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THE CITY ADMINISTRATION.

Medford is to be congratulated upon many things—none more than upon the excellent city government enjoyed. There is probably less friction, more attention to business and more general satisfaction with the administration than can be found in many places.

The city has gone steadily forward, in spite of cramped finances. There has been no letup in the program of public improvement and Medford has the glory of accomplishing more in less time than any city ever before accomplished, a greater expenditure per capita than ever made anywhere in the same period of time, and in spite of the large amount of money handled there has been no taint of graft nor suspicion of scandal.

Ways have been found to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles in the program of progress. Special elections have frequently been necessitated to overcome charter limitations. The limits of the city have been extended to include more territory. Strict regulation has been enforced on liquor dealers, penalties enforced, and the light of publicity let in.

Complaints, however insignificant, have been investigated, and generally speaking, carefulness and thoroughness have governed the administration. There has been a surprising and unusual attention to detail that has absorbed a large part of the time of the mayor and councilmen, who have devoted their time and energy unselfishly to the public good.

It is not right and it is not fair to demand such sacrifice. Three councilmen's terms expire shortly, and they will decline re-election, because being poor men they cannot afford the sacrifice. If the citizens expect continued good service, they should attach a salary to the offices—not a large salary, but sufficient to partially at least justify the man of moderate means devoting part of his time to the work.

The mayor should be paid \$75 or \$100 a month, as the work, conscientiously done, takes the greater part of his time. The councilmen should be paid at least \$25 a month, which will partially compensate them for neglect of private business.

The laborer is certainly worthy of his hire, much more the honest administrator of the public's business. To make this possible, a charter amendment will be necessary, and it should be proposed by initiative and unanimously adopted at the January election.

NO "BLANKS" HERE.

It is estimated that impulsive Americans expended \$12,000,000 for transportation in order that they might attend the recent land lotteries in the west conducted by the government.

It is further estimated that there were 180,000 applications for the 10,000 claims available, which means that 170,000 people awoke with the headache after their endeavor to get something for nothing. For every one that won a claim 170 celebrated dolefully empty pockets and shattered delusions, and those who lost faced the customary pessimism of the drawer of blanks.

On the other hand, had these people "taken their chance" in the valley of the Rogue there would have resulted a development with not one disappointed settler. Had they invested their energy and money here, ample dividends would have been assured.

There are no "blanks" in the present or future of the man or woman who cast his or her lot with the Rogue River valley.

Incidentally the rush to secure claims in the lottery fully answers the question: "Do the American people want farms?"

There has been a great improvement in the Gold Hill News under its new publisher, Rex H. Lampman, a young journalist who recently came to the Rogue from Minnesota. It is heartily to be wished that the good people of Gold Hill will co-operate with the publisher and make the News "more than a one-man paper and Gold Hill more than a one-horse town."

STANDING OF BROWNIEKAR CONTESTANTS TO DATE.

Francis Knuth	1730
Carter Brandon	1263
Neil Harris	1160
Myrtle Davis	627
Myrtle Garnett	476
Leora Davis	359
Charles Ray	335
Ray Reynolds	283
Elsa Snyder	275
Myrtle Rhodes	265
Willie Stinson	240
Harry Wortman	227
Rex Barker	180
Paul Russell	116
Crowning Purdin	62
Willie Cuberly	50
Mabel Edmeades	25
George Leonard	16
James Brophy	3

SAVED FOURTEEN YEARS TO GET ENOUGH FOR DIVORCE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 30.—After

the money necessary to secure a divorce, Mrs. Mary Taylor today is freed from Joseph Taylor, whom she charged with "cruel and inhuman treatment."

The decree was granted by Judge Booth. Three minutes were occupied in taking testimony in the case. Mrs. Taylor left her husband in 1895 and since then has been earning her own living. During that time she saved every cent possible from her meager earnings with the view of obtaining the divorce which was granted yesterday.

WANTS INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Nov. 30.—When the members of the Japanese trade commission that has been touring the United States return to their native land, it is probable that step will be taken immediately to secure the organization of an international chamber of commerce.

