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HELP TO COVER THE LOCAL NEWS.

The Tidings is desirous of securing news items of personal interest from every school district, local post-office and local community in Jackson county. We invite and will encourage in every possible manner those who desire to send in short, crisp and newsy items chronicling the local happenings. It is the desire of the Tidings to make this a paper of personal interest to every resident of Jackson county, as well as every one who resides in other states who has friends or relatives here.

Correspondence is solicited from every reliable source. We cannot cover the country districts except through this method, and give the little personal details of interest. Every feature of news is to be encouraged, barring only discussions of religion and politics or items of an uncomplimentary nature.

There is probably little need to dwell upon the desirability of country correspondence to the newspaper. It is the principal means by which the circulation of the paper may be extended into the territory beyond the limits of the city in which it is published.

Correspondence is usually interesting to city subscribers as well as residents of the country districts. The ranks of business people and artisans of the city are usually recruited with the bright boys and girls from the farms of the tributary country. Then farmers are continually retiring and moving to town. This gives a large element of the city population who have relatives, acquaintances and old-time associations in the country districts, which fact makes them look for news items from the country quite as eagerly as those from the city. Country correspondence appeals strongly to the former resident of your county who is anxious for the privilege of receiving a newsy sheet from their old home county.

The correspondent—the competent one—is like a precious jewel to a newspaper man, and should be highly prized and suitably encouraged that he or she may stay on the job.

If your paper becomes filled with interesting home news and information, neither dissenting politics, personal dislike or prejudice, competing newspapers, nor any creature on earth or below can stop the increasing procession of satisfied readers.

PROGRESSIVES WILL HAVE STATE TICKET.

The progressive state committee has decided to put a ticket in the field for state and congressional offices.

An effort is being made by progressives in southern Oregon to induce Attorney F. W. Mears of Medford to enter the race on the progressive ticket for congress against Mr. Hawley. While Mr. Mears has not yet decided to run, if he does, he will be a formidable opponent to Congressman Hawley. He is a man of high character and integrity, is a good campaigner and will carry the full strength of his party.

It is said that Colonel Roosevelt will campaign Oregon this fall in the interest of the progressive ticket and will go from here to California to assist Governor Johnson in his campaign.

It is understood no progressive county or legislative candidates will be placed in the field by the progressives.

UNITED BOOSTING FOR ROGUE RIVER VALLEY.

The Medford Commercial Club is making arrangements for a Rogue River Valley get-together meeting in the near future. The idea is meeting with encouragement from all over the valley, and the program is now in course of preparation. The date will probably be announced within a week. The boosters of the valley are closer allied than ever before and are ready to make a strong pull, a united pull, and a pull all together for the future. Ashland will heartily join the forces.

Make it "Ashland the Beautiful."

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Beating High Cost of Living.

A Philadelphia woman who is a famous culinary expert has been attacking the high cost of living in a practical way in a little mining town in West Virginia. As a starter she announced she could prepare a good dinner for four men at a cost of 50 cents.

Four men were chosen having exceptional appetites. The meal opened with a beef stew, the meat of which cost 18 cents. As potatoes were expensive, Mrs. Scott replaced them with dumplings at 4 cents, including parsley and other seasoning. A soup of stock cost 3 cents, and a can of peas 6 cents. For dessert, Indian pudding was served at a cost of 5 cents, and the coffee for the four men cost 7 cents.

On the second day of the demonstration a larger building had to be used for the crowd.

There is no question that a contributing factor to the high cost of living is the absence of economy in many kitchens. Reform, to be effective, must begin not only at home but in the home.

If our young men are wise and truly have great ability they will remain at home, at least for a season longer than their wisdom teeth are cut. It is more satisfactory to be a prominent and respected citizen of a village than to be an insignificant stranger, jostled and ignored by the hurrying mass of humanity in a metropolis. We would rather be a dog on a farm than a caged lion in a menagerie.

In this day and age it is conceded that a practical education is the best dowry parents can bequeath to their sons and daughters, and it is that which will lead them up to the greatest success in life. And he who shares in providing advantages for this educational training is doing more for the world and humanity than if he left to his heritage a paternal abode and vast fields of the richest soils on earth.

