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COMMUNICATIONS.

To the editor: In your issue of March 11th, you have an editorial entitled, Sunny Southern California, which is anything but a credit to the neighbor state on the south of us.

Now I am not a Californian, in fact I have spent the last 27 years in Jackson county, and expect to spend another 27 years here, the Lord willing, for Jackson county is good enough for me, and I am not a moss-back or a knocker, but since when is it a worse crime for California to tell all of the good points and none of her bad ones, than it is for southern Oregon to do the same thing?

Now the point I am trying to get at is this. Not only California and southern Oregon are doing this, but nearly every place on the Pacific coast is doing the same, and very thing is causing more dissatisfaction, and doing our country more harm than if nothing were done at all.

While the literature sent out is not absolutely untrue, it is the extraordinary and not the average, and is misleading, and consequently easterners are more or less disappointed and a word from them to their eastern friends will have more effect than all the boasting that we can do.

We have a good country here, and do not have to stretch the truth until it is black in the face, in order to get settlers to locate here.

Trusting you will find space in your valuable columns for this, I am, yours, for a greater southern, WM. L. WELCH, Prospect, Ore., March 16, 1912.

Bill Smith Loses. To the editor: Will you please inform me how many justices of the peace there are in Medford? We have a wise guy here from Oklahoma who says in an editorial in his issue of March 7th, this year, that W. H. Canon is justice of the peace for Medford precinct.

This information is asked for the purpose of deciding a bet between Bill Smith and I. Bill bet me twenty-seven cents that Oklahoma was right, because he says Oklahoma is a man of brain and power and lots of instinct. Who wins the bet? TOM JONES, Ashland, March 15.

That Game Violation. To the Editor: Homer Neal says he never had any idea that George Trask had anything to do with the reporting of his having deer meat, as he knew that Trask did not know it, and he wishes the friends of both himself and Trask to be relieved of such misinformation.

Neal says that he got the deer across the hill from his place and brought it home after night, so no one could have seen him have it in his possession, and that he had told no one of having the game, and Trask had not known that he had been out in the mountains after game.

It is surmised by Neal that the suspicions of his having game was a certain neighbor whom he had been accommodating all winter by hauling his provisions up the hill to his place. While Mr. Neal in a sense broke the law, he has the sympathy of his many friends all over the valley, and considering the hard work he does to make a living and pay for a place, he is not strongly blamed for quietly providing some fresh meat, and is not the sort of man that the law need inaccrurate in order to keep the game from being wasted.

The following day after Mr. Neal was sentenced a petition was circulated for the pardoning of him by Governor West, and over 200 signatures were signed to it.

SUBSCRIBER. Talent, March 15.

THE BLIND ORGANIZE.

WHILE North Dakota was declaring for La Follette the "dead man" by a majority of 10,000 over Taft and Roosevelt combined, with Taft a very, very poor third, Jackson county's stand-patters were declaring for Taft and organizing to carry Jackson county for the president.

There are none so blind as those who cannot see. The old state machine has been smashed repeatedly, yet hope springs eternal in the politician's breast. Under the guidance of that persistent seker after pie, former Governor Geer, Jackson county's stalwarts are hopelessly trying to piece the machine together for the primary run—but its valves are leaking, its spark plugs dirty, its magneto short circuited and its carburetor out of whack.

The same distinguished statesmen are all for that skilled seller of pants—Ben Selling—for United States senator and his barrel is furnishing a little lubricant—not much, hardly enough to make the wheels go around, but any at all in these evil days is providential for the politicians.

Ben Selling is one of the Taft state committee. For years he posed as a progressive. He followed Bourne out of the stand-pat camp. Now, lured by lust for office, he has surrounded himself by the hangers-on, the chauffeurs and tinker men of the defunct convention and lamented assembly machine whom he formerly fought. Still proclaiming himself the original progressive, he has skeltered back into the reactionary camp and is beating the tom-tom for Taft—loudly clamoring against the man whose lead he followed for years, and for the chief exponent of those principals he opposed.

It is excellent satire to style Ben Selling the original progressive. If he ever originated anything more progressive than a clothing sale there is no record of it. Jackson county felt his progressiveness when he orated and voted against the Crater Lake highway and helped kill the Ashland normal.

But never mind the fool laws of the fool people, get in line boys—join the Jackson County Taft club and vote for Selling and Taft, whose progress, like the crab's, is sometimes sidewise, sometimes backwards, but never forwards.

