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For all the kind words about our recent special edition, and they have been many, we wish to express our appreciation and thanks. It is highly gratifying to know that as a booster edition it has attained the publicity desired for this section of the county and state.

The Al G. Barnes wild animal show that has been coming to this county every spring has just been purchased by John Ringling along with four other circuses. Among them are Sells-Floto and Hagenbeck shows—two magic names that can bring back childhood memories to all who ever entered their big tents.

Modern chemistry is now claiming to have attained the goal of alchemists of medieval times and to be able to transmute baser metals into gold. The first few thousand pounds might mean great riches for some one but if the practice ever becomes common would we be any better off than King Midas with his golden touch?

Prof. Robert E. Rogers, of Mass., who has had to do a good deal of explaining after he advised college graduates to be snobs, is again in the limelight, decrying the effect of women teachers on the youth of this nation. He says American thinking has become feminine in character and so is unreliable. Possibly the professor thinks Nature made a mistake in making mothers, too. They certainly exert a feminine influence on the young.

The American people are again to pay three cents letter postage if the plans of the postoffice department are carried out. We would respectfully suggest that Uncle Sam dispense with free franking service first and abolish the government printing of envelopes for private individuals and firms, both of which practices aid in piling up the deficit which the department is striving to reduce. Three cent postage will never be popular and a personal letter to our congressmen may help to prevent its adoption.

A report of the junk picked up by patrolmen whose duty it is to police the highways of the state would seem to indicate that there are still many barbarians among the motorists of today. A truckload of discarded newspapers gathered along five miles of highway is just one item of the rubbish that must be cleaned up. However, we believe that the average traveler of today is much more considerate and careful than he was ten years ago. Only a small percentage of picnickers now leaves their tin cans behind to spoil a beauty spot for the next camper.

In last week's Sentinel was mentioned the possibility of discontinuing the vocational subjects in high school because of the few students enrolling in those courses. Considering the benefit that accrues from them, it would be better to make them part of the required work than to drop them. The patrons of the school worked hard to have these courses added to the high school curriculum and much money has been invested by the district in the equipment. To scrap it now would be a backward step. If the home economics work does not have sufficient students enrolled we might follow the example of the up-to-date schools of the east and make it part of the required work of the junior high girls. As to the value of such a course in dollars and cents it cannot be estimated too high. Every woman needs practical training along these lines whether she marries or not. She needs a knowledge of food values for her own self if not for her children. She should be trained in buying and in all the fundamentals of home economics. The benefits of such instruction are too manifold to be properly explained in this short space but it is safe to say that practical training in home-making will prove more worth while both from a money viewpoint and from future happiness to the average girl than any other, or we might say, all other courses in high school for the average girl does marry and her primary occupation is home-making.

The TOWN DOCTOR

(The Doctor of Towns)

SAYS

WHY DOES A MULE STICK HIS HEAD THROUGH A FENCE
 You have seen many a mule reaching for grass on the other side of the fence. He gets his ears stuck, his neck scratched and his throat cut up, when there is just as much, just as green, and just as high and luxuriant grass right under his very hoofs. Did it ever occur to you to ask the question why he does that? There is a reason—it's because he's a mule.

The same logic and reasoning applies to people in many communities who insist on buying their needs in some other town, from peddlers, or from mail order houses.

Now, do not misunderstand—this is written with only the intent of placing blame where blame is due. Not now, nor at any other time, does this writer overlook your side of the question.

There are many merchants who do not deserve your consideration—but which ones do and which ones do not? There's no law of statute or reason that even implies that you should buy anything from any merchant, if that merchant is so behind the times, or is of a disposition that he does not tell you what he has to offer and how, invite you to buy it and give you a "reason why" you should buy it from him, in preference to anyone else, whether that anyone else be local, in some other town, a mail order house, or a peddler.

The only way for you to be sure of those who are deserving is to give your local merchants a chance to serve you. Then, if they do not do their part, that's different.

A merchant that does not go out of his way to get what you think you want; that does not arrange his store and his stock, train his help and create an atmosphere of pleasure; the merchant that does not sell you the way you want to be sold, who continually cries about business and still does nothing to please, satisfy and serve you, when he has the chance—that merchant is not deserving.

You make your own money—it is yours and you have a right to spend it where you please, with whom you please, and for what you please, but stop and consider your condition, if the community was taken away from you. The community can get along without you, but if the community was completely taken away from the source of your income, then what? It is a business proposition. Every time you buy something for the same or more money, quality considered, from anyone or any place other than from your own community, it is costing you money.

Everybody laughs at a mule. So "Try Home Folks First."

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Direct Transcontinental Opens Tomorrow

"Western Oregon residents may well celebrate completion of the Southern Pacific's Klamath Falls-Alturas cutoff on Saturday, Sept. 14th, even though they are unable to be present when the golden spike is pounded into place that day at Hackamore Junction," declares James A. Ormandy, assistant passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company.

"For completion of that 96-mile section of railroad makes available two important items—a direct passenger service to the East over a new transcontinental route and great economies for merchants and producers in new fast freight schedules," he says in a statement just received here.

