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SUBSCRIPTION BATES.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad. Brown.

Today isn't clean up day but eithe Mr. Tom McFarland or Mr. Bud Anderson seems due for one this eve

A Medford woman writes in to ask if there is any objection to her cleaning up her neighbor's yard or Clean-up day.

On one day in the full year's run I seize my rake at break of sun, Then scratch and yank and hustle hard

To make my yard look like a yard

Again, clinging desperately to the same subject, last clean-up day for a lot of 'em was primary day.

If what the music teachers say is ewskis and Melbas coming on.

Take a lesson from the humble carpet. It stands up and takes its

So far as we are concerned we are willing to let the past swallow up Mr. Ismay.

If we could capitalize our theories business we would all die rich.

What Ho! Another Byron?

'Tis plain this happy bunch meant no

As they were headed for Rumford's

Mr. Leonard W. Rae who is long and

Took Miss Mabel Ingles to ride with him.

While J. Robert Farriss, who is short and fat.

Took Miss Blanche Powell to carry his hat.

Mr. Harold Haynes, who leads a very quiet life

Couldn't find a girl, so he took h

And Clifton A. Coulter, who is

homely brute,

Miss Jessie Farriss, who really cute.

along too, he took for his company Miss

Now, of course, Hap. Rae had to go

Beatrice Pugh. they got there alright, that

hungry bunch,

their big lunch, And, oh, that feed, it was certainly

great: They all pronounced it the best they

ever ate. Miss Golda Rumford may justly feel

In getting up a feed for that hungr erowd.

proud.

They swapped jokes by the light the fire in the grate

Until itgrew most awful late,

Then they bid Miss Rumford, hostess, good night.

All feeling they had had the

time of their life.

-Eugene Register. FIRST WORK FOR NEW

BEAR CREEK BRIDGE The preliminary work on the location of the Bear creek bridge was begun Monday, when Engineer Sawyer and assistants established the angles and general lines for a thirty-six foot bridge. The thirty-six foot width will not include an eight-foot sidewalk on either side, which will bring the total width to fifty-four feet. All figures have been made merely as

estimates, and are general. The city council, which meets to night, will take up the bridge problem and set a date for the special election, which will include all of the amendments to the city charter that was to have been placed before the people May 14.

It is generally understood that the council will favor a concrete bridge in preference to part steel, on account of the longer life which the first affords. The county court, too, is said to be in favor of concrete.

General Manager William Gerig of the Pacific & Eastern is preparing ford. the plans and specifications of a conat the next meeting of the county Central Point last Friday and Satur-

MINIMUM WAGE BILL.

A N INITIATIVE bill, drafted by labor interests, it is reported will appear upon the ballot at the Novem- children, and Leslie Lytle and his ber election fixing a minimum wage for labor at \$2.50 a sister, Miss Emma Lytle, were to day for men and \$1.75 a day for women.

Without expressing either approval or condemnation Bar I of the measure, or dwelling upon its legality, its presenta- or tools, etc., to the intake of the tion and serious consideration are indications of a social Fish take ditch last Friday morning. and political revolution now in its initial stages, wherein The company is to build a bridge legislation for the benefit of humanity, rather than for to support its pipe the across Little the dollar, is the consideration.

The advocates of the measure claim that under the pre- son of Butte Falls spent Friday vailing high cost of living \$2.50 a day is the least that a night with us. They have been reman can exist upon and support a family, and \$1.75 the pairing the telephone line between least a woman can honorably exist upon—and that is the truth.

If the bill provided a minimum wage of \$1 a day for only on account of the delightful men and 50 cents a day for women, there would probably rain we have had but on account of be little opposition, so that it is not the principle involved, there being a meeting of the Rogue but the stipulated wage that arouses the protest.

Labor legislation and regulation is no new thing. We continued for four days, but also on already have laws in many states regulating the hours of account of there being two grand labor and the age of labor, that is preventing child labor, balls or dances here on the night of It is but a step in the program to proscribe a living wage May 1st. S. B. Spiker had announced as well as living hours.

Nor is legislation for the wage of labor a new thing. 1st and a few days before that time For half a century the people of the United States have Mr. Vogeli, who owns the Tavern been voting a tax upon themselves with the avowed pur- and saloon connected with it, and pose of enabling the manufacturer to pay high wages. Such was the glowing theory which enabled the politicians at the same time, so they rented to bunco the people into voting repeatedly for an extreme- Brown's hall over their store, posted ly high tariff. The people thought they were legislating bills around town, sent word to the for the benefit of the wage of American labor, and there- country announcing the dance and for for prosperity. The proposed initiative bill differs the result was that a few of the only from the advanced theory of tariff legislation in that had a very nice time and the general it is a real direct benefit instead of an indirect suppositious public met at Spiker's opera house benefit to labor. It does not differ in principle.

The opposition to minimum wage legislation will come very pleasant time. One notable featrue there is a big crop of Pader- mainly from the protected industries, who in reality pay ture of the dance at Spiker's was the lowest wages. Unprotected laborers, such as machin- any of the dancers, so I heard sevists, carpenters, printers, plumbers, masons, stonecutters, eral of the ladies say. At the close painters, engineers, electricians, etc., work the shortest of the dance Mr. Spiker announced licking and never knows when its day and receive the highest wages, from \$3 to \$5 and \$6 that he would give a free dance of a day. The protected industries, like the steel trust, work the evening of May 24 and that the their employes twelve hours at an average wage of \$9 Howlett to serve the supper at \$1 to \$10 a week. The protected paper mills pay similar comple wages for a twelve hour day. The great cotton and wool But the most interesting feature of manufacturers pay even less.

