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A BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

Efficiency of the present Medford city administration is shown by the remarkable record made. It has been a business administration, such as is often clamored for but seldom realized. An enormous amount of public work has been done and economically done, still more is in prospect, and yet a lower tax levy has been secured than in the year previous, despite a decrease in assessed valuations.

Street paving was done this year at a reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent over the cost of the previous year. The plan for the coming year is to let all the work in one contract, probably five miles or more, and so secure a still lower figure.

The manner in which the council successfully overcame the difficulties in the way of extending the water system with a depleted treasury, shows considerable financial ability. As a result, fifteen miles of water mains were contracted for at a lower figure than ever placed before.

Between six and seven miles of lateral sewers have been laid and a new trunk sewer ordered for the east side—all at a less cost than similar work has heretofore been done.

Miles of streets have been graded, houses numbered, a settlement obtained with the electric light company, and all this work done harmoniously and with a surprising attention to detail on the part of the mayor, city council and other city officials.

Having found the right men, it is only sound business judgment on the part of the people to keep them in office until they will have completed the transformation of the village into the city. And the people will not be found lacking in appreciation of the situation for when the votes are counted, Councilmen Eifert, Wortman and Merrick and Recorder Telfer will all be found re-elected by large majorities.

This paper would not say a word against the personal of the opposition ticket headed by Dr. Sweet, but as it is poor policy to swamp horses while crossing a stream, it would be poor policy, at this stage, to trade the tried and found efficient for the unknown.

CO-OPERATION PROMISED.

County Commissioners Owen and Patterson are to be congratulated upon their determination to continue the warfare against fruit pests, and co-operate fully with Government Pathologist O'Gara in his campaign for clean orchards. It seems that the action of the commissioners was misconstrued and that they never contemplated the withdrawal of support.

No money the county can spend can be placed to better advantage than money spent in eliminating fruit pests from the Rogue river valley. If twice the amount called for were needed, it should be cheerfully forthcoming and its expenditures would be universally approved.

Fruit raising is the great industry of the valley and upon the freedom from pests depends its success. Nature has made it easy to control all the diseases that afflict the orchard in this isolated mountain valley and with reasonable care, if not entirely eradicated, they can be controlled.

WAKE UP! MEDFORD.

There should be a full attendance at the Commercial Club tonight. Many important subjects are to be discussed.

Time is ripe for a public awakening and rallying to the support of the club. It now numbers 275 members. It should number 500.

Ashland has just celebrated the passing of the 400 membership mark by the local club. If Ashland can get 400 members, Medford ought to get 600, for Medford is more progressive and sets a faster pace.

Medford beat all Oregon in the growth of postal receipts and bank deposits in 1909. Surely Medford should lead all the commercial clubs in membership.

Medford can and Medford must.

CAN FEDERAL OFFICIALS GAMBLE IN OREGON?

To the Editor.—Is it permissible for a federal office holder to gamble by betting on election? Is such action punishable with dismissal from service? Is it not the rule that minor federal office holders must keep out of active politics?

CONSTANT READER. Federal office holders take an oath to obey the laws of the nation and state, and it is a crime to gamble in Oregon. Roosevelt dismissed a number of office holders for "pernicious partisanship."

JACK JOHNSON WILL BE AN AUTO RACER

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—Jack Johnson announced today that he will devote his time to automobile racing after his fight with Jeffries for the world's championship next July.

The Galveston negro said today that he has already ordered the construction of a racing car of approved design, and that he will drive it in his first race in Detroit shortly after the Jeffries fight. He also made known his intention of trying to enter the Vanderbilt cup race.

FOLLY AS IT FLIES.

Toujours la Politess.



Usher (to absentminded judge about to leave the court)—You've forgot to sentence 'im, my lord.
Judge—Dear, dear! I beg his pardon

In the Bunker.



Apopleptic Colonel (after six mild ones in the bunker, in a passion)—And I get a stroke here—what?
Medical Partner—Well, there is every symptom of it.

At the Dance.



Jack—Aren't you going to dance with her?
Fred—With that? Well, hardly.
Jack—It's your duty, old chap. This is a charity affair, you know.

Recuperating.



"I've just called to see how your wife is."
"She is recovering her strength nicely, thank you, as you see."

Couldn't Raise a How.



Willie—Say, pop, what's a "preferred creditor?"
Pop—A deaf and dumb man.

A Military Term.



"Breaking ranks."

FASHION HINTS.

THE MARCH OF FASHION.

Something Quite New in Underwear. Girlish Cashmere Frocks.

