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GO ON WITH THE PAVING.

Because no tax levy was made to cover cost of proposed paving at street intersections in Medford is no reason why there should be any letup in the program of street paving outlined for the coming summer. Other cities have faced the same difficulty, and solved the problem satisfactorily.

There are many possible solutions of the problem, which an ingenious people can make use of. Many expedients can be resorted to which will bridge over the chasm. We are not so lacking in inventiveness and business capacity that we cannot overcome any difficulty in the path of progress and municipal improvement. The time has not yet arrived when the people of Medford will quit, saying "It can't be done"—especially when it has been done elsewhere.

The people of the East Side have taken the bull by the horns and propose to pay for the intersections, asking the city to create a sinking fund to reimburse property owners in the future. This is but one of several ways suggested.

There is nothing impossible to a progressive people. The paving company should, and probably will, meet the people half way and some plan be devised to make Medford the best paved of Oregon cities.

WITHDRAW THE REFERENDUM PETITIONS.

It is unfortunate that a referendum was started at Ashland against the appropriation voted by the legislature to the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis. It is doubly unfortunate that the referendum was started at the time it was, for it aroused enmity and provoked hostility against the normal schools at the special session of the legislature that would not otherwise have materialized and strengthened the opposition to the normals, both in Portland and Salem. The move was exceedingly injudicious and greatly handicapped the normal school lobby, which was kept busy disclaiming any responsibility.

The referendum against the agricultural college is foredoomed to failure. This institution is admitted to be one of the most useful in the state and is the favorite of the agricultural and horticultural classes. It is championed even by those who oppose the state university. It would be impossible to secure a majority of the voters of Jackson county to vote against this practical and beneficial school—or a majority in any other county.

The normal schools are not in a position to dictate. They need friends, not enemies. They cannot swing the big stick and it is folly to attempt it. Their real friends realize this and know that referendum against other institutions only alienate possible supporters.

Referendum petitions have not made their appearance anywhere in Jackson county, except in Ashland, as far as known. Their move was evidently a bluff on the part of ill-advised enthusiasts, and announcement should follow of their withdrawals and repudiation, so that the normal schools may be placed in the proper light before the people—friends of all forms of higher education and enemies of none.

LILLIAN RUSSELL IS A WINNER OVER BOOKIES

EMERYVILLE, Cal., March 19.—Through the keen track judgment of Lillian Russell, the actress, the bookies today are mourning the loss of something like \$300 which the heroine of "Wildfire" the play in which she appears, made on two bets she cashed yesterday at the track.

Miss Russell placed \$100 on Hooper Red, in the Wildfire handicap, so named in compliment to herself, \$100 on The Peer and \$100 each on St. Francis and cadchion.

The actress lost on the last two named but won goodly sums on The Peer and Hooper Red.

BODY SCATTERED ON TRACK FIFTEEN MILES

SNOHOMISH, Wash., March 19.—Glen Downs of Stillwater, Minn., was killed under a Great Northern train some time last night while stealing a ride on the brakeman, from Everett. His remains were scattered along the track for a distance of 15 miles. All morning section hands have been bringing in parts of the body. The remains were identified by means of a letter found in the clothing.

SPEAKER McARTHUR BENSON'S SECRETARY

SALEM, Or., March 19.—Immediately after adjournment last night Miss Phoebe Shambrook, who has been acting private secretary to Governor Benson, resigned and Speaker McArthur of the house of representatives was sworn in to succeed her. The speaker had previously handed in his resignation as member of the house of representatives from Multnomah and Clackamas.

\$51,400 WAS PAID TO M'KINLEY PHYSICIANS

WASHINGTON, March 19.—After carefully guarding for more than seven years the facts as to the government's expenditures incident to the last illness and burial of President McKinley, the treasury officials today made a statement covering all of the items of expenditure under the appropriation of \$43,000 for this purpose made by congress on July 1, 1907.

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No contributions will be taken. The lecture will be in the open air on the railroad right-of-way; no expense whatever. Everyone interested in fruit growing, farming, poultry raising or ever likely to be, should arrange to be on hand. Train will reach Medford morning of 23d. Lectures in the afternoon. You won't regret coming. Arrangements to come. Spread the news. Let everyone show the interest they should show, which can but result in great good to the valley.

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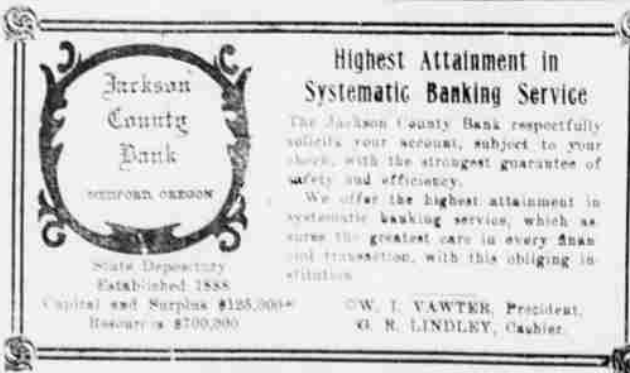
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