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JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

The Prospector. Say, I've been fooling 'round these diggings Since before I met with you, And I've made a heap of money For the men who staked me, too.

I am busted now but happy—I've been busted lots before— But I always have the prospect Of a heap of gold in store.

I'm not asking you for money To be lifted from the ditch, But I say, just you grubstake me And I'll make you blooming rich.

The world is growing better. A crowd of wedding guests at Portland boiled the rice before bombarding the happy pair.

"Insurgent windbags make the president tired," says a Portlandian standpat paper. It is even possible that those some insurgents will make him retired.

Miners have a funny habit Of departing from our fold And returning of a sudden With their pockets full of gold.

"If you do not like the railroads or other corporations," says Leslie's Weekly, "why not buy stock in them and share in the profits?" Deuced clever idea, isn't it to the man who is making \$2 last until next pay day?

Yes, the mining men are coming; Saw a raft of them this noon, Every one has struck it lucky Or will do so very soon.

You may say their tales are flighty And that most will meet a fall, But you must admit that they are Rarest optimists of all!

HERE'S CHANCE TO HELP THE LIBRARY

The following is a list of reference books which the library is anxious to add to its collection:

- Adams—Dictionary of American Authors, \$3.50. Bartlett—Familiar Quotations, \$3. Bliss—Encyclopedia of Social Reform, \$7.50. Crabb—English Synonyms, \$1.25. Granger—Index to Poetry and Recitation, \$5. Hopkins—Scientific American Reference Book, \$1.50. Larned—History for Ready Reference, 7 vols., \$38.50. Parsons—Laws of Business, \$3.75. Who's Who in America, \$5. World Almanac, 50 cents.

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Haskins for health.

THE CUCKOO OF A HOODOO.

FOR a large newspaper, the Portland Oregonian is surprisingly little.

It permits its petty spite to stand in the way of state-wide progress. It is the best example of reactionary Toryism in the northwest.

Because it has adopted the policy of opposing everything that Governor West champions, regardless of merit, it is opposing the good road bills put forth by the state good roads association, under the specious plea that the bills would create a political machine for the governor.

Oswald West is the only governor Oregon ever had who ever paid any attention to good roads. He has done and is doing more for the state's highways than all the previous governors put together.

Figures presented by the governor show that Oregon counties have spent over \$50,000,000 on roads—and the amount has been largely wasted—spent haphazard, without scientific direction.

The counties of the state spent \$832,752 in 1906 on roads and bridges. In 1907 they spent \$1,217,248. In 1908 they expended \$1,600,537; in 1909, \$1,820,685; in 1910, \$2,687,717, and in the first six months of 1911, \$1,675,046. In the five years and six months they spent \$9,833,989.42.

Because the governor adopts the plans suggested by the state association for the scientific expenditure of road money, therefore the Oregonian opposes the needed improvement.

The carping, narrow, provincial attitude of the Oregonian reflects the mossback spirit that has so retarded the growth and development of the state for decades, which is the main reason why we are still wallowing in the streaks of mire called roads, despite our fifty million dollar expenditure.

The rising spirit of enterprise has nullified the Oregonian's influence and made it a cuckoo clock of hoodooism. Whenever it begins to cuckoo against any measure, movement or man, that particular subject becomes destined for success.

It takes more than the cuckoo of a hoodoo to check the mighty good roads movement.

DR. WITHYCOMBE AND THE PUBLIC MARKET.

DR. WITHYCOMBE in a letter which was published in The Mail Tribune repeats the statements which he made in his talk before the Merchants' association at Medford. He insists that he is a friend of the farmer and yet asserts that he sees no reason why the farmer should be a business man.

Dr. Withycombe's contention that the public market is an unorganized chaotic method of doing business is entirely without foundation and is refuted by a statement which he himself makes in his letter, namely, that the market at Washington, D. C., is successful; but he would rather consider the brains which have made the Washington market successful something superior to what we have in the Rogue River valley, and likens the citizenship of Medford and its surroundings to that of the "professional hucksters of a low standard of citizenship" such as he says he found at Columbus, Ohio. He is even unwilling to give us the benefit of a doubt.

If we have been able to make Medford a city beautiful, we are certainly able to keep it so and have no fear of having its beauty marred by the citizenship surrounding us.

Farmers of the Rogue River valley are not covered with moss and do not represent the class which it seems Dr. Withycombe has been dealing with in his surroundings. The citizenship of the Rogue River valley represents the best that the country at large can afford; there are more men and women with college degrees on the farms of the Rogue River valley than there are men with degrees in the institution of which Dr. Withycombe is director.

Business men are not wanting in the Rogue River valley. There are any number of successful business men who have made good before coming here, and we will at least trust to their intelligence rather than the advice and warning of a professional politician.

Medford will have a public market and it will be a success. Dr. Withycombe will have an opportunity to use the information we can give him in the course of a year or two to publish a bulletin on "How to maintain a successful public market."

OUR DEFECTIVE SCHOOLS.

