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MEDFORD, OREGON.

Metropolis of Southern Oregon and northern California and fastest-growing city in Oregon.
Population, April 1910, 8500.
Banner fruit city of Oregon—Rogue River apples won sweepstakes prize and five of "Apple Kings of the World" at National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909.
Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past five years.
Write Commercial Club for pamphlets.

Time may be money, but it won't buy an orchard.

Did Sheriff Jones make a capture or was he captured?

Petitions continue to come in for more paved streets in Medford.

An Aviation club is talked of for Medford. Where is Jeff Heard?

Phoenix can boast of civic decency and not a single occupant for the "jail" since it was built.

Many a man doing nothing has got rich through the efforts of others, but it's nothing to be proud of.

Marking your lot up to an exorbitant figure and making no improvements isn't a good way to build up a city.

The new motor service is quite popular with the people. The Southern Pacific must have heard of electric cars.

Don't discount the future too much by raising realty prices. The future won't materialize unless you do your share.

Never did the Rogue River valley look more beautiful than at present. To use an English expression, "she's a blooming bouquet."

It is currently reported that macaroni and spaghetti is in great demand in Medford since the late Italian grand opera performance.

Revival operations will commence in Medford shortly with a good press agent. His Majesty, St. Nick, will, of course, take to the hills pro tem.

A new bridge is the latest thing for Phoenix—over \$1000 subscribed for a bridge over Bear creek. The way to get a bridge in Jackson county is to build it.

Colonel Hofer rises to remark that a primary nomination for governor does not always mean an election for governor, which goes to show that the eminent rainmaker is wise to the situation.

Jackson county can boast of more automobiles and worse county roads than any county in Oregon. The working of county roads has been looked on as a "family legacy." It should end.

Klamath Falls has a new daily, "The Klamath Chronicle," a newsy, neat, eight-page journal. It is backed financially by the business men of the Falls, who felt the need of an up-to-date daily in developing and exploiting the city, and its initial numbers are well filled with advertisements. Grant Lincoln is editor.

OUR RAILROAD COMMISSION.

OREGON'S railroad commission can by now fairly well be judged on its merits—what it has accomplished for the people. "By their fruits shall ye know them." As a rule, most railroad commissions are controlled by the railroads and produce plenty of "dead sea fruit" that nauseate and disgust the taxpayers. This, however, in the case of Oregon's railroad commission, is not the fact. It is a success, and has done its work quickly and well.

The fruits of the commission can be seen throughout the state. Nothing is more notable than the new and commodious depots along the Southern Pacific. All recollect the "hen-coops" that served for years as depots. They are things of the past. Now comes the service, which is several hundred points above the old "public-be-damned" system.

While the pruning hook has lopped off many branches of "all the traffic will bear" system in the form of lower tariffs, overcharges have been returned within a life time! which is unique in comparison with former times.

Moreover, there is on tap a refreshing attention to the wants and needs of the public. No longer are the patrons of the railroad helpless. The railroad commission, which represents the people, commands, with the aid of the courts, an immediate "hearing," which is not ignored. Many hundred thousands of dollars have been saved to the shippers, especially in the Inland Empire.

The great octopus, Wells-Fargo, is about to be bearded and trained to decency, which in itself alone will be worth the price of the commission, as it has not only grown rich beyond any imagination, but it is an arrogant hold-up corporation that has so far defied all law and filched the public at its own sweet pleasure, without bearing any just proportion of taxation. The commission will enforce some respect for the law and secure a reduction in rates.

The changed attitude of the railroads may not be wholly due to the commission, but is partially due to it, for the knowledge that the people had a means of redress certainly has had its effect. The personnel of the present commission is excellent, and creditable to Senator George E. Chamberlain, who appointed it. It is a matter of public regret that Oswald West, one of the ablest members of the commission, will not be a candidate to succeed himself, for he has "made good" and it will be hard to replace him.

Oregon's railroad commission can be rated as a practical success and not as a political nontity, like that of California, whose labor is all for the railroads instead of the public.

DOES THE SPIRIT RETURN?

Whether the spirits of the departed return to practice such worthy feats as levitating tables, balancing chairs, and ringing bells, or as in the case of the Harps' boy, smashing furniture and tossing custard pies, as is contended by Daniel W. Hull of Olympia elsewhere in this issue, is beyond the knowledge of the writer. Even though there seems to be no real proof that they do, there can certainly be no proof that they don't. But the spirits are in mighty poor business practicing such trivial tricks.

Mr. Hull does not keep posted on the events of the day or he would have known of the Harps' boy's confession and how he was caught in a room hung with mirrors, fixing up his simple tricks to deceive his hysterical family. He would also be aware of the fact that a Harvard professor caught Madame Paladine in her clever deceptions and exposed her, though she had previously fooled scientists of two continents.

She conscientious efforts of the Society of Psychological Research extending over many years, comprising investigation of many mysteries and phenomena, have not resulted in any proof that spirits return after death, but have shown up a mass of fraud.

"Strange, is it not, that of the myriads who Before us passed the door of darkness through, Not one returns to tell us of the road, Which, to discover, we must travel, too."

A COOS BAY STUNG CLUB.

The Daily Coast Mail, started recently as a daily newspaper at Marshfield, has given up the ghost after a few months' struggle. It suffered the fate of most newspapers started with shoe-string capital. Bills and payrolls could not be met and suspension followed attachments.

The plan of the publishers, a plan by no means original, was to secure several hundred yearly subscriptions paid in advance. As soon as this money was exhausted trouble began and kept up.

Merchants of Coos Bay refused to patronize the new daily, not only because it had no financial backing, but because the town was too small to support two dailies—so it languished and died.

