

CAPTIOUS, CARPING SPIRIT SHOWN BY GRANTS PASS NEWSPAPER RESENTED

Attorney Oliver S. Brown of Grants Pass Takes Exception to Malicious and False Report Printed Concerning Medford's Fourth of July.

ARTICLE DOES NOT REFLECT SENTIMENT OF GRANTS PASS

Actual Experience of Writer Given in Contradiction—Friendly Feeling Manifested Toward This City.

Grants Pass, Ore., July 6, 1911. Editor Mail Tribune, Medford, Ore. Dear Sir: I enclose herewith clipping from your "Daily Rogue River Courier" entitled "Medford needs the money and pounces 'em all."

So far as my own experience and observations at Medford on the 4th are concerned, I must say that the article referred to above is a grave injustice to Medford. My wife and I left Grants Pass on the early morning train on the 4th to spend the day at Medford. Upon our arrival at Medford, we went straight to the city park where we rested in the shade and watched the great throngs of well dressed, happy and contented people passing in an endless procession.

We remained at the park until after the magnificent parade, and also saw the foot races there. Then we went down the street a little ways to a splendid restaurant where we were served with a nice portion of roast beef with two side dishes, some tarragon pudding, and a glass of milk. For that service we were charged 25 cents each, although we fully expected to pay 50 cents each for it. Surely there was no graft there.

After strolling around a while, we went over the bridge and took the Pacific & Eastern out to the race tracks. The boys in charge of the train were very careful and considerate of the safety of their passengers, and we had a fine little ride around the outskirts of the city. For that service, we were charged 20 cents each for the round trip. Was there any graft in that?

Arriving at the track, we were charged 50 cents each for admission. That is the usual price everywhere to the races. We paid 25 cents each for a seat in the grand stand which is the usual price for such accommodations. After the races, we went back to the same restaurant and had a nice meal and the two meals cost us 55 cents.

We went from the restaurant to the Natorium an institution that would be a credit to a city ten times the size of Medford. I was charged ten cents admission and my wife was admitted free. I was allowed to have a dance on the finest floor I have ever seen, and with music that could hardly be excelled for my ticket of admission, so that my admission was practically free. One could dance as many times as he liked by paying ten cents for each dance. No reasonable person could say there was any graft in that.

We stayed at the Natorium until it was time to take the train for home. Sure you couldn't drive me away from a place like that. Now for my part I fall to see where there was any graft at Medford on the 4th. All the Medford people we came in contact with, had a pleasant smile of welcome for us and we enjoyed ourselves immensely. I had several drinks of water, and was not asked to pay anything for it. I talked with a number of Grants Pass people there and the universal opinion appeared to be that Medford was a jam up, dandy, good town, and the celebration a monster success from every standpoint.

On the train, coming home, I heard numerous people praising Medford and expressing surprise at the wonderful growth and development of the place. I believe that my experience at Medford on the 4th is typical of the experience of a large majority of the people who visited that city on that day, and therefore all this blubbering about graft and robbery and cut-throat business is entirely unreasonable and without any foundation in fact.

I have no authority to speak for any one except just myself, but I want to say to the people of Medford, that I am sorry our fine daily paper, of which we are all proud, should so unjustly criticize your splendid celebration. I don't understand it at all. It isn't like our good natured old Voorhees. It isn't like us. Believe me, we wish you well.

Respectfully yours, OLIVER S. BROWN.

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GIRL BURNT TO DEATH IN AUTO

Fatal Disaster On Crescent City Road, Where High Center Near Kirby Punctures Gasoline Tank and Sets Car Ablaze Others Injured.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 7.—John Kelly, living at San Francisco, and conducting a garage at 1400 Market street, met with a serious accident late Wednesday night while traveling over the Crescent City stage road from this place with his daughter, Angelina Kelly, Myrtle Kelly, Hobart Kelly and Homer Kelly in an automobile, which cost the life of one daughter, burned and internally injured the other, and burned and scathed the faces of the two sons.

