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CHECKING THE VALLEY'S DEVELOPMENT.

Ashland's decision on the interurban trolley franchise was anxiously awaited by the people of the Rogue River valley from Grants Pass to Talent. Upon it depended to a large extent the progress and development of the valley. But the mossback majority refused to co-operate. It deliberately spurned the desires and wishes of the entire valley.

Ashland's attitude reminds one of the Democratic party's, always "agin" things. It is one of negation. Ashland does not initiate and create, but opposes and blocks. Ashland does not develop, but prevents development by others, and so antagonizes the rest of the valley.

Medford has striven to bring about an era of good feeling between all the cities of the valley. Medford has no feeling of rivalry for Ashland or any of the other towns. We are too busy working out our own destiny. Medford's Commercial club has visited Ashland's club and sent its representatives to the legislature to help the Normal school. It passed resolutions favoring the Ashland Normal initiative bill and its members signed it generally. It has endeavored to co-operate in all ways with Ashland. So have the other towns. Consequently all the towns, expected co-operation from Ashland in a matter that means so much to the valley and its future and are keenly disappointed to find that mossbackism still rules.

Ashland's attitude has hurt Ashland far more than any one else. It is a standing advertisement of the spirit with which capital is welcomed—and capital, always timid, will fight shy of Ashland hereafter. More than that, it is a mortification to the progressive element, for a large proportion of Ashland—particularly the young men—are enterprising and progressive, and in time may win their discouraging battle against silurianism and place Ashland, where it belongs, among the progressive cities of Oregon.

A GLIMPSE OF VANITY FAIR.

English pictorial papers have arrived giving full illustrated accounts of the royal funeral.

They tell, plainer than words, how medieval pomp and pageantry still survive, even in twentieth century democratic England.

Long lines of grenadiers in comic opera uniforms, generals wearing absurd millinery monstrosities, heralds with costumes from the dark ages, gilded coaches of a bygone era, kings and potentates glittering in gold braid and epaulettes, with naughtily about them, are shown winding their way among crowded thoroughfares—all forming an interesting glimpse of Vanity Fair.

And the dead king is called the "greatest of monarchs" and pulchritudinous with his praises. He is held up as an example to all—yet a generation ago the world rang with his scandals and it requires a great stretch of imagination to clothe this likable, common-sense, politically minded monarch with anything truly great or noble.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Ashland, Ore., June 14. To the Editor: The Lilly Seed Co. of Portland, Ore., advertised in the Oregonian for three car loads of MOSS for packing purposes. Isn't it an opportunity for the poor kids of Ashland to make an ample gathering from the backs of the pickers on Main street?

Here are some of the most reasonable arguments offered by the opposition to the Allen franchise:

One prominent real estate firm opposed the very valuable and much needed improvement by the statement that "an Ashland franchise was too valuable to be given away."

Two other real estate firms waged obstinate opposition that "unpurchasable prices would lose them their property transfer fees."

Was it a necessary or a greedy grapple for existence? One individual who has a building under process of construction gave as a paramount cause for opposition that "property prices would boom higher, and that increased taxation would be to pay."

Allen's proposed \$5,000,000 valley line and city system construction, with \$20,000,000 maintenance expenditures, were frequently belittled by the idiotically parroted "HE WANTS EVERYTHING AND GIVES NOTHING IN RETURN."

Instead of an appreciated freight car distribution for convenient and variety fruit shipment, one man seerily, and streetily posed, to REFLEX-

LY BELLOW "REFUSE TIE," "BENT AND BROKEN RAIL," and "WOUNDED BOXCAR CONSTRUCTION."

A few STALE-ITES waged street car inconveniences, objectionable to fifty years' time (oh, the oppressed future generations!), the necessitated car riding for municipal maintenance, instead of the present day muchly enjoyed lethargic and indifferent goods box whittler.

Quite a few votes from interested firms were lost by the individual franchise conveyance of telegraphic, electric and telephonic, necessitated railway conveniences, but thought to be in opposition to the present city disturbances.

Numerously the opposition perversely waged "COULDN'T STAND A SEVEN-YEAR BLANKET TIE-UP" (MAY BE A HUNDRED THOUSAND BY THAT TIME).

Really it is best as it is, newly introduced objectionable trolley car whistle like the ponderous "auto toot" would far the lengthily accustomed frog hollow harmony.

Dock Caldwell said: "ASHLAND WENT ON RECORD AS A WAD OF DAMN FOOLS," and admonished, "REMEMBER JACKSONVILLE!"

