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PURIFY THE SOURCE.

The Portland Oregonian in answering the Mail Tribune's query as to when a constitution is not a constitution in the eyes of the Oregon supreme court, remarks as follows:

"It is not the Oregonian's business to explain for the supreme court.

"The Oregonian has questioned the constitutionality of all these acts. More, it has shown and proven all of them to be without constitutional warrant. But the tribunal of last appeal can make the law what it wishes the law to be.

"Right along, for many years, there has been legislation that has distinctly violated the constitution. But the supreme court has upheld it, even as to the salaries of its own members.

"The supreme court, being supreme, decides as it wishes. It lays down the law, and there is no real need either of legislature or of constitution—except as sources of supply of material for the supreme court to work upon. The supreme court is the real and ultimate lawmaking power. And it denies the people even the referendum."

What the Oregonian says is true. What a hollow farce constitutional law has become, veering like a weather cock according to the political winds that blow. Still, like childish minded, idol worshipping savages, we clothe it with sacred garb and bow in reverence.

The courts really rule the land, upsetting the work of people and legislatures, declaring white is black and black is white according to whim. Precedent is more sacred than justice, but caprice and prejudice stronger than precedent. The best that can be done is to place liberal, big-minded, just men upon the bench. Those who prove otherwise should be retired to private life as unworthy of trust and honor.

The Oregonian does not answer, neither can anyone else answer why in the eyes of the supreme court there is one law for northwestern Oregon and the Willamette valley, and another law for southern Oregon. There is no valid reason why one section should be favored, and another frowned upon, why measures tending to the development of one district should be encouraged and pronounced legal, while a similar measure tending to the upbuilding of other sections be knocked in the head as illegal.

The supreme court, which openly violates the constitution in its own membership and salary, violates it again for the development of a favored locality, but throws the mantle of its protection about it to retard the development of another section, has by its decisions on one side of the question one day and on the other side the next, done more to shatter public confidence in its body among the people than all other efforts combined could have accomplished.

The only way to restore the supreme court to the confidence it formerly inspired in the minds of the public is to elevate to the bench broader, bigger men.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD.

With real estate transfers exceeding \$1,000,000 for one week, breaking the record of any single week in the valley's history, and with over \$500,000 worth of new buildings in Medford already contracted for erection during the coming year, there is every indication that both the Rogue River valley and Medford are entering upon their most prosperous year.

February is usually one of the dullest months, but this year it has been one of the liveliest. Valuations are higher than ever before both in orchard and city properties, yet orchard valuations are far beneath those in the Hood River, Yakima, Wenatchee or Colorado fruit districts and are destined to climb still higher, because this region has superior climatic conditions to those enjoyed by the other fruit belts of the continent.

Medford values will naturally increase with the growth of the city. Medford is destined to be the largest city between Portland and San Francisco, and no investment can be made in city property today that will not make money for the investor in the near future.

With all this growth and prosperity there is no boom and has been none. Both city and county have grown steadily for the past five years. Medford's average increase for each of these years has been in the neighborhood of thirty per cent, and this ratio will be maintained and perhaps surpassed during the year 1910.

The principal handicap Medford suffers from and always has suffered from, is lack of accommodations for the strangers within her gates, the new arrivals coming to make this country their future home. Two new hotels have been planned, which will relieve the situation, but there is a great dearth of apartment houses, flats and

dwellings, wherein families may be housed. There is not a vacant store or house in the city and has not been for years. The increase falls below the demand. Here is a field worth the attention of men of means in which to make investments.

A FAVORED REGION.

Yesterday the east was in the grasp of the ice king and nearly all of Oregon under a blanket of white, but sunshine showered the Rogue River valley and the balmy air of spring was swelling the buds.

In Portland it was rose planting day, and roses were planted, despite snow and cold. At Salem there was half a foot of snow with the thermometer below freezing. At Pendleton and all over eastern Oregon, the temperature ranged close to the zero mark, while snow fell steadily.

At Hood River the thermometer fell to 16 above zero, heavy snow fell, and the famous fruit belt experienced some of the worst weather of the year.

Are you not glad to live in the Rogue River valley, where the thermometer ranges about 42, where sunshine and cloud chase each other athwart a blue sky, away out of the snow and cold?

