to say that it is a copy of the franchise granted by Eugene and other valley towns; that the streets of Medford are not those of New York, and a franchise on them now is worth nothing without the expenditure of a lot of money, and that if a franchise on them ever becomes valuable, it will be largely because of the increased growth of the city due to no small extent to the trolley line.

Capital can only be interested for a trolley line in Medford by a most favorable franchise, for the investors are taking a big chance on losing the money they put in and will have to wait years for returns of any kind, and capital only takes such chances where the returns may in time become proportionately large.

There is no capitalist in Medford or in the Rogue River valley that will risk his money in a trolley line, no matter how favorable the franchises are. The editor of the Mail knows this from personal experience, as he was one of the incorporators of a corporation that organized for this very purpose last winter. But perhaps he is opposing this franchise and would withhold a trolley from the valley until his own company can finance it. At any rate, as a party directly interested in a rival concern, his paper's utterances can be taken at a discount.

But the true spirit governing the mossback knocker is ably set forth by the Mail in the following: "What good will an electric or any other kind of a railway do inside the city limits now or for some years to come?"

This spirit of obstruction, lethargy and inactivity has kept Oregon the most backward in development of Pacific coast states. As Medford has overcome it, she has grown and progressed. As she listens to it, she will stagnate.

What Papers Say

GOOD ROADS

(Oregon Journal)
The movement for good roads is a world movement. The good roads campaign now launching in Oregon is almost at the rear end of the procession. We have been backward in that behalf. In 1905 the state of New York organized the expenditure of \$50,000,000 on her highways. Seven thousand three hundred and thirty-two miles of finished highway have been built as the result. Of that great aggregate 3,332 miles were wholly built by the state. Pennsylvania has appropriated \$8,000,000, Indiana the same amount, and Maryland \$5,000,000 for state built roads. On the Pacific coast, California has appropriated \$1,500,000, and not long ago the people of Los Angeles county voted a bond issue of \$3,000,000 for building perfected roads in that county.

It is a whirlwind movement which other states in the union in the procession, and Oregon must join in it, or be sidetracked. All the states are playing for the auto travel. That is the big incentive in California, and an inside reason for the good roads activity. Citizens there see visions of auto tourists speeding through the state with open purses and glittering dollars. They want the wealthy tourists to come, and want the money they will spend. They want them to see and fall in love with the country with the results that big investments be made and capital be set to work in community development. It is a glittering as well as a sensible scheme.

Tourists spend \$12,000,000 a year in France. They go there to drive automobiles over the beautiful French roads. California wants some of this travel, and the great plums and crumbs of glittering expenditures that go with it. Oregon should likewise look out for this increment. She has scenery to see, climate to attract, resources to exploit and thousands of acres of the profitable investment of tourist capital. A few men in Oregon realize it, and with their leadership some of them are now touring the Willamette valley, launching a great campaign for state legislation and state aid for the highways. It is a movement that should spread to every school house and to the remotest corner of the remotest community of the state, and gather strength until finished roads for a finished citizenry shall be the every day condition in Oregon. It must be that Oregon will lag further and further behind in the procession of the states.

GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION

(Denver Post)
There were two brief stories in last Friday's papers that gave a quaint emphasis to the agitation for the abolition of "government by injunction." One came from Seattle, where a federal judge enjoined a trades union from "interfering" with free laborers who were unloading ships. The judge did not issue his order because there had been violence. He was apparently moved to enjoin the unions by a profound ignorance of the issues before him and a conception of economic history that any high school graduate should despise. He declared that organized labor was unconstitutional. He added that it was contrary to the declaration of independence. He alleged that trades unionism was a British invention that had filled the poorhouses of England with paupers. In those sections his law was bad and his history was maniacal, but they were the only reasons he produced for issuing the injunction, and the department of justice might well have his mental condition inquired into. Trades unionism is not unconstitutional; it was not "invented" in England; it has diminished, and not increased pauperism in that country, and it has no more relevancy to the declaration of independence than the declaration has to the dogology. The second story was wired from Chicago, where a judge of the county court enjoined a girl from buying night gowns out of her own earnings on the ground that nightgowns are "unnecessary." It was the girl's father who brought the suit. There is a mindless absurdity in both these cases that may do nothing more than excite indifferent amusement, but when the injunctive process can be put to such a base and foolish use it is time that the practice should be radically amended. Corrupt and ignorant legal customs are peculiarly dangerous in a government like ours, and the two cases cited imply both corruption and ignorance.

THE TWO "BILLS"
Now Big Bill Taft went to the springs
To take a nice sojourn;
Reduce his fat with his neighbors' chat
And play golf with Jack Bourne.
Said Jack to "Bill," "Look here,
old man,
Here's my heart, and here's my
purse!
You can't play golf worth 30 cents;
Go buy yourself a horse."
So Bill Taft's horse arrived one day,
Twelve hundred pounds or over;
When "Bill" dropped on the hurricane
deck
For a canter through the clover.
Bill took him up and down the hill,
In front of all the ladies;
The horse struck a rock, threw poor
Bill off,
And he wished that horse in haire.
Now, Peerless Bill, the granger,
Who runs the Fairview farm,
Went into the field to pitch some hay
But the sun soon got too warm.
Said Peerless Bill: "This new-mown
hay
Looks best to me in print;
Forsyth, I smell a delegation!
So guess I'll take the hint!"
So Peerless Bill dropped in the shade,
Pulled out his morning paper;
When a Tammany brave yelled into
the glade:
"Bill, Bryan, you couldn't be safer."
Said Peerless Bill: "Ah! had I seen!
Poor Taft is getting worse!"

