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WHAT PEOPLE SAY

In conversing with the Courier newsgatherer, Chas. Kingwell, the experienced florist who located in this city, last spring, took occasion to comment after this fashion: "I think Grants Pass has one of the ideal sites for a picturesque landscape to be found anywhere. Why, I have been over Europe, through Southern California and in various parts of this and other countries, where they boast of their scenery, but nowhere have I found anything that would surpass what we have right here at Grants Pass. But say, how I do wish that the citizens would beautify their home places. There is nothing they could possibly do that would enhance the attractiveness of the place more than to tear down the old fences and fix up neat lawns and make their yards beautiful. And it would pay them well to do so, for it would cause newcomers to stop and regard their place and should they desire to dispose of the same, these slight improvements would add very materially to the desirability of the property. And say, just one more thing let me suggest and that is that we all pull together. Let us silence the knockers and croakers and then we will soon build up a fine city, for we have everything else to be desired. Nature has been bountiful in bestowing upon us all the resources heart could desire and now it devolves upon us to get in and put our shoulders to the wheel and make things go." When it is known that Mr. Kingwell is a landscape gardener of large experience and one who is regarded as authority upon such matters, his words should have much weight.

"yellow," sheet, anyway? Putnam, in his efforts to reform both Jackson and Josephine counties, has taken upon himself a mighty big job.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By Old Man Smith

LITTLE NUGGETS.

A kerchief is, or was a cover for the head when hats were worn by the upper tens only. A handkerchief is a kerchief carried in the hand. A pocket handkerchief is a handkerchief carried in the pocket or to suit the scholastic who insists on a severe literalism—a head cover carried in the hand but found in the pocket. Its occupation has undergone the same change as the form of the word—from a head cover to a nose-wiper. Henceforth let no one scoff at evolution.

Snakes eat toads, pigs eat snakes and men eat pigs. According to a severe logical process therefore, men must eat snakes and toads. This is only a homely illustration of what men are constantly doing by indirection.

The mistletoe, so familiar to us has played quite a part both in ancient and modern times. Before the Christian era the Druids in ancient Britain used it in their religious ceremonies as the oak was an object of worship. In modern times it is used together with the holly for Christmas decorations. But the most charming part it performs when hung from the ceiling is the special privilege of a kiss it confers upon the couple who stand beneath it.

Many blunders are usually made in dating letters for the first three days of the new year, so we had better practice writing the figure 8.

THE KNOCKER.

You may find him most anywhere, but in our town he is six feet in his stockings when he has any—long and lean and lank. Like a supernumerary circus animal he has contracted the habit of sitting down. He sees everything through somber glasses. When the sun shines from a cloudless sky it is just the precursor of a coming storm. We shall never see such high prices for fruit again. The old style of letting the moss grow on the trees suits his taste. Spraying and cultivating are all foolishness. It doesn't pay.

He never contributes a cent for the mental, moral or material advancement of his town except what is wrung out of him by taxation. No trains or mails miss his scrutiny and yet he has little direct interest in either. Hard times comes a knocking at the door and finds a ready response from the knocker for he seems to revel in the thought that everything is going to the low ebb. He is never happy unless he is miserable. He thinks it a mean trick for the Governor of Oregon to tie up the banks so he can't get his money. And the bankers are all rascally scoundrels for not keeping the depositors money lying up on the shelf till called for.

Josh Billings said the worst thing about a mosquito is that you can't take a gun and shoot it. And the worst thing about the knocker is that you can't shoot him, for its against the law in Oregon. We can only wait in patience till we may dig a hole six feet deep and cover him up out of sight.

Bridge Notice.

The time for the receiving of bids for the construction of a steel bridge across Rogue river has been extended to Wednesday, February 5, 1908, at 10 a. m., by order of the Board of Commissioners for Josephine County.