The Mail Tribune was in error when it said the salary of a supreme court justice was \$3000 a year. It is \$4500, although fixed by the constitution at \$2000.

SUICIDED TO ESCAPE CLUTCHES OF THE LAW

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—It became more evident today that Thomas Brooks, who knelt beneath a streetcar and was killed last Wednesday here, tried suicide to escape the police.

A special dispatch from Joplin, Mo., says:

"When told that her husband, Thomas A. Brooks, had been killed in Seattle, where he was being sought on a charge of having attempted to murder her, Mrs. Brooks, employed at the Turner hotel in Webb City, fainted. On surviving, she declared:

"Well, he tried to kill me, I'd never have lived with him again."

Hen Pays Her Rent in Eggs.

GREENWOOD, Del., Feb. 23.—Every morning a hen belonging to Edward Hastings, flies to the kitchen window and peeks on the glass. The window being opened, the intelligent biddy takes possession of a long wood box at one side of the stove and, hovering down in the darkest corner for a short time, reappearing with a joyous cackle, which announces that a freshly-laid egg is in the box.

Made Biscuits at 116.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 23.—Alabama is getting a reputation for long-lived people. A few days ago Eliza Bell died at Russellville at the age of 116. Aunt Eliza was a slave in the Harris family. She was sold to her last owner for \$1800 when she was a young girl. Her age is a matter of trustworthy record in the history of the family. She was a famous cook up to the time of her death. Her hot biscuits were famous hereabouts. In the same part of the state lives S. H. Holt, who is in his 96th year and who is one of the best rifle shots in the state. A week ago he bagged ten squirrels in half a day with an old-fashioned cap and ball rifle.

BATTLE IN BULGARIA; MANY SOLDIERS KILLED

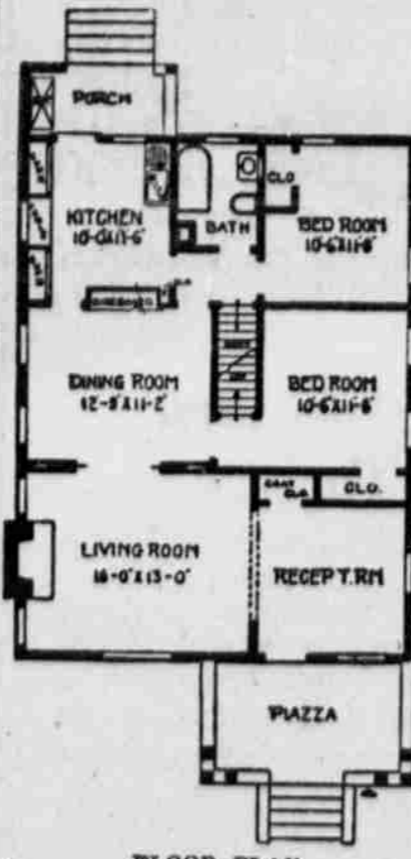
SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 23.—A serious crash between frontier troops of the Turkish and Bulgarian armies was reported today in dispatches from Tarnush. Many soldiers on both sides were killed, according to news reaching the war office here. The Bulgarian government began an investigation into the cause of the fighting.

A Story and a Half Bungalow.

Design 860, by Glenn L. Saxton, Architect.



PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.



FLOOR PLAN.

This plan of a bungalow contains everything that the average family would desire in a complete and model home. All the rooms located on one floor. The piazza in front is of ample size and can be readily screened in. From this the entrance is into a small reception room, opening up with the living room, which is made unusually inviting by its large open fireplace. In case one desires the partition between the reception room and living room could be omitted, thus making this one large room. There are two bedrooms, and there is ample space in the second story so that two large rooms could be finished on this floor. If desired, and a stairway leading to the same between the dining room and bedroom. The size of this bungalow is twenty-eight feet wide and thirty-eight feet deep. Birch floors and birch finish throughout. The height of the first story is nine feet in the clear. The basement is twenty-five by twenty-eight feet and seven feet deep. These plans can be blue printed reverse without any extra expense. Cost to build, exclusive of plumbing and heating, \$1,880.

By special arrangement with me the editor of this paper will furnish you complete set of plans and specifications of design No. 860 for \$16.
GLENN L. SAXTON.

AMERICAN APPLES ABROAD.

