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JACKSONVILLE'S FUTURE.

D. A. Belldiver of Jacksonville is interviewed as follows in the Portland Journal:

"Jacksonville is gradually dying. Medford is too progressive for the old town and her people are moving to the hub of Rogue River valley. Another ten years will see the weeds growing in Jacksonville's streets, and if there are any residents left it will be because of old time's sake."

This is a very pessimistic view of the situation and one not at all justified by facts. Jacksonville's future has not been brighter in the last ten years than it is today. The picturesque old town can never hope for commercial supremacy, she lost that chance when she lost the Southern Pacific, but as a residence place Jacksonville offers more attractions than any spot in the valley.

Jacksonville is a victim of her own unprogressiveness. Opportunity she had to remain the metropolis of southern Oregon, and the growth that scattered to Ashland, Medford and Central Point could have been centered at Jacksonville and a large city created, but she failed to take advantage of her chance. The ultra-conservatism that prided itself on light taxation, was in the saddle, unmindful of the fact that no taxation meant no improvement and stagnation.

Opportunity is about to knock again at Jacksonville's door. She can make herself the choicest residence section of the valley. She has the advantage of picturesque surroundings, of shaded avenues and slightly locations. With the coming of the trolley, when transportation to and from ceases to be a joke, her property will be in great demand, and if the old town wakes from her lethargy, quits trying to build up by trying to tear Medford down, and goes systematically to work, she can double and treble her population in short time, but she can't do it by knocking.

The larger Medford grows the larger Jacksonville should become, until the one city merges into the other with only an imaginary line between. Jacksonville's future depends altogether upon Medford's future, and only as Medford prospers can Jacksonville prosper, and as Medford is determined to prosper, so will Jacksonville also become prosperous.

Cheer up!

ASSESSED VALUATIONS.

It would be interesting to discover the process of reasoning through which Assessor Grieve arrived at valuations this year, and why property has decreased so materially within the past twelve months, which have shown unequalled prosperity and growth in every line.

Probably newness to the work and unfamiliarity with conditions combined with too much trust in deputies is responsible. If Mr. Grieve thought he was pleasing taxpayers by reducing valuations he has ere this realized his mistake. The problem of taxation is a difficult one, and the county is glad to learn that Mr. Grieve will himself fix all valuations the coming year.

The higher and nearer actual valuation property is listed, the lower the rate of taxation. The lower valuations are placed the higher must be the rate to raise the same amount of money.

Assessor Grieve would do well to follow the policy of Assessor Sigler of Multnomah county, who in four years has raised assessed valuations from sixty millions to two hundred and sixty millions, with a consequent reduction in the tax levy of from over forty mills to about fifteen. So much has Mr. Sigler's work been appreciated that the legislature has twice increased his salary.

A high tax levy frightens strangers. On a decreased valuation a higher tax levy is necessitated. Therefore, the present assessment is a damage to the county.

MOB TAKES TRAIN TO CATCH NEGRO

300 Men Seize Train and Force Conductor to Take Them to Next Town to Find the Murderer.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

CAIRO, Ill., Nov. 11.—Three hundred men this afternoon seized Big Four freight train No. 82 and compelled the conductor to take them to Karnak, 27 miles from here, where Sheriff Davis is believed to be in hiding with Will James, the negro who is accused of murdering Annie Peley, a white woman.

The mob has declared its intention of lynching the negro if he is found. Last night a mob gathered here to lynch James, but the negro was spirited away from the jail by the sheriff, who boarded a train with his prisoner. The sheriff and his pris-

RIOTING STARTS ANEW IN SPAIN

One Dead and 30 Injured as Result of Clash Between Liberals and Conservatives.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

MADRID, Nov. 11.—One man is dead and 30 others are seriously wounded as the result of a riot at Chirabel in the province of Algeria, according to government dispatches received today.

A party of liberals clashed in the street with conservatives. Twenty persons have been arrested.

Another alighted at Dongola and the mob has been unable since to ascertain their whereabouts. Although the mob believes that Davis is at Karnak, there is a possibility of his having driven across the country with James to the Murphysboro jail.

JOHN D. PRAISES BIG JIM JEFF

Says Fighter Is Wonderful Man After Seeing Him Go Through Stage Training Stunt With Berger.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—"Jeffries is a great man—a wonderful man," was the sincere appreciation spoken by John D. Rockefeller as he left the Plaza music hall last night after watching the big Californian go through his stage training stunts. With his secretary, the oil king occupied two 50-cent seats at the Jeffries performance. As the mighty Jeff donned the gloves for his five-round go with Sam Berger, Rockefeller leaned forward with sudden interest.

Not a move of the fighters was lost to him, and he joined heartily in the applause at the conclusion of the bout.

A WEST POINT HAZING

It Knocked All the Egotism Out of the New Cadet.

SINGING HIS OWN PRAISES.

He Was Kept at It to His Own Mortification and the Delight of the Upper Class Men—A Clipping From His Home Paper Started the Trouble.

