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## THE SUPREME COURT BANQUETTED.

The Portland bar has banquetted the justices of the supreme court.

Many interesting topics could be entertainingly discussed and much light shed on the law and its interpretation in Oregon by members of this august body, at such a function.

"When the Oregon Constitution is not a constitution" could be elucidated by Chief Justice Moore.

"Why state appropriations for the benefit of a favored section, such as northeastern Oregon, including appropriations for the Oregon City locks and the portage road, are unconstitutional, and why appropriations for expenditures in other portions of the state, such as the Crater Lake highway, are unconstitutional," could be explained by Justice McBride.

"Why there are five members of the supreme court, when the constitution says that there shall be but three, and why they draw \$4500 each as salary, when the constitution limits them to \$1500" could be discussed by Justice Eakin.

"Why a broad construction of the constitution is necessary when our own jobs are concerned, and why impossible when essential to the welfare and development of the commonwealth" could be set forth in legal verbiage by Justice Slater.

Justice King might explain why he differs from his associates and believes in a square deal, but probably he would not be given the opportunity.

The banquet was timely and well deserved. Any court that shows such agility in reversing itself deserves honor.

But banquets are fleeting and soon over, and four of the five members of this court certainly deserve more enduring monuments—such as the people will help erect next November.

## THE ENTIRE STATE INTERESTED.

The movement to build the Crater Lake highway is an all-Oregon movement, but particularly a southern Oregon movement.

Medford has taken the initiative, which was to be expected, but it is just as much a highway from Ashland, Jacksonville, Central Point, Gold Hill, Woodville, Grants Pass and the other towns of the valley as it is from Medford, and all are equally interested.

The construction of the highway will benefit not only all the cities of southern Oregon, but all cities in Oregon. It will result in many thousands of sight-seeing, money-spending tourists visiting Oregon, leaving a never-ending stream of revenue.

Crater Lake is Oregon's greatest asset. It has been overlooked in the development of the state. Southern Oregon is going to make it accessible and asks the aid of the rest of Oregon in the movement.

## THE UNIVERSAL ORACLE AGAIN.

In a recent editorial, that universal oracle and cyclopedia of apple lore, the Portland Oregonian, laboriously discusses the future of the apple in the Willamette valley, and sagely advises the growing of the Ben Davis as the apple of apples for that region.

"The Spitzenberg," it states, "does not seem to be well adapted to valley conditions. The trees are of feeble habit and require unremitting attention." Yet the columns of the Oregonian are filled with alluring ads of Spitzenberg orchards in places where the Oregonian admits they can never prosper.

In discussing the Spitzenberg and Newtown, reference is made repeatedly to Hood River and Wenatchee as having solved the apple problem, but never a mention of Rogue River, whose Spitzenbergs wear the title of "Apple Kings of America," and where Newtowns have for years topped the English markets, where fruit has done more to advertise Oregon than that from all other sections combined.

No amount of editorial cuddling on the part of the Oregonian will ever make the Willamette valley famous as an apple section, nor its persistent neglect of the Rogue valley detract from its fame as an apple producer. Each locality must depend in the future as in the present upon its merits, and the fruit grown in each locality speaks louder than words.

## THE PAVING OF CITY STREETS

(Good Roads Magazine.)  
 The paving of the streets of a city is a complex question, to which there are several different sides, and each is seen from a different viewpoint.

Obviously, it would seem that the positions of the engineer, the contractor and the public should be the same, with the chief end in view of securing the most appropriate paving with the least expenditure of money. That this, however, is not always the case is shown by experience.

It is, or should be, the province of the engineer to study the conditions and traffic of a street from a scientific standpoint, and designate the properties which a pavement should possess to meet the requirements of usefulness, durability and economy. He should have a careful census taken of the various kinds of traffic and then recommend that pavement which is most suitable. It is also his province to see that such pavement shall be laid in put down properly, with due regard to the traffic and the pocketbooks of those who pay for it.

While most contractors desire to fulfill their entire duty and do first-class work, that desire sometimes—not often—fails of achievement because of the incompetence of employes, or for other reasons beyond their control. It is not rarely that a friction arises between the contractor and the engineer, the fostering of which by some disgruntled portions of the public assists in the defeat of the ends desired, which is, of course, the best pavement for the least money.

The public, in the matter of street paving, is a most uncertain and variable factor. The difference between the ideas of the unskilled public—and the unskilled and uninformed form the great majority—and those of engineers and others who have studied the subject, would, if reduced to dollars and cents, either wasted or saved, pay for paving an enormous mileage of streets. These differences should not exist. The appropriate paving for a street is not a matter for the judgment of the layman.

It is not unusual to find a resident of a quiet suburb advocating and insisting on a granite block pavement for his residence street, because of the fact that such a pavement gives satisfactory results in front of his store or factory in the heavy traffic district; nor, on the other hand, is it unusual to find one advocating a pavement in front of his place of business, because to him it is ideal in the street where his residence is located.

It is an established fact, demonstrated by the experience of probably every city engineer, that one of the most difficult problems with which he has to contend is that of inducing the public, through its official representatives, to order such pavements as the traffic, the grade and other conditions require. This is a matter which should be governed solely by the engineer. The public should trust his judgment.

## DANCING SCHOOL HAS GOOD PATRONAGE

Professor and Mrs. Jerome are conducting dancing classes in Smith hall, on North Grape street, every Thursday evening, and also on the second and fourth Mondays in the month. They are excellent instructors and are favored with a constantly increasing patronage.