(Produce Journal.)

In the consular reports regarding the apple market at the principal distributing points in Great Britain and Ireland suggestions are made which are worthy of careful consideration by the fruit growers of the United States. Perhaps the most important fact noted is that American apples, when honestly graded, packed and labeled are preferred in English and Scotch markets to any others. The trade has become sufficiently acquainted with their good qualities to appreciate their excellence and to make them favorites, and all that remains to give them a staple market is adherence to quality and to form in packing. Unfortunately, this important fact has been lost sight of by numerous shippers who seem to imagine that British receivers are so gullible that inferior fruit can be palmed off on them at top prices, and that the game can be prolonged indefinitely.

Some dealers may argue that the foreign public has become so used to American bad packing and grading, so accustomed to being cheated by having inferior goods foisted upon them after contracting for fancy grades, that they have come to expect that kind of treatment as a matter of course. This is a mistake. Neither the English nor the Scotch consumers have yet been convinced that 14 ounces make a pound or that five quarts of anything can be taken out of a gallon measure. American shippers should know better than to lend themselves to such shallow devices for hoodwinking the British public. A wiser man than any of them laid it down as an axiom that you cannot fool all the people all the time, and the day has gone by when painted mules can be passed off on the citizens of Great Britain as zebras.

It is easy to understand the satisfaction which British markets give Canadian growers. The latter are able to maintain, far better than American shippers, the same proportionate level of prices throughout the year because they take pride in having it said in Liverpool, London, Glasgow and other places that the barrel of apples bearing their names and marked No. 1 are selling under true labels and must be sold accordingly, because they realize that commerce ought to benefit buyer and seller alike, they know what the market wants, and they have learned to supply it in the right way, thus maintaining the confidence of purchasers instead of abusing it.

If American apple shippers desire to maintain the place they deserve and to which their products are entitled in foreign markets, it will be a saving of time and money to them to effect some reform in the method of grading and packing apples. The time is ripe for an entire reorganization of the system. There is no doubt whatever that many growers have been careless in grading and packing, and it is also true that packing No. 1 apples on the top and bottom of a barrel, with No. 2 or cider apples in the center, has been a popular practice in many sections of this country.

All this is discouraging. Apple growers in the United States should realize that they come into competition with Canadian producers who grade, pack and label their apples carefully and honestly, and who dispose of the "culs" at home, thus eliminating the chances of English buyers fixing the price of their fruit on the basis of inferior grades, as is often done in the case of American apples. There is only one way to remove the handicap with which American apples are beset in foreign markets, and that is to follow the advice laid down by Consul McCann, namely, to meet the competition of Canada with a barrel equal in packed weight and in quality to the standard barrel of that country; to exercise more care in the grading, packing and forwarding of shipments; to give more attention to the customers' wants, and to give the consumer more for his dollar than they have been giving him in the past.

When this is done, American apple shippers can exact from foreign consumers of their fruit better prices and larger profits than they now command. It looks as if this must be done sooner or later, and it would seem the sooner the better.

The growers of the Rogue River valley do not come within the scope of the foregoing article, as nowhere is fruit more carefully graded and packed than here. It simply shows the damage eastern growers are doing to the entire apple trade.

To Check Gambling.

CORDOVA, Alaska, Feb. 23.—A determined move to check a revival of gambling here is under way today, under the leadership of the United States marshal. Seventeen men playing poker were arrested in a raid on the basement of the Alaska building last night. The cases will be tried this afternoon.

Third Week

Of The Great Fer-Don and the European Medical Expert in Medford, Offices Are Crowded Daily.

Wonderful Bloodless Surgery

Remarkable Cure Is Effected by Fer-Don's Expert Specialists After All Other Physicians Had Failed.

