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TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Cloudy tonight. Possible showers. Continued cool.
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

THE RAILROAD WAR.

Rival railroad forces are fighting for rights of way along the Deschutes river for railroads into central Oregon. One force represents the Harriman interests, the other the Oregon Trunk, an independent line acquired a year ago by Porter Brothers of Spokane, supposed to represent James J. Hill. Much more work has been done by the Oregon Trunk up to date than by Harriman, who only started actual construction a few weeks ago, when the territory, which he has so long bottled up, was threatened by rivals. In the past week Porter Brothers have begun in earnest to construct their line, and have stolen a march by purchasing strategic points where the rights of way conflict.

The people of Oregon are interested spectators in the conflict now waging. They do not care much which force wins, so long as a railroad or two railroads are built, but their sympathy is with the independent railroad, for all realize that one of the great reasons why Oregon has lagged behind her sister states in development is lack of railroad competition.

For many years Oregon has been at the mercy of one railroad, and that railroad not a developer of the state. No branch lines have been built, no new territory opened. Harriman's genius is of the class that prefers to acquire and reorganize what others have constructed, rather than to build for himself.

It is now four years since Mr. Harriman, at a banquet tendered him at the Lewis and Clark exposition, promised the immediate construction not only of the Deschutes and Coos Bay railroads, but those of other Oregon railroads—and yet no railroads have been constructed. A bluff was made on the 80 miles of road from Drain to Marshfield construction started and abandoned. A road has finally reached Klamath Falls, but it was begun at the wrong end and makes the country tributary to California instead of Oregon.

If Hill secures a line into central Oregon—and if he wants it neither Harriman nor anyone else can keep him out—it means an era of development for the state. It means a network of branch lines and feeders for the main line. If Harriman builds the line it means that the only branch lines constructed will be those built by the people themselves. For this reason the hopes of the people of Oregon are with the Oregon Trunk in the present struggle.

The Portland Oregonian, a Southern Pacific organ, is industriously endeavoring to create public sympathy for Harriman, alleging that Hill is playing the same game that Harriman played in trying to block to construction of the North Bank line. The shoe is on the other foot. The announcement of the building of the Harriman line on the Deschutes, followed the purchase of The Oregon Trunk by Porter Brothers a year ago. The next announcement followed the passage by the legislature of a constitutional amendment permitting state owned or aided railroads. Harriman only builds railroads when he is forced to.

There is room in central Oregon for a dozen railroads. For twenty years it has offered a tempting field and today offers the most inviting field in all America. So long as railroads are built it matters little who builds them, though an empire builder like Hill is a great asset to a community.

There are scores of branch lines that could be constructed in Oregon that would pay from the start, lines

into regions already partially developed, and only awaiting transportation to grow as if by magic. The Pacific & Eastern is such a branch, the Coos Bay line, the Medford-Crescent City line, the Malheur-Harney valley line and a dozen others could be named offhand that would be most profitable ventures—yet only threatened competition will ever force their building by the logical builder.

Attention is called to the market page of The Tribune, especially the reports of fruit sales in the east, which will hereafter be made a daily feature. It is an expensive feature, but should prove very valuable to the fruit growers of the Rogue River valley, bringing him in close touch with the markets of the east. They are as complete as it is possible to secure up to the time of going to press.

OLLIE MACK IS ON THIS EVENING

Really Clever Production Will Be Presented Tonight at Medford Opera House.

What everybody says must be so, Murray and Mack's "A Night on Broadway" is really a great hit.

The Los Angeles "Rounder" says that the Murray and Mack company will offer the newest song hits—"right hot off the Broadway grid-dle," to quote the press agent—is indicated by the list of numbers that will be interpolated in "A Night on Broadway." These songs are: "The Stage Door Johnnie," sung by Lillie Sutherland and the entire feminine contingent; "Come on Down Town," the big song success in George Cohan's "A Yankee Prince," to be sung by Mr. Murray and Mr. Mack; "The Yankee Doodle Boys," a lively march song from Cohan's "The American Idea," to be sung by Bobbie Harrington and the big chorus; "Flowers to the Fair," a new and extremely dainty song, to be sung by Bessie Tannehill; "Casey Jones," the prevailing popular song hit of the local season, to be sung for the first time on any stage by Charles Murray; "Over on the Jersey Side," Jack Norworth and Nora Bayes' big song success in "The Follies of 1908"; "Sweetheart Town," a stirring march song, to be sung by the Marquis Ellis quartet; "The Red Shawl," Cole and Johnson's newest Indian song, to be sung by George Fields, with the entire Murray and Mack company in the background; "The Soul Kiss," the tremendously popular waltz song from the F. Ziegfeld operatic production of the same name, to be sung for the first time in this city by Bessie Tannehill; "Abie, Take an Example from Your Father," a quaint Hebrew dialect song to be rendered by Max Bloom; "Liza," Bobbie Harrington's big song and dance number with the Murray and Mack dancing girls for his assistants; and "The Yama Yama Man," the song that has made Messie McCoy and the Three Twins the biggest musical comedy hits of the current season in New York. There will be a number of choruses in addition to this imposing list of new songs, almost every one of which will be heard for the first time in the city in "A Night on Broadway."

