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FIXED TO GET THEM COMING AND GOING.

A fine combination that between the two Medford newspapers. The Sun is a republican newspaper and its editor is one of the big cogs in the republican machine. The Mail Tribune is independent democratic, or hermaphrodite, or something like that. S. S. Smith is manager of both papers, is republican state committeeman and main cog in the Jackson county republican machine.

Neither cares a whit for pure party principle. They are both deeply interested in the business end of the combination—the till, so to speak. The county treasury, by reason of the necessity for stationery and publications, under the law, is a large contributor to the business of a newspaper and printing industry. The men elected to the county offices largely control the printing patronage. Therefore, if a newspaper is out strictly for the business it is much to its interest to control the nomination and election of county officers. There is where the combination is brought into effective action.

The Sun picks out the republican candidates favorable to the combination and slates them for nomination at the republican primaries, and assumes the attitude that it will keep hands off and advocate no republican against another republican before the primaries. Then follows quickly the Mail Tribune and denounces and opposes every republican candidate except those picked by the Sun to be nominated in the republican primaries. If that fails, then the Mail Tribune, independent democrat, if you please, proceeds to launch democratic candidates against the republican recalcitrants and the Sun helps to raise community antipathy, or any old thing to elect the Mail Tribune hand-picked democratic candidates and defeat republican candidates who refuse to wear the patronage collar. Remember, please, the Dunn-Tou Velle campaign.

A great combination, that. But, knowing how it works, what do the voters of Jackson county think of it? After all, the individual voter has the last say. In the future only those who believe that a hand-picked Sun-Tribune combination of county officials will give better service to the county than free, competent republicans with backbone enough to refuse to allow that combination to mulct the county through them, will follow the advice of either of those newspapers when they cast their ballot.

Who are the hand-picked candidates of the combination for nomination at the coming republican primary? Well, one thing is certain, those candidates the Mail Tribune opposes and slanders are not the hand-picked ones of the great and only Medford coming and going newspaper combination.

It seems to be difficult for farmers to fit up their dairy barns with sanitary equipment, as it takes all their money to build garages.

Care is still being taken by Germany to avoid fear that anything hasty may be done in settling the Lusitania case.

And what has become of the old-fashioned cow man who used to sell the finest butter a gold brick for \$2.500?

Every now and then a brilliant inspiration seems to dawn on Hon. Charles Chaplin and he falls down.

And what has become of the old-fashioned sister who used to wear half a dozen petticoats?

THE MEAT IN THE COCOANUT.

The trouble with the Mail Tribune is that its exceedingly astute political editor, Putnam, writes one thing while he is thinking altogether about another. He should be more ingenious with his readers. For example, he is throwing fit after fit because County Clerk Gardner is faithfully carrying out the provisions of the registration law governing naturalized citizens and by so doing a few old residents are deprived of the right to vote until they show citizenship. It is unfortunate that the law is such as to deprive them of that right, but County Clerk Gardner did not make the law. He is simply administering it as he finds it.

But, the disfranchisement of old citizens is not the real cause for Putnam's diatribes. The foundation of his animus lies in the fact that County Clerk Gardner refused to turn all of the county printing over to the Mail Tribune and its sidelight, the Medford Printing Company, without bids, at whatever price the conscience of the said Mail Tribune chose to dictate. Gardner insisted that he owed more to the taxpayers than to the Mail Tribune, the politically hermaphrodite boss of Jackson county affairs, and asked all the printers of the county to bid on the work and then let it to the lowest bidder. That happened some time ago—long before the registration matter was thought of—and our dear George immediately began to froth at the mouth and tell what he proposed to do to Gardner. The registration matter just creates the opportunity for the Mail Tribune to stick the knife into Gardner. That is all.

For a number of years Putnam has been getting away with tricks like that because people feared his vitriolic pen and had not the temerity to call him down. He has overworked that gaff, however. Everybody is on. They know his support is gained only by subservience and his opposition may be measured correctly by the unwillingness of the victim to "stand hitched" and deliver.

WHO OWNS THE MEDFORD SUN?

In a sworn statement of ownership required by the government S. S. Smith, manager of the Daily Sun at Medford states the owners of that paper to be GEORGE PUTNAM of Medford, Oregon; the Medford Printing Company, S. S. Smith and Robert W. Ruhl.