## IN MEMORIAM.

William Thomas Anderson was born in Little Rock, Ark., February 13, 1845. He came with his parents to this valley in 1859, settling near Phoenix. In early life he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Hamlin, whose death occurred June 7, 1897. By that union nine children were born to them, eight of which survive their father. On July 29, 1907, he was united in marriage to Ada Lucia Randall, who survives him. His death occurred at the residence of Jefferson Hamlin, March 15. His life was spent in this valley and county. Besides a sorrowing wife to mourn his death, he leaves the following children and relatives: Polly Hodges, Parkersburg, Or.; Kate Stephens, Applegate, Or.; Carrie Smith, Gold Hill; Lucinda Johnson, Ashland; Alexander Anderson, Medford; John Anderson, Washington; Effie Eaton, Portland; Hattie Metlock, Grants Pass. Of relatives: Mrs. John Norton, Oregon; Robert Anderson, Medford; Mrs. John Mills, Jackson county; Jack Anderson of Arizona.

In the relations of life as husband, faithful and true; as father, kind and sympathetic; as neighbor, peaceful, quiet and obliging; as citizen, loyal and true.

# Eden Valley Orchard

is sub-divided in tracts from 30 to 100 acres. This is some of the finest land in the Rogue River Valley, within two miles of the city of Medford. The trees are of the best varieties of apples and pears, all in bearing at the present time. The age of the trees run from six to twenty years. We are able to supply people with whatever they may desire in the best bearing orchards in the valley, near the city of Medford

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EXHIBIT BUILDING

MEDFORD

## BANKERS CAUGHT BY CLEVER LAD

Young Man in Knee Trousers Borrows Nearly \$5000 From Bankers in San Francisco and Suddenly Disappears.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 18.—Police and Pinkertons are seeking a lad in knee breeches who is charged by local bankers with having obtained \$5000 from them under false pretenses.

The boy gave the name of Frank Thomas, but the police believe that the youth wanted by them is the "Knee Breeches Kid," a young Eastern crook, who has operated successfully in many cities because of his apparent youth and innocence.

The lad here represented to the bankers that he owned an interest in all the newspaper routes in the city. He went to Robert M. Fitzgerald, a director of the Central bank, and explained that he needed \$40 to secure the delivery of a shipment of magazines from a local freight office.

After receiving the \$40, the lad casually remarked that he had a second larger shipment coming, but would not think of asking further assistance.

Fitzgerald was led by kindly impulse to question the boy and finally loaned him an additional \$300, accepting the youth's note for that amount.

The youngster then went to Chas. T. Rudolph, vice-president of the Union Savings bank, and told the same story. He passed over a note in exchange for \$100.

The lad returned to the Central bank, interviewed John Carleton, an official, and secured \$50.

Young "Thomas" tried his art on Cashier Burpee of the First National bank, but remarked on his acquaintance with President Bowles of the Bank. Burpee called up Bowles on the telephone and Bowles denied the acquaintanceship. The lad's demand for a loan was refused. He departed and has not been seen since by any of the interested parties.

The lad had promised to pay up the notes within two days.

Haskins for Health.

## JAPAN WANTS TO GET TREATY WITH US IN JULY

TOKIO, March 18.—Drafts of new treaties which Japan proposes to make with several powers are about finished and will be ready for presentation and consideration when the old ones expire in July. They will differ greatly from existing treaties because of the change of conditions in Japan since the old ones were made ten years ago.

The treaty with the United States has one year longer to run than the treaties with other countries because of the amendment which permitted the terminating of the treaty at a different date. Japan now proposes to the United States Government purely for convenience sake that the new treaty be considered with the others and it be substituted for the old treaty.

## TERRIBLE BUTCHERY IS ENDED BY MURDER

HOUSTON, Tex., Mar. 18.—Appalled by the discovery of the murdered bodies of Gus Schultz, his wife, their three-year-old daughter, six-month old son and Walter E. Haymann, a boarder in the Schultz home here the sheriff and his deputies today started a search in an endeavor to apprehend the murderer. The bodies were found late yesterday piled in the corner of a room in the Schultz home. Each body was mutilated by deep knife wounds, and indications were that the victims had been killed with an ax.

The family of Haymann were probably killed a week ago, as the neighbors had not seen none of them since last Friday.

Haskins for Health.

# Easter Novelties

FROM 1 CENT UP

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A SWELL LINE OF EASTER NOVELTIES, INCLUDING CHICKS, DUCKS, RABBITS, FANCY BOXES, TRANSFER PICTURES OR EGG COLORS; THE BIGGEST ASSORTMENT TO BE SEEN IN THE CITY AND ALL POPULAR PRICED.

SEE OUR EASTER WINDOW

# Saturday Specials

Boys School Hose	10c Each	Men's Gloves & Gauntlets
Our regular 25c quality, any size; Saturday from 6 up to 10,		Napa-ite; regular \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 quality; clearing out price,
5 pr. for \$1.00	10c Each	\$1.25 Pair

## Fancy Glassware

1000 pieces of plain and fancy Glassware just received, on sale Saturday,

10 and 15c Each

## Christy Plates

Something new in a fancy Plate, on sale tomorrow,

25c Each

Easter Post Cards 1c Each

# HUSSEY'S