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JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad. Brown.

King George has learned that two Rogue River bears beat three of any other kind.

R. Spinkewitz, a long time silent, sends in this, "As for the Wo Lee incident it is funny some one else didn't cedar chest first."

The Chinese are to make airships. If they follow the dragon pattern our western skies are apt to prove fearfully interesting.

In spite of the fact that Lady Duff-Gordon refused to allow her life boat to put back for additional survivors, her ideas on how American women should fashion their clothes will still be eagerly read.

Clean-Up Day in China. Clean-up day in Medford occasioned one Medford woman to send us the following, written by a Chinese youth at an American missionary school at Yachow, China.

"The streets want sure to clean. In every day should do swept to throw the dirt. If so do not. The people as to be made to sick. Why did so? Because the dirt may be unhealthy. So the cleaning of the streets it is an important thing, and the police should do take care of it.

"There are no police of place (if there are no police). They are rich men that they should do given many pennies to help cleaning for clean to the streets. (i. e. the rich should help) And at themselves body are very useful. (i. e. to make sure their own bodily health). Our streets are very much dirt at present. How do not important by the cleaning? The police are ought important too? (Is not street cleaning important? Are not the police also important?)"

If the government coins half cent pieces there is one Medford sport who will be able to bet more frequently.

More Suggestions. Since the publication of Prof. Bugg's collapsible ladder scheme, our mail has been crowded with timely suggestions from taxpayers. Here are a couple:

"I congratulate the Prof. My suggestion is that all poles to be used for notices be painted bright red or blue that flags be hung from their tops. Who wants to search all the poles for the right one?"

"If Prof. Bugg's plan doesn't carry why can't the city contract with the moving picture houses and throw all assessment notices on the screen?"

Can't understand why the police didn't stop the ball game Sunday. Wasn't 17 to 5 bad enough slaughter?"

COMMUNICATION. ASHLAND, Ore., May 13.—To the Editor: I notice in Saturday's issue of the Mail Tribune an article headed "Plan Highway to Mountain Top," inspired it seems by one H. (Huckleberry) Hurn of Ashland.

I wish to state to the readers of the above paper that Mr. Hurn's statements, if he made them, were entirely gratuitous on his part. No citizen of Ashland or elsewhere has intimated, asked or suggested, directly, indirectly or otherwise to me that a scenic drive or any other kind of a drive be built by the county's aid or assistance should I be elected county judge. I am not, never was and will not be "pledged to build a scenic boulevard from Ashland to the top of Ashland Butte."

I'm not advised as