How a Bear Fishes.
Few people have had the opportunity of seeing a bear feeding—that is, in his native state—and fewer still have seen him fishing. But fish he does, and in it he displays an amount of patience and dexterity that is amazing. He will lie motionless upon an overhanging log or bank with paw poised and little beady eyes attentively scanning the water. Salmon and trout are his chief delight, and should one come near enough to the surface he is snapped out on the bank with a flip and a twist and vanishes in brain's capacious maw.—St. Nicholas.

In Order of Importance.
"How's yer wheat?"
"First rate."
"Pigs doin' well?"
"Fine."
"That puny colt come round all right?"
"He sure did."
"Glad to hear things is so likely, Bill. How's yer wife?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Perfectly Unprejudiced.
Here the judge took a hand in examining the ventriloquist.
"You don't seem to understand the questions addressed to you by the attorneys," he said. "What they want to know is whether you have formed or expressed any opinion in this case. That is to say, have you told anybody whether or not you believe the defendant guilty of the crime charged against him or have you said to anybody that you believe him innocent?"
"Course not, judge," answered the ventriloquist. "It ain't necessary for me to express no opinion about him. I've known him for thirty years, an' I know blame well he stole the cow."
"That will do, Mr. Skiles. You may stand aside."—Chicago Tribune.

Nine Tellers Mark a Man.
In olden times when a person died it was customary to toll the church bell a certain number of times to indicate whether it was a man, woman or child. For a woman it was tolled three times and for a man three times. The stroke of a bell was called a "toller," and hence it was nine tollers for a man, or, as folks said in those days, "Nine tellers mark a man." This saying, which was continued long after the tolling custom was abolished, finally became converted into the present saying, "Nine tellers make a man," which is devoid of sense and reason.

Swallowed His Model.
"Object" drawing has brought a new anxiety into the schools. In certain districts youngsters may be seen moving schoolward with hatchets, carvers, hammers, chisels, etc., as material for their drawing lessons. The other day, just as one of these lessons was about to begin, a small boy was found standing tearfully at the headmaster's desk. "I've swallowed my object," he explained, with an alarming gulp.

"What was it?" asked the master anxiously.
"A banana," replied the would be artist, with a final gulp.—London Fun.
Easy.
"Do you think that you can make my daughter happy?" asked Mr. Cumrox.
"She has been happy with you, hasn't she?" rejoined the confident youth.
"I think so, sir."
"Well, if she's that easy to please there ought to be no difficulty."—Washington Star.

Not Satisfactory.
"Yes, my son was troubled with rheumatism, and the doctor recommended football."
"Did he play?"
"Yes."
"Did it break up the rheumatism?"
"No; it broke up two ribs, but never reached the rheumatism."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Not infrequent rays of unconscious humor illumine the otherwise impossible stories that come to my desk from amateurs," says a reader for one of the magazines. "Recently I chanced upon this choice bit:
"John, the husband, and Grace, the wife, ate on together in silence. There was indubitably an ill feeling between them. The husband devoured a plate of soup, half a fish, an entree or two, a piece of roast beef, together with a sweet, without ever once opening his mouth."

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ATTENTION, PYTHIAN SISTERS.
Wednesday, December 1, 1909, a social and regular meeting; also nominations of officers. All Pythian Sisters must attend.

218 ALICE E. TROWBRIDGE, M. of R. and C.

Henry Miller of Lily Glen is in Medford for a few days on business. He reports four feet of snow at the Lily Glen postoffice.

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DIED.

Mrs. Mary A. Wille, wife of A. W. Wille, formerly of Medford, passed away at Santa Rosa, California, November 25, 1909, as a result of pernicious anemia, after a lingering illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wille left less than a year ago with the hope that a change would prove beneficial to Mrs. Wille. The deceased was a native of Iowa and was 45 years of age. Rev. Leander Turner of Santa Rosa, pastor of the Baptist church there, officiated. Besides the husband, a son, W. R. Hall, survives. Mrs. Wille was a woman of sterling qualities and loved by all who knew her.

Henry Savage of Ruch is a Medford business visitor Monday.

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