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SNOW IN THE ROGUE.

As this is being written, snow is falling in the Rogue river valley. To be true, it is melting almost as fast as it falls, but is snow, and an unusual phenomena for December. But snow is also falling all over Oregon and the greater part of California and the entire east is in the grip of a much worse snow storm.

The Rogue river valley boasts of the climate of Italy, and it is very similar. It gets colder in Rome and much hotter than it does in Medford, and as there is slight provision for warmth in Roman dwellings, it is much more uncomfortable. But the cold waves of Italy, like those of southern Oregon, only last a comparatively few hours, and within a few days the genial sunshine will be flooding the green hills with its gold and the usual calm and hush of our Indian summer winter brood over the valley.

This is the time of year for storms and cold here, and the early winter promises an early spring. At any rate it is better to have our snow in December than in the spring as was the case in Colorado last season, when smudges were built in the snow among orchards to keep the young fruit from destruction.

BOOSTERS AND KNOCKERS

An energetic, resourceful, active booster is one of the best assets any community can have. Many such characters create the metropolis, regardless of natural disadvantages or geographical location.

On the other hand, the knocker is the greatest disadvantage any locality has to contend with—the shortsighted, pessimistic, cold water barnacle, who disparages his community and plays traitor to his home city. A few of them will retard the progress of any section—many of them will kill its development.

Medford has grown because of its many boosters and the fewness of knockers. Still there are some of the latter class—though their ranks are growing fewer every month and the breed is doomed to an early extinction. Other towns have made slower growth or been stagnant because of the large percentage of knockers, whose energy is spent in tearing down when it should be spent in building up.

As those who live by the sword, usually perish by the sword, so those who live by knocking usually perish by the hammer. The real estate agent who tries to make a sale by queering some other agent's customer, usually loses not only his own sale, but the chance to make future sales which the other's sale would have made possible through bringing in prospective purchasers.

The man who speaks disparagingly of his own region, creates a bad impression in the minds of strangers that makes them suspicious of the locality and its citizenship and loath to cast their lot with such. But the visitor who only meets boosters goes away favorably impressed, if not with the country, then with its population.

The process of creating a city operates like the endless chain. Every new settler brings others, they in turn bring still others, and when the work is fairly underway, it is like the snowball rolling down hill, gathering momentum and size all the way until it becomes irresistible in its progress and cannot be checked.

To start the endless chain, boosters are necessary. To continue it, everyone must become a booster, for the boosting spirit is contagious and irresistible in its effects, and does more to attract people of the right class than perfection in climate or multiplicity of resources and golden opportunities. And Medford has the right spirit and that is why it grows and will continue to grow, for its endless chain is in operation and must and will be kept going.

A BANNER YEAR FOR PAVING

The coming year will be the greatest paving year in Medford's history. Already miles of street paving are being planned for, and petitions are being generally signed by property owners for new paving. The paving program in connection with the city beautiful campaign of the ladies of the Greater Medford Club who plan avenues of shade trees throughout the city, will make Medford the most charming and attractive of western cities, both from residence and business viewpoints.

The class of wideawake and progressive citizens that are making Medford the city of destiny, who realize the increased value of property due to paving and municipal improvements, and have no hesitancy in assuming the nec-

essary financial burden, finds a good exemplar in W. E. Phipps, who, though not a wealthy man, won the title of champion paving advocate, by signing up for 2180 feet of paving patronage on North Riverside avenue. Such action stamps Mr. Phipps as a good citizen, puts to shame the wealthy mossback who refuses to sign for a frontage of 25 or 50 feet—and there are few of the latter class in Medford.

Mayor Canon and the city council have devised a plan whereby they feel confident of securing a lower rate on pavement during the coming year. It is planned to have all the petitions for pavement signed up at once and the complete program outlined. Then all the contracts will be let together, instead of piecemeal as heretofore, enabling paving concerns to work continuously throughout the season and bid a lower price than possible on one job. Such a quantity of pavement might also justify invasion of the field by other concerns.

