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CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED.

The effort of the Commercial club to secure terminal grounds and right of way for a railroad to the coal mines is most commendable and should meet with hearty co-operation on all sides.

The terms under which the property will be secured provide that until the road is actually built and regularly operated to producing coal mines, title to it will not pass to the railroad builder.

It is important to Medford that the terminal of the road be located in the city, as it means a great deal in the way of growth and development, and it is hoped that property owners will co-operate with the Commercial club committee in securing the desired entrance to the coming metropolis.

THE STRONG EDITORIAL PAGE.

That grand old master of the editorial quill, Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has recently taken a fling at the corporation-controlled newspapers. His keynote is the lessening opportunities for individualism. He wrote:

"The editorial page is valuable in the degree that it aids the reader to digest the news. Under the changed conditions, it is becoming, if it has not already become, a rather useless appendage—not even ornamental—reminding one of those clusters of artificial flowers which at the more pretentious railway eating houses are supposed to decorate the tables and to deceive the wayfarer. Yet ought it, after the exhilaration—the distractions and excitements—of the news pages, to be as a raised dais in the center of a great hall, a seat of power and charm; an elevation from which to survey the passing show, having its lights adjusted the better to set forth this passing show, and its ready chorus to explain it.

"An editorial page thus conceived and executed could not fail to impress itself upon the thought of the time, at once an influence and a feature, an arm of the service and a commercial asset.

"Beneath the rule of a supervision wholly adequate it would soon rival the news departments in point of popular interest. One single editorial embodying the rationale of the situation and appearing each day of the year, would come to be sought by intelligent readers as an essential part of their newspaper; how much more a page covering the entire range of the day's doings, dealing with each topic according to its quantum and its kind, 'from gay to grave, from lively to severe.'

"Except it be thus delivered the editorial page were best extinguished. To set apart a certain number of columns for the equivocal dignity of big type; to fill these columns with perfunctory matter; with matter as lifeless as dolls stuffed with sawdust; equally wanting the elements of conviction and constancy; one thing today, another tomorrow; unmirrored by any gleam of light, undiversified, even by a trick of fancy, uniform only in flippancy, or dullness, is to disfigure the page, to degrade the editorial. But directed and made up by a man of intelligence, not necessarily what is called an able or a brilliant man—merely a man of sound understanding, painstaking and conscientious in his work, upright and elevated in his aim, having a sufficient knowledge of affairs, a sincere spirit and a level head—the good of such an adjunct of the daily news—were incalculable; and, though it lead to the personal journalism which Mr. Brisbane discredits, it would at least embody responsible journalism; much to be preferred to prevailing tendencies, which, I cannot help thinking, were better honored in the breach than the observance."

HE IS WITH US.

When intelligent foreigners come to America, they first seek information about Niagara Falls and then they look up Dan Sully. The latter attraction has ever been on the move, yet the people of America have a warm spot in their hearts for him. "Dan," as he is known to his friends, needs no other sobriquet. He has seen the bright and dark side of life. He is with us and in his classical way will entertain the public at the Medford theater tonight.

REMEMBER.

Mr. Business Man and Telephone User, that unless you wish to pay for TWO telephones, you must vote NO on Friday, March 19.

PURE MILK IN SCHOOLS AT A CENT A BOTTLE

CHICAGO, March 18.—Pure milk in sterilized bottles, to be sold in the public schools at 1 cent a bottle, is the proposal made by the Chicago Women's club, and the Chicago Permanent School Extension committee to the committee on school management. If the board of education acts favorably a number of schools will be supplied at once.

Marriage Licenses.

E. H. Boardman and Nellie M. Tim. Gled.

Estate M. P. Phipps; final account filed and April 29 appointed as day for final settlement.

A Wheat Hospital.
 "This wheat has been through the hospital," said a miller. "I can tell by the fine polish on the grains. Wheat that has been through the hospital for smut disease comes out better than well wheat."

The wheat grains, in truth, shone so that one could almost see one's face in them.

"You can see your face in them, can't you?" said the miller. "And no wonder. They've been through drastic treatment—drastic. Smut is a nasty disease, a kind of mold, that changes the starch and gluten in wheat to a black powder. When you see flour full of black specks it is a sign that some of the wheat was smutted. The cure is first to wash the wheat thoroughly. Then you dry it. Then you scour it. Then you dry it again. Finally you brush it. Wheat hospitals—they are found in most grain elevators nowadays—have big machines for washing, drying, scouring and brushing the grain, and wheat on its very last legs comes out of those infirmaries as spruce and blooming as a football girl."—Buffalo Express.

An Astrologer's Letter.

An astrologer's letter to President Van Buren forecasting the results of his election in 1840 is in the library of congress and perhaps gives a crude idea of some of the fallacies of our grandfathers. The following are some extracts: "In this horoscope the ascendant directed to the semisquare of Mars would be in operation about the middle of the fourth year, October, 1785, and might cause sickness, * * * flux or hurt by wounds," etc. * * * "I have opened the horoscope for General Harrison, which accords with the chief events of his past life and which if right he will not fill the office of president during the next term even if elected. And the danger I apprehend to yourself is not from your public opponents, but from those on whom you repose confidence." Those who are superstitious may be inclined to credit this star gazer with some measure of wisdom, for Harrison, although elected, died a month after his inauguration. —New York Post.

