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CUT UP THE BIG ORCHARDS

THE success attending the subdivision and sale of the famous Snowy Butte orchard in small tracts should cause other large owners to do likewise, both for their own good and the good of the valley. Such tracts as the Burrell orchard, consisting of 600 acres, the Bear Creek orchard and other famous producers, while good profit payers, would really be very much bigger profit payers if subdivided into small tracts, each supporting a family.

While the large orchard in the Rogue River valley is a proven dividend payer, the small orchard is still more so, and as the young groves mature, the labor problem will be an important factor. This problem will be partially settled through having a family upon each tract.

Large orchards are usually owned by non-residents and the profits go to support one family in luxury, who spend most of their days in other parts of the world. The money made here is taken away. The big grove affords wages for a number of men, and this is about the extent of the local benefit. The same orchard with ten, twenty or fifty families upon it, each making a living and something more, is worth many times to city and country what it ever could be in an undivided state. It is hoped that before the end of the year each of the larger orchards will have become the property and home of a multitude of persons.

The success of the proposed fruitgrowers' exchange now in process of organization will go a long way toward settling the marketing, picking and packing problems, and will enable the small grower to place his product in the markets of the world on equal terms with the large grower, thus removing the only advantage that the big orchard has had in the past over the small one, uniform pack and ability to ship in carload quantities.

A FAKIR EXPOSED

A CITIZEN of Newark, N. J., writes to the Mail Tribune that an editorial published January 27 regarding the apple as a cure-all has attracted his attention. This article was written upon the receipt of a circular printed by a well known New York commission firm, one of the many parasites that prey upon the fruitgrowers, mulcting them of their profits, whose work has been so raw that his firm has practically been barred from further dealings with orchardists. This commission man purchased a large quantity of California Newtown apples and in order to unload them marketed them direct to the consumer through extensive advertising.

Our correspondent says: "In justice to the fancy Oregon apples, which are seen in the markets here, and which excite much attention, would state that the fruit offered for sale by the firm above referred to is so inferior to the fancy Oregon product as not to be worthy of any comparison. They have opened a store in this city for a disposal of apples and upon personal investigation I found the fruit to be small and green with many blemishes. In fact, not so good as lots of eastern apples sold at a lower price. They are widely advertised as 'far western Newtown Pippins' and it is too bad that many people are likely to confound them with the genuine Newtown Pippins from Oregon."

Oregon products and particularly those of the Rogue River valley, must expect to suffer through the unscrupulous actions of commission men. The only way in which to successfully prevent injuring the fair name of local fruit is to handle it all through a central exchange, along the lines proposed by the organization now in the process of formation, when the name will be a guarantee of quality.

TO BUILD SISKIYOU'S CAPITOL

THIS paper is in receipt of a communication from a Maine syndicate as follows:

"We are decidedly interested in the new state of Siskiyou issue. Can we secure four townships either in southern Oregon or northern California? If so, we would agree to spend \$1,500,000 in laying out and developing a capital city. It will be some time before we are ready, but we mean business, and when the time comes we will be ready."

This is but a sample of many communications received by this newspaper in connection with the proposed state of Siskiyou, and shows how well spread and how well advertised is the proposition for southern Oregon and northern California to secede from their respective states and organize a new commonwealth.

There is nothing impractical or visionary regarding the proposed new state of Siskiyou. The organization of a

new state can be accomplished in less time and with less effort than Arizona has expended to become a state. At no distant day the needs of this section, the richest in the United States in natural resources, will command national attention, and the people of Oregon and California acknowledge and admit the necessity for another state upon the Pacific coast.

All that is necessary to bring about the creation of the new commonwealth is unanimity of action, enterprise and energy, which is possessed in abundance by its inhabitants.

At present Siskiyou is gaining in population faster than any other portion of America, and there is no reason why the present year should not witness the inauguration of a systematic effort to obtain the recognition necessary and push it to a successful outcome.

A NEW STATE.

(Harper's Weekly.)
 "It has recently been proposed to establish a new state in the union, made up of a portion of lower Oregon and northern California, a peculiarly rich and fertile section with vast harbor facilities. It is to be named Siskiyou."—Daily Paper.
 Hurroo! hurroo!
 For Siskiyou,
 A brand-new oar in the Yankee crew,
 A state that's broad, a state that's wide,
 With mountain-tops, and ocean side,
 And hills of green,
 And pastures clean,
 Where flows the surging Oregon,
 A dream of plains with peaches on,
 And corner lots,
 In plots and plots,
 Where men may delve and men may dig,
 And feed the chickens and the pig
 On luscious fruits from out the earth
 Of wondrous worth.
 O Siskiyou! O Siskiyou!
 New star for dear old Uncle Sam,
 Thy praises let us loudly sing
 In songs to echo and to ring
 From far Key West to Hudson's Bay,
 O Siski-Siski-Siskiyou—
 A spot where all is blithe and free
 For Siskiyou and Siskimee,
 I hail thee true, I hail thee blue,
 O Sister Siski-Siskiyou!

CARLYLE SMITH.