"Farmers, mill men and other producers, as well as wholesale and retail merchants who do business with the east and middle west points out Mr. Ormandy, "will have available a freight service that will save them from two to three days' time on outgoing or incoming shipments through the Ogden gateway. And in this day of brisk competition such marked savings in time mean much in terms of money. Rush orders can be filled that would, under the older and slower scheme of things, have been declined because of the time element. Then too, new and more distant markets will be available for perishables."

"Completion of the \$5,000,000 cutoff enables the Southern Pacific to offer western Oregon residents, a faster transcontinental passenger service than ever before in its history," he continued. "Unless business or social demands require it, the east-bound Oregonian need not make the long journey south to San Francisco before turning his back upon the Pacific. He will be whisked away over the mountains via Alturas and placed on the Overland route, headed directly for Ogden, Omaha, Chicago or any of the other Mississippi basin or eastern cities for which he is destined. The same high standards that have prevailed for years on its north-and-south line from Oregon to California will be maintained by the Southern Pacific in this new passenger service."

"The celebration at Hackamore, for which the Southern Pacific Company is offering extremely low round-trip excursion rates, will draw hundreds from all over Oregon, California, Nevada and Utah, according to information reaching Mr. Ormandy. Cowboys, Indians, pioneers, civic organizations and railroad officials will combine to stage a show that should be remembered for years after the new transcontinental route is in operation," he says. A special train will leave Portland at 10:10 Friday night, arriving at Hackamore about 10 o'clock Saturday morning. After the ceremonies, the Southern Pacific Company will be host at a luncheon. The party then proceeds to Alturas where the Alturas Chamber of Commerce is providing a banquet Saturday night. The train is due back at Portland at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

R. A. Easton's Weekly Letter

At a road meeting held at McKinley hall a number of years ago—it was the first meeting of the consolidated road district, if my memory

serves me right, it was also the last, for that road district consolidation was a humbug—a large number were present. Before the road meeting opened or after adjournment a petition was presented for signatures by a man from Coquille, said petition asking congress to annul the title of the Southern Oregon Company to the Coos Bay and Roseburg road lands held by that company. The petitions received a fair percentage of signatures. Lawson A. Lawhorn who was present at the meeting was the one man who opposed that petition out loud. He said, "We are getting taxes from this land now. If it goes back to the government, who is going to help us pay our taxes?" The writer was one of those who signed the petition and has not forgotten that day and the stand Mr. Lawhorn took against that petition. Since that day I have sometimes wondered if Mr. Lawhorn's judgment concerning the Southern Oregon lands was not the correct one, as far as any increased beneficial results obtained by Coos County in the reverting of the lands to the United States government are evident.

When I read in the Sentinel that Lawson A. Lawhorn had finished his pioneering and gone out in the "better country," I not only remembered the above incident but also his kind and friendly comradeship with his acquaintances and neighbors.

The special edition of the Sentinel is different from most special editions in the fact that it does not leave the impression with the reader that it is a windy special, for there is reasonable evidence to back up any enthusiastic statements. That edition is a good advertiser for Coos County, for Coquille and for the Sentinel.

It is beyond my comprehension why some folks should go out of their way to seduce people to travel the Pacific Highway instead of the Redwood and Roosevelt highway or vice versa. People have some idea of what kind of a country they want to see when traveling. Why any one who would choose to toll people who like the coast route into the hot valleys or those who like the hot valleys should be shunted to the seashore route is beyond me unless the tollers and hunters are possessed of a pick-pocket desire. There are towns striving as to which is the "gateway to Crater Lake." The thought possessing the souls of such seems to be not as to whether the traveler will be charmed by the mountains and lake but as to whether he will buy an ice cream cone. R. A. Easton.

Inequality in School Levies

One one-room school district in Coos County has a valuation of over \$575,000, another school district has a valuation of less than \$21,000. Such is the injustice of the system of school taxation under which the districts in the County are now being taxed. The discrepancy in levy was partially equalized by the increase in the County School Fund which went into effect in 1925 but there still remains, with such a difference in valuation, a tremendous inequality.

The injustice of this system was brought forcibly to the mind of County School Superintendent Mulkey on her visit Friday to the Floras Creek school. In this district, with a valuation of \$20,845, the people are attempting to hold a little school. They find it necessary each year to secure

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the services of beginning teachers and usually undergraduates. There is almost no equipment and no chance of making an improvement in the appearance of the building.

The above mentioned district has a warrant indebtedness which it has been unable to take care of and Mrs. Mulkey has taken up the conditions with the state superintendent and asked his advice as to helping in this

unfortunate situation.

No one in the county probably realizes the inequality so well as County Assessor Beyers, whose duty it is to place the levy.

Teachers Assn. Executive Board

The first executive meeting of the county division of the Oregon State Teachers Association for the year was held in the Union High School

at Myrtle Point, Thursday, September 5th. At the meeting the full committee, Wanda Wilcox, president; Leonard P. Linn, vice president; Alice Guerin Lafferty, secretary-treasurer, and Martha E. Mulkey, county school superintendent, were present. General plans for the business session and for the membership drive were discussed.