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THE COURIER'S LIBEL SUIT.

County Judge Stephen Jewell of Josephine county, whose picture appears in the Grants Pass pamphlet as one of the resources of the country to attract homeseekers to the Rogue River valley, must be as thin-skinned as he is prominent, for he has had the editor and publisher of the Rogue River Courier arrested for criminal libel.

The alleged libelous article reads as follows:

"The county judge has men at work filling up the deepest holes in the road south of the bridge. They have been taking gravel from private property for the purpose and Wednesday the owner chanced to run across the men when they were going after a load and there was an explanation demanded, claiming that they were entering upon his property and taking away gravel, without his knowledge or consent. The men said that they were working for the county and had been directed by Judge Jewell to get the gravel and assured the indignant taxpayer that they had nothing to do with the theft except as above stated. There was some more talk and it ended by the owner of the gravel saying that the judge would be made to settle and intimated that entering upon a man's property and stealing gravel was a very small business for a county."

In commenting upon the arrest, the Courier says:

"It may be explained that the real trouble commenced when the Courier refused to print his pre-election declaration, by which he desired to prove himself a prophet. The sum and substance of the whole matter was that H. D. Norcross, one of the candidates for mayor, was a nice man, and Dr. Smith was a gentleman, and more of that sort of gush. This prophetic declaration was prepared in triplicate and sent to each of the newspapers. The Courier refused to inflict the silly stuff on the public."

Then the Courier proceeds to make the amend honorable as follows:

"We are extremely sorry that trouble has arisen and the pleasant relations which have so long existed between the judge and this newspaper have been so rudely severed. We have always been permitted to print very many articles for the judge, which always pleased him much, notwithstanding the fact that many of our readers were in the habit of saying 'rats' whenever they saw his productions. We have furnished the judge week after week and month after month with extra papers free."

In further explanation, the Courier asserts that the judge guaranteed political advertising done for democratic candidates in 1908, and that upon being pressed for the money, the judge started the libel suit, all of which is an interesting sidelight upon the political conditions prevailing in our sister county, and a sad commentary upon the business methods of the Courier, which should adopt the rule prevailing in most newspaper offices, which experience has shown necessary—cash in advance for political advertising.

It is hard to understand how the court suffered a libel in the article printed, or how his reputation was damaged, even if the road builders had taken gravel from some river bar without consulting the owner. The whole affair is a tempest in a teapot and if Grants Pass papers had been fearless and open in their criticism of public officials as well as in the expression of their honest convictions, Judge Jewell would have long ago learned that a public official must expect a certain amount of criticism, both just and unjust—one of the penalties attached to the job.

LLOYD GEORGE IS MAN OF HOUR MANY RESCUED FROM SNOW SLIDE

He Shows He is Real Power in Liberal Party and Henceforth He Will Be Recognized as Such by Leaders in England.

LONDON, March 1. — Lloyd George, farmer, coal miner, statesman is the man of the hour in England today.

Those who heard the speech of George yesterday do not doubt that he is the real power in the liberal party and that he will be recognized as such henceforth.

Although there has been no formal transfer of the reins of government from the hands of Premier Asquith to those of Lloyd George, the general public acknowledges that the liberals have a new and masterful leader.

The new leader will not publicly assume authority over the party until after the Easter recess of parliament, when, it is believed, another election will become necessary.

The members of parliament admit that no budget will be passed at this session. Financiers are becoming apprehensive that failure to pass appropriations for carrying on the government business will result in chaotic conditions. They are beginning to predict that the nation soon will be facing a period of financial stress which will result in suffering and hardship.

Already the nationalists have become active in endeavoring to have accepted certain items of the budget obnoxious to them. It is likely that the next budget will not contain provisions for the levying of land and whisky taxes which are objectionable to the Irish.

Beyond Forgiveness.

Patience—I hear they ran away and got married. Patience—Yes. Patience—I suppose her father will never forgive them. Patience—Well, he forgave 'em for running away, but he never will forgive 'em for coming back home. —Yonkers Statesman.

Early Reports From Mace Were Greatly Exaggerated—Less Than Fifty Dead is Latest News From Disaster.

WALLACE, Idaho, March 1.—Reports brought here today from the scene of the snowslides at Mace and Burke are that nearly all the people caught in the avalanche have been accounted for. James Rogers, who when a member of the rescue party was started from Burke to the relief of the imprisoned victims at Mace, is the last to be taken from the debris. He died of his injuries last night.

A large number of persons were rescued from beneath the avalanche last evening and the death list was greatly cut down from the exaggerated reports first sent out. Less than 50 are now believed to have lost their lives.

The bodies of the dead are being prepared for burial today and funeral services will be held in the opera house here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. All banks and stores in Wallace are closed and all other business is suspended for the day out of respect for the victims of the terrible catastrophe.

Artful Legal Tactics.

