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We live in an epoch of exploration and discovery.

Following the double finding of the north pole came the discovery of the Rogue River valley by the Portland Oregonian. Of course the exploration was only partial—but little of it has been seen from the tall tower. Crater Lake, the world's greatest natural wonder, has not yet been located.

But perhaps the most remarkable of the discoveries of the year is scheduled for next week, when Congressman Hawley will discover Medford on a personally conducted tour.

This will be a red-letter event in history. For a member of the Oregon congressional district to discover any part of the state, or to even make a bluff to find out its needs, or to visit any town for anything except votes, is something that hasn't happened since the days of Binger Hermann.

There have been rumors to the effect that Oregon had congressional representation—but so far as actual results were concerned, it was only rumor. The senate has been better. Senator Fulton got us the federal court, and Senator Bourne buys our pears—that's all. Congressman Hawley, please note:

Medford wants a \$150,000 federal building for post-office and court.

Medford wants a weather bureau.

Medford wants a continuing appropriation of \$1,000,000 for improvement of the Crater Lake national park.

Resolutions passed by the Commercial club for all of these needed appropriations were forwarded the Oregon congressional delegation last winter and never elicited so much as a reply.

When Congressman Hawley was invited to go to Crater Lake he was "too busy." Perhaps he was also "too busy" to acknowledge receipt of resolutions. But if Congressman Hawley expects ANY support in southern Oregon for re-election, he has got to "get busy" and deliver the goods. Otherwise the voyage of discovery will have been in vain.

VICTORY FOR A FREE PRESS.

The libel suit instigated in the name of the government by President Roosevelt and prosecuted with President Taft's approval against Delavan Smith and C. R. Williams of the Indianapolis News, has been dismissed by Federal Judge Anderson.

The newspaper, along with the New York World and other journals, printed a story to the effect that a syndicate composed of personal friends of the administration had bought up the refuted French Panama Canal company for \$18,000,000 and unloaded it on the United States government for \$40,000,000. President Roosevelt at once had a federal grand jury at Washington indict the editors for criminal libel under an obsolete clause of the English common law, used centuries ago by the crown to suppress the press.

Efforts to drag the publishers from their home cities to face trial on a criminal charge at the national capital upon the flimsy pretext that the libel had been committed wherever the papers were sold, were unfair and un-American—as indeed the whole prosecution was. The proper place for trial is the place of publication. It would have been a dangerous precedent to clothe the president with powers that would enable him to hale any newspaper editor into court at the national capital or elsewhere because he had displeased the administration.

Regarding the canal transaction, the court held that there were many suspicious facts in connection therewith, which had never been explained. William Nelson Cromwell's refusal to answer questions is "just grounds for suspicion" in the mind of Judge Anderson, who is "suspicious about it now." The inferences of the papers were not too strongly drawn in the court's opinion.

How far a newspaper may go in printing news or in making public facts that pesty suspicions of scandal is a mooted question. Judge Anderson says:

"I believe the fact that certain persons were called 'thieves' and 'swindlers' does not constitute libel per se.

A newspaper has a certain duty to perform. As a former president has said: "It is the duty of a newspaper to print the news and to tell the truth about it." It is the duty of a newspaper to draw inferences for the people."

The decision is a victory for a free press and a rebuke to the prosecution. Only a short time ago the district attorney at Indianapolis resigned rather than represent the government in proceedings he considered legally and morally wrong. What Judge Anderson thought is indicated as follows:

"That man has read the history of our institutions to little purpose who does not view with apprehension the success of such a proceeding as this, to the end that citizens could be dragged from their homes to the District of Columbia, the seat of government, for trial, under the circumstances of this case. The defendants are discharged."

Home Helps.

When one has an old barn roof to remove do not try the ancient, laborious way of pulling out the nails. Take a magnet and hold it over the head of the nail till the nail comes out.

To keep the hands perfectly clean and white while the stove is being polished let some one else polish it. There are other alleged methods, but this will prove surest.

The best way to mark an umbrella is to embrother the name of the owner on the little strap for fastening it when it is rolled. Then the person who swipes it can destroy the mark without mutilating any vital part of the umbrella.

To disguise the taste of castor oil put in three drops of bitter almonds, a bit of asafoetida, a touch of rochelle salts and two drops of sulphuretted hydrogen.

