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CEASELESS EFFORT NEEDED.

It's a habit with a great many of those of us who call ourselves Oregonians to approach new projects like a crab. We go sidewise, backwards, or crawl around—anything but a direct approach. When it is desired to attain certain ends, we begin to figure how they cannot be attained and find a thousand obstacles blocking the way. In short, we figure how not to do things instead of how to do them.

Persistence, courage and brains can accomplish almost anything. There never was a stone wall that could not be climbed or gone around. There are few obstacles that cannot be overcome if tackled aright. Desired ends that cannot be attained, if reasonable and proper effort is made are scarce. Nothing worth while comes without effort—and sometimes long continued effort. The gamblers' gains—the get-rich-quick gains—are not worth the having, for they cost so little.

It is the struggle for things, the battle to overcome obstacles, the long, hard fight against odds, rather than the actual attainment, that gives life its zest. We work to win, but rob a victory of the effort it cost and the glory has departed.

Any community, ambitious to become something more than a country crossroads, has a struggle before it—and the more ambitious the town, the harder the struggle, harder perhaps in Oregon than in some other states, for conservatism tends to impede progress and development is proverbially slow. There is no reason under the sun why Oregon, as rich or richer in resources than her sister states, should have so long lagged behind in development.

Medford, a city of newer Oregon, has accomplished wonders for a small city, but there is still much work to do before ambitions will be realized. There must be no halt in the program of progress. The coming summer must see greater growth than the city ever realized before.

One of the most important matters before the city today is the building of the Crater Lake highway. The supreme court's decision was friendly inasmuch as it was a spur to drive southern Oregon into a greater striving. The state watched for its effect—and the answer came to them without hesitation—Medford will build the road!

Medford has the name of going after what she wants and getting what she goes after. She must live up to the name and play the game. No city is built without effort, and united, persistent effort at that. When an obstacle confronts the city, it must be rolled out of the road, for the path of progress must not be blocked, even temporarily.

Medford's future is brighter today than ever before—but it is so only because of the untiring efforts of the past. To realize that future, ceaseless effort must be put forth in the present to do things—so that Medford may indeed become a city in all that the name implies.

So, Mr. Fighter—booster of Medford, the Crater Lake road MUST be built, now that the movement has advanced thus far.

Through a misunderstanding, the name of Charles Nickell was left off the Crater Lake subscription list Monday and that of Mrs. Nickell substituted. Charles Nickell is one of the best known of the pioneer residents of Jackson county, and his attitude on this question is typical of that of the more progressive of the pioneer citizens.

BARGAIN PRICES IN POLICE COURT

Two Offenders Fined \$5 Each Pool and Get Off With \$9.95—One Man Gets Off Because He Was Licked.

In the police court Monday Justice Canon fined Dan Galloway and John Connors \$5 each for engaging in a fight, which, while it might have been partially justified, was contrary to the laws of the city.

Galloway did the fighting and Connors helped him out, and when it came to paying the fine the two men were pals again. Between them they dug up \$9.95. The fine was \$5 each, but Judge Canon, being as it was Monday and the boys promised to be good, gave them a cut rate and let it go that way.

The third man who was receiver-general in the scrap, was turned loose Sunday morning, as he bore prima facie evidence that he had about all that was coming to him.

Haskins for Health.

SNEAK THIEF ADJUDGED INSANE

John Ambroz Green, who was brought to the county jail last week under a charge of petit larceny, was adjudged insane by Judge Neil Monday and will be taken to the asylum at Salem this evening. Green's actions after he had been placed in jail led to the opinion that the wheels in his head were turning in the wrong direction, and an examination developed the fact.

Mrs. Carl R. Beeson.

Died—In Medford March 14, 1910, Mrs. Olive Hearing Beeson, aged 19 years, 2 months and 5 days.

Mrs. Beeson was born in Linn county, Oregon, and was a daughter of John Hearing of Talent, and three months ago she was married to Carl R. Beeson, youngest son of the late Welborn Beeson of Talent, one of the pioneers of southern Oregon. Within a few days after her marriage she was stricken with typhoid fever and in spite of everything that could be done she finally succumbed to the disease.

The funeral will take place at Talent Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Lenery officiating.

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THE COUNTY ROADS.