Lord Chancellor Erskine, with all his arts and all his astuteness in the face of judge or jury, was easily upset by anything which touched his amour propre. Vanity was his foible, and he had all the susceptibility which attaches to it. One artful attorney, knowing this, used to plant a man in court in full view of Erskine to yawn hideously at his most eloquent appeals or to titter at his most tragic tones.

Once when Garrow, the well known counsel, lost in thought, had fixed his eyes vacantly upon him Erskine was so put out that he stooped down and hissed in his ear. "Who the devil do you think can get on with that wet blanket of a face of yours before him?" The same sensitiveness of criticism followed him into the house of commons.—Law Times.

ONLY THIS WEEK

Grand Offer Will Expire March 6

FER-DON'S PHENOMENAL SUCCESS ATTRACTS SUFFERERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY—ONLY BLOODLESS SURGEONS IN AMERICA NOW LOCATED AT THE MOORE HOTEL MEDFORD, OREGON.

Handford Lady Relieved of Goutre.

During the past week numbers of persons have been crowding Fer-Don's offices at the Moore Hotel anxious to know if Fer-Don's doctors could help them. Anxious for some loved one at home, too sick to come, or anxious for the crippled child, whose life blighted by the disease, is a constant care to the patients. Many are taking advantage of the grand offer extended by the great Fer-Don to treat all who call before March 1 for merely cost of medicine. Fer-Don is in receipt of hundreds of letters daily telling of people coming here for treatment. The great power of bloodless surgery over diseases that have baffled the ordinary doctors is giving Fer-Don's staff, who are the exclusive practitioners of this method in this country, world-wide fame.

Mrs. M. N. Colling, of Coalinga, Cal., was saved from the surgeon's knife by a visit to the Fer-Don experts. This lady has been a constant sufferer from gall stones. She heard of the great Fer-Don's Experts and came to consult them. As a result she was treated by the skillful hands of Fer-Don's bloodless surgeons, and in sixteen hours' time was relieved of over one hundred gall stones. The lady is indeed thankful as other physicians told her that she could not be cured unless operated upon.

Wonderful Cure of a Paralytic

Mrs. Melchias of 128 1-2 Second street, Oakland, was so crippled with paralysis on her left side, her arm and leg being so affected that they were of no use to her. She was dragged along, but now what a change! After two treatments by Fer-Don's experienced staff, she is walking as well as anyone, the paralysis is gone, and Mrs. Melchias is happily on the road to permanent recovery.

Relieved of Goutre

Mrs. M. J. Crawford, of 516 E. Ninth street, Handford, was relieved of goutre by Fer-Don's bloodless surgeons, without causing a bit of pain, without the sight of a drop of blood.

Few More Days

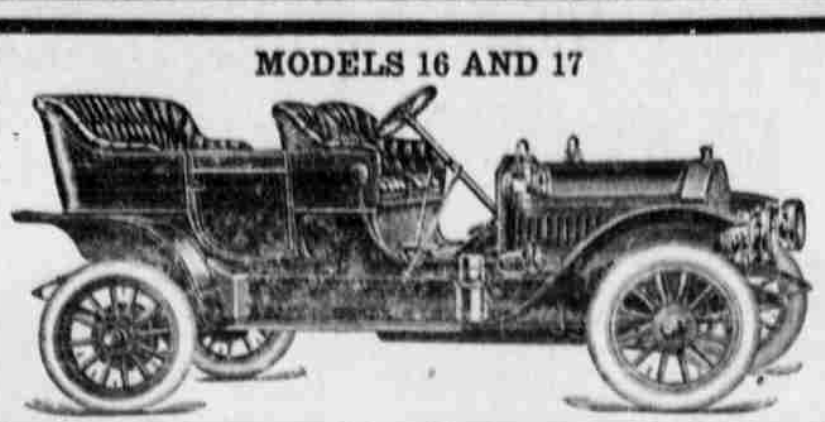
In a few more days the liberal offer of Fer-Don will be withdrawn. The time is now to take advantage of these liberal terms. Health is valuable, and if you are ailing of know one who is send them to Fer-Don before March 1.

Consultation Fee Necessary.

As the crowds are so large at the office, a fee of \$1 is required from everyone for a consultation and examination with the European experts. This is simply to keep out the idly curious, who want their fortunes told or some other "hocus-pocus" that would thereby keep honest sincere people, anxious about their health from consulting with these learned men in medicine and bloodless surgery.

CAT AND FOX MEET.

And Reynard Retires the Worst For the Meeting.
In a recent number of a German sporting paper a forester describes a scene which he witnessed in a clearing in the forest.
He came one afternoon upon a big black cat occupied apparently in the pursuit of mice, and from the shelter of a tree he watched its movements through a fieldglass. After a few minutes an old fox made its appearance. Slinking slowly forward toward the cat, it lay down within a few steps of it, ready to spring.
The cat had observed its enemy, but beyond keeping a sharp lookout on its movements it made no sign. Shortly a young fox joined the old one and almost immediately bounded at the cat, which sprang aside and struck its assailant so efficaciously across its face with its sharp claws that it retired as quickly as it came. After an interval the old fox, advancing slowly and carefully, made its attack, but the result was the same. The cat, springing and hissing, struck out hard, and the fox retired discomfited.
A minute afterward it again sprang forward, but this time the cat got much the best of it and was left in peace.—London Globe.