THE ASHLAND RECALL. AN INSULT TO SHASTA.

(Editorial in S. F. Chronicle.)
 Ashland, a pleasant city at the head of the Rogue river valley, in Oregon, has a "recall" provision in its charter, under which a petition has been filed to remove the mayor for "incompetence and laxness" in administration. The mayor seems to fear the result, for, instead of assisting in the effort to obtain the opinion of the people on his administration, he is bringing an injunction suit, hoping to have the law declared invalid by reason of some alleged irregularity in its enactment. It is well worth considering whether it should not be made impossible to attack the validity of a law upon which the people concerned have voted by reason of irregularity in the process of submission. Doubtless the methods prescribed by law should be adhered to. It would be quite proper to provide penalties to be inflicted on officials departing from them. And in case of attempted wrong procedure it would be legitimate to apply to the courts to enforce proper procedure. But when a proposition has been submitted in such form that the electorate could not fail to understand the question, and the people have voted, their action ought to cure all technical defects. Probably "incompetence" in an official might be difficult to prove but it does not need to be proven. The people are not compelled to give reasons for their action. In the Ashland case the only question of importance is whether or not they desire their present mayor any longer.

With all the vigor at our command, we rise to protest against the cruel, unnecessary, and unwarranted action of the New York Sun in making Shasta county, California, part of Siskiyou county, in said state, and in further and apparently more bitterly conceived malice, asserting that Shasta county was one of California's traitorous shires that purposed joining riotous and rebellious Jackson county in its treasonable scheme of secession. Old Shasta, we would have the New York Sun know, stands loyally by California, and is no more a part of traitorous Siskiyou than Manhattan is a portion of Cattaraugus. From Wiskytown to Billy-badam, and from Redding to Redeye, Shasta is for the union, one and indivisible, fifty-two cards in the deck, now and forever.
 Probably Shasta will as bitterly resent being lifted over into Siskiyou county as it will in being dragged from the glorious sisterhood of California shires. It may have been plain ignorance that caused the Sun to thus change the geography of California. If it was, the Sun's sin is irreparable. But the Spectator leaves the Sun to the care of the Redding Searchlight, and we feel certain that when that palladium of the liberties and dignities of the people of Shasta is done with our misinformed New York contemporary it will know more about the geography of California than it knows now.

Full assortment of Whitman's candies at The Mercantile Shop.

NEW EQUIPMENT PRINTING PLANT

New Presses and Equipment Are Ordered for Mail Tribune Office Making It Largest and Best in Southern Oregon.

The Medford Printing company has purchased additional power presses and machinery which, with its present equipment, will give it the most completely equipped printing plant between Portland and Sacramento, better mechanically than most of the Portland printers presses, with a capacity tenfold greater than it formerly had and quadruple its present output.
 The new purchases include a two-revolution book press, a color press, a large power cutter, complete new series of type, dust proof case stands, stitcher and other modern equipment. The machinery has been wired for and will be installed within a month.
 In addition to other improvements, a book bindery has been installed and all kinds of bindery work can be turned out at short notice.
 L. H. Willett, who until recently occupied a similar position with the Kilham Stationery and Printing Co. of Portland, is manager of the job printing department, and Peter Flander, a well known Portland pressman, is in charge of the press room, which will include power job presses, a two-revolution book press, and a two-revolution news press.
 The evolution from the country printing offices possessed by the Evening Tribune and Morning Mail into the present metropolitan printing office with its two linotypes and its printing equipment is nearing completion. The plant and business will be a credit to any city and seldom seen in a place the size of Medford.

Good printing is dependent upon good equipment and upon good workmanship. It is the aim of the Medford Printing company to fill the field.
 Few people in Medford realize the extent of the plant and business done by the Medford Printing company. Twenty people are employed, most of them at the highest rate of wages paid in the city, and the quality of work turned out is steadily improving.
 The management has every faith in the future of Medford, and backs its faith with cash, and will meet all needs and demands of its rapidly growing population.

THIEVES CEASE WORK TO ATTEND SICK MAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Two thieves stopped in their work in ransacking a flat yesterday afternoon to wait upon a sick man who was alone in the rooms. The gave him his medicine, took him a glass of water, put it on a chair and then turned his pillow. The robbers' patient was J. S. McCullough, 4131 Indiana avenue.
 "If you make a noise we will kill you," said one of the thieves. "Now be good and we will treat you right."
 After they had ransacked the bureau in the bedroom and taken some small articles of jewelry, the thieves politely bowed themselves out.

TWO WOMEN CURED AFTER OTHER TREATMENTS PROVED FAILURES

ONE HAD SUFFERED FOR YEARS AND ALL THE DOCTORS HAD FAILED WITH HER—LIKE OTHERS TO KNOW IT.

One of These Women Was in a Dangerous Condition But Fer-Don's Medical Experts Made Her quite Well After Treatment.