An invalid for ten long years, pronounced incurable by half a dozen doctors operated upon at one time for tumor, and after finally giving up all hope, thinking a horrible cancer was slowly but surely eating away her very life itself; then, in a short time being fully restored to health and happiness, doing all her own housework—such is the truly remarkable experience of Mrs. John Sievers, living on a ranch five miles southeast of Winters, Cal. The sudden change in her condition was due to the fact that she finally found physicians who knew what was the matter with her and the treatment required. Each and every case, be it merely a cold, or any other disease affecting humankind, is given the most careful attention by these masters of the medical profession. If, after a careful examination, they think a patient incurable (which rarely but sometimes happens), they promptly tell the afflicted one the facts, and refuse to take the case under any circumstances. This is one of the inviolate rules of Fer-Don's Expert Medical Specialists, and has, in a great measure, contributed so largely to their phenomenal success. Just read what Mrs. Sievers has to say:

"For the past ten years I have suffered untold torture and agony with my stomach. During all this time I have had at least a half dozen different physicians, but none of them seemed to do me any good. I had severe hemorrhages, gripping pains and was operated upon by one physician who thought I had a tumor. At times I would just cry with pain as it seemed almost unendurable. I had burning pains and my stomach was so sore that I could not stand for anything

charge \$1 for consultation. I was afflicted with cancer and just about given up all hope of ever getting well when I heard of the many cures being made by Fer-Don's Expert Specialists at the Moore Hotel, Medford, Oregon. I came in to see them, and one of their expert diagnosticians, after carefully examining me, said that they could cure me. It seemed almost too good to be true, as only temporary relief was all that I had expected, and if I could get even that I would have been satisfied. However, they treated me, using no knife, and today I am almost perfectly cured; the pains have all gone. I do all my own housework, and feel better than I have for ten years.

"The cure they made on me is very remarkable to my mind, because of the fact that I was so very ill and had tried so many other physicians with such little success.

"If there are any people in my neighborhood or anywhere else, for that matter, who would like to know about the treatment of these specialists, if they will call or write me I will gladly tell what they did in my case. I know of nothing that compares with it in the cure of disease."

How About Yourself? Stop and consider your own health. Are you enjoying life or have you some ailment that is sapping the vitality from your system? Have you what you consider only a slight cold, to which you attribute your run-down feeling? Beware! Thousands of cases of consumption and pneumonia have started with only a slight cold, and the victims, instead of securing early attention and proper treatment, now fill our graveyards and cemeteries.

Medford offices are at the Moore Hotel at the head of stairs. Office hours, from 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m. Sunday from 10 to 12 noon. A large number of people visited the Fer-Don Experts yesterday in their offices in Medford. They

SENTENCED TO GO TO CHURCH; MAN APPEALS SENTENCE

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 23.—Sentenced to attend church for six Sundays in succession and to pay a nominal fine, Ed Krier, found guilty of a charge of intoxication, has appealed rather than undergo the punishment.

In sentencing Krier, Police Judge Strong said that he would be lenient and impose a fine of \$3 and costs only, in order to give him a legal penalty from which to appeal if he saw fit to do so.

Krier readily availed himself of the opportunity offered and filed notice of appeal after having vainly sought to prove by several witnesses that the officer who arrested him was mistaken in his charges.

TO BUILD BOAT ON ICE AND LET THAW LAUNCH IT

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 23.—A steamer intended for use on the Columbia river is being partly built at the Fraser River mills, and will

be completed on the ice on the Columbia river, it being the plan of the builder, Captain Armstrong, to take the hull of the vessel to the Columbia and there complete his work before the ice melts.

His scheme is to place the boat on the ice and, when the boat is finished, cut the ice from around her and allow the vessel to drop easily into the water. The boat will carry about 30 tons of freight and a hundred passengers. Captain Armstrong has built a number of boats in a similar manner in the Stikine, Yukon and other northern rivers.

Writes Wife Fifteen Times a Day.

LIBERTY, Mo., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Allen B. Reed, wife of Lieutenant Allen B. Reed of the U. S. S. Albany, has received in the last three days 25 letters from her husband, fifteen the first day, four the second and six the third day. Lieutenant Reed got leave of absence last fall to get married, but immediately after the ceremony was ordered to Central America, at the beginning of the Nicaraguan trouble.

Elk's Peerless Minstrels

This is the Elk's Quartet, which will sing "Evening Bells" and "A Good Little Bad Little Boy" next Monday evening, February 28. Each member of the B. P. O. E. has tickets to sell and those who hold exchange tickets may reserve them Friday morning, February 23d. General seat sale opens Saturday morning, February 26th. If you wish a good seat, buy of some Elk and reserve early, as the season seat reservation will not apply to the minstrel performances.

Prices 75c, \$1.00 & \$1.50