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at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1908, and a car of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial Club, enclosing 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever published.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

A Portland paper prints a picture and half column article about the man who brought the first ballet dancers to that city. It is an easy matter to bid for fame.

Portland has adopted an ordinance forbidding pedestrians to cross the streets diagonally. This will work a great hardship on the man who can't follow the straight and narrow.

This item in the papers. Soon we'll view: "Couple drowned because the fellow Rocked the canoe."

Prof. Bugg Again.

Dear J. & J.—Since I first read that it was the intention of the council to post legal notices on telephone poles my fertile brain has been evolving a convenience to the public. Patent rights having been taken out I will outline the scheme for a collapsible ladder, one to be stationed at each of the telephone poles. This ladder is arranged to meet difficulties that will arise when a paving assessment notice will be posted. The length of these notices will necessitate the use of the entire pole from top to bottom. As citizens should not be forced to purchase climbing spurs they can use the ladder. My patent allows the reader to push a button every time he wishes the ladder to slowly sink a few inches. In this way he starts at the top and gracefully descends to the bottom of the notice. If this scheme is not used it will be necessary to use more than one pole for each notice or to add a line "Continued on pole No. 2," a practice that will call for much walking and some little observation. Respectfully, Prof. O. U. Bugg.

HOME RULE ROAD BILL CONSIDERED TONIGHT

The Medford Commercial club will hold an adjourned session at 8 o'clock p. m., today at the city hall, at which meeting there will be one subject considered that is of vital interest to the people of Jackson county, and that is in relation to the proposed "good roads initiation bills," which are now being presented to the people.

It is the opinion of Attorney A. E. Reames that if any of the bills now proposed are enacted by the people, that highway construction in Jackson county will be hindered and kept in the background for an indefinite period of time.

As Medford is the leader in all matters of this kind, it is considered necessary that a "home rule bill" be prepared that will give to the people of each county in the state the right to contract indebtedness for the building of permanent roads, in any reasonable amount which they may think necessary, and that this bill stand alone on its merits and be not connected with any of the pending state measures on the subject.

THE ASHLAND SPIRIT.

ASHLAND is again showing its friendliness for Medford by threatening injunction proceedings to prevent the county from cooperating with Medford in constructing the Main street bridge.

Benton Bowers, who is the front of the movement, says he is not a resident of Ashland, but he is, although he refused to include his home in the city limits that go past it. He has the benefit of city water and all city improvements and pavement nearly to his door.

Mr. Bowers alleges three reasons for enjoining the bonds: First, that the county would not build a bridge across Bear creek at a farm he owns near Tolo; second, that he personally examined the present Main street bridge, and decided it "adequate for the demands"; third, that if the county "did not have funds to build bridges where most needed," that is at Bowers' Tolo ranch, "we would take some action to see that they did not impoverish the county more by building them where they were not needed."

Boiled down, the reasons simply spell spite and that is all that it is. It is the prevailing Ashland spirit toward Medford. The injunction may be brought in the name of the resident of some other locality, just as effort was made to have a Medford man bring it, but the action originated in Ashland.

This is the kind of reciprocity Medford may expect for sending a delegation to Portland and Salem to fight for the normal school, for requesting the county court to contribute \$7500 for an Ashland armory, and for responding whenever called upon for cooperation.

The Main street bridge is badly needed. The present structure should be condemned. Under the state law, the county is compelled to build the bridges on county highways. There is nothing illegal about the proceeding any more than any other expenditure the county has made in the fifty or more years it has been in debt.

Lecture on Christian Science

Frank H. Leonard, C. S. B., member of the board of lecturership of the Mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., addressed a crowded house at the Medford theater Thursday evening. He was introduced by B. R. McCabe. Dr. Leonard spoke in part as follows:

We read of the wonderful happenings of the times of Jesus, wish they might be possible now and then accept the universal belief that the time for miracles has gone by. To say the time has gone by for the power of the Word to be manifested is literally "taking the name of the Lord in vain," for He said, "Lo, I am with you always."

Webster defines a miracle as "anything wonderful." What Jesus did was in direct opposition to what we term natural law; but instead of our accepting and clinging, as we have, to so-called natural law as the real law, we should recognize that which manifests in all ways and on all occasions good or God. What Jesus did was not supernatural from the basis of read or God naturalness, but in full accord with all the promises in the Bible as to the redemptive accomplishment of acceptance of His work as the direct manifestation of the omnipresent power of the Word.

We must accustom ourselves to reasoning out the things of spirit and cease believing they are hidden from us until after the change which we call death. The things of spirit are eternal and it is as much eternity now as it ever will be, so now is the time when we are to worship God "in spirit and in truth" and cease giving willing ear to the cry of carnal mind which is at war with spirit and is death unto any possible knowledge of God.

The Bible teaches "be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind," and this means we are to be changed in substance by beginning again with mind.

Jesus, the Christ, transcended all material belief and theory when he healed the sick with the Word of God, and yet He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing," indicating it was the "mind" in Him, the Father, God, which did the works.