The Owl in History.
The owl was in former times generally regarded as an omen of misfortune or death, but as the Egyptians represented Minerva under the form of an owl the Athenians, who were under the care of this goddess, looked upon the appearance of the owl as a favorable omen. It therefore formed upon the ancient coins referred to the symbol of Athens and her foreign possessions. The Chinese and the Tartars have also held the owl in high esteem. The first named used to wear owl's feathers in their caps, and some Tartar tribes still worship idols made like owls.

Borrowing Trouble.
Kenneth, who views the future from the eminence of seven summers, was looking very woebegone.
Asked why, he hesitated for a moment, then, bursting into tears, "I've been wondering," he said between sobs, "when mother's dead—and nurse's dead—and my wife's dead—who'll look after me when I'm sick?"

The Ruling Passion.
Goldsmith somewhere tells of an old lady who, lying sick unto death, played cards with the curate to pass away the time and after winning all his money had just proposed to play for her funeral expenses when she expired.

SHASTA FRUIT CROP IS HEAVY

Harvesting of Shasta Fruit Begins—Good Crop of Pears to Be Shipped.

ANDERSON, Cal., July 28.—Harvesting Bartlett pears in the Anderson fruit belt began this morning, giving employment to everyone willing and able to work. Seven hundred workers will be given employment on pears alone until September 1, when the harvest will end. On September 1 1200 workers will be wanted in the prune harvest.

It is expected that 300 earloads of pears will be shipped from here this season. The fruit is fine in quality. The quantity is greater than was ever known. All pears under two inches in diameter are dried. Pears over two inches in diameter are shipped green. There are two packing houses in Anderson—those of the Sanitary Fruit company and the Stewart Fruit company. Both opened up this morning for business.

Pleased With Outlook.
GRASS VALLEY, Cal., July 28.—The fruit shipping season is almost at hand, being somewhat later than in the valleys owing to elevation regarding the ripening of fruit. The outlook is flattering indeed for Bartlett pears and Hungarian plums, especially in the Chicago Park fruit district, the largest horticulture section in the county. In nearly every orchard the trees are hanging full of fine large pears and plums, which growers say, will bring high prices. Buyers have been in the field for some time, indicating that rivalry is keen and the crop in good demand. Two years ago in the Chicago Park district some growers made nearly \$1000 per acre off their pear and plum orchards. This season a number of new orchards are coming into bearing and considerable attention is being paid to grape cultivation.

Wrong Diagnosis.
A song with the title "There's a Sigh in the Heart" was sent by a young man to his sweetheart, but the paper fell into the hands of the girl's father, a very unsentimental physician, who exclaimed:

"What wretched, unscientific stuff is this? Who ever heard of such a case?" He wrote on the outside: "Mistaken diagnosis; no sigh in the heart possible. Sighs relate almost entirely to the lungs and diaphragm!"

Lucky.
Little Walter was whispering into the ear of his dog.
"What are you saying to Rover, dear?" asked his mother.
"Oh, I was just telling him how lucky he was," replied Walter, "because he didn't have to have his neck washed and his hair combed or go to school!"—Chicago News.

An Inflection.
"Your tickets were complimentary, were they not?"
"Well," replied the man who had seen a painfully amateur entertainment, "I thought they were until I saw the show."

Social Progress.
"The Filters are getting on rapidly, aren't they?"
"Indeed, yes. They used to employ a washerwoman, but now they have a laundress."—Woman's Home Companion.

Why He Is Solid.
"How can you tell he is solid with the firm? Does he come in late and go away early?"
"No; he comes in early and goes away late."—Buffalo Express.

WILLIE.

Willie tied the baby's ear
Firmly to the chandelier;
Baby chuckled, full of glee—
'Twas his ear of corn, you see.
—Princeton Tiger.

Willie pulled him by his tongue;
Round and round the room the;
swung—
Baby seemed to like it, though—
'Twas his wagon tongue, you know.
—Chicago Tribune.