Close to a thousand people are said to have been "stung" by the Mail. They paid in advance for a year's news and received several months. To sell a paper for a year and deliver only a part is obtaining money under false pretenses—swindling the public—though bankruptcy saves the publisher from prosecution. The people have no recourse—the only protection they have with a new paper is to satisfy themselves in advance that the publishers are financially responsible, and have the money necessary to continue in business at a certain loss for the time subscribed for.

Greatest Man Since Napoleon Says Watterson of Roosevelt

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 8.—"The time is here for the United States to consider Theodore Roosevelt as they never did consider him before," said Henry Watterson today in an editorial. "To take him more seriously than they have ever taken him; to realize that he is altogether the most startling figure that has happened in the world since Napoleon Bonaparte, a circumstance not without significance and portent. "The candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for president in 1912 may be regarded from this time onward as so probable that the people should begin seriously to consider it. "If there be needed for an executive head a strong man having courage to take all the bulls of corruption by the horns, and, regardless of obsolete legal restraints, to shake the life out of them, then, indeed, Theodore Roosevelt would seem the one fitted by temperament, education and training for the work."

SPIRITUALISM AND ITS OPPOSERS

To the Editor:

An editorial of yours in the Mail Tribune entitled, "Another Fake Exposed," has been sent me with the request that I should reply to it. As to your first statement that Ernest Harps, "the boy wonder," had confessed that he was a fakir, I confess that I am not in position to either affirm or deny, such a statement as coming from his lips having escaped me. Possibly he may have made such a confession, but if he has, it proves nothing, unless he tells how it was done. Furniture removed from him was removed and objects were hurled across the room without apparent physical contact, and out of his reach. He was strictly guarded and there could possibly be no confederate. If the boy made such a confession, we are to remember that he was isolated from believers in spiritualism, and among those who were unfriendly to it. It is not strange that, considering the pressure brought to bear upon him, that the boy should yield to the prejudices of the unreasoning people around him.

But, assuming that the boy was a fakir, and actually did perform all the impossible tricks reported of him, does that disprove all the phenomena among spiritualists? If it does, then all the phenomena in the Bible is accounted for in the same method of logic.

Your next reference is to Professor Carrington's expose of Eusapia Paladino. Again, let us suppose that Eusapia Paladino does trick, still we have all the phenomena ascertained by the Psychic Research society to demonstrate that man lives after the event called death. But as I understand the professor, he did not claim a clear-cut expose. He says, "some of the phenomena, at least, were not spiritualistic." But what of the other phenomena? He seems to claim that while unable to account for all the manifestations occurring in her presence, there was a moiety that he was able to explain on materialistic grounds. This statement is a tacit admission that he went over to Europe for the purpose of doing what Professors Flammarion, Lombroso and all the other astute scientists who had been investigating the phenomena about her had been unable to accomplish, that is, explain them outside of a spiritual agency, and no wite most he can say was, "some of the phenomena, at least, were spiritualistic." Why, the man had to say something. He would have had his trip for nothing, if he had not.

The professor accounts for the phenomena what he calls "exteriorization of motivity." And what is that? Why, that some persons are so constituted that they are enabled to exercise physical force far remote from themselves; that is, lift a piano, as it did, with Abraham Lincoln, Congressman Sommes and two other heavy men on it, while a slight girl was playing on it. Mind you, this "exteriorization of motivity" is a pure assumption, unsupported by any fact; it is just a hypothesis; but such are the straits of bigotry that any assumption, however absurd, goes. The next statement reads as follows: "Before her death one of the famous Fox sisters... confessed that the table-rappings and other feats supposed to be performed by the spirits through herself and her sisters were all tricks suc-

cessfully used in deceiving believers."

The facts are that Kate Fox Jenkins had become very ill, and while in the Catholic hospital in a demented and bedridden condition, crazed by pain, and suffering under such influences as people believing in the Catholic or any other religion often very conscientiously exert, believing it is necessary to their salvation in another world. It would not be strange that she should yield to such influences. But after she had recovered and became independent of the conditions and surroundings of her invalidism she made haste to retract the statement.

You next tell us: "Every medium, through whom it is claimed the spirits have operated, has been sooner or later exposed as a fake." I think you misspoke yourself there. Many of the so-called materializing mediums have been exposed, and that, too, by spiritualists themselves, which goes to show that spiritualists are not as credulous as people unacquainted with them might suppose, and that they will not countenance fraud in their ranks. The fact that there are fakes masquerading under the name of spiritualism does not disprove spiritualism. The fact that there are counterfeiters upon our currency is no proof that there is no genuine money. It only proves the value of the money. The fact that there is such a thing as bogus spiritualism only demonstrates that there may be a genuine somewhere. Rogues counterfeit only that which has value; if they did not they could not advantage themselves by it. They do not counterfeit copper coin—that is too cheap. They counterfeit spiritualism on account of its known value.

One more sentence of your editorial and I shall be done. You ask: "Why should the spirits of the dead do such utterly worthless and nonsensical things as they are portrayed doing in the seances of the fakirs?" Well, so far as the fakirs are concerned I have no explanation; but they sometimes do "nonsensical" and absurd things with genuine mediums, or at least things that seem to me as such. But did it ever occur to you that there are many people in the flesh that act very foolishly? Well, spirits are only men and women who have laid off their physical bodies, and we cannot expect them to become wise and unerring as soon as they are disrobed of the mortal. They must grow; and whatever they lacked in mortal life, they must grow to in spirit life.

Yours with respect, DANIEL W. HULL, M. H. Olympia, Wash.

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