The world at large has had great misapprehension as to the position accorded to Mrs. Eddy by the Christian Scientists.

They have never looked upon her as a creator, but simply as a revealer, who through consecration, self-abnegation and profound spiritual searching of the Scriptures, discerned the great truth of the life "hid with Christ in God," which she transcribed in the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," so simply that any one who is willing to study may comprehend and know the "truth" which makes man free.

The Christian Science text book, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," Mrs. Eddy's legacy to suffering and sin-sick humanity, enables one to find the spiritual truths in the Bible, simplifies and elucidates their teachings and makes practical the example of our Master while on earth. It does not supersede nor does it take the place of the Bible, but makes it more desired and studied than ever before.

The message of Christian Science

to mortals is the message of hope, the message of activity and the message of joy. It is the glad tidings that at last we know how to worship God and how to "walk in the spirit" that we may not fulfill "the lust of the flesh," but "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," "for of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; to whom be glory for ever."

COMMUNICATION.

That County Road Fund for Medford Road District

To the Editor: In a former issue of the Mail Tribune I contended that there should be enough funds in that portion of the county road fund assigned to the Medford road district to be applied on the county roads in said district to build Medford's portion of the county bridge.

(Note—Medford road district comprises four sections, viz., 19 and 30, in range 1 west, and 24 and 25 in range 2 west. The corporation of Medford is approximately three-fifths of said territory. The rest is in Medford road district outside the city limits. The portion outside the corporation pays its portion of Medford's county road tax. Now keep this in mind as I will refer to it again.)

The county treasurer told me that there was paid last year (1911) to the city treasurer the sum of \$9000 and this year already \$6000, being \$15,000 within the past 15 months, as Medford's road district county road fund; so if that is a fact it should be in Medford's county road fund now as there has been no part of it spent on the county roads in this road district. If so, why the necessity of bonding the city to build the bridge. I asked the city treasurer about that fund. He replied there was no such fund kept. I asked what was done with the money. He said it had always been placed in the street and road fund. I protested that the city had no right to apply the county road fund on streets of the city or county roads. I also told him that a number of taxpayers of this city had expressed the intention of asking the circuit court for an order compelling the city to repay to the road fund the money divested therefrom. In that event there would be plenty of funds on hand to build Medford's share of the bridge.

I spoke to Councilman Watt about it, and he said that the city attorney decided that the city charter permitted the fund to be used on the streets not county roads, but with due regard to him from whom all legal knowledge is supposed to flow I do not think the charter says any such thing; it does say the county roads within the city shall be subject to the same conditions as the streets of said city, but it does not say the streets shall have all of the privileges of the county roads or that the county funds might be spent on the streets of the city.

The legislature enactment provided that the city of Medford might form its own charter provided it did not conflict with the laws of the state, but the laws of the state do not permit any city to use the county funds to be used on the streets not county roads, and that contention is an insult on the common sense of the people or a proof of the

ignorance of the attorney. There is a large amount of property in Medford, road district outside the city limits that has paid its portion of this Medford county road district tax fund. Is it legal to use the tax fund so obtained on the streets of the city where they do not reside or have a vote? It is one of the provisions of the constitution of the United States that there shall be no taxation without representation, and the city of Medford is no greater than the United States or the state of Oregon. What right has the city of Medford to tax Mrs. Earhart, Mrs. R. A. Phipps, I. J. Phipps, Thomas McAndrew, Mr. Hoover, and Mrs. W. H. Gore, all outside the city limits but in Medford road district, to improve the streets of the city? There has been an indiscriminate onslaught on any and all funds of

the city and the people have been taxed to the limit, and it is about time these conditions were looked into. There is no excuse whatever to call an election to authorize bridge bonds or to try to keep from the people any shady transactions by doing away with publication of these proceedings. The expense of publication may be largely curtailed by eliminating from the subject matter two characteristics, viz., a diarrhoea of language and a constipation of ideas.

The bad feature of posting municipal notices on telegraph poles is illustrated by the following occurrence: When Pickel was mayor, and he and Vawter wanted to vacate the alley running through the block now occupied by their residences (so I am told) the council had the notices typewritten, carbon cop-

ies, and posted them on telegraph poles one rainy evening and in a few minutes the rain blotted the carbon print altogether and no one could read them, and the vacation was made and hardly anyone was the wiser. By their works ye shall know them, and the least you know of them the greater will be the respect. Vote "no" on measure to do away with publication. More anon. J. S. HOWARD.

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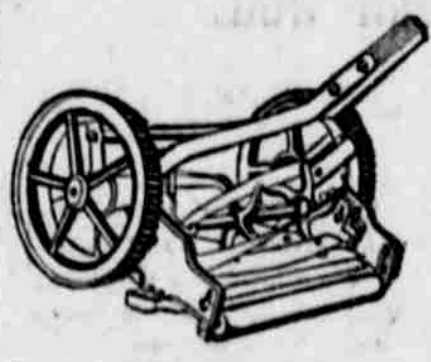
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