PROMINENT FINANCIER ADOPTS 28-YEAR-OLD GIRL
CHICAGO, August 24.—Friends of Alice Page, a Chicago girl, were surprised to learn today that she had been adopted as a daughter by John H. Converse of Philadelphia, banker and financial manager of the Baldwin locomotive works. The young lady, who is 28 years old, nursed Page's wife before her death, and Mrs. Page made a dying request that her husband would adopt the girl.
Miss Page will become joint heir with her foster sister, Mary Converse, to an estate valued at \$7,000,000.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at the next meeting for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon for the period of six months, at his place of business at lot 15, in block 20, in the city of Medford, Oregon.
Dated August 12, 1908.
133. WASCHAU & NEEDLES.

PEACHES DOMINANT IN PORTLAND MARKET

PORTLAND, August 24.—Peaches are still the dominant feature of the fruit market, and the chances are they will hold first place for another week at least. The event of interest in this connection this week is the arrival of the Oregon Crawford in perfection. There were some Crawfords in the market last week, but they were first offerings, and they made but a sorry showing beside the fruit that is now displayed.

Ashland, Roseburg and half a dozen other places are sending in fancy Crawfords, and better peaches than have come in this week have never been seen here. At the retail stores they sell at 15 to 20 cents a dozen, and the outlook is for comparatively low prices for the next week or two.
There are practically no novelties in the fruit market this week. The supply and variety are generally about the same as a week ago, but in some lines the offerings are of better quality than those of last week. This is the case with apples, pears and grapes. Among the early apples now to be had may be seen Greenings, of good quality, while there are half a dozen other sorts of inferior to common stock. The best apples retail at 4 to 5 cents a pound.

FAMOUS SOUTHERN OREGON HORSE DEAD

The race horse "Snark" owned by Jacob Frye of Gold Beach and well known in this city, was kicked at Roseburg last Monday night by Al Teal's racing mare, "Kentucky Bell," and its right hind leg broken. The injury was so serious that the animal had to be shot. "Snark" was ten years old, and at the age of three years had tied the world's record for five and a half furlongs. At Portland about three years ago he established a track record of 1:05 1-5 for four and a half furlongs. He has won many races at various track events throughout the state and was considered a valuable horse. The race scheduled for Roseburg were abandoned, ostensibly for the reason that the purses promised could not be raised.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

- D. R. Soliss to Jesse Honck, lot 14, block 5, Ross addition to Medford\$ 200
- H. Jopling to J. F. Hale, assignment of bond for deed 10
- Elmira E. Matthews to J. C. Miller, lots 21 and 22, Matthews' addition to Ashland 250
- L. Neidermeyer to Hester A. Rainsford, lot 8 and part of lot 7, D. L. C. 42, township 37, range 2 W 5292
- L. J. Quigley to Jesse Honck, assignment of bond for deed 1300
- Jesse Honck to L. J. Quigley, lot 4, block 2 Bungalow addition, Medford 2400
- Anne T. Nelson to O. J. Nelson, power of attorney 10
- United States to Edward Crabtree, S W 1/4 of N E 1/4 section 22, township 23, range 2 E patent
- United States to Ira E. Crabtree, S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 section 29, township 32, range 2 E patent
- Rev. T. H. Shaffer to George A. Andrews, 5 acres in D. L. C. 47, township 38, range 2 W 180
- Mary J. Higginbotham to Samuel C. Higginbotham, N 1/2 of S W 1/4 section 14, township 34, range 1 E 400
- Josephine Fox to Francis Verries, lot 3 and W 1/2 lots 1 and 2, block 18, Beatty addition to Medford 10
- Eliza Jane Anderson to Henry Staneliff, lots 3 and 4, block 9, Phoenix 100
- United States to Mary J. Higginbotham, N 1/2 of S W 1/4 section 14, township 34, range 1 E patent
- Miss Margaret Craighead and Miss Etta Taylor of Manassah, Ind., for two weeks, beginning August 25, will have on display at Van Dyke's a complete line of art needlework, consisting of stamped and finished pillows, table covers, centerpieces, waists and underwear. Free lessons will be given on all goods sold. 135

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Be it resolved, by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, that a special election be and the same is hereby called, to be held on the 31st day of August, 1908, at the hours provided by law, for the purpose of submitting to the people of said city a proposed measure granting to P. J. Blakeley a franchise to operate in the city of Medford a street railway upon the terms and conditions therein mentioned, and such other measures as may legally be submitted at said election. The following polling places, judges and clerks of said election are hereby designated:
First ward—Polling place, old city hall, over Haskins' drug store. Judge, George A. Jackson, Judge and clerk, F. M. Gordon. Judge and clerk, F. Osenbrugg.
Second ward—Polling place, Hotel Nash, Judge, V. J. Emerick, Judge and clerk, H. H. Harvey, Judge and clerk, D. G. Karnes.
Third ward—Polling place, city hall, Judge, A. T. Drisko, Judge and clerk, F. M. Stewart. Judge and clerk, C. E. Collins.
And that notice thereof be given as required by law and the ordinances of said city.
The foregoing resolution was passed by the city council this 13th day of August, 1908, by the following vote, to-wit: Otwell aye, Merrick aye, Trowbridge aye, Wortman aye, Eifert aye, and Hafer aye.
Approved by the mayor this 13th day of August, 1908.
J. P. REDDY, Mayor.
Attest: BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

THE MISTAKE

which many people make is to fail to realize the superior advantages of cold storage meats over the ordinary kinds. Those who trade here realize the difference and appreciate it. They don't pay any more, either.

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Owing to the scarcity of water supply, it is ordered that no city water be used for irrigation or sprinkling except between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock a. m. and 7 and 8 o'clock p. m. until otherwise ordered by the water committee.

Violation of this order by any consumer will result in said consumer's supply being forthwith shut off.

By order of the Water Committee of the City Council of Medford, Oregon.

Dated August 15, 1908.

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