149 Firsts

The BUICK closed the season with the greatest record in history of automobile contests by winning 149 firsts—94 per cent of entries—thereby defeating the highest-priced foreign and American cars in road races, hill climbs and endurance contests, and

ALL THIS WITH A STOCK CAR JUST LIKE YOU'LL GET

A Few of the Big Wins

- COBE CUP RACE—400 miles at an average speed of 50 miles an hour.
- YORICK CLUB TROPHY—First and second, 150 miles at an average speed of 51 miles an hour.
- VESPER CLUB TROPHY—212 miles at an average speed of 55.5 miles per hour.
- RIVERHEAD, L. I., CLASS 4—113 miles at an average speed of 70 miles an hour.
- ATLANTA—200 miles at an average speed of 72.2 miles per hour.

In winning the Los Angeles-Phoenix Desert Race the BUICK achieved one of the greatest victories of the year. This race, run over hills and through fields of sand such as a car seldom encounters, was entered upon with great enthusiasm by the manufacturers of high-priced cars, because they knew that the "popular-priced" car could not stand the grind. But it was the same old story—the BUICK won, defeating its nearest competitor nearly four hours and lowering the record 12 hours, thereby achieving one of the greatest victories for the "popular-priced" car in the history of the automobile.

Why Then is the Buick Popular

Figure it out for yourself. It won't take you long. You will find more Buick Cars throughout the west than all other makes combined. It has proven the

Best Car for the Rogue River Valley. Ask Any Owner.

There will be a greater shortage of automobiles of all kinds this year than ever before. Last year's shortage will be nothing in comparison. Perhaps you have not noticed it yet, but you will when you buy a car. So order NOW and have it in time for the "Good Roads."

Medford Buick Co.

(Buicks Exclusively.)
HODSON'S GARAGE TOU VELLE, MANAGER
Demonstrations by Appointment.

FOLLY AS IT FLIES



Disillusionment.
The goals of life are rarely reached; The hopes of life are vain. I set about to get a watch And only got a chain. —Browning's Magazine.



Kept Him Guessing.
Mr. Mouse—Well, I wonder what sort of a newfangled rat trap that is. I've been all over the thing, and I can't find a bit of cheese.



Obliging.
"Look here, little boy, I want to go to Corn Hollow!"
"All right, lady, go right along. I'm not a-tryin' ter stop you!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Why He Failed.
Aunt—You failed in your examination, George. How was that?
George—I can't think, aunty.



The Ingenious Maiden.
She—Why don't you marry, Mr. Scratch?
He—I'm too nervous, and a faint heart never won a fair lady, don't cheer know.
She—Yes, but I'm dark.—Tattler.



How It Happened.
"I lost a ten dollar umbrella this morning."
"So? Leave it on a car?"
"No. I met the owner on the street, and he recognized it."



An Old Family.
"You must be proud of your ancestor, does it go back very far?"
"Oh, yes! To the reign of terrar!"—Browning's Magazine.

IT'S ASHLAND'S TURN

(Tidings.)

It's now Ashland's turn to make a move for an initiative measure for the rehabilitation of the Oregon system of state normal schools, embracing Ashland, Monmouth and Weston, which have institutions recognized by law, but from which appropriations were withheld by the last legislative assembly, and the schools closed, to the everlasting discredit of the state, and it is believed against the wishes and will of the people.

Monmouth recently started a campaign for an initiative measure to provide a permanent state appropriation.

A battle for the life of Weston normal school was commenced at Pendleton Saturday. The executive committee of eastern Oregon citizens which met there decided that Weston shall fight independently for reinstatement. Judge James A. Foe and Colonel James H. Raley were appointed to draft the initiative petition at once. The bill will be voted on at which will be put before the people

the November election.

The proposed enactment provides for the assessment of one twenty-fifth of a mill on all state property for the support of Weston. This, at the present valuation, would amount to about \$27,000 annually.

The bill, if adopted, cannot at the best be made effective sooner than the fall of 1912. If approved by the people and the assessment made in 1911, the proceeds would not be in nor the appropriation made before the time named. For this reason friends of not only Weston normal, but of Ashland and Monmouth, are anxious to avoid delay. Consequently a hot campaign was planned and approved at the Pendleton meeting.

His Practical Mind.
Sculptor (to his friend)—Well, what do you think of my bust? Fine piece of marble, isn't it? Friend—Magnificent! What a pity to make a bust of it! It would have made a lovely washstand.

A Comeback.
"Why do so many otherwise clever women write silly letters to men?"
"They're probably making collections of the answers they get."—Cleveland Leader.