The disaster took place as the machine was gliding along a rough high centered road, six miles beyond Kerby, when the oil tank came in contact with a high ridge that unseated the machine, and without control it quickly landed upon a stone which struck above the center of the road, which had the effect of dislodging the gasoline tank, which hung above the rear axle, and punctured it at the same time. So heavy was the impact and with the air pressure running riot, the whole machine was enveloped in a sheet of flame that roared around the helpless children who were panic stricken.

When the machine grounded, Angelina Kelly, the oldest daughter and a Berkeley student, leaped, but did not meet a good footing, and fell under the machine which forced itself over her body, breaking several ribs and crushing the body internally.

In the back seat sat Myrtle, aged 14; Hobart, age 8, and Homer, aged 6, who were severely burned. Myrtle suffered until 1:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon at which time she expired. The two boys, the father and the oldest daughter were brought to a local hospital. The faces of the two boys are so swollen that they are beyond recognition and their hands are a mass of blisters. Mrs. Kelly, mother of the victims, will arrive today from San Francisco. Dr. P. J. Kelly of Portland has arrived to care for the injured. He is a brother of Mr. Kelly.

ED ROOT LOOKING FOR FAST DRIVERS

Parties Who Ran Over and Injured His Little Dog Snyder Had Better Steer Clear of Local Man—Dog Will Probably Recover.

Ed Root is camping on the trail of the parties who are responsible for injuring his little dog "Snyder" Thursday afternoon on North Central avenue. It will go hard with them if Ed succeeds in finding out who they are. The dog was painfully, but not seriously injured. A carriage ran over the dogs foot and caused both the dog and Ed much mental anguish.

Ed was watering the lawn at the Baptist church when a carriage passed. It was making much speed and before little Snyder could get out of the road he had got his. Ed carried the dog to the drug store and had the wounds dressed. Snyder is doing nicely now, says Ed.

"If I get hold of those people," stated Ed this morning, "they will not run over any more dogs for a while. Some body else will be carried to a drug store."

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REGULAR BAND CONCERT AT NAT PARK TONIGHT

The regular Friday evening band concert will be given this evening at the Natorium park by the Medford Concert band. Following is the program:

- March—"Quarter Back" (W. P. Chambers).
- Selection—"Chimes of Normandy" (Planquette).
- Waltz—"L'Estudiantina" (Waldteufel).
- Serenade—"La Rose de Castella" (Reiter).
- Descriptive—"The Fall of Jericho" (Mallochand). Synopsis: Allegro vivo, the trumpeters summoning the Jewish army. Maestoso, the army assembles. Allegro vivo, trumpet call. Maestro, exhortations of the priests, choral and recitative. Andante, prayer. Allegro, the attack, falling of the walls. Marziale, triumph march. Allegro, finale.
- Overture—"Zampa" (Herold).
- Cornet duet—"La Belle Creole" (Dalby), Carl Kurth and Wilson Wait.
- Characteristic march—"Chicken Charlie" (Ballou).
- Intermezzo—"Elegante" (Offenbach), from "Les Contes d'Hoffmann."
- Finale—"Our Republic" (Bagley).

J. L. Arnett Dead.

J. L. Arnett, former resident of Central Point and owner of a farm and orchard near Sevenoaks station, died last week, aged 47, at Fairmont, W. Va., following an operation for stomach trouble. For some years he had been in ill health and left for the east three years ago to see if a change would not be beneficial.

Mr. Arnett was a native of Monongahela county. He came to Central Point following the earthquake at San Francisco where he had conducted a store. He leaves his wife, mother, two brothers and four sisters. The brothers are Pinkney Arnett of Fairmont, and S. C. Arnett of Arnettville. The sisters Mrs. Elizabeth Renner of Greene county, Pa.; Mrs. Ella Straight of Fairmont; Mrs. Belle Straight and Mrs. Nancy A. Richards of Riverview.

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