What do you think of that? The intractable George Putnam, one of the principal owners of the republican party's official organ! O-w-e! Do you think the "republican" machine, of which S. S. Smith is the chief cog and George Putnam is the wet nurse, is most interested in the "p-r-i-n-c-i-p-l-e-s" of the republican party, or in political domination to get the spoils? W-h-o-e! Brother Keene, Brother Perozzi, Brother Carter, Brother Staples, etcetera, what do you think of that? Do you think the republican party, with all "her glorious history and high principles," will fare well in such hands?

And what do you "ordinary" republicans think of that. You who in voting the ticket think you are standing for the great principles of that party? Isn't it about time to take a new hitch in your galluses and see that the machinery of the party is taken away from that kind of boss rule?

NO WONDER THAT COMBINATION FIGHTS GARDNER BECAUSE HE INSISTS ON GIVING THE COUNTY JOB WORK TO THE LOWEST BIDDER.

AN AD MAN'S STORY.

During a convention of ad writers someone told the following:

"A man entered a shop one cold day and bought a woolen muffler. When he opened the muffler he found inside the photograph of a beautiful girl with a note couched in these terms:

"If you are single, please write to me."

"A name and address followed, and the man smiled. He was single. He placed the photo on his library table. In a week he had fallen in love with the picture of the beautiful girl. So he wrote her.

"A week passed, during which the bachelor was in a fever of impatience. Finally he received this terrific blow in the shape of a letter:

"Dear Sir: The Mary Jones to whom you wrote was my grandmother. She died nine years ago, aged eight-seven. Yours truly."

"Upon investigating this strange case, the broken-hearted bachelor discovered that he had purchased the muffler from a dealer who did not advertise."—Exchange.

When a presidential candidate meets an Ohio law there's nothing left but to burn his plank behind him.

PRIVATE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

By Leonard Hinton.

To anyone interested in the problems of community upbuilding, the discovery of private enterprises which have been evolved from small beginnings and in spite of adversity is always a pleasure. It is almost invariably true that success in these instances has been the result of energetic, wide-awake business principles applied at every stage of development. I found this the case with the Eastern Supply Company, whose business in Ashland was first brought to my attention by spirited advertising in the Tidings. When I saw that the building housing the business was being painted a vivid red, I decided that an investigation would be worth while.

I asked C. D. Weed, the manager, for a short history of his activity in Ashland.

"Well," was the response, "our first venture here was unfortunate. We had been in business only about three months when we were burnt out. As there was no insurance carried, everything was a total loss. However, we managed somehow to get into a new location and resume business. In this location, adjoining Nims & Saunders, we remained three years. For the last three years we have been occupying our present quarters."

I asked if any expansion of stock had taken place during those years.

"We started in by carrying a line of harness goods and bicycles, and doing repair work. Now we carry complete lines of harness, bicycles and shoes, besides doing repair work on a much larger scale."

I remembered that it was an advertisement of some new shoe machinery that had first caught my attention.

"Has your new shoe-nailer brought you much business?" I queried.

"A great deal, and what is almost as welcome, a number of visitors who have been curious to see the new machine at work. As the new nailer enables us to do a great deal more work in less time, and therefore cheaper for the customer, we were not surprised to receive work from outside points. We have had shoes shipped to us from as far south as Redding, Cal., and from many places in this state. Incidentally, you might mention that we are very glad to have visitors call to see any innovations which we may install from time to time, and explain things personally."

I needed very little more information to solve the secret of the Eastern Supply Company's success in this city. Every available inch in the store was occupied with goods. Complete lines were evidently realities here as well as stock phrases for the newspaper advertisements. Progress in methods, instanced by the installation of the electric shoe-nailer, was no stranger here. A courteous attitude toward the buying public had been made a member of the firm, and no silent member at that. Many a millionaire owner of department stores has begun business on worse capital.

LIGHTS ON THE FRONT PORCH.

(Portland Evening Telegram.)
(Editor's Note.—Since this editorial appeared in the Telegram, the Ashland city council has passed a resolution offering free current for porch lights.)

Why keep your front porch in darkness except when you are expecting a caller about 8 o'clock in the evening? In most instances the answer will be that household expenses are large enough as they are, therefore why increase your bills for lighting? To this inquiry the reply is, to make your home more cheerful on the outside.

Ashland, Ore., is getting ready to adopt porch lights, and when you learn how little a porch light costs, you may take a notion that you want it yourself. The city council offers a special rate of 5 cents a month for a 25-watt lamp, which is ample, with a higher rate for a more powerful lamp, the maximum being 12 cents a month for a 60-watt lamp. Only one condition is imposed, namely, that house numbers be placed in such position that they may be seen from the sidewalk, under the light, after nightfall.