Hazing at the United States Military Academy, West Point, has in the past ten years been so frequently followed by punishment and otherwise discontinued that it has practically become a thing of the past. A third of a century ago the modes of hazing were varied and many of them unique. A certain graduate who hailed from south of Mason and Dixon's line and from west of the Allegheny mountains told this story of his own experience:

He was a tall, ramboned fellow when he entered the academy as a "plebe" and had been assigned to a room with a bright little chap, with whom he soon became very friendly and confidential. Several weeks after he had entered the academy he received a letter from his good mother, in which she had enclosed a clipping from their county newspaper.

The article mentioned the fact that young Mr. — had received an appointment to West Point and had left for that place several days before; that whereas they extended congratulations to the young man, the United States government was to be much more greatly congratulated upon obtaining as one of its embryo soldiers a man from their community, the son of such a noble sire, whose sire and great-sire had been equally noble, a young man above reproach, of great intellect and bound to make his mark in any calling he might elect, etc.

This article inspired its recipient with pride and pleasure. He found it impossible to refrain from showing it to his roommate and an hour after having done so was accented while going downstairs by an upper class man who had been drilling him and had been very severe. At this meeting the upper class man, who was about half his size, looked at him solemnly removed his cap and said: "Mr. —, I humbly beg your pardon for having been so stern with you. I did not know until a few moments ago what a distinguished and intellectual young man you were. You honor us by becoming one of us."

The pleased "plebe" never for a moment scented mischief, grinningly replied: "That's all right, Mr. —, I forgive you."

That evening while the "plebe" and his roommate were engaged in study there was a knock at their door, and there entered the upper class man who had accented and apologized to the "plebe" on the stairs, he being accompanied by a dozen other upper class men. He thus addressed the "plebe": "Mr. —, here are a number of your brother cadets who are desirous of knowing what a particularly distinguished man they have among them. You will therefore kindly read what your newspaper says of you."

The "plebe" was inclined to demur, but the determined manner and steady eye of the little upper class man compelled obedience. Embarrassed, he stumbingly read the whole article, at the conclusion of which the little upper class man stated that the reader had mumbled in parts, had failed to enunciate distinctly and required the poor "plebe" to read it again. This having been done, all shook hands with him in an apparently most deferential manner, after which the little upper class man stated that they would call the next evening augmented by other cadets and that in the meantime the "plebe" would commit the article to memory and be in readiness to repeat it when they called.

His teacher brooked no disobedience. The call was made the next evening, the number of cadets being nearly

JAPAN PLANS TO INCREASE NAVY

Owing to Declaration of President Regarding Merchant Marine, Honorable Jap Will Build Fighting Ships.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

TOKIO, Nov. 11.—"The rapid growth of foreign navies, particularly that of the United States" is given as the cause of new activity in the Japanese navy department in its determination to keep abreast of the times, and today it was announced that the department officials have completed the preliminary steps for the fourth period of the naval expansion scheme.

According to the plans made public, the department will begin to supplement the present naval strength of Japan in 1912 by authorizing the construction of three additional warships. This is considered necessary to maintain the balance of naval strength in the Pacific. It is predicted that the present tax rate will not be changed on account of the plans for additional ships.

The announcement today follows closely upon the dispatches from the United States that President Taft is in favor of ship subsidy for the purpose of expanding the American merchant marine on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

High government officials look upon Taft's declaration as an indication that the United States has intention of taking an active part in the fight for commerce, and it is argued that an increase in the American department in the Pacific naturally would follow the inauguration of such activities.

Taking After Father.

"It has its father's nose." "And its mother's eyes!" "And Aunt Alice's mouth!" "And Uncle Ebenezer's ears!" Such, multiplied by about a hundred, were the criticisms leveled by kind friends against the Fitzboodles.

Then the unconcerned baby began to calmly chew his big toe. "Ah!" murmured Mr. Fitzboodle. "Baby is certainly endowed with some of my wife's chief characteristics." "Not to mention your, Fritz Fitzboodle!" snapped his wife. "Baby never opens his mouth without putting his foot in it!"

Maternal Instinct.

We talk about "maternal instinct." There is no such thing. To be sure, there are things that have to do with young which females possess and males lack. The wasp lays its egg on the body of the caterpillar for the larva it will never see. The hen sits twenty-one days on any roundish, whitish object of the proper size. I have seen a children's party every little girl leave the supper table on the advent of a baby and every little boy go stolidly on with his supper. But each kind of mother has its own bundle of instinctive reactions. There is no "maternal instinct" in the abstract.—McClure's Magazine.

Worrying About His Gas Bill.

"Madam, your husband has gastritis." "Well, I do my best, doctor, to keep him away from the meter, but he will spend a lot of time in that damp cellar studying it!"—New York Press.

Noises in Venice.