Mayor Canon and a special committee will leave soon for California with the object of evading the pavement of California cities and securing competitive bids.

MANY LOST IN ENGLISH STORM

Channel Swept by Hurricane—Many Ships Are Reported Lost—List Totals Over 200 Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Shipping circles are alarmed today at the growing list of wrecks from the storm which has been whipping the British coast for three days.

The storm was slightly abated this evening but the wind today is still strong enough to menace shipping.

More than 200 persons are missing, fifty-two of these were aboard the steamers Thistlemere and Ellavannin, both of which sank. An investigation is being made regarding the Ellavannin disaster and it is believed that she was notoriously unseaworthy.

STORM IS RAGING IN MIDDLE WEST

Furious Sleet Storm Sweeps Over Missouri and Kansas—Texas Is Hard Hit.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—Missouri and Kansas are being swept today by a furious sleet storm. The snow which started falling early in the day, changed into a driving rain and sleet. Many telegraph and telephone wires in both states have gone down, and a serious delay in wire communication is threatened.

Texas Hit.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 4.—Northern Texas is in the grip of a blizzard that is reported to have extended into the extreme western section of the state. An unusual fall of snow is reported from the Pan Handle, and several cities are sleet-bound. At Fort Worth the mercury dropped 16 degrees within an hour. The storm is reported to be spreading.

Don't forget the dance at the wig-wam Saturday night. 220 Ella Gaunyaw, public stenographer, room 4, Palm building.

SCURVY AMONG FREE SPEAKERS

Spokane Police Have New Trouble to Deal With—Believed to Be the Result of Starving Methods.

SPOKANE, Dec. 4.—A disease resembling scurvy has broken out among the free speech prisoners confined in a schoolhouse in this city. It is believed to be the result of lack of vegetable food. The gums in the mouths of three men have turned dark blue and their teeth are so loose they can scarcely keep them in. The police have reduced rations in an effort to starve the revolutionists into submission to the street-speaking ordinances.

The school is declared to be in a frightfully unsanitary condition and has not been scrubbed since the prisoners were taken there.

NO OPPOSITION PHOENIX TICKET

Just Enough Men Named as Candidates to Fill Ticket Once.

It is a safe bet that there is little money being spent by candidates for office in the thriving young city of Phoenix. In fact, that is about the only bet that can be made in that city for the candidates are not numerous.

The town will hold its first general election next Tuesday, December 7th, at which time a mayor, recorder, marshal, treasurer and six councilmen will be elected.

The following ticket has been nominated: For mayor, Augustus Moore; recorder, J. F. Pratt; marshal, W. J. Beardsley; treasurer, Andrew Hearn; councilmen, George Elfers, Fred Furry, Ed Wilder, Jas. Morton, R. B. Orr, Chas. Houston, or only enough to fill the ticket.

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IS CUSTOMS SERVICE FRIEND TO TRUST?

Congressional Inquiry is Promised by Member From Texas.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The relations between the sugar trust and the customs service will be probed if a resolution to be introduced Monday by Representative Campbell of Texas is adopted.

The resolution provides that a select committee of five congressmen and three senators shall be appointed to investigate the general conditions in the customs service and obtain information concerning the same as to the American Sugar Refining company and its relations to the sugar industry insofar as the sugar company by combination or conspiracy may control, regulate, monopolize or restrain interstate and foreign sugar commerce and the sale of sugar.

REFORMERS PLAN GRAND ASSAULT ON CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Congress is to be assailed by reform organizations shortly after it convenes, for a "reformers' conclave" is to be held here between December 12 and 17. President Taft, Andrew Carnegie and General Frederick D. Grant are among those invited to speak.

Delegates will attend the sessions of congress and urge the necessity for changes in the laws governing the traffic in liquor and drugs. Other questions will be taken up with congress looking to social betterment, and numerous church meetings will be held.

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