"Have we been defeated?" said one leading temperance worker in Grants Pass, as he was accosted by the Courier man, who was wondering just how the recent city election pleased some people. Then this party continued: "Say, my friend, have you looked over those returns? If not you will find them decidedly interesting reading. Why, do you know that there were fully 200 votes more this election than there were last year? And that is not all. The most significant and encouraging aspect of the whole matter is that the present Mayor only gained two votes in his majority over what he had last year. What does that mean? Why, it means simply this, that we temperance people rolled up 200 more votes than we had last year. Say, you can mark my word, those fellows who are crowing so loudly now and who are making fun of the church and temperance people, will be singing another tune about the idea of next June. If we only lacked 60 in votes of carrying our man through this time, what will be the results when the good people all over Josephine county take a hand in the battle of ballots next June? To my way of thinking, the outlook is most encouraging and while I for one, would like to have seen all our men elected, yet I believe that we have every reason to feel greatly encouraged over the way the land lays."

Leading Citizen: "This strikes me as being a good time to pay off our debts. Many people have drawn their money from the banks and stowed it away in various places, such as old stockings, bureau drawers or other receptacles. Of course many of these depositories are unsafe, far more unsafe than the banks. To my way of thinking, there is one way to absolutely insure money against loss, and that is by paying debts with it. Honest debts do not depreciate and cannot be lost. If a man pays them, he has the full use of his money. Thieves may break into his depository or pick his pocket, but they cannot steal what he has paid his creditors. Receipted bills are worth their face value to honest men. We suggest that those who are fearful as to the financial future, and especially fearful as to their own savings, that they pay every debt they possibly can. This will not only secure them against the amount of loss, but it will benefit the community, increasing the circulation and promoting confidence."

"I liked the editorial comment you made on the way one of Medford's editors was criticising the grand jury and district attorney of Jackson county," said one resident, who resumed as follows: "We are sorry to see the newspaper men bring the power of the press into disrepute by thus encouraging people to disrespect the law of the land. There can be no question but what the spirit of anarchy is encouraged by this free lance manner in which the newspapers so frequently impugn the motives of the court and jury."

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1908.

We are in receipt of a copy of a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator C. W. Fulton, to "Regulate Commerce," which seems, from the perusal we have made, to be some very important legislation.

None of the financiers in Congress has a more comprehensive monetary measure than that of the old Kansas greenbacker who introduced a bill in the Legislature providing for a currency that should be "more numerous and limberer."

These are indeed great rains for the mining men of Josephine county and they are making money while the clouds pour down the moisture! Such things seem to mean great returns for this region.

Editorial rooms are called "Sanctuaries" because of the scriptural language used therein when the editor opens a letter supposed to contain money and finds poetry from some lovesick maiden.

The people of Oregon are shocked at the dreadful state of affairs that are being developed by the examinations into the manner in which the defunct Tit's, Guarantee & Trust Co's affairs were conducted. We miss our guess if the prison walls are not staring some of the officers of that institution in the face. Here's hoping that they will gut their deserts and that no guilty man may escape.

Ollie F. Sneliger, graduate manager of athletics at the University of California, and one of the best all-around athletes ever turned out on the Pacific Coast, is to enter the ministry. He expects to enroll in a Presbyterian theological seminary in the near future. Sneliger has won distinction in track and field athletics and football.

It is to be regretted that so many counter attractions prevented many citizens from attending the band concert, at the New Opera House, Tuesday evening, for the musicians have been practicing so faithfully during the past several months and were deserving of a filled house. It is to be hoped that they will soon give our people another chance to show their interest in these popular musical organizations.

Because the Courier dared criticize him for his rashness in impugning the motives of members of the Jackson county grand jury and District Attorney Reames, Editor Putnam, of the Medford Tribune proceeds to read us a certain lecture. Sure Mike! But say, Putnam, if you could only run your paper as well as you would have other people attend to their duties, you might merit more support than you seem to be getting and for which you are continually howling. As to the Courier never having any news in it, we notice that the Tribune persistently clips stuff from our columns, but very seldom has the frankness to give us credit for the same. But, what else could be expected from a simon pure

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