The Way They Crash Upon the Normal Quiet of the City. With all the water traffic and with not a horse or a cab or a wagon to wake the echoes, the utter silence of Venice is the thing that first impresses the traveler. Yet because there is no undertone of city noises in which occasional noises may merge the Grand canal at Venice seems to the sleeper at night the noisiest place in the world, for every little noise crashes into one's sleep, and the most wakeful hours of our six weeks in Italy were spent on the Grand canal in Venice. The bells of the churches probably do not ring louder nor more frequently than they ring in other cities, yet because Venice is so still these bells clang through the night like the alarm of a continuous and ever increasing fire. The bawl of a tavern human calf carrying home three drinks and a throbbing heart, a noise that may be heard by the attentive listener any place on earth after 11 o'clock, in Venice becomes insistent and demoralizing. The common quarrel in the street enters the bedroom at night with nerve racking distinctness, and the morning song of the market gardener bringing his wares to town in his silent boat smites the sleeper's ears like a call to arms. If Macbeth really did murder sleep, the crime was done in Venice.

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CLARK IN 1912 CRY OF AUDIENCE

Champ Clark Arouses Great Enthusiasm by Speech in Appleton, Wis.—Attacks Cannon and His Methods.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

APPLETON, Wis., Nov. 11.—Democrats today are discussing the speech last night of Champ Clark in which he declared that Speaker Cannon misrepresented facts in his recent attacks on the insurgents. The occasion was also marked by the starting of a boom for Clark for president in 1912. Clark said:

"Speaker Cannon, through lapse of memory when he misrepresented facts in his recent Elgin speech, when he charged the Democrats and 'insurgents' with forming a coalition to defeat tariff legislation."

At this point Clark was interrupted by cries of "Champ Clark for president in 1912!"

Clark responded to the cheering by saying:

"I am willing, but I am not lying awake at nights thinking about the number of electoral votes I might get. No man ever asked for the nomination, and I am not going to be the first."

His Scheme.

An actor in a London lodging house who had discovered his landlady's propensity for "swiping" numbered and listed his things. One night he roused the household by shouting down from his attic a demand for "No. 8."

"No. 8?" shouted the landlady back. "What No. 8?"

"I want cube No. 8 of my lump sugar," he replied.

Thenceforth the provisions in his cupboard were unmolesied.—Argonaut.

His Retort.

"No," remarked a determined lady to an indignant cabman who had received his legal fare. "You cannot cheat me, my man. I haven't ridden in cabs for the last twenty-five years for nothing."

"Haven't you, mum?" replied the cabman bitterly, gathering up the reins. "Well, you've done your best!"—Tit-Bits.

No Need of a Horse.

Tom—Well, darling, I have seen your father, and he has given his consent. Grace—He approves of love in a cottage, then?

"No, but he says that a girl who spends as much time golfing and motoring as you do really has not much need of a home."—Tattler.

Good From Evil.

"The voice of envy is sure to be provoked by success," said the sensitive person.

"Don't let that worry you, son," answered Grandpa Whetstone. "If you're really got the goods the voice of envy will unintentionally advertise 'em for you."—Washington Star.

She Found Out.

Bees (yearningly)—Tell me, Frank, do you really and truly love me, darling?

Frank (measly)—I certainly did when I told you so for the five thousandth time six seconds ago, but now—well, you know, we men are so changeable.—Boston Traveler.

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ARMOUR PACKING PLANT IS BURNED

Fire Breaks Out and Does \$250,000 Damage Before Flames Are Checked—Origin Is Unknown.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Four packing plants of the Armour company were damaged to the extent of \$250,000 this afternoon in a fire which destroyed the fertilizer building and badly damaged other plants.

The fire, which is now under control, was fanned by a high wind, setting fire to the beef and cutting plants. Work at the Union stockyards was suspended and other packers of the city sent men to the Armour plant to assist in fighting the flames.

The fire started in the fertilizer building at noon and completely destroyed it. It soon spread to the oleo plant and also to the beef and cutting plants. These buildings were badly damaged.

Cleanliness Extra.

In describing his arrival at the town of Cuautla the author of "Mexican Trails" says: "The first thing to attract my eye was 'Grand Banos,' which in English means 'grand baths.' Now, after a day's ride a man craves a 'grand bath' more than all else, so I left the horse and entered. A large placard on the wall bore the following: 'A tub of water, 13 cents; with towel, 18 cents. The person who desires to change the water will pay 10 cents extra.'"

Women in Sweden.

It is to the honor of Sweden that the fact of a woman working for her living in no way lowers her social position. Many professional ladies are the daughters of court officials and are received and welcomed in the court circle.—London Queen.

A Gentleman of Leisure.

Codling—Why did you speak to that old tramp, dear boy? Softy—Why shouldn't I, old chappie? He isn't in twade, and he doesn't work faw a living.—Exchange.

CUMMINS TO ADVISE TAFT

Says Middle West Will Wage War on Cannon—Believes That Taft Will Be Re-elected.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11.—Senator Cummins is in Washington today at the invitation of the president, who wishes to confer with him on certain questions before writing his message.

In an interview Cummins said that the "insurgents" cannot be driven from the Republican party. The senator also said that the principal issues in the next Republican primaries in the west would be a fight against Cannonism. He also reiterated the belief that Taft would be re-elected in 1912.

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