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THE MUSE VERY MUCH ALIVE.

THERE are those who say that poetry is dead, that the muse has suffered a sad shipwreck on the reefs of materialism and is mute alike to the beauty and witchery of nature and the mystery of life.

But the editor of any newspaper knows better. Not a month, not a week, scarcely a day slips by but what some ambitious person is inspired to sprint after the laurel wreath of fame, and to woo the muse in a manner all his or her own, defying every natural law, except the law of gravitation, which is toward the editor's sanctum.

So the newspaper, more particularly the country newspaper, is called upon to perform the double office of a sign post along the path of glory and a tombstone to mark the grave of unappreciated genius, for "full many a flower is born to blush unseen and waste its fragrance on the desert air" of an editor's office.

As might be expected, such a land of natural beauty as the Rogue River valley would be sure to germinate the latent seeds of genius, that with a surprising lack of cultivation grow with an almost stifling luxuriansness. The Mail Tribune can furnish ample proof that the rhyning dictionary and the fountain pen are not the sole elements of poetry—indeed both are frequently neglected by local bards.

The following is a fair sample of the scintillating gems that spring is responsible for. Note the remarkable effect:

"I sat on the top of Roxy Ann
As the sun sang in the west;
His departing rays across the valley shone
Like pearls on a fair lady's breast.

"Oh happy folk that own the land
Where the Rogue laps its shore,
With sparkling waves and unknown caves,
With untold wealth in store."

We are indeed a "happy folk," but lest it disturb the reader's happiness, we will let the Rogue continue to lap its shores while we hear the song of another bard who finds inspiration in Bear creek:

"I love to loiter on the bridge
Of Medford's waterway,
And watch the silvery blue ripples
With the pebbles play.

"The air is warm, and sparkling
In the quivering heat,
And in my languoring slumber
Motion seems asleep.
And as my vision lingers
Upon the grassy fields,
There flits a charming butterfly,
Which disturbs my dream."

Some of us can't help being glad that the disturbing butterfly came along when it did. These are fragments of two "poems" sent in, picked up at random in a drawer full. But so coarse and vulgar is the multitude to whom we cater for readers, that few are able to appreciate fine poetry, and cuss us if we print it, while the poets cuss us if we don't. But as the readers outnumber the poets, we cannot promise to publish poetry unless paid for at the usual rates.

"Yankee Girl" Here May 19th



The "Yankee Girl" is the title of the musical comedy which she appears in, and it is the joint work of George V. Hobart and Silvio Hein. The story is described as a most interesting one, and in it Miss King plays Jessie Gordon, the whole souled American girl, who finds herself in a Latin republic, where, on business for her father, she is confronted with the opportunity to prove her loyalty and patriotism to Uncle Sam, by pushing through to success, all alone, an important concession for a nitrate mine. In true and gritty Yankee girl fashion she accomplishes this success fully, and incidentally wins the local American consul, for a husband.

GRANTS PASS IS AGAIN VICTOR

Osborne Has Excellent Control and Plays Splendid Baseball—Local Boys Seem to Be Unable to Bring Home the Bacon.

Grants Pass turned the trick again Sunday and Medford was let down with the short end of a 4-3 score. Osborne had excellent control of the ball and let the local boys down with five hits. Sheehy, Court Hall's new pitcher, was but little out of the ordinary and the Grants Pass players slugged the ball almost at will. Williams of Grants Pass sent a home run over the fence in the fifth and won about \$50 worth of shoes, cigars, etc. The innings that counted: First inning—Medford filled the bases, but Antle fouled out with two men down and retired the side.

YAKIMA TO SHIP WEST THINKS 2000 CARS APPLES

Pear Crop Will Be Normal—Some Damage Was Done by Frost—Wheat Yield of Inland Empire Will Be Large.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 15.—Two thousand cars of apples will be harvested in the Yakima valley this season, according to a statement received today by the Spokane chamber of commerce from H. P. James, secretary of the Yakima Commercial club, who compiled the figures from reports by growers and inspectors. The pear crop will be normal throughout the valley, Mr. James adds, and other fruit, including peaches, will bring the total production to approximately 2000 cars. Some losses were occasioned by late frosts, but in spite of this the crop gives promise of being larger than the average. Growers in other parts of eastern and central Washington and Idaho, eastern Oregon and western Montana also report that every prospect is bright for large crops of apples and other tree fruits. Bankers in Spokane and throughout the district estimate that the wheat yield of the inland empire will be fully \$6,000,000 bushels this season. Winter wheat was amply protected and the spring-sown grain is doing well in all parts of the country because of the timely general rains.

BIG MINERAL EXHIBIT SENT BY JOSEPHINE

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 15.—One of the richest displays of nugget gold and rich quartz gold ever assembled in the west will be sent from this city to the northwest mining congress to convene in Portland Tuesday. The gold comes from quartz and placer mines of this region, principally Josephine county.

Big Auto Races Soon. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 15.—With the running of the 500 mile international sweepstakes on the speedway here two weeks off more than half of the 46 automobiles entered have arrived and today were racing off practice miles below the minute mark in preparation for the Decoration day event.

BANK BUILDING IS BEING RAZED

Building operations on the First National bank building, located at the corner of Second and Main streets, began Monday morning. Saturday night the money and fixtures were transferred to the temporary quarters at the corner of Centre and Main streets and business was resumed there this morning. A hoisting was placed across the sidewalk in front of the building to prevent injury to passersby and the work of dismantling the structure began. The building will be razed as soon as possible and work on the new structure begun.

Sued for Over Paying. MOUNT VERNON, Wash., May 15.—Action of overpaying a contractor, State Senator Emerson Hammer, formerly mayor of Sedro Woolley, and T. J. Morrow, former city clerk, are being sued for \$250 by the city. Both appeared in the superior court to defend themselves. It is alleged that Hammer and Morrow were responsible for William Nelson being paid \$250 in excess of, the amount due for the improvement of Ferry street some months ago.

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JACKSONVILLE IS DEFEATED BY BUICKS

The Medford Buicks played home with Jacksonville Sunday on the Medford ball-ground and routed away with an 8-2 victory. Heavy hitting and sharp fielding featured the game although play was slowed up after the fourth inning when a heavy rain spoiled the footing. A telegram from Manager Homer of Grants Pass was received by Jack Medford and read "We congratulate you upon your victory. We are tired of playing bush league teams.—Roger." The Buicks will probably play at Grants Pass next Thursday.

Haskins for Health. SEATTLE, Wash., May 15.—The thousand Knights of Pythias from over the state are in Seattle today to attend the grand lodge opening tomorrow. Grand Chancellor Eugene Foster and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. M. Love were early arrivals. They reported 20 new lodges instituted within the last seven months. Degree teams from ten cities will compete for \$1000 in prizes and battle scenes, reproducing the exploits of warriors of 200 B. C., will be given.

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