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ROMAN ROADS AND ROT.

The Portland Oregonian, charter member of the "Can't Do It" club, enemy of southern Oregon, opponent of education, organ of reactionary politics and mouthpiece of mossbackism, voices its opposition to the proposed Crater Lake highway and the good roads movement in general in the following editorial:

"It would be a mighty fine thing to have 'a Roman road' from Jacksonville, Medford and Ashland to Crater Lake. Yes, indeed. But there is no road yet from Portland to Hillsboro or from Portland to Oregon City that any kind of a carriage can use for more than four months in a year."

If there isn't, shame on Portland and Oregon City, and the rule of the silurian that such conditions prevail. There ought to be a state highway between these cities, and there would be but for the narrow visioned opposition of mossbacks, headed by the Oregonian. But Oregon City and Hillsboro are not in the same class as Crater Lake, Oregon's one great natural wonder, and if there is to be a state highway anywhere, and there ought to be all over, it should be to make accessible this most picturesque of regions, dedicated by congress "to the people of the United States forever as a public playground," to the end that a constant stream of money spending tourists from all parts of the world may have an object in coming to Oregon.

Continuing, the Oregonian says: "Yet good roads cannot be had at once. Talk about Roman roads is premature. It is well for an ideal, but we shall struggle yet awhile to reach it. . . . Such roads have been more than 2000 years in building. . . . But it is hardly worth while to talk of Roman roads—except at immeasurable distances. Those roads represent an amount of labor that will be beyond our means for hundreds of years to come."

In other words, it can't be done, and we much continue to waddle through the mud for centuries to come!

Stuff and nonsense. Nothing can be done unless an attempt is made to do it. All the big things of this world have been done within a single generation. The great Chinese wall was built in the reign of one emperor. The most famous of Roman roads, the Appian highway, was built within one man's lifetime, by Appius Claudius, the blind, three centuries before Christ. India's great military highway was comparatively few years in course of construction.

Instead of waiting for our descendants to build highways, we ought to build them today, enjoy them, and let the coming generations also enjoy them and share in the expense of building. It is beyond the means of a locality to construct a Roman road, but localities, aided by the state and national government, as proposed in the Crater Lake road plan, can build them, and build them now.

The state-aided plan has been tried with success in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and other eastern states, who have secured Roman roads within a few years. Under this plan, the state pays a fixed part out of general funds raised by general taxation, supplemented by money raised by local taxation.

California has found a way to secure Roman roads, and that is by permitting counties to issue bonds. The bond interest yearly amounts to no more than the amount now spent in piece-meal road construction, and the coming generation bears part of the burden.

Jackson county spends \$30,000 annually in building its expenses for roads. The amount is so small that but little can be accomplished. But \$30,000 is 5 per cent on \$600,000 and this amount would criss-cross the county with Roman roads, and the taxation be no heavier than it is today.

To the continued opposition of the Oregonian and the mossbacks is due the poor roads of Oregon, and every attempt to secure a good highway or devise a plan whereby the constitution can be amended to make possible a good roads program is consistently and obstinately opposed by both the newspaper and the reactionary, unprogressive and provincial element which it represents.

SQUELCH THE KNOCKERS.

Some way must be devised for stopping the knocking indulged in principally by real estate dealers, who in their selfishness and greed discourage sales made by others in the mistaken idea that it will enable them to make a sale themselves.

The Commercial club must devise some means of ending the anvil chorus. In this the Mail Tribune will cooperate and publish in big black type the names of those guilty of trying to queer deals in which they are not personally interested.

Every purchaser who locates here is the means of bringing other prospective purchasers, and every one in the valley should cordially assist in locating people and boosting all sales, whether he gets any commission or not. This is a case where it should be one for all and all for one.

When the deal for the Snowy Butte orchard was pending, some real estate dealer went to the prospective purchaser and tried to discourage him from making the deal—an act contemptible in itself and injurious to the country. Such a man should be published and sent to Coventry.

It is refreshing in this connection to hear the reply that Judge W. M. Colvig made to a new arrival who complained of the six days' rain as a contradiction of Medford's claim to a fine climate.

"Yes, it has rained for six days," said Judge Colvig.

FOLLY AS IT FLIES



Her Dearest Friends.
 Evelyn—I wonder why Natica can't talk two minutes without dragging in the young man she's engaged to.
 Myrtle—Force of habit, I suppose. I've always understood she had to drag him into the engagement.



The Polite Shoemaker.
 "Do you see that I have one foot longer than the other?"
 "On the contrary, one seems smaller than the other."



Exactly a Hundred Years.
 "Doesn't this dress make me look younger, George?"
 "Yes, my dear, exactly 100 years younger."



Where Extremes Meet.
 "Skip the gutter, mister, or you'll get your cuffs muddy!"—Browning's Magazine.



Do as a Substitute.
 The Assistant—Our tattooed man is sick.
 Museum Manager—Well, we ought to be able to find a football player with enough black and blue spots on him to do as a substitute.