Willie, having done these two,
Looked to find what else to do;
Cut his head up half an hour—
'Twas his head of cauliflower.
—New York Evening Mail.

Willie pounded baby's head,
And the infant, smiling, said:
"Oogle, joogle, empty tum!"
'Twas the head of baby's drum.
—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Willie, without cry or pain,
Broke his brother's heart in twain.
Ate the pieces. Ah, but wait—
'Twas his candy heart he ate.
—Western Publisher.

Bill made trouble by the peek,
When he broke the baby's neck,
For his food supply did throttle—
'Twas the neck of baby's bottle.

It Worked Out Badly.
There is such a thing as carrying the discount business too far, as the smart advertising agent of a new publication discovered.

"As I understand," said the merchant, "your rate is \$50 a page for a single insertion and you deduct 1 per cent from this rate for each additional insertion?"
"That is correct," replied the agent. "The total rate decreases by 1 per cent for each insertion contracted for after the first," he went on to explain. "If you agree to take it ten times there will be nine insertions after the first and you will get 9 per cent off the rate. In other words, you will only have to pay \$45.50 each time."

"The idea commends itself to me," said the merchant thoughtfully, "and if you will stick to that plan I will be glad to make a contract with you to use a full page for 101 consecutive issues."

The agent was jubilant until he thought it over. Then he wasn't. This discount business can be carried too far.—Exchange.

How a Submarine Dives.
All submarine vessels are brought to a condition of readiness to submerge by taking in water ballast in suitably arranged and controlled tanks. This causes more of the boat to sink below the water's surface and finally leaves her with only a small part of her conning tower out of water. The remaining part above water represents what is called "reserve buoyancy." This buoyancy varies generally from 200 to 1,000 pounds, depending upon the size of the craft, and it is to overcome the permanent tendency to rise represented by this reserve that pressure is brought to bear upon the submerging rudders or the hydroplanes in order to make the boat sink after she is once put in motion. It is the height out of water or reserve of buoyancy of the submersible which gives her her superior sea keeping qualities, which permits the vessel to be driven safely on the surface at higher rates of speed and which contributes in other ways to the efficiency, the habitability and the military value of the craft.—Harper's Weekly.

DRINK IRON PORT 5¢ You'll Like It! AT ALL SODA FOUNTAINS AND IN BOTTLES

THE TOWN THAT PUSH BUILT**II.—The Sensible Grocery Man**

HERE is the grocery man who got the money for things the workman bought, And while he still was feeling glad He read the local butcher's ad. He quickly hurried down the street And bought a good supply of meat, For which a settlement he made With the money the honest workman paid.

P. S.—The local dealer who's up to snuff Will always advertise his stuff.

TO CITIZENS OF MEDFORD AND VICINITY

In announcing to you the opening of the new handsomely appointed "HOTEL SEWARD," at Portland, Oregon, I wish to most respectfully solicit your patronage, assuring you the same courteous treatment from myself and associates that I have endeavored to extend to you during the years past while with the Portland and Cornelius hotels of this city.

The "HOTEL SEWARD" is very elaborate as to structure, equipment and furnishings, while our prices will not be in excess of other hotels. Situated as it is on the corner of Tenth and Alder streets, one block from the Arlington club, also directly across the street from the main entrance of Olds, Wortman & King's mammoth department store, now under construction; also a block away from the noisy, clanging street cars, and being within easy reach of all theaters and shipping district, makes it an ideal location.

The office will be in charge of Mr. Allan A. Wright, who for the past 15 years was chief clerk at the Portland hotel.

We have a most excellent cafe in connection at moderate prices, thereby affording your wives and daughters the opportunity of getting all their meals without dressing for the street. You will find the "HOTEL SEWARD" omnibus at the station with a most courteous man in charge.

Trusting I may have the pleasure of your patronage at the "HOTEL SEWARD," I am,

Yours truly,
NATHANIEL K. CLARKE.

There will be specialties between the acts of the "Mikado" Thursday night by Professor Anton Rameoff, the great Hungarian violinist. The price for this show is 50c, so you can not afford to miss this rare treat.

Eyes Are Important

Are you one whose eyes need attention? Are you one who has tried to get relief from your eye trouble and failed? In my work I guarantee satisfaction in all cases of chronic eye troubles that are curable. I use McCormick methods, which are conceded by leading doctors to be superior to all others. No drugs used. Glasses fitted to suit the most difficult cases. Broken lenses, mountings and frames replaced and repaired. Charges reasonable.

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