As an object lesson, turn on your porch light about 7 o'clock this evening and ask your next door neighbor to follow suit, with the added request that he pass it along to his next neighbor. Let the corner man pass it across the street. Then contrast the two rows of illuminated houses on your block with the dark frontage of the houses on the next block. You will be pleased. Of course, at this season when the days are lengthening, porch lights will not make so strong an appeal as they will make next October; yet where they have once been adopted they are not discarded.

It is surprising that the local lighting companies have not perceived the distinct advantage of offering a low rate for porch lights. Their income

DOCTOR SOUNDS ALARM FOR ALL

He Tells How Dust Causes
Throat and Lung Trouble.

ONLY STRONG CAN RESIST.

Chaff From Hay Wagons, Dirt Dropping From Contractors' Loads, Etc., a Distinct Menace to Any Community. Prompt Reports to Authorities Necessary.

"In the many small streets in the poorer parts of towns and cities," writes a prominent doctor, "where nuisances occur, a considerable time often elapses before they are reported to the proper authorities. The nuisances continue unabated during this time and may result in infection of some kind. That is not willful negligence. It is simply because it seems to be nobody's business to report those nuisances, which continue until the tenant complains to the real estate agent or it reaches a local department in some other roundabout way.

"Why could not a department of public safety use inspectors and police officers and have them report every occasion if they found that garbage was scattered over the street or was not properly covered, that a main was broken, a drainpipe stopped or that any such nuisance had occurred?

"When excavations are made throughout a city a great deal of the dirt blows about and fills the air with dust. The children of the neighborhood, too, play in the dirt and scatter it about. Why should not the excavated material be covered with a tarpaulin so that the dust would be minimized? Another preventable cause of the dust and dirt comes from the hay wagons which trail their loads through the streets, dropping dust and chaff along the way. Finally, there are the drop bottom carts of the contractors, which carry dirt and refuse from one place to another. Often one sees a trail of earth sifting from the improperly closed trap bottom of these wagons to be scattered and blown about the streets.

"All these and many more things go to make up the dust which especially in the summer makes a haze which the eye can discern. Smoke often causes part of this haze, particularly in damp weather, when it descends in clouds, but dust is largely responsible for it.

"The effect of these dust particles laden with all sorts of disease bearers depends simply on the resistance of the individual who breathes them in with the polluted air. They are responsible for many cases of conjunctivitis and, I think, are an important cause of catarrhal and other head, throat and pulmonary troubles."

A TIMELY WARNING.

The arrival of hot weather always brings with it an increase in infant mortality.

The typhoid fly and other germ carriers breed and multiply in piles of waste matter and refuse of almost every kind.

CLEAN UP AND SAVE THE BABIES' LIVES.

These deadly insects just dote on alighting on the babies' milk bottles and foods. They are responsible for thousands of deaths a year. Destroy their breeding places and you will be aiding in a great, grand cause.

would be increased without increasing the expense of operation. Consumption of "juice" would be after they had got by the "peak of the load." Few householders would object to the additional expense of 60 cents a year. This sum from 50,000 consumers is not negligible.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

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Gold Hill Spellers Are Best in County

The results of the Jackson county spelling contest, held April 7, 1916, have been announced as follows:

Division I (five or more teachers), Gold Hill school, average 92.69 per cent.

Division II (from two to five teachers), Applegate school, average 97.82 per cent.

Division III (one teacher), tie between Sams Valley school and Bybee Springs school, each making an average of 100 per cent. Another contest will be held later between these two schools to determine the winner.

Other schools making an average of 90 per cent or more are as follows: Division I—Washington school, Medford, 92.35 per cent; West school, Ashland, 91.65 per cent; Roosevelt school, Medford, 90.64 per cent.

Division II—Oak Grove school, 97.95 per cent; Bellevue school, 96.66 per cent; Agate school, 95; Tolo, 94; Wagner Creek, 93.3; Griffin Creek, 90.48; Howard, 90.1.

Division III—Elk Creek, 98; Rancheria, 98; Liberty, 97.75; Chaparral, 97; Reese Creek, 96.18; Higginbotham, 96; Central, 96; Crater Lake, 96; Dewey, 95.33; Persist, 94.66; Prospect, 94; Union Town, 93.75; Independence, 93.33; West Side, 93.3; Willow Springs, 93; Table Rock, 92.5; Lone Pine, 92.28; Mayes Creek, 92; Hatchery, 91.2; District No. 93, 90.7.