VILLAGE PRESS HAS JIM-JAMS.

THE village press of Jackson county has become wildly excited. From the beautiful hills of Ashland, reverberating with the music of the Oklahoma wild ass and the tintinabulating ki-yi of the yelping coyote to the verdure clad slopes of Gold Hill where the gentle mephitis spills his fragrance, sanity has winged away and the phantom fantasies of delirium tremens supplanted reason.

"Much learning hath made thee mad," was said to the Apostle Paul, but the columns of the village press are ocular proof that no such cause exists for the insanity of the press in question. Dante never conjured up such horrors for his inferno as flit through the diseased minds of these newly born bosses who, imagining themselves commissioned by the Most High to govern Jackson county, are posing as its moral and political censors and its spiritual guides.

Starting out alleging graft and corruption, blackening characters, using innendo to besmirch reputations, but submitting no proof of accusations, unearthing no crimes, the village press has conjured out of the night a "Medford rill," a man of straw to attack, and wastes its energies in abusing the Medford press for the crime of being progressive, for refusing to accept the dictation of men not long enough in the state to vote, for declining to wear anew the old Ashland collar and refusing to swallow Dunn.

All this delirium, all this fol-de-rol, all this sparkling village effervescence in the cup of folly, to fool the people, to restore to the old Ashland political ring its former prestige, to reverse the march of progress, and to turn back the clock four years, while Judge Dunn, with his face ever to the setting sun, forces Jackson county to mark time.

Utilizing Biproducts of Our Resources

(By C. L. Patterson.) Through the efforts of the Mining Men's club foreign capital is likely to become interested here in the establishment of a wood distilling plant which will utilize the waste timber and mill refuse of this section. Secretary Patterson of the publicity department is advised that representatives will be here in a few days to inquire into the local conditions, and incidentally ascertain just what the Medford people are willing to do in the matter of assisting in the establishment of such a plant here. It is a well known fact that old fir tree stumps contain large quantities of pitch, creosote, turpentine, wood alcohol and other chemical products. The raw material in this neighborhood is allowed to go to waste as in clearing new land the down timber and stumps are burned on the ground and nothing is saved. In fact, this method has a tendency to destroy the humus in the soil where the burn is made, and nothing will grow on the spot until the fertility of the soil has been restored. To make use of the waste and manufacture from it salable articles is the object of the distilling company. The process of extracting the chemicals from the stumps and waste requires at least eight hours treatment, depending upon the amount of pitch in the wood. Some of this wood passes off in liquid form and makes wood tar; the balance goes off in the form of gas, which is afterward condensed and collected, so that nothing is wasted. The principals employed in this method of wood distillation are not

new. For thousands of years charcoal has been made in Russia, Siberia and Europe, while in America the business of manufacturing charcoal and wood alcohol has been successfully carried on for at least 50 years. The chief products of the industry are wood alcohol, acetate of lime, charcoal, balsam of fir, creosote, tar, pitch and turpentine. In the process of distillation of wood in enclosed vessels, if we heat the wood on the outside, of course the air comes in contact with it and when it becomes ignited it will burn up. In making charcoal by the ordinary method most of the wood is covered up with sod, etc. After the wood is fired only a partial amount of air is supplied, therefore instead of the combustion being complete it is imperfect, and the charcoal is left. Under such circumstances as charcoal was usually burned the charcoal only was left; but wood alcohol, as well as a multitude of amyls and acetates were poured out in the air and lost. This industry represents, now, the modern conservation policy, and everything, so far as possible, is saved. There are several devices, but the best results have been obtained from the kiln process, which it is proposed to establish here in Medford. In Michigan the burning of charcoal was carried on for many years before any effort was attempted to save the by-products. One day a few years ago a stranger or visiting some charcoal burners wanted to purchase the smoke. The people laughed at him and said that he was crazy. However, in a few months afterward he managed to

make a contract with the burners for their smoke and he made more money from it than the charcoal burners were making by burning the charcoal. Later on it was discovered that they could get the wood alcohol and save the acetate of lime as well as the charcoal. Professor Charles E. Monroe says the industry has more than doubled in the last four years and that many and increasing demands are being made on the by-products. For instance, formaldehyde is a material which is becoming extensively used as a disinfectant, and formaldehyde is made from wood alcohol. The amount of charcoal which is obtained from a cord of fir wood is fifty-five bushels, or 850 pounds. This charcoal weighs about one-fourth as much as the wood from which it came, the other three-fourths of the weight passes off in the form of tar, creosote and pyrolygenous acid.