Home Loving Montenegrins.

Nowhere is love of country more intense than among the Montenegrins, to whom exile is the greatest of punishments. When W. J. Stillman was there in the seventies all the free men were away fighting, and he observed that when a messenger was wanted the official took a man out of the prison and sent him off, with no fear that he would not return. One such messenger was sent to Cattara, in Australia territory, with a large sum of money for the bank, and he duly came back. Another asked a Russian at Cattara to intercede with Prince Nicholas for his release from prison. "But you are not in prison," said the Russian. "Oh," said the man, "I have only come down for a load of skins for So-and-so, but I must go into prison again when I get back to Cetinje." One prison guard watched all the prisoners when they summed themselves out of doors, and if he was called away a prisoner would take his rifle and act as sentry for the time.

Abroad.

Abroad is a locality entirely surrounded by sandalwood. In another view it is a bourne more or less mysterious, bounded on its farther side by your income and on its hither side by custom houses where you have to declare everything you bring back with you except a foreign accent and one change of history.

Abroad is where—
 1. They put
 a. Labels all over your luggage and
 b. It all over you.
 2. You are almost always going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and the good Samaritan invariably wants a tip.

Abroad is the stage of history, but that is only because history made the too common mistake of not seeing America first.—Puck.

Keeping Up the Limit.

In J. Conyns Carr's reminiscences is a characteristic anecdote of Burne-Jones, who had consulted his doctor about certain symptoms which seemed alarming.

"How many cigars do you smoke in a day?" the doctor inquired of his patient, in which Burne-Jones had carelessly replied, "Oh, I think about six."
 "Well," replied his adviser, "for the present you had better limit yourself to three." And in detailing the incident to me afterward Burne-Jones added, with a chuckle, "You know, my dear Carr, I never did smoke more than three."

Nicotine.

"If excessive smoking alone could cause heart degeneration," writes a correspondent of the London Mail, "such cases would be common instead of extremely rare. The fact is that only an almost infinitesimal amount of nicotine is absorbed in smoking. An ordinary sized cigar or an ounce of smoking tobacco contains enough of this virulent poison to kill two men. The only reason all smokers are not killed at once is that the nicotine is destroyed in the combustion of the leaf."

Procrastination.

"Why is procrastination said to be the thief of time?" asked the teacher.
 "Cause it takes a fellow so long to say 'I,' answered the bright boy at the foot of the class."—Chicago News.

Either Way.

Smith: I'd invite you home to dinner with me but we have no sock.
 George: And I'd invite you home with me, but we have one.—Cleveland Lead.

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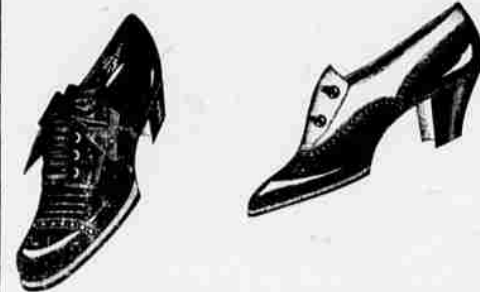
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Dress Goods	Silks	Linens
Browns, blues, reds, taupe tans, greens, etc., in serges, broadcloths and messaline finished goods, 50c to \$2 a yard.	New 36-inch messaline silks at \$1.50 and \$1.75, in blue, brown, copenhagen, wine, tans, apricot, black, white, etc. Fancy Waist Silks.	White Dress Linen at 25c, 50c and 75c yard. Natural Linens at 20c, 25c 35c and 40c. Linen in colors at 20c and 35c.



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 New shipments of men's and boys' summer straws and cloth sun Hats at 25c, 50c and 75c.

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 Furnishings

Vote No on the Franchise

The Citizens' Telephone company has no paid up capital outside of the few shares of stock subscribed by promoters.

The Citizens' Telephone company has no franchise in any city in Oregon, and cannot give you out-of-town connection.

Medford's city council failed to give the Citizens' Telephone company a franchise after full investigation of its financial responsibility. Grants Pass' city council refused a similar franchise. Is not the judgment of these reputable business men to be trusted?

Two phones mean a double tax on the public, double inconvenience and double expense, without improved service—in short, a nuisance.

History repeats itself. The experience of other cities will be the experience of Medford. Invariably after trial, the two phone system has been condemned as increasing the expense without benefiting service.

The modern up-to-date service now being installed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Medford is equal and superior to any system that a new concern can establish, because it is the best possible.

It gives connection with 400,000 subscribers.

We ask you to vote NO on the proposed franchise. Polls open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. Voting places: First ward, Commercial club rooms; Second ward, Nash hotel sample room; Third ward, city hall.

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Methodist Episcopal Church, B Street.

Last evening Rev. Lewtas preached impressively on the parable of the "Ten Virgins." With great earnestness did he dwell upon the importance of having oil, and the lamp burning brightly. The subject tonight will be "The Greatest Thing in the World." Tomorrow night the theme will be "The First Book in Ben Hur." Don't fail to hear this gifted evangelist. Everybody in-