Not So Drowsy.
 Mr. Dark—If Ah should kiss yo', Miss Brown, would yo' call fch assistan' e?
 Miss Brown—Sistanc! Do yo' think Ah need any 'sistance to receive one stringy little kiss?

"It is nature's way of disposing of her discarded summer garb. The rain washes away the decomposing vegetation and removes the unhealthy vapors that would otherwise arise to endanger the health. The earth needs a bath that removes as if by magic the remnants of a too luxuriant growth and leaves it clean and healthy for her new dress. And did you ever see such a fine rain—so gentle that not a twig was disturbed, and so warm that it seems like summer? And this is the time of year you awake in the east to find a snowdrift on the floor and your water pipes frozen."

ROGUE PEARS ARE SOURCE OF SURPRISE

Philadelphian Writes Judge Crowell Telling of 200-Box Exhibit in Quaker City.

Hon. W. S. Crowell has received the following message on a post card from Philadelphia, Pa., written by a friend, F. E. Pomerene: "Coming down Broad street last evening I noticed an exposition of pears from Medford, Oregon. Thinking of you I went to see it. There were about 200 boxes of pears, the like of which I never saw before or supposed grew. Have seen a large pear now and then as a 'sample' but to see 200 boxes, all samples, was an 'eye opener' to me."

NOTICE.
 On account of the increased cost of feed, we, the undersigned dairymen of Medford, find it necessary to raise the price of milk to ten cents a quart, retail, and 25 cents a gallon, wholesale, on and after December 1, 1909.

WARNER & SNIDER,
 J. C. CALHOUN,
 J. M. SCHMIDT,
 H. H. CALHOUN,
 J. V. KEEZER.

Marriage Licenses.
 The county clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:
 Louis R. Ulen, aged 63, and Elvera Short, aged 54; Geo. W. Hoxie, 21, Ruth Trefren, 18.

FOOTBALL GAME ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Central Point and Medford Will Meet on Gridiron for Championship of Valley.

The football teams of Central Point High and Medford High will meet on Thanksgiving day for the championship of Southern Oregon. Medford has won every game from teams who in their turn have defeated other aspirants for the championship honors. Central Point remains undefeated and only this team stands between Medford and the coveted laurels.

Central Point always has and always will be the hereditary foe of Medford's and nothing in the world gives them greater pleasure than to defeat any team that plays under the name of this city. To do this the Central Point team is exerting everything in its power to place a first-class team of such strength that the black and red of Medford will be trailed in the mud of defeat.

Medford since its Grants Pass game has corrected all of its weak points and on Thursday will send a powerful team on to the field. In fact Medford, although they expect to play a bitterly hard fought game, nevertheless when the whistle calls the game, they expect to be winners by a small margin.

AGED COUPLE GET MARRIAGE LICENSE

Groom Aged 63 and Bride of 54 Are Given License to Wed.

Louis R. Allen, aged 63, and Elvera Short, aged 54, were on Monday granted a marriage license by County Clerk Coleman. The couple will reside in Ashland where they have been making their home.

RECEPTION TO REV. AND MRS. LUCAS POSTPONED

Owing to the bad weather the reception to be tendered Rev. and Mrs. Lucas this evening has been postponed.

NOTICE

is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the regular meeting of the city council of Medford, Oregon, on December 7, 1909, for license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon, at lots 14, 15 and 16, block 21, in Medford, Oregon, for a period of six months.

YOUNG & HALL.

Dated November 21st.

A Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for several years for diarrhoea. I consider it the best remedy I have ever tried for that trouble. I bought a bottle of it a few days ago from our druggist, Mr. R. R. Brooks. I shall ever be glad to speak a word in its praise when I have the opportunity."
 —Rev. J. D. Knapp, pastor M. E. church, Miles Grove, Pa. Sold by Leon B. Haskins' Pharmacy.

Notice.

Owing to the fact that our Christmas postals are coming in and we are crowded for room to display them we will offer all postals at a 20 per cent discount for one day only, Saturday, November 13. This will afford a good opportunity for you to lay in a supply for future corresponding at a price that will pay you. Look over our Christmas goods that are coming in. It is a pleasure to show them.

Remember, \$1 worth of postals will only cost you 80 cents next Saturday.

The Blue Jay Postal Shop, 331 E. Main st., up stairs. Frank H. Hull, proprietor.

What Would You Do?

In a case of burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by Leon B. Haskins' Pharmacy.

GIVING OUT.

The Struggle Discourages Many a Citizen of Medford.
 Around all my wife an aching back, me pleasure to know the benefit derived from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. I suffered from a severe case of kidney complaint. My back ached constantly and I thought I would never get relief. I also had dull, dragging pain through my joints which robbed me of all ambition. I finally procured a box of Doan's Kidney pills at Haskins' drug store. I only took a short use of this remedy to entirely cure me. I give the credit for the great change to Doan's Kidney Pills.

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.
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TOMORROW

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