It is very important if some school boy reads a good essay or speaks well a piece, or sings well a song, or stands high in the classroom, that kind of mention should be made publicly of such success, for more young minds are injured by the want of cheering words than are made vain by an excess of such praise.

The daily paper, with its large news service and quicker facilities, may, in some instances, overshadow the weekly, but the weekly home paper fills a place in the hearts of the people that a daily cannot fill. It comes to your home as an old and tried friend, while the daily enters as a stranger.

The teachers would be glad to have you visit them occasionally and see that they perform their duties and that your children improve their time as they should.

When you pull down the town in which is your home, you are pulling down yourself, and when you build up you are building up yourself.

The price of radium is a matter of some concern, but lots more people are concerned about the price of eggs.

SENATOR BANKRUPT BY PERSECUTION.

Failing to publicly dishonor United States Senator Gore, his political blackmailers are said to have ruined him financially, and the club they used with which to sandbag him was a court of justice. The plot of these political shysters to disgrace Oklahoma's blind senator shows how easy it is to use our courts for criminal purposes, or by means of them to perpetuate an injustice. In this case the court actually was made a party to the plot to ruin the blind senator, for the conspirators used all the court's legal machinery to carry out their vengeance. Senator Gore stood between these political grafters and their plans to loot and plunder the Indians. He declined to make the appointments they wished made. It costs a public man a small fortune to defend his honor in a court of justice and takes a poor man's all, and it was here that the court of justice became a party to the crime in the Gore case. This perversion of courts should be prevented and the cause of justice be advanced.

In developing the mineral springs proposition it was noticeable that Sears, Roebuck & Co. did not furnish any of the preliminary money, neither did the green stamp companies. The loyal, struggling merchants of the town put up all of it.

CURIOUS DUELS.

Combats in Which the Weapons Selected Were Avalanches.

An extraordinary duel was fought near Mont Blanc in France. Two young men who had fallen in love with the same girl arranged to fight a duel, with nature as decider of the result.

Selecting a part of that mountainous district, many thousand feet up, where avalanches are known to fall at frequent intervals, the lovers agreed to take it in turns to stand for a given time in the most dangerous spot that could be found. The idea was that when one was killed by an avalanche the other should be free to propose to the girl whom they both loved. In this case the idea became a fact.

This is not the only instance on record of a duel by avalanche. A few years ago two Italians, named Guetta and Sorato, decided to test fate in this manner, and also for the love of a woman.

For three mornings they tempted nature, but nothing serious happened. On the fourth day Guetta was knocked down by a falling avalanche, but not much hurt. Then it was that their food supply gave out, and they returned home to get some more. By this time the police had come to hear of their strange duel, and threatened them both with imprisonment. So the undaunted rivals settled their differences in another and less adventurous way. They drew lots for their lady love. Sorato won, and after Guetta had left the village he was married to the girl of his choice.—London Answers.

STRENGTH OF A LIMPET.

Its Sticking Power Largely Due to Atmospheric Pressure.

Every one is familiar with the saying "to stick like a limpet," but there are not so many who know how it is that a limpet is able to stick as it does to the rocks upon which it passes its existence. The creature is able by means of the central portion of its body, which can be raised independently of the edge or frill which surrounds it, to create a vacuum much in the same way that a piece of soft wet leather can be made to adhere to a smooth surface by pressing out all the air. Thus the so called "strength" of the limpet is largely due to atmospheric pressure.

It is not entirely so, however, for if they are closely examined it will be seen that the shells accommodate themselves around the edges to the surface of the rock upon which the limpet is located, and if removed to another spot the edge of the shell will probably be found to be a very bad fit and the creature's power of adhesion somewhat lessened. If taken by surprise with a smart sidelong blow even a large limpet is easily enough dislodged, but if it is given the slightest warning its power of suction is instantly brought into play and very often considerable force is then necessary before it can be detached.—London Standard.

An Unburied Picture.

Rossetti secured permission in 1869 to reopen the coffin of his wife in order to secure the manuscripts of some poems which he had buried with her seven years before.

Some such incident might have occurred in connection with J. M. W. Turner if his desire to be buried wrapped up in his own painting of "Carthage" had been carried out. There was some difficulty in selling the painting, and the artist kept the canvas by him. He always said he would be wrapped in it when he was buried and even went so far as to ask Chantrey if as his executor he would fulfill his wishes on that point.

