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LOOK FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD.

The Portland Journal contains some good advice in the following on mossbackism:

In China they still beat tom toms and set off explosives during a solar eclipse to keep the great dragon from swallowing the sun, and China is a prostrated and impotent land. The condition is the price China pays for clinging to old forms, old ideas and old prejudices. Civilization is the fruit of willingness by a race to accept change. The tallow dip and ox yoke of yesterday are the electric light and locomotive today. The abandoned farms of New England will be fields of wondrous productivity tomorrow.

The sooner all men admit that the old way is not the best way the faster development will be. Portland cannot afford to sit on her haunches and beat tom toms to scare off dragons. Her people cannot afford to cling to old methods and old models simply because their fathers and grandfathers did things that way. In business, in industry, in transportation, in every walk of life, vast improvements are being made. In everything the keenest minds are seeking by day and by night changes of method that will yield better rewards. The business man who does things in the old fashioned way is headed straight for bankruptcy. All the methods that change and discovery have brought must be invoked or the deadly hand of competition will blight the enterprise. There must be spray for the growing apple or the worm will get it.

There are cities that are dying of dry rot because they insist on being old fashioned. Men who count in this day haven't the time and patience to spend their energies in towns that insist on doing all things the way grandfather did. They go to communities where the population recognizes that the world moves. They pitch their tents in cities that realize that we know more than we used to, and where tom toms have been thrown into the scrap bin. If Portland insists on following old grooves, men worth while will go to places where ancient forms are not the fashion. The loss of such men is the death of a city and the penalty that must be paid for being old fashioned. Change is progress, and progress is success. The swine goes about with his nose near and his eyes on the ground, for an acorn or other food is all that is on his horizon. Man was made upright and given the power of thought so he could work out a destiny and not merely live as the swine, to be eaten. Change is the means of destiny, and resistance to change the price of failure. The rule has always been true of men, and cities are what men make them, Portland among the rest.

EQUALIZE ASSESSMENTS.

The county board of equalization should not adjourn for some time. There is a great deal of work before it before its labors can be called completed, and "equality before the law" ensured.

The assessment of Medford property turned in by Assessor Grieve is absurd. It shows a decrease in the city's total valuations exceeding \$150,000, and this despite a growth exceeding 30 per cent in population and valuations.

There are many instances that might be cited which make the assessment little more than a joke. But four automobiles out of the 200 owned here are listed. City lots on West Main street, Medford, are assessed at the same valuations as residence lots in the Central Point town site. A lot on Main near C street is valued at \$6000, while that directly across the street is valued at \$5000. Residence lots at West Main near the Park are assessed at a third less than the lots of the same frontage adjoining.

It is evident that a sad mess has been made in assessment work, leaving much for the board of equalization to straighten out. The assessments should be equalized or rank injustice will be worked upon many property owners and the already high rate of taxation jump skyward.

Savoy Theatre

TONIGHT

THE ROMANCE OF AN UMBRELLA
ONEWANDA
STORY OF A BANK NOTE
ONE DIME

What a Dollar Dog Can Do.

A man in a nearby city bought for his wife and child a year ago a dog, for which he paid a dollar. It was obviously nothing wonderful in the canine way merely a mongrel, with the bulldog strain predominant. The owner was a man in humble circumstances, and the dog in his modest dwelling was the principal asset aside from a few sticks of furniture. The

other night Tom was tied to a leg of the kitchen sink, as usual, and the family went to bed. They were awakened by the dog at midnight scratching at his master's door. When his master came out to see what was the matter the dog, with a remnant of chewed rope hanging from his collar, whined and ran to the head of the stairway. The house was on fire, and shortly after woman and child and

man and dog made their escape their poor dwelling was a mass of glowing embers. The owner of the dog has been urged to part with him for a large cash consideration; but, though he is penniless, he will not part with the four footed savior of his family. Neither has the dog at any time had thoughts of leaving them for luxurious kennels.—New York Times.

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Ten acres four miles from Medford and 1 1/2 miles from Central Point, new land, 8 1/2 acres ready to cultivate, new 3-room house, good new small barn, situated on main traveled road; the very best soil in the valley; fine shade trees and a beautiful site for a home.

Large lot with 12 full bearing apple trees on South Central avenue; fine location and a beautiful site for a home; a snap if taken at once.

Forty acres, 16 miles from Medford, half mile from Beagle; 8 acres cultivated; 4 acres in fruit tree 2 to 10 years old, on two good roads; small house, barn, woodshed, etc; 25 acres inclosed in woven wire fence\$2000

Small house and barn, with seven lots, north side Jackson street; a snap\$1690

New 5-room house, hardwood finish, new woodshed, well on back porch, lot 50x100, corner Jackson and Fir\$1450

One acre, 9-room house, barn, chicken house, city water, only 600 feet from Riverside avenue ..\$3400

Four-room house on west side Main street, lot 50x168\$1500

We want a man with horse and buggy to show real estate and write fire insurance

5-room modern bungalow on South Central avenue; a snap if taken at once\$2050

Nine-room modern house, Bungalow addition, lot 50x100, corner 4th and Orange, near Oakdale ave..\$3850

28 3/4 acres, one mile from P. & E. depot; a bargain at the price. \$6000

Rooming house—Best location in the city; clears \$150 per month; long lease\$2200

27 acres, three miles from Medford; \$1500 house, good barn, all in alfalfa; the best land to be found in the Rogue River valley; terms.\$12,000

18 1/2 acres, close in property, finest free soil, 14 acres planted to commercial apples and pears 4 years old, 4 1/2 acres alfalfa; good terms \$11,500

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