Th names of the pupils in the Ashland schools making 100 per cent are as follows:

West school—Jack Brady, Kenneth Perrine, Dale Brown, Dona Bachtell, Lena Provost, Warren Bailey, Arthur Peters, Frances Barnhouse, Marjorie Coleman, Stella Potter, Dale Young, Ruth Patty, Theta Slingerland, Pauline Clift, Beatrice Gunter, Roy Rogers, Bernice Yeo, Violet Wood, Ranier Hoxie, Lorraine Cusher, Helen Mayer, Nellie Hoke, Lawrence Porter, Melbie Smith, Harry Morris, Louis Talcott, Ralph Divit, Margaret Campbell, Joyce Johnson, Alta Powell, Caroline Tilton, Edwin Freeman, Ethel Powell, Marjorie Whited, Constance Caldwell.

East school—Alma Doran, Gladys Hastings, Anna Klum, Margaret Keegan, Lucille Van Buskirk, Norma Williams, Anna Bryant, Elizabeth McKee, Frank Walker, Glenn Potter, Etha Abbott, Beulah Wallace.

Talent school—Mildred Beeson, Rosa Morrison, Lucy Oatman, Lucia King, Helen Adamson, Maud Rice, Delpha Coleman, Lucile Holdridge, Wilmer Morse.

Nell Creek School—Bessie Walker, Ethel Morris.

Wagner Creek School—Mabel Kerby, Ena Davis, Orin Barlow.

Bellevue School—Harry Farmer, Herbert Claxton, Carl Beagle.

Teams from the different schools will compete for the championship at the county fair next fall. A silver trophy cup is awarded to the winning school in each division.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

War Affects Tobacco Users

A lot of cigarette smokers in Ashland are wishing that the war in Europe was over. The reason for this is that a certain brand of cigarette papers of peculiar thinness are made in Austria and so far as American trade is concerned are used only on the Pacific coast. Not one more packet can be bought in the United States today, it is said.

This is the explanation cigar stores are giving in answer to the demands of the habitual users.

Not only is an advance in the price of smoking pipes deemed very probable, but block vulcanized rubber and block amber, from which pipe bits are made, are both practically out of the market. Pipe repairers in San Francisco, it is reported, are buying up old pipes at retail prices to get the bits so that favorite pipes may be repaired for customers who are willing to pay the price.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Paulson, former Ashlanders, who have a host of friends in the city, are here for a visit after an absence of several years.

Lieutenant Hagen of the recruiting service was in Ashland last week seeking candidates for the army.

North Powder, Ore., votes to build a \$25,000 school.

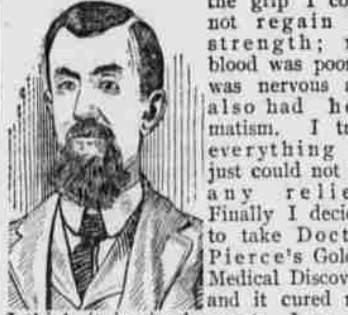
To Build Up— After Grippe, Colds —Bad Blood

Take a blood cleanser and alternative that starts the liver and stomach into vigorous action, called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery because of one of its principal ingredients—the Golden Seal plant. It assists the body to manufacture rich red blood which feeds the heart—nerves—brain and organs of the body. The organs work smoothly like machinery running in oil. You feel clean, strong and strenuous instead of tired, weak and faint. Start to take it to-day and before another day has passed, the impurities of the blood will begin to leave your body through the eliminative organs, and in a few days you will know that the bad blood is passing out, and new, rich, pure blood is filling your veins and arteries.

Get Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to-day from any medicine dealer, in tablet or liquid form, or send Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., ten cents for trial package of tablets.

What Our Neighbors Say.

Astoria, Oregon.—"After having had the grip I could not regain my strength; my blood was poor, I was nervous and also had hematuria. I tried everything but just could not get any relief. Finally I decided to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and it cured me. I think it is simply great. I use the 'Pleasant Pellets' for constipation."—G. R. SPICER, 373 Exchange St.



EASTER FOOTWEAR

When in Medford and you have a little spare time, just drop around and see our windows. We may have on display the style shoe you want to wear with that new Easter suit. If you don't see it in the windows step inside and then if we can't please you no harm done, we'll get acquainted anyway and possibly the next time you come we will have just what you are looking for. At the sign of

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