JAMES M. FER-DON.
 Originator of Fer-Don Company.
 This is a testimonial for women who are sick and despondent, and deals with the cure of two women who are well known in Oroville and vicinity; it is well worth reading. As **Elia Wheeler Wilcox** says, it is a "terrible thing to be sick, poor and miserable while you live. In chronicling the results of Fer-Don's European Medical Experts' treatment, I do so in the cases of two women. I have not trusted anything to memory, but have made notes as to my observations and investigations about Fer-Don and his bloodless surgeons, and I think it a duty to let the public know the full truth and details of Fer-Don's wonderful experts' treatment."
 Asked for Two Cases.
 The newspaper representative then asked Fer-Don if he would consent to give the names and addresses of two women whom his doctors have cured while there in Oroville. This Fer-Don gladly consented to do, and called my attention to the case of Mrs. M. Thomas, about three miles out of Oroville. Mrs. Thomas was accompanied by her husband, and in the condition she was in she certainly needed some one to look after her every minute.
 Was Extremely Nervous.
 There was evidence of mental as well as physical suffering, and my heart went out to that poor woman when I saw what a state she was in. She was willing to grasp at anything promising cure, as a drowning man would grab at a straw. It is almost useless to describe this woman's condition to women, as it is the same old story—dragging pains, constipation, torpid liver, backache, and worst of all nervousness.
 Suffering Was Intense.
 She described her symptoms and different treatments that other doctors had prescribed, and told of money spent without getting any relief; that she was discouraged and despondent, and that her suffering was almost unbearable. Pains across the back and kidneys; a feeling of complete exhaustion; tired and worn down; at times could hardly drag one foot after the other; pains over the liver.
 Fer-Don's Medical Expert made a complete examination, and found the lady in a terrible condition, but soon discovered the cause of her sickness, and at once began treating her. Fer-Don's liver was enlarged and that it refused to eradicate the bile as Nature intended; also that the gall duct became obstructed, which necessitated immediate attention. A peculiar looking medicine was compounded by

the expert, and only three doses given to Mrs. Thomas, and to the surprise of Mrs. Thomas, she was relieved of over one hundred gallstones. No knife, no pain was experienced. It would certainly do every suffering woman good to hear Mrs. Thomas tell her story. How quickly she got well through Fer-Don's Medical Experts, after other doctors had tried for years to cure her and failed. And she does tell it, too, every chance she gets.
 Glad to Tell About It.
 When asked by her friends and neighbors what she thinks of Fer-Don's experts, she replies: "Fer-Don's experts' treatment is all right and I fell fine. I can sleep good, and eat good, too. My back is strong now and the terrible pain I suffered has left my body. Yes, the treatment has worked wonders for me, and I am glad I went and saw Fer-Don's European Doctors."
 Case of Mrs. M. Mahle.
 The next case was that of Mrs. M. Mahle, who lives out in the country 12 miles east of Oroville.
 Suffered Several Years.
 "I have been sick for several years and I have doctored and doctored before I tried Fer-Don's experts. Some of them gave me two or three different kinds of medicine and then I tried patent medicines, but I got no better. I seemed to get worse all the time. I even tried physicians in San Francisco, but received no benefit until I went and consulted Fer-Don's European Medical Experts and Bloodless Surgeons. Well, I can say this much, that they understand their profession, as I wasn't there three minutes before the expert discovered my disease and described my case better than I could myself. I have been under treatment with Fer-Don's experts only a few days, and I feel like a new woman. I am greatly improved. I eat and sleep just fine and am free from pains, and highly endorse Fer-Don's Experts."

Fer-Don, in speaking of these wonderful cases, remarked that it was a very common occurrence, as many call every day at the offices at the Moore Hotel, Medford, and give praises to the Medical Experts for what good they have derived. It was then asked, is this the only disease your experts treat. No, he said, the Medical Experts treat all chronic disease falling to all unfortunate people who are afflicted, and those who are suffering call and see these eminent specialists, who are now here at the Moore Hotel, Medford.
 A charge of one dollar is made for consultation and examination. Office hours from 10 to 12 noon, 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m. Sundays, 10 to 12 noon. Reception room at head of stairs.

High Prices for Shoes

You do not pay when you trade with us and we give shoes of merit that are stylish, that will wear.

We have a new shipment of the famous **Pat Cogan Shoes and Oxfords for boys**, including all the latest styles in box calf, vic kid, patent colt and velours. Bring in your boys who are hard on shoes and let us fit them with a pair of these. We fully guarantee that they will give long wear.



Edmeades Bros

Telephone Service

We have let the contract for the erection of a brick building in Medford, which will be used to serve our subscribers in Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix and the territory adjoining.

We are ready to make contracts in the vicinity of Eagle Point, Butte Falls or any part of the Rogue River valley on a definite payment basis, giving night and day service, including Sundays and holidays. It will not be necessary for subscribers to purchase telephones, build lines or care for same. We do all that for a low monthly charge.

We shall be pleased to explain our system, which is modern, up-to-date, and of the selective ringing type, so it is unnecessary to listen for signals, as the bell rings only for the party wanted.

Call or drop us a line, and we will gladly explain full details.

The Home Telephone & Telegraph Co.

OF SOUTHERN OREGON.
 Temporary Office, No. 18 N. Grape Street, Medford.