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## EDITORIAL

In this day of women bandits, there's no better protection than to carry a live mouse in your pocket.

After all, the greatest relief the farmer ever gets out of congress is in hearing that it has adjourned.

"Hard times" are those in which the people pay off the bonds they voted in good times.

All the world loves a lover, and it also loved to snicker at his love letters when they're read in a breach-of-promise suit.

If you want to be regarded as queer and erratic just start telling the truth. There is scarcely any competition in this line.

The best way to get the swelling out of your head is to start out to borrow \$10 and see how few friends you have.

America doesn't need additional education right now as much as she does another edition of the cook book.

Almond trees around Ashland have been in full bloom for over two weeks. Very pretty and the first spring opening. Other trees are now beginning to bloom and within another few weeks the county will be a sight of beauty unexcelled in this old world.

The basketball season is practically over. Everybody is glad of the fact. We are all enthused over basketball, and each school has the backing of all their respective communities, but like the small boy at marble time the older lovers of sports begin to get that baseball feeling this time of the year and to tire of basketball. So many basketball games during the winter months that to attend them all, one must be out every night. Now we will all get busy with baseball, the national game and it will take no urging to line up a whole town full of boosters. Play ball.

We received a copy of the "Siskiyou" this week, through the courtesy of Miss Elizabeth Richardson. The Siskiyou is the normal school bi-weekly student paper, and this was the first copy we have ever had the pleasure of seeing. It is a neat and attractive little paper, and the articles, news stories and writings all well gotten up. The paper is circulated among the students, some 300 copies each issue. The efficient staff of the publication is composed of the following students: Lawrence Mitchell, editor; Albie Beck, manager; Lois Knaff, associate editor; Ruth Aitken, assistant manager; John Churchman, managing editor; Mella Brandon, advertising manager, with assistance of other members of the student body contributing to its columns.

### DON'T GROW CARELESS.

Just because the general health of this community is satisfactory is no cause for growing careless or neglecting to look closely after our physical well-being at this season of the year. The open winter has brought serious epidemics in various sections of the country and there are really more deaths occurring now from "flu" than we hear of in Ashland. Some parts of the United States have been exceptionally hard hit. Your own family doctor will tell you that right now, and for the next several weeks, when the thermometer rises and falls rapidly, with one day warm and the next day

cold, is about the most dangerous time of year. Especially is it necessary to guard the health of the children at this time, because a touch of warm sun is apt to cause them to expose their bodies more than is good for them. We've passed through the winter very nicely up to this point as regards the health of the community. Lets' not court a serious epidemic of disease now.

### A SHAKEUP COMING.

There are enough rumors afloat just now to warrant the belief that the auto industry is due for some startling changes by the time we get around to hot days and pleasure riding. Ford, as usual, has them all guessing, and Cadillac has startled everyone by coming out with a cheaper car. Rumors are plentiful that several of the biggest plants are talking about mergers. But what will interest Ashland auto owners and prospective owners most is the fast-growing belief that a price-war is in sight and that reductions are going to come in a very short time. Even the man who neither owns nor drives a car is interested in what ever goes on in the auto world because it has come to be such a big thing and because it touches the life of every citizen, rich or poor. So nothing, not even congress and wind-jamming relief talk, is arousing more interest than the rumors of a shake-up in the auto industry.

### BELIEVE IN YOUR TOWN

A person should believe in the town in which he resides. It has advantages and possibilities that others have not, and modesty should not prevent one from making the fact known whenever and wherever possible. At home or abroad, whether pursuing pleasure or on business bent, those with whom we come in contact should be given to understand that we live in a town populated by wide-awake, progressive people, and one that is advancing instead of retrograding. If one can truthfully speak in commendatory terms of its professional men, the square dealing methods of its businessmen, the excellence of its mechanics, the superiority of its churches, schools, public institutions, industries, the energy and contentedness of its citizens, it pays to exercise the privilege.

One should learn to believe, if not already a believer, that we have all these desirable things, and in addition thereto the most advantageously located town, the finest country surrounding it, with an industrious and intelligent people. Strangers seeking locations are invariably influenced in favor of any town whose citizens are enthusiastic in their praise of it. No town may expect to attain prominence unless its inhabitant appreciate excellence and virtues of each other and individually and collectively spread abroad their faith in the present prosperity and future greatness of their locality. Talk is a cheap commodity, but when rightfully utilized it can be made effective in many directions, and this is one of them. Is your business represented in the American.