Medford, Ore., June 13, 1910.

To the Editor: A recent issue of the Medford Mail Tribune contained this interesting news item:

"At the council meeting Tuesday night a resolution was passed ordering an election for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of \$20,000 in bonds for the construction of a series of storm sewers to carry off surplus waters from the western part of the city."

If this bond issue is authorized by the voters the general indebtedness of the city will be increased \$20,000, to pay which every particle of property in the corporate limits will be taxed. Even the property on Knob Hill will have to pay a proportional share of the "storm sewers" to carry off surplus waters from the western part of the city."

The enterprising citizens of "the western part of the city" show good business acumen in thus saddling off their burdens on other parts of the city. Since West Medford has been so neglected the wonder is an attempt is not made to compel the remainder of the city to pay for its paving and other improvements. And if a majority of the voters are sufficiently astute to authorize these storm sewer bonds" the noblest west siders will doubtless demand that their other special benefit assessments be liquidated in a like manner.

This proposition is neither legal nor moral, and if it comes to a vote it is time for the voters to sit up and take notice. Yours, NOT-TO-BE-STUNG.

W. M. and G. P. Ingram of Monterey, Cal., are in Medford looking over the valley.

City Attorney Neff knows a good thing when he sees it. He bought today block 10 Oakdale Park addition, and will erect a \$4000 residence on the same at once.

STOCK COMPANY HAS MADE GOOD

If prolonged anulause, with so many curtain calls that one lost track of them, is any criterion, the Athon Stock company, which opened their summer engagement at the Medford last evening, has won a home in Medford. For three hours they delighted da fairly well-filled house, and if this company does not fail to full houses during their entire engagement it will not be owing to inferior acting.

A stock company has a hard game to buck in Medford. Time and time again the experiment has been tried out, but Medford has always demanded the best and has passed up the mediocre. But now will come a fair test, for the present stock company is the best—and it is written advisedly—that has ever undertaken a lengthy engagement in this city.

The east, while not a large one, is splendid; the costumes fresh and the scenery all that could be desired. There is nothing of the "cheap" suggested.

"The Powers That Be" is a strong play and was written for strong actors. That it was so well handled by the Athon Stock company speaks well for them.

Space forbids treating of the individual members of the cast, but they all made good. In William D. Howard and Robert Athon the company has two strong headliners, while Olga Grav early won the hearts of the audience. We hope soon to see Effie Johnson with more of a part, for she promises to be exceptionally entertaining if her lines give her a chance. James Conway also gives promise of making good in a farce. Dorothy Davis handles the heavier lines well and is a strong member of the cast.

The climax of the third act in the play presented last evening was startling in its effect and exceedingly well executed.

"The Powers That Be" will be repeated this evening and Wednesday. The remainder of the week will be spent in other valley towns. Monday night the company will present "Hello, Bill!" a laugh from start to finish. HIX.

C. F. Vickary of Dunsuir, Cal., is spending a few days in Medford. S. M. Hawk of the unsurveyed section above Butte Falls spent Tuesday in Medford.

E. H. Kirby of Ashland was a Medford visitor Tuesday. W. E. Hammil of Eagle Point was in Medford Monday on business.

DOLLIVER HANDS REBUKE TO THE SENATE REG'S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—Senator Dolliver of Iowa late yesterday rebuked the regulars in the senate who condemned the insurgents for taking too seriously President Taft's speech in which the president criticised the insurgents.

"Last year witnessed two remarkable events," said Dolliver. "The discovery of the north pole by Dr. Cook and the revision of the tariff, downward, by a senator from Rhode Island."

Dolliver disputed President Taft's figures on the cotton schedule. Later he said: "Why should the speaker denounce a little group of politicians and say that they ought to be hanged?"

He added that Taft searched the dictionary for epithets to heap upon the insurgents

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FATHER BATTLES WITH BIRDS TO SAVE HIS SON'S LIFE

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., June 14.—State Senator E. B. Martinell and his 7-year-old son, Ennio, are recovering today from a battle with a flock of angry buzzards near Inver-

ness, in which both father and son were badly scratched. Only Senator Martinelli's persistent fighting with the birds saved his son's life. The boy was hunting blackberries when he came upon a nest of young buzzards. Their cries attracted dozens of grown buzzards, which flew at

the boy in great rage, pecking and clawing him fiercely. His father, who was some distance away, hurried to the spot and with a walking stick clubbed four birds to death, wounded several more and finally drove the flock away. Haskins for Health.

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