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ONE WAY TO TEACH A MOSSBACK.

The Portland Oregonian has not yet discovered that Medford is on the map. It is always shurring this city and the people in it, as well as all southern Oregon. This is the reason it tells its readers that the Portland Northwest league team is training in Ashland, and publishes a picture of the players in Medford, taken in Medford, labeled as "Portland players now training in Ashland."

The monarch of mossback newspapers knows that Ashland is on the map, for a large portion of its jaundiced editorial column has been used to vilify the normal school. It does not know and refuses to learn that Ashland has a high school, but constantly reiterates its malicious falsehoods about the normal being used as a high school.

Ashland has recently attracted the Oregonian's attention in another way—the road to its pocketbook conscience. Nearly 100 of its Ashland subscribers stopped the paper because of its mendacity. All of its subscribers ought to have stopped, and stay stopped. Only lack of competition prevents it.

Perhaps if Medford people should boycott this bible of the Arbuckle coffee brigade, it would learn that Medford is on the map. The experiment is worth trying. No one expects the Oregonian to boost southern Oregon. It never boasts anything. It is retrogressive, and reactionary, and knocks everything, even its own home city. It has sounded the anvil chorus so loudly on everything worth while that it has lost its influence, and its support spells defeat. But a boycott of its local readers would certainly teach it that Medford was on the map, in the only way it can learn anything—that is through its purse-strings.

SECURING A RAILROAD.

Colonel J. F. Mundy is drilling for oil near Medford. Colonel Mundy is successfully opening up the Rogue River valley coal fields, pronounced by government geologists one of the most extensive coal deposits on the continent. The coal speaks for itself.

The success of either of these enterprises means as much to the country, perhaps more, than resources now developed.

Colonel Mundy is an experienced oil operator. He has been a familiar figure in many oil territories of the east and south. He knows his business thoroughly. Medford is lucky in having attracted his attention.

For years oil experts have declared that surface indications favored an oil territory, but no one before had the nerve to risk his money in extensive development work. No effort would have been made for years if dependent upon local capital, for Oregon capital wants a sure thing and takes no chances.

No one can tell what exists a thousand feet under the surface, and few dare to take the risk. It costs about \$25,000 to sink the first well, including cost of drilling machine. Colonel Mundy has the money and the nerve, and he is the type of man who does not know failure. If he is successful in his quest, it means the transformation of Medford into a city.

Colonel Mundy has asked for no money and for no assistance from Medford in his enterprises. He has brought many capitalists to the valley and made extensive investments. He has, however, asked that Medford assist him in securing terminal grounds and right of way into the city for a railroad to the coal mines.

It is to the best interests of the city that such a road center here, and the least that can be done is to aid in securing both road and terminal, and that at once.

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TILLAMOOK SHOWS THAT DAIRYING IS PROFITABLE

TILLAMOOK, Or., March 30.—During the year 1908 it is estimated that Tillamook county produced a little more than 3,000,000 pounds of cheese, valued at \$400,000.

Carl Haberbach, secretary and salesman for 13 co-operative cheese factories and several small dairies, has figures to show that the farmers of Tillamook county received an average price of 29.55 cents a pound for butter fat in 1908, or a total of \$259,987. The farmers were paid an average of \$1.174 for each 100 pounds of milk. The average per cent butter fat for the year was 40.

The 13 cheese factories received 19,171,322 pounds of milk, manufactured 2,073,300 pounds of cheese and 10,371 pounds of butter. The average price received for the cheese was 12.365 cents a pound net on the "burr." The factories' receipts total \$38,350.

ASHLAND NORMAL TO FINISH YEAR

Ashland has completed arrangements with the state board of normal regents to continue the normal school at that place to the end of the present session.

In reality, Mountz is the only school that has met the conditions specified by the executive committee of the normal school board of regents. The other schools have not yet actually sent any money, but have made arrangements to remit soon.

At Ashland the people will also provide for the incidental expenses of the schools. The teachers have received no compensation for February. If there is any surplus after expenses of maintenance have been paid it will be applied to instructors' salaries.

PRISONER SUICIDES AFTER ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

SALEM, Or., March 30.—Following an unsuccessful attempt with three fellow prisoners to escape from prison here at 5 o'clock yesterday, John Brandon, who is serving ten years, cut his throat with a butcher knife with which he cut the bars, and died almost immediately after being driven back into prison. The other prisoners were J. P. Collier, C. H. Spaulding, and J. P. Letheridge. All worked in the kitchen. They saved the bars in the butcher shop basement. The trapezoid bar was discovered Wednesday and armed guards waited and were rewarded this morning, when four men crawled out and halted at the wickets of the gates. They soon recaptured the prison and Brandon suicided.

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