### GOVERNOR PATTERSON WATCHES FINANCE

Ashland regrets the failure in securing that \$175,000 this year for the Ashland normal school. The state has at Ashland, the prettiest normal school building in Oregon. We have here the best site in the state for such a building. We have probably the best climate conditions in the

state for the students and the moral surroundings are perfect as possible on this sphere. With some three hundred students enrolled at present and the number to greatly increase. It was declared almost a necessity to build a new dormitory to accommodate these students. The past legislature appropriated with other enormous sums totaling millions of dollars, \$175,000 to build the new dormitories needed at the Ashland normal. Governor Patterson vetoed many of the appropriation bills and among them the Ashland normal money. No appropriation for Ashland this year. No new buildings at the normal this year. To say the least Ashland is disappointed.

Oregon elected Mr. Patterson governor because we were told that he would economize. We heard many times that he favored economizing and that he would run a strictly business administration. The only promise Mr. Patterson made was that he intended to make it strictly a business administration, and so far, he is keeping that promise, and we believe, he will put the state on a sound financial bases. We certainly cannot afford any new buildings at the present time with the enormous debts that now face us.

At present the normal students are boarding at the many different homes in Ashland. These homes feed and house them, and in order to accommodate them the homes buy the groceries in Ashland. We can get along this year without the new buildings to accommodate the normal students. Sure we are disappointed. We want the dormitory. It will look nice, built on the highway normal grounds. We worked hard for it and Secretary Fuller, of our chamber of commerce, spent considerable time at the legislature in his loyal efforts to get the bill passed. But Governor Patterson says we cannot afford it. The state is back two million dollars even if the income law passes. Governor Patterson intends to save that two million dollars. Regardless of our hopes and fancies, we realize that Governor Patterson is right. He is using exceptionally good judgement and like President Coolidge, he acts on that sound judgment regardless whether his decisions are popular or not or whether they are considered vote getters or not. Yes, we admire the way the governor is working for the state. We believe in him, and his

administration will, we believe, be a life saver to Oregon. Many citizens and many Ashlandites say amen to your veto, governor.

### THE KIND OF PRISON REFORM WE NEED.

Under the guise of prison reform an initiative measure to be voted upon at the next general election has been filed with the secretary of state for a ballot title. The main objective of the proposed amendment to the state constitution is the abolition of capital punishment.

It has proven conclusively that capital punishment is not a crime deterrent. Oregon has been the scene of as many murders under a penal system that provides capital punishment as it has without it. Homicides have increased under capital punishment in the cities of New York and Chicago and other large centers where the killing of murderers is made legal. The murderer of today has no fear of death no more than does the suicide who is willing to take chances on the future rather than to face the obligations and sufferings of the present. The thought that his life may be snuffed out for the commission of the major crime has but little effect upon the actions of the murderer of today who holds the atheist's view of the hereafter.

Yes we need prison reform including the abolishing of capital punishment. Not because capital punishment is too great a penalty but because it is not severe enough to cause the murderer to falter to think before he strikes. We need a prison reform that will make every murderer who is sentenced to a life term know when the gates close behind him that he can hope for no release until Almighty Himself shall have released his spirit from his body. We need prison reform that will make every criminal, no matter how long or how short his sentence, realize that neither political pull, nor sister influence nor his own feigned repentance can eliminate one day from the time he must serve. We need a prison reform which will provide penalties for infractions of the strict prison rules that will be un-failing and as unmerciful as are the penalties Nature provides for the infractions of her laws.

Yes we need prison reform in Oregon and all over the nation but we

do not need the kind that is proposed in the initiative amendment which provides for the abolishment of the bull-pen, the whipping-post, the cat-o-nine-tails and other instruments of corporal punishment. Our ever increasing criminal population proves that we have already had far too much of that kind of reform.—Southern Oregon Spokesman.

### Eggs Not Included.

A Scotch farmer had agreed to deliver 20 hens to the local market. Only 19, however, were sent, and it was almost evening before the 20th bird was brought in by the farmer.

"Man," said the butcher, "you're late with this one!"

"Aye," agreed the other, "but, ye see, she didn't lay until this afternoon.—Progressive Grocer.

There are now about 70 farmer cooperative poultry associations in this country; 48 of these associations marketed over \$26,000,000 worth of eggs last year.

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