The tariff has not advanced wages or benefited labor of the association and the religious about running the other fellow's in any way. Instead it has built up a class of millionaires and fostered the creation of monopolies. It has imported tens of thousands of the lowest class of Europeans to take Friday evening between four and five the place of native labor. It has fought the shorter work Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Beeson of A happy bunch went out for a drive, day and utilized child labor. It has made the condition of Talent were in Medford Saturday. humanity in its factory districts the most hopeless in all . America. And this is the result of legislation enacted A. Rose, were in Medford Friday. solely to benefit the American laborer.

> Opposition to the minimum wage bill will also be. The public schools at Phoenis forthcoming from the great department stores and other have been closed for this year on aclarge employers of women who by paying a wage they count of diphtheria breaking out in admit is too small to support their employes, foster the gren feels sure he has the disease white slave traffic and make prostitution the price of bar- under control, but several had been gain counter economies. By aid of the profit made exposed and it was thought best to through small wages paid women, these department stores close the school are enabled to enter the mail order business and compete at the home of her aunt, Mrs. James with the small town and country merchant, who is forced Allen, in North Talent, the last of to pay living wages to his employes. Residents of the last week Rogue River valley who send away to secure mail order Mrs. J. E. Roberts and daughter bargains from the big city department stores, or cloak and Miss Lulia, and Roy Cofman were in suit houses, are helping the white slave traffic.

The wage of labor has always been governed by the Mr. and Mrs. A. law of supply and demand. This is artificially controlled Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs by unions on the one hand and by the importation of for- F. E. Farry at Phoenix. eigners on the other. It is also modified by the individual. The theory of unionism levels the efficient and inefficient And then they proceeded to have to a common plane, but the efficient is generally rewarded Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rader were in in excess of the inefficient, either in higher wages or Medford last Sanday trying their steadiness of employment.

The employer is not so much concerned in the amount of the wage, as in whether or no he gets full value for C. Carey began the planting of his his money. The effect of the proposed law will be that in field of fine seed potatoes Monday. hard times the inefficient will be out of work and in good times the efficient will command a premium—just as they do now. In other words the law of supply and demand will still govern and the only benefit the law will confer will be upon women-just as the ten hour law benefited them exclusively in Oregon. The law will be difficult to enforce in hard times, but will be an interesting experi- spent Monday in Grants Pass. ment, though it may prove impractical.

Our Correspondents

DEBENGER GAP ITEMS..

Clarence Whilhite was a business isitor at Central Point and Medford st Friday and Saturday. Mr. S. M. Nealon was a visitor at

Antioch last Saturday. Theodore Glass of Beagle has just returned from a pleasure trip in the state of aWshington.

Clarence Wilhite of Beagle purchased from Gold Hill a four horse power gasoline engine to which he will attach a pump for irrigating pur-

P. H. Grey of Beagle recently purchased a horse for spring work. John Burns of Beagle returned nome after having spent about two

weeks working for P. C. Grey. Miss Alma Gould, who is teachng the Debenger Gap school, district taking orders for electric lights in No. 50, spent Friday and Saturday our town. This item of news has visiting friends and relatives at Med-

J. B. Hanna of Debenger Gap was crete bridge and will submit the same a business visitor in Medford and

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

(By A. C. Howlett.) Since my last, George Philips has started to build a new house on the

E. R. Salter and wife of Milaca, Minn., arrived on Wednesday last and are visiting Mr. Salter's brother will remain here as pastor of the Fred, one of the Eagle Point hard- Christian church. ware merchants.

E. C. Piper and son Charles, and A. J. Hand of Portland arrived May and have moved into R. C. Lawton's house on Eagle Heights. Mr Piper expects his wife to join him today (Saturday). He intends to build a dwelling house on his tract of land on Eagle Heights.

I understand that Mr. Purdy is just come to me as I go to writing

so cannot give the particulars. Mrs. Arylee Green arrived at the home of her parents J. J. Fryer and wife, last Wednesday from her trip to Europe, and her son Austin came

out from his home on Long Branch to see her and to receive medical

treatment from Dr. Holt. Mr. Ditsworth and his two step town Friday morning on the way to

Ray Harnish started with a load

Emerson Wheeler and E. H. Wat-Butte Falls and Medford.

This week has been rather a remarkable week in Eagle Point, not River Baptist association, which convened on Tuesday, April 30, and for several weeks that he would give and they also report having had a arrangement was made for Mrs.

exercises connected with it,

Mr. and Mrs. C. Carey were

Talent Saturday evening, attending

Gus Hughes of Fern Valley was

Talent Saturday

Vess Patterson of Ashland was out

Monday trying a new car,

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS

Earl Slagie and W. J. Gregory

W. J. Scott of upper Rogue river was here after supplies the first of

Mrs. M. Elliott of Rock Point spent first of the week here. Jess Glass of Beagle spent Monday

In the bean guessing contest at Cranfill & Robnett's store. Frank Adams received first prize and Mrs. W. C. Leever second prize.

Mrs. J. B. Holmes spent the first of the week with her daughter at Woodville,

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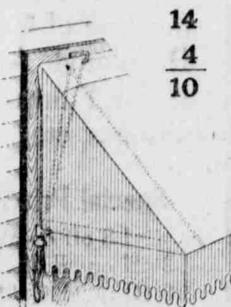
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