To keep red or pink of maroon or cerise ants out of a refrigerator build a trough entirely around it and fill the trough with sorghum molasses or maple sirup or some other form of mucilage.—Chicago News.

A Long Time Dying.

Mr. Fred Terry told this anecdote of the death scene in "The Heel of Achilles":

"One day," he says, "we were rehearsing this play, and a member of my company came in from the street and asked the call boy how far the rehearsal had got.

"Mr. Terry's just dying," replied the boy.

"Good. I've time to smoke a cigarette before my entrance."

"Presently the actor returned and repeated the question.

"Still dying," answered the boy.

"Oh, I'll go and have another cigarette, then."

"Back he came and only got the same reply from the call boy.

"Finally, after smoking five cigarettes, he asked, a little wearily, how far the rehearsal had gone.

"Still dying," answered the call boy.

"Great Scott!" gasped the actor. "He must be immortal!"—London Answers.

The First Language.

No one of the existing languages has any legitimate claim to be considered the original of the family of languages, standing to the others as Latin, for instance, stands to Italian and French. Of an original primitive language of mankind the most patient research has found no trace. All of them—Assyrian, Phoenician, Hebrew, Arabic—are sister languages, pointing back to an earlier parent language, which has long disappeared. Since the historical period man has done little in the way of the absolute creation of language. The work had already been accomplished ages before the birth of written inscriptions.—New York American.

All His Own.

A young man and his sweetheart were walking together through lanes and fields.

The young man was rather of a bashful nature and had been paying attention to this same young woman for a considerable time without having plucked up courage to put the all important question.

On this particular night, however, he mustered sufficient pluck to ask her how she thought he was progressing with his courting. At the same time his arm stole round her waist.

"Well, Jack," said the girl quietly, "I think you are holding your own at present."

Her Playing.

Mrs. McDuff—This paper says that mice are attracted by music, but I don't believe it.

McDuff—Why not?

Mrs. McDuff—Because I never see any mice around when I play the piano.

McDuff—Well, that's no reason for doubting the paper's statement.

Beat Her Out.

Waggs—I had the laugh on my wife yesterday.

Boggs—How did it happen?

Waggs—We were out driving, and she discovered an echo that beat her out of the last word.

The Money Question.

"Wot do they mean, Jimmy, when they say money talks?"

"I dunno unless it's the wonderful way it says goodby to you," said Tattler.

Medford housewives are invited tomorrow to call in at Aitkin's plumbing store, 211 W. Main, to taste the food prepared in the Hot Fireless Cooker and see a practical kitchen demonstration of the Range Boiler Insulator. Don't miss it.

The Way It Seemed.

"The longest days of the year are in June, pa, but when are the shortest?"
"Sometimes in July and sometimes in August, depending upon when your mother takes her vacation."—New York Press.

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BENSON'S BARGAINS

Strictly modern six-room bungalow in course of construction in Bungalow addition, lot 50x100, a modern beauty and a snap\$3600

Three years' lease and furniture first-class rooming house, 20 rooms, best location in the city; clears over \$100 per month.\$2400

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Six-room house, lot 50x100, close in, bath and all furniture; easy terms\$3350

Rare opportunity—Lot 100x100, two blocks from Central avenue and Main street; large 14-room building, in splendid repair; can be made to pay \$300 per month, boarding or lodging house\$6500

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70 acres, one mile from Phoenix; 15 acres 2-year-old Newtowns, 10 acres 2-year-old Spitz, 100 Bartlett pears, 350 strawberries; 40 acres under cultivation; new 6-room bungalow with bath, barn 32x44; old 2-room house; barn 16x32; livestock, farming tools, hay in barn. Price \$150 per acre.

27 acres, 4 miles south of Medford, across road southeast from the Burrell orchards; 5-room house, good barn, chicken house, 9 acres of 3-year-old pear orchard, 15 acres alfalfa, large vegetable garden; berries, etc. Price \$6500.

40 acres, 16 miles north of Medford, ½ mile from Benge; 8 acres cultivated, 4 in fruit trees from 2 to 10 years old; on two good roads; small house, barn, woodshed, etc.; two wells. This can all be cleared without a foot of waste land. 25 acres enclosed in woven wire fence. Will exchange. Price\$2000

Two fine building lots on West Seventh street; fine location; will sell on terms, \$25 down and \$12.50 per month.

28 acres of fine level land, only one mile north of the P. & E. depot; A fine location. Terms.

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