The charcoal manufactured by the modern method is from 89 to 95 per cent pure carbon and contains only about one-half of one per cent ash, the balance being volatile matter. Eight hundred and fifty pounds of this charcoal is equal in value to 1150 pounds of charcoal made in the ordinary way. The amount of chemicals that can be obtained from a cord of wood varies considerably. Fir stumps will yield from 200 to 250 gallons per cord, while slabs and waste wood from the mills will yield from 150 to 200 gallons per cord. Of this material thirty to sixty gallons is wood tar, from thirty to sixty gallons wood creosote and the balance is pyrolygenous acid.

As indicated by Professor Monroe, this acid can be used for innumerable purposes, but is best used as a disinfectant for spraying fruit trees, manufacture of sheep dip, etc. The creosote is especially advantageous in preserving timber and its by-products are used in the manufacture of paint, stains, coloring dyes, antiseptic lotions as well as liquid smoke for preserving smoked meats and fish.

The tar and wood alcohol and numerous other products are all worked up to some useful purpose. Samples of the products of the wood distillation process are now on display in the office of the secretary of the Mining Men's club in the Hotel Nash and consist of charcoal, balsam of fir, bituminous gum, wood alcohol and numerous wood stains, as well as liquid smoke.

Industries of a manufacturing nature are needed here, and it is hoped that the gentlemen contemplating the establishment of this factory will find sufficient encouragement to build here. It simply means another pay roll.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Notice is hereby given that plans and specifications for buildings to be erected near Talent, Oregon, for the Southern Oregon Experiment Station may be obtained at the office of F. Clark, architect, Medford, Oregon, for the purpose of submitting bids. Bids must be sealed and sent to the undersigned before March 21, 1912. The Experiment Station authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

F. C. REIMER, Medford, Oregon.

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County Recorder. I am a candidate for a second term for the office of County Recorder on the Republican ticket, subject to the coming primary. I have conducted the office to the best of my ability, the books are always open for inspection and feel that I am entitled to a second term. FRED L. COLVIG.

For Sheriff. I announce myself as a candidate for sheriff, promising a continuance of the businesslike administration I have given the office in the past. W. A. JONES.

For Prosecuting Attorney. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of prosecuting attorney for the first prosecuting attorney district of Oregon, embracing the counties of Jackson and Josephine, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries, and I pledge the people of Jackson and Josephine counties that in the event of my nomination and election I will fearlessly, impartially and to the best of my ability prosecute all violations of law in said district and endeavor to administer the duties of said office with the utmost efficiency and economy. E. E. KELLY.

For Representative. I respectfully present my name as a candidate for representative to the republican voters at the coming primary. I have been once honored by the people of Jackson county, having been chosen to represent them in the state assembly two years ago. If nominated and elected, I shall do in the future as I have in the past: give to my constituents as honest and faithful service as lies within my power. I realize that there are matters of importance to southern Oregon that will come up in the next meeting of the legislature at Salem, and it will be my earnest desire if elected to act to the fullest satisfaction of all the people of Jackson county. J. A. WESTERLUND.

For County Commissioner. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of county commissioner for the four year term, subject to the endorsement of the republican voters at the primary election April 19, 1912.

If nominated and elected I will during my term of office conduct the business of Jackson county on a strictly business basis, and to the best interests of the taxpayers, and without fear or favor to any party, parties or to any particular section of the county. W. C. LEEVER.

For Sheriff. I respectfully present my name to the republican voters as candidate for sheriff of Jackson county at the coming primaries. I have served two terms as constable of Medford district, and if nominated and elected I shall serve the people in the future as in the past. AUG. D. SINGLER.

For County Judge. I am a candidate for the nomination of county judge of Jackson county to be determined by the will of the voters at the primaries April 19, 1912. If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office, as soon as lawful authority of the voters can be secured, bond the county and begin the construction of a scientific system of permanent roads. One million and a half dollars is not too much for this purpose. But a dollar's value must be had for every dollar spent. I will oppose increasing the county's warrant indebtedness and will endeavor to reduce the same and restore the county's credit. I will assume full responsibility for a business administration of every county office. F. E. MERRICK.

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