"No doubt," answered the sculptor. "I shall bury you rolled up in your picture if it is one of the conditions of your will, but I would take you up next day and unroll you!"

Found a Way.

Teacher—Now, children, try to figure just this once without counting on your fingers. How much is three and four. Peper! (looking under the bench after a long wait)—Seven. Teacher—Right. Four and six. Peper! (again peeping under the bench)—Ten. Teacher—Hold up there, you little rascal! I'll teach you to count on your fingers! (Takes Peper's hands and clasps them behind his back. Now, then, five and three? Peper! (after another long look under the bench)—Eight. Teacher—Well, how did you manage to do that? Peper!—With my toes, teacher.—Fulgende Blatter.

The Brightness He Saw.

A man who died recently in the north of England and had been living a dishonest life under the cloak of religion, wishing to pose as a good man to the last, said to those around him: "All is bright before me!" "Aye," said one of those present, whom he had swindled out of a sum of money, "an' in about ten minutes thou'll be near enoof to see th' blaze!"—Manchester Guardian.

The Brighter Side.

"Well," chuckled the optimistic failure, "I've got one satisfaction." "And what's that?" asked the sympathetic friend. "If I had succeeded I should probably have made a nuisance of myself telling people that I was a self made man."—Detroit Free Press.

Wonderful Printing.

Bacon—They say Dauber does some wonderful work. Egbert—Yes, I understand he painted some bananas green, and in a month they all turned yellow.

Do one thing at a time, and the big things first.—Lincoln.

RECLAIMING PRISONERS.

A few years ago in a certain county jail there was confined a defaulting bank official. This prison was small, kept in a kindly, common sense way. The "trusties" worked on a farm. They were allowed to run errands about the town.

On a few occasions this man was allowed to drive a wagon delivering chairs. Some of the metropolitan papers featured the story. It struck them as a primitive method of jail keeping, that a man shut up for a serious offense should be permitted to drive a wagon in the open air, performing a useful service.

No doubt many people feel that such an offender should sit in his cell, reflecting in a repentant manner on his misdeeds. This mood, however, had been reached long before. What was called for then was a different kind of experience.

People who follow magazine literature must be impressed by the amount of space given within the past few months to studies of prison life. One thoughtful man recently in jail says 50 per cent of the criminals could be reclaimed. Actually the great majority return to crime.

Many prisons are classifying prisoners, and those giving promise of reformation are allowed more free-

dom. They work on farms or at trades that will some day give them a good living. They are finally let out on parole, and the probationary experience tends to fix in them a sense of responsibility. The jail that puts men at work on farms never gets into trouble with the labor unions. There is always a demand for food. The plow and the hoe point to occupation in which the former convict's services will always be called for. No social stigma of a jail record affects the sale of cabbages and potatoes.

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Land Prices Drop

BUT THEY DON'T DROP BELOW THE BOTTOM. They have been at the bottom for some time. They were thought to be too high a short while ago, but they will soon start upward again and go still higher. Don't laugh, frown or shrug your shoulders at this, for it is a fact. "History repeats." I have recently had more calls from clients "raising their price" or "withdrawing" than listing new offerings or lowering prices. But I still have some properties at REDUCED PRICES.

700-acre stock ranch, easy access	\$20,000
320-acre general and stock farm, alfalfa and fruit	\$20,000
300-acre stock farm	\$10,000
160-acre mountain ranch.....	\$ 4 000
240-acre farm	\$12,000

All these are Rogue River Valley properties, quite nicely located.

For Exchange

1,280-acre farm in Douglas county; 400 in cultivation; good improvements. Will trade for income property. Value \$28,000.

12-acre irrigated dairy and orchard home; fine improvements; free water; close to city. Cheap at \$9,500.

35-acre ranch near town; lots of fruit. Will be sold for half price. Call for particulars.

For rent, furnished hotel.

Four-acre Ashland home to trade for business.

For rent, 5-room furnished cottage on paved street. A Richmond, Cal., lot for sale on monthly payments. Better profit than savings bank in this.

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Watch next issue of this paper for new bargains.

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