To the Editor:

As there seems to be no end of controversy on the road question, especially in the outlying districts, would like to give you my views on the subject. The trouble in this (the Evans creek district) as in many others, is employing incompetent men to supervise the working and grading of the roads properly. The majority of the men having charge of our roads haven't the least idea of how a road should be worked, and from the looks of the roads in this section, don't care, so they draw their money. Road making is a business, and we can't expect every Tom, Dick and Harry to make a good road boss any more than you can expect any common laborer to know how to pave your streets properly. The first thing to do in making a road of any kind is to first drain the roadbed. Water is the most accommodating thing in the world. It will get away at the first opportunity. Hard roads may come, and will come all over the county in time, but the proposition involves too much expense to be seriously considered now. We will be confronted for some time to come with the problem, how to make good roads from the material we have on hand. If the water is not allowed to get within at least two or three feet of the surface, it is possible to make a good road; otherwise it is impossible, for the simple reason that the capillary attraction will bring up this under water to the surface, and your covering will sink, no matter how much you put on. In some cases the necessary drainage may be just open ditches. In many cases it will require tile, not in the center of the roadbed, but on the sides, sometimes one side, sometimes both. There are spouty places in hilly countries where a strata of clay crops out, and this must be remedied by tile so placed that the water raised by the clay will be led into the side ditch, before it comes to the surface. The expense of this is very small, and the mudhole will no longer trouble you. The next problem is how to control the roadbed at any one time. This should be harrowed and rolled, or if a roller is not available, allow it to remain until travel has packed it, then put on a couple of inches more, and allow that to be compacted by travel. Frequently it is not necessary to use the road grader at all, a well constructed drag being entirely sufficient and much cheaper. These roads will rut up, but a drag run over them after a rain will smooth them, and after a while they will become perfectly solid and a heavy rain will shed off immediately. The theory of road making is difficult of application. The difficulty, however, lies mainly in getting our road affairs so managed that the water, whether under water or upper water, will be properly taken care of. The ranches of Jackson county pay enough in road tax to have good roads. They never will have them until they establish a system of drainage, make permanent culverts and bridges, and employ men to supervise the construction of roads that know their business. We shall never have this done so long as we trust it to some man who can be persuaded to act as road supervisor. It is difficult to persuade a first-class farmer to undertake this work on the township, because his work is worth more to him at home, hence it is usually left to some man who can afford to take it. Some minor changes must be made in our laws before we can expect to have good roads all over the county. The efficiency of the road drag, when properly used, has been demonstrated as clearly as a mathematical proposition. What is needed now is some legislation or in default of that, some understanding between farmers so the roads will be drained, graded and dragged after the rains, not allowing them to get perfectly hard, and when this is done we shall have good roads. Until it is done we will go on as we have in the past years, throwing away four-fifths of our money. There is enough levied in poll tax in this section of the county to drag the roads effectively, leaving the cash levy to be expended in draining, grading, where necessary, and in the construction of permanent bridges and culverts.

G. F. LINXWILER.

Unwritten Law Again.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., March 15.—George W. Jefferson shot and instantly killed Melvis Anson shortly after midnight. The shooting occurred in the front of Anson's home. It was the result, Jefferson declared, of Anson's friendliness for his wife. Jefferson was arrested today. He admitted the shooting, saying that he had warned Anson repeatedly to cease his attentions to Mrs. Jefferson.

If you are a progressive citizen, you will find something to interest you on the top of page 8.

Haskins for Health.

MINNEAPOLIS PEOPLE HAVE OREGON COLONY

Dozens of Them Are Now Helping Medford to Grow—Minneapolis Paper Comments on Colony Here.

(Minneapolis Journal.)

Away out in Oregon they ought to rechristen the town of Medford "Little Minneapolis."

Medford is a prosperous little town of about 8000 inhabitants, situated in the heart of a rich fruit growing and mining country. In some unaccountable way, people from Minnesota, especially Minneapolis, have flocked to the little city and chosen it as their home. They are representative Minnesota folk and are leaders of the community.

People living in and about Medford who hail from the Gopher state are organizing "The Minnesota Association," whose object is to promote fraternal relations between the new settlers from Minnesota.

A few of the people from Minneapolis who are working on the new Minnesota at Medford and vicinity are: L. P. Hubbard and family, Mrs. F. E. Rollins and son, Al Gluick, Geo. H. Daggett and family, John Getchell, S. E. Waterman, George E. Kremer, Earl W. Huntley, George E. Maxwell, James L. Spink and family, John M. Root and family, J. E. Watt, E. M. Janney and family, James Campbell and Rex Lampman.

Porter J. Neff, formerly of Duluth, who lives at Medford, is also an active promoter of the new association.

Everybody who has gone out there seems to be making money and enjoying life. They write back some tall stories: More paving than in any town of its size in the United States; ditto on automobiles, one to each 30 persons; electricity so cheap that its cheaper to let street lights burn all day than to turn them out, and so on.

So more people are leaving for Medford every day. They'll be starting a Bridge Square out there and getting a man named Haynes for mayor next, just to make it seem natural.

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