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TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Weather—Fair today and Friday.
A rare and salubrious climate—soil of remarkable fertility—beautiful scenery—mountains stored with coal, copper and gold—extensive forests—streams stocked with speckled beauties—game in abundance—a contented, progressive people—such is the Rogue River Valley.
Average mean temperature..... 55 degrees
Average yearly precipitation 21 inches

AN OREGON "REFORMER."

Oregon is suffering acutely from so-called or self-styled "reformers," and in most cases the "reformer" is the chief fly in the ointment.

From ulterior motive, from vicious temperament, or from unbalanced brain, some "reformer," under the cloak of doing the public a service, is perpetually parading before the people, pretending, with Pecksniffian virtue, to be laboring in their behalf, while piling up needless expenses on the taxpayer, whose interests he feigns to be conserving.

There is no more dangerous "reformer" than the briefless lawyer with a big bump of malicious meddlesomeness, the demagogue who uses his profession to further his ends, while the taxpayer foots the bills for costs in his grandstand plays for popularity. In the end his efforts meet deserved failure, because unjustifiable, but the public never fails in having to pay the bill.

There seems no way to eradicate this class of "reformers" and prevent them from pestering the public and robbing the taxpayer, who is helpless and seldom learns what the efforts made in his name by some notoriety-seeking self-appointed watchdog of the public treasury really cost.

As an example of what this class of "reformers" cost the people, take the bright and shining career of L. M. McMahan, the distinguished nuackraker who is using every effort to block the Crater Lake road and check the development of the state, under the guise of saving the taxpayers' money. It is now some years since this Don Quixote of reform began to attack windmills as a means of gratifying spleen and attaining notoriety at public expense, and the people have ever since been cheerfully paying the freight.

Examine this "reformer's" career in detail: First, his charge against the superintendent of the penitentiary, placed before Governor Chamberlain. Result—vindication for the superintendent. Not satisfied, McMahan had the grand jury investigate the matter, which called before it the governor and hosts of clerks, piling up expenses, taking up much valuable time. Result—still more vindication for the accused. Then a snit before the late Judge Boise, the latter carried to the supreme court, which court held that McMahan had no cause for action. Result—time of two courts consumed and the helpless taxpayers footed the bill.

McMahan's next great act of "reform" was preferring charges before both houses of the legislature against the superintendent of the penitentiary. A joint committee was appointed, witnesses brought from Portland before the committee. Result—complete vindication for the superintendent and an appropriation of \$200 allowed to reimburse him for his lawyers' fees incurred to defend himself.

McMahan's next treasury watchdog stunt was his attack upon Secretary of State Dunbar. Result—vindication for Dunbar, time of two courts and witnesses consumed and the people paid the bill.

The climax of this melodrama of "reform" in which the vainglorious, malicious and vindictive lawyer is now occupying the time of courts, is his effort to set aside the act of the legislature, thwart the wishes of the people, delay the expenditure of millions by the government, prevent the influx of tourists and block the material progress of Oregon, all under the hypocritical pretense of protecting the taxpayer. If he succeeds, more snits will follow—and the people foot the bills. But his efforts will not meet with

success, any more than his previous "reforms" have met with it.

If McMahan would publish the amount of money he has cost the taxpayers of Oregon with his pyrotechnic desire to protect the public treasury, he would be shunned as a public pest, instead of being able to pose as a "reformer," for there is not a shadow of doubt but that he has cost the people an enormous sum, besides throwing calumny at men whose shoestrings he is not worthy to unloose.

How the star-eyed goddess must weep at the acts committed in her name!

George E. Chamberlain is making good as United States senator, at least so far as Medford is concerned, which shows that it is not a man's politics so much as the man himself that counts in securing things at Washington.

There is going to be a "barrel of pork" opened at the winter session, and Medford confidently expects a \$100,000 appropriation for a postoffice, through the combined efforts of Chamberlain and Hawley.

The city council did a fine thing when it voted \$100 to aid in the appeal of the Crater Lake road case. It shows that the members are broad-minded and progressive, just the type needed in a growing city like Medford.

Evidently Judge Galloway's view of the Crater Lake road was obscured by a Bush.

COUNCILMEN MAY HEAD THE PARADE

President Eifert of the Council States Conditions to Firemen of the City.

Big Bill Eifert on Wednesday evening, on behalf of the members of the city council, appeared before the firemen, in special session, and informed them upon what conditions the council would accept their invitation to head the great and glorious Fourth of July parade. He stated that the council would require the firemen to furnish each councilman with a "bug" plug hat, of the latest design, warranted full non-shrinkable silk, and a private automobile for each member of the council. He stated further that as Mayor Canon has a plug hat at the present time, the seventh hat would be used to adorn the classic brow of Porter J. Neff, city attorney. The fire boys have the matter under consideration.

Sewers Ordered In.
A number of sewers were ordered in by the city council at a session held Wednesday evening. They are for the following streets: On Ross court from West Fourth street south 600 feet; in alley in block 25, original townsite; west end of Hamilton street to Oakdale avenue; on North Oakdale avenue and on Hamilton street to Third; on West Third and West Oakdale to Holly; on Rose avenue from West Fourth street running south 600 feet; on Summit avenue from West Fourth street south 600 feet.

The council instructed the city recorder to advertise for bids for the paving of West Main street from Laurel street to the city limits. Bids will be received until July 6.

The mayor and city recorder were instructed to draw a warrant for \$100 in order to assist in defraying the expenses of carrying the Crater Lake road case to the supreme court.

PIERCE OFFERS CITY A PARK

Council Did Not Take Kindly to the Proposition, However—Wanted Lake Constructed.

A proposition was made to the city council at its last regular meeting by the Medford Development Co. through its president, C. H. Pierce, looking to a future suburban park for the city.

What he offered—To lease blocks 9 and 10 in the Pierce subdivision to the city the first two years free of charge.

What he wanted—The city to fence the blocks with a good substantial

fence, grade the street between the blocks, put up a neat pavilion with a seating capacity of 100 people, at a cost of \$500, put in city water and construct a boating place at estimated cost of \$1000—all by March 1, 1910. At the end of two years the city to buy the tract at \$150 an acre; terms, \$3000 down, balance in three years at 6 per cent interest; or the city could lease the tract at \$250 a year and at the end of five years buy at \$200 an acre.

What he got—Turned down.

MARRIED.

Wednesday afternoon, at the residence of M. F. Horn, pastor of the Christian church, Oswald Meissner and Maple Peil were joined in marriage. Also Ernest Biden and Elva Wiley took the obligation that made them husband and wife. It was a simple but impressive double wedding, the ring ceremony being used. After the wedding a bountiful dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peil in East Medford. These popular young people will reside in Medford. May their voyage on the sea of life be happy and peaceful.

We'll all be there, Colesfin, June 26th.

HUSSEY'S FRIDAY SPECIALS

Plain white semi-porcelain Dinner Set, a 54-piece set, regular \$6.50 value, now, the set\$5.00

PLAIN WHITE ENAMELWARE.

We are cleaning this line out; choice line of all our plain White Enamelware, all German made goods — ONE-THIRD OFF THE MARKET PRICE.

500 Paper Back Novels, the regular 15c and 20c quality, special for Friday only, each5c

HOSIERY.

10 dozen Ladies' extra fine quality silk embroidered black Hose, Hemsdorf dye, imported foot, 75c value, per pair50c

40 dozen Men's seamless, fast color Hose, the best wearing Hose in the city, all sizes, in black and tan; sizes 9 1-2 to 11 1-2; sale price, 2 pair for25c

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