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WHERE THE TROUBLE LIES.

"It must be a subject of regret that these choice and master spirits who are moving for a new state haven't expended part of their energies in development of the great native riches of southern Oregon and northern California," says the Oregonian.

This remark discloses the source of all friction—ignorance and neglect on the part of the rest of Oregon and of California of southern Oregon and northern California. The Oregonian can only see as far south as Eugene and its editor, for half a century and more a resident of Oregon, knows nothing of southern Oregon and northern California and will not leave his tall tower long enough to find out.

For the Oregonian's information it can be truthfully stated that "these choice and master spirits" are developing, to the best of their ability, the great natural riches of their country, and no section of the land is being developed faster.

In two years a metropolitan city of 7500 population, with all modern attachments has been created out of a country village, at an expenditure of \$750,000 in public improvements, a greater per capita expenditure than any place ever before made in the same time. A railroad is being built to the timber belt and on over the mountains to an eastern connection. A large copper smelter is being projected, as well as a railroad to the copper mines. A trolley line is to connect all the cities of the valley—and no cities in Oregon are growing faster. Sixty-five thousand acres of Commercial orchard, whose fruit commands the top price wherever offered, and is awarded sweepstakes at world's apple shows, shows our industry in this line. Our effort to build a state highway to Crater Lake is an example of what we are trying to do to develop our section—but are blocked by the mossbacks of the northern Oregon.

Oregon capital is remarkable by its absence in the effort to develop southern Oregon, but this is made up by the energy of "the choice and master spirits".

THE OREGONIAN NEEDLESSLY ALARMED.

"Asinity is a very insufficient capital on which to found a new state," says the Portland Oregonian in discussing the proposed new state of Siskiyou.

Is it indeed! One would naturally suppose that the material that built up a great newspaper like the Oregonian might also serve in the foundation of a new state. Still the Oregonian speaks from extended experience—realizing the limitations of its own capital—and ought to know.

But the Oregonian need not worry—citizens of the new state have no intention of stealing the Oregonian's thunder—its reactionary bray is not the law and gospel in Siskiyou.

Elsewhere the Mail Tribune prints the letter of President Atwell of the Oregon State Horticultural society, which does not explain why the society did not attend the Medford meeting in 1907, to which the officers did not even send regrets, though preparations had been made for their entertainment. Mr. Hopkins' letter to Mr. Burrell is also printed. The columns of the paper are open for further communications on this subject, so that a better understanding may result.

The city election Tuesday resulted as was predicted and the construction of a trolley line is now assured. The vote would have been unanimous had it not been for the misunderstanding of the question at issue by a part of the electorate.

SUICIDE Baffles ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY HIM

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 15.—The body of the bathing suit suicide still rests in the morgue unidentified, as the attempts made by hundreds to place the dead man have proven futile. A photograph received from Mrs. A. M. Niver of Oakland, together with a letter asking the authorities to compare it with that of the suicide to endeavor to identify a missing husband, proved useless, the face being that of an older man.

The dead unknown shot himself in St. Thomas Park Saturday after tearing the labels out of his clothing and taking every precaution to prevent his identification. Sunburn marks on his body showed he had been a visitor at a seaside resort but recently, and had spent the time in a bathing suit.

CHRISTMAS CAKE ONLY FOOD FOR CASTAWAYS

PORT BURWELL, Ont., Dec. 15.—Marooned on the car ferry Ashitula, which is fast on the shoals near this city, thirty sailors are suffering severely from hunger today. Their only food since the ferry was wrecked early yesterday, was a huge Christmas cake baked in the model of the boat, which was made several days ago.

A life-saving crew is lying ready to go to the rescue should the ferry show signs of breaking up. Heavy seas are still running, and it was decided to make no effort to reach the stranded vessel unless it became absolutely necessary, until the water subsided.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murphy of Eagle Point, were in Medford on business Wednesday.

FOLLY AS IT FLIES

How to Cut a Swath.



"I have plenty of money, but somehow I can't cut much of a swath among my fellow men."
"Have you tried employing a rock less chauffeur?"—Kansas City Times.

Looking For His Pen.



Porcupine Bookkeeper—How annoying! Just a moment ago I stuck my quill pen back of my ear, and now I can't find it!—New York Herald.

The Victim.



Heavy Father—I told the manager something ought to be cut out of the

last act.

Light Comedian—Well, did he cut anything out?
Heavy Father—Yes—me!

After the Honeymoon.



Husband—My dear, are you not courting trouble by being so friendly to this young man?
Wife—No, my dear. I have already married it.

Hide and Seek in the Desert.



—Harper's Weekly.

All in the Family.



"Sergeant, my sister."
"Really? She was mine last week."

WHAT PAPERS HAVE TO SAY REGARDING STATE OF SISKIYOU

THE NEW STATE OF SISKIYOU.

(Portland Oregonian.)
A few unappreciated souls in southern Oregon are trying to interest with themselves a few unappreciated souls of northern California in the formation of a new state to be called the State of Siskiyou. It's well enough, as an exercise for local and individual ambition, that deems itself undervalued and prefers "statesmanship" to practical and useful labor.

But it will be necessary to obtain the consent of Oregon and the consent of California, and the approval of congress of the United States. Now while none of us is awfully fond of people who don't want to associate with us, we shall wait till convinced that the baker's dozen of ambitious spirits who propose the new state of Siskiyou are really the people of southern Oregon and of northern California. Then it may be time for the states of Oregon and California to pay attention. Possibly then the states of Oregon and California will say, "Go, and good riddance"—but probably not.

We are told that the Jackson County Press Association has "formally" indorsed the movement for a new state. The paper at Medford that speaks for the project says the new state will be "a vast empire with ocean harbors, and greater natural resources, greater timber and mineral wealth and scenic attractions than any section on the globe." Plus a lot of incomparable statesmen.

Those natural resources and scenic attractions are there, sure enough. Yet we doubt whether they exceed those of any other section on the globe. It must, however, be a subject of regret that these choice and master spirits who are moving for a new state haven't expended part of their energies in development of the great native riches of southern Oregon and northern California. But, for compensation, we get matter like this: "With eastern Oregon seceding on the one hand and southern Oregon on the other, the Willamette valley will be left peacefully to vegetate by itself

and the Salem hog and the Portland pig can root undisturbed among the pest-laden orchards, wallow in the streaks of mire called roads, drink Arbutle coffee and read the Oregonian."

Ah, brethren! Your own roads, your own coffee, your own newspaper! Are they ideal? You have, indeed, many good orchards, put in by newcomers who, however, are not joining the native politicians in the demand for secession.

A NEW STATE.

(S. F. Call.)
And now the State of Siskiyou wants to materialize, and there is a fight on between those great centers of population and political influence, Yreka, Klamath Falls and Medford, for the honor of being the capital.

The state scheme takes in seven counties of Oregon and eight of California; and as there are more votes on our side of the line than on the other, the Oregon contingent will have nothing to say about the seat of government. It must simply take a back log in the suburbs and watch the Californians fight the thing out. So far, Medford is ahead, and both of its groceries resound every night, while while the firewood holds out and the jug has anything left, with discussions about the place to put the state buildings. Bill Williams' pasture is favored by some, but the majority incline to put up a lot of good locations and raffle them. Both Medford and Klamath Falls are combined against Yreka, which has subscribed \$360 to a lobby fund at Sacramento and Salem, and is dreading on that account by the other two. In all three places there are seventy-three candidates for the United States senate, seventy-one of whom are accused of representing the railroad. It is told against one candidate that he had got a letter from Herriman within a week, and the scandal created much excitement until somebody found a San Francisco paper at Yreka, which came on the stage line wrapped about a can and ascertained that Herriman was dead.

BALLIET'S WHITE SWAN BRINGS A MEASLY \$1500

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 15.—Letson Balliet's White Swan mine, with its thousands of stockholders over the United States, secured by wildcat prospectuses and advertising, was sold yesterday for \$1500 to Dan French, of Baker City. It was a sheriff's sale.

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