THAT the local schools are not the only ones in which pupils are defective in the common rudiments, the three R's, but that the same conditions exist throughout the schools of the state is gleaned from the columns of exchanges. The Salem Journal remarks:

"People are wondering why so few people in the grammar grades can pass in ordinary tests of the common branches.

"Of course, it is political heresy to call in question anything done in the name of public education in this state.

"But that does not settle anything in this situation, where, after eight years in school, children cannot even spell.

"Take the record in Benton county, where, out of thirty-nine eighth grade graduates, only four could pass the examination.

"Seven more were conditioned and may make up two studies by next June, but the fact remains twenty-eight failed outright.

"In Marion county twelve out of 118 passed, but seven of these were conditioned holdovers, who tried a second time.

"In Benton county 75 per cent failed in spelling, 50 in geography, 75 per cent in arithmetic and 44 per cent in grammar."

So it runs throughout the state. Jackson county is in the same class, but with a higher average.

Perhaps the "inbred" system of employing as teachers

raw, inexperienced youths and young women, the latest product of these same defective schools, in preference to trained experts who have made a life study of the subject is partially to blame.

Anyway the training being given the youths of Oregon in the public schools is a sorry joke.

NINETEEN YEARS AGO

Items from the Medford Mail of February 3, 1893.

Central Point item: Miss Lizzie Nicholson of near Medford is stopping in town this week.

Mr. Harry Severns and Mrs. Mary Stieckin were married at the home of the bride in Central Point, January 30, by Justice of the Peace W. B. A. Temple. They will reside in Eagle Point.

J. C. Hall of Central Point, who accompanied the trailload of stock to Portland last week, reports one steer weighing 2350 pounds. They were pronounced the finest lot of cattle that have reached that market for a long time.

Real estate transfer: J. D. Lumsden et al. to Emma Merriman, lot 14, block 2, Lumsden's addition to Medford consideration \$45.

G. A. Hoover, the gentleman who received a severe cut in the arm at the pork packing house some weeks ago, has been having a hard siege with erysipelas and blood poison the past week or two. It seems the wound healed over too soon and before the inner parts had been given time to heal properly, resulting in the wound opening up anew and worse than at first. The gentleman's life was despaired of for a few days last week, but he is now improving and will probably get around all right again, although it will be several weeks before he can again get to work.

The Medford business college has 15 students now taking the normal course, four of whom expect to take state diplomas. The progress of all students is very rapid and much credit is given Professor Rigby for his thorough, pushing propensities as an instructor.

L. E. Hoover, special agent for the Singer Sewing Machine company will leave for a business trip to Red Bluff, Cal., the first of next week.

Bert Whitman returned this week from his Portland trip. His business hence was that of disposing of a quantity of apples from his celebrated fruit packing establishment. He found fruit in quite good demand and unloaded a goodly amount.

W. W. Caldwell brought in a handsome specimen of quartz this week from the prospect owned by himself and Francis Fitch. The piece, which was by no means a small one, contained more gold than quartz, and has considerably stimulated the owners of the claim. The claim lies about seven miles south of Medford.

Last Thursday while H. H. Wolters, an employe in the Mathes meat market, was engaged in cutting sausage meat, the second finger of his left hand came in too close contact with the knives and the finger was so badly cut as to necessitate amputation at the first joint. The wound is doing nicely and the gentleman will be cutting sausage again in a short time, but we'll wager he'll cut more sausage and less finger hereafter.

The Southern Oregon Packing company shipped a carload of lard and bacon Saturday night, and Monday a carload of bacon and hams—both to Lang & Co., Portland.

Messrs. Roberts & O'Neil have their new residence on A street nearly completed. The main building is 24 by 26 feet in size with an L 12 by 18 and porches on three sides.

We struck the trail of a good mining item this week, but before we could dig it up it had taken a back trail for the "diggins."

Indications favorable to the early erection of our business college are looking brighter with the setting of each day's sun. The committee which has the matter in charge has no such word as fail in the category of its make-up.

William Ulrich is building a residence on North C street.

Miss Millie Soliss, who is attending the Medford business college, Sundayed with her parents at Griffin Creek.

Griffin Creek item: Wilmer McPherson has moved his grubbing machine down to Asa Fordie's and is clearing up some land for Mr. Fordie.

Griffin Bros. are preparing for a busy season. Besides their fruit and grain crops they will run a header and steam thrasher.

Griffin Creek can boast of more good looking girls than any other precinct of its size in southern Oregon. Numerous young men of Medford appreciate this fact, and the liveryman rejoiceth that it is so.

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Home 354 Bell 3072

ORCHARD COMPANY STINGS INVESTORS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3.—Several hundred thousand dollars were lost by investors in Oregon through the collapse of the Columbia River Orchard company. For two days the office of A. J. Beihl, who handled the company's business here, has been besieged by his patrons. Beihl, however, remained away from the office.

A number of people who purchased the bonds by mortgaging and selling their homes stand to lose everything.

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Will exchange real estate for automobile.

Will exchange timber for lots or equities.

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