An extreme novelty is a combination garment of knickerbockers and princess chemise. The upper part fits the figure closely and has a double ruffle of lace which falls in a cascade from the yoke almost to the waist line. The lower part of this garment is gathered into a band of lace and insertion at the knees, each being edged with a full ruffle of linen and lace. This entire combination is striped with insertion and lace. It is an attractive idea which has evolved from the silk bloomers of last year.

Frocks of soft cashmere are especially suited to young girls. The texture of the material can be worked into soft girlish lines, and the clinging quality allows the slimmest of a youthful figure to be retained. When planning a cashmere house gown do not fail to visit the ribbon counter.

Among the finds of the moment is that of facing the sleeves all the way up on the outside of the arms.

Here is a pretty morning jacket which can be worn with any kind of



MORNING JACKET WITH PEPLUM.

skirt. The separate peplum is a good feature and does away with fullness over the hips, and the round, low collar is always satisfactory for morning wear.

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THE DRESS PROBLEM.

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Parrots are much in evidence as a millinery trimming, and one sees whole birds' heads and beaks, the



BOY'S NORFOLK SUIT.

wing and tail feathers combined, on many of the felt shapes.

A stunning suit of Lincoln green cloth was strikingly trimmed with broad bands of black velvet and had black velvet sleeves under cloth caps. The hat was a large black affair, with nodding black plumes.

The Norfolk suit is always becoming to schoolboys, and the one illustrated includes the long pointed revers that are so fashionable just now. Hair lined chevrol is the material used, but all goods that are employed for boys' suits are appropriate.

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The Frying Pan.

"People are always deprecating the frying pan," said an experienced cook. "But the thing they refer to—cooking meat, etc., in a shallow pan with butter as fat—Isn't really frying it; it is sauteing. The real frying pan is a deep kettle filled with hot clear lard or olive oil. In this the food—dough, croquette or whatever it may be—is immersed just long enough to make it crisp and brown on the outside and feathery and light on the inside. Food cooked in this way is entirely digestible if properly made. But so many cooks make the mistake of putting too much shortening in the mixture to be fried, and the fat inside, combining with the fat outside, prevents the formation of the crisp crust and makes the food soggy."

Meanness to a Blind Man.

A man with dark glasses over his eyes touched the conductor on the shoulder as the car neared Euclid avenue and East Fifty-fifth street.

"Pardon me," the man said, "but if you're the conductor I want to ask a favor. I'm blind, and I want you to lend me over to the curb when the car stops, if you'll be so good."

"Not that I minded the little bother of doing that for him," remarked the conductor when he got back on his car, "but 'tain't right to let a blind man go around all alone like that at night trying to find his way around in the dark."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

His Idea of Economy.

"It's all very well for you to preach economy," said his wife, "but I notice whenever I cut down expenses that you smoke better cigars and spend more money for your own pleasure than at any other time."

"Well, confound it, what do you suppose I want you to economize for, anyway?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Up and Down.

Mistress—Here's the man for that clock to be repaired. Get it for him.
Nora—And, shure, where is it? Mistress—Upstairs, of course. Nora—Faith, an' I thought it had run down!—New York Press.

She Was Willing.

Man—Well, it's just this way; if I buy you a new coat I'll have to wear my old one another season. Wife—You sweet, generous thing, you!

None but the Ill bred ridicule the peculiarities of others.

How Sugar Melts.

If we drop a lump of sugar into a cup of tea we find it takes a considerable time to melt if allowed to remain at the bottom of the vessel, but if we hold it up in the spoon near the surface of the liquid it dissolves much more rapidly. This is owing to the sugar as it melts rendering the portion of the tea containing it heavier. The sweetened part, therefore, descends, leaving the sugar constantly in contact with unsweetened or only partially sweetened tea—in fact, a continual circulation of fluid is promoted until the whole is dissolved. When the sugar is placed or permitted to lie at the bottom of the cup it dissolves until

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the layer of fluid next it is thoroughly sweetened or saturated, when it practically ceases to dissolve any further, the sweetened and heavier stratum above it acting for a considerable time until the law of diffusion comes gradually into play, like an impervious covering, in keeping back the lighter, unsweetened fluid above; hence the reason also why stirring, in breaking up the saturated layer and allowing access to the unsweetened portion, is so effectual in bringing about the uniform sweetening of tea. Life is not infrequently sweetened by the same stirring up process.

A Question to Be Considered.

"Do you consider plagiarism permissible under any circumstances?"

"Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "it's pretty hard when you find yourself compelled to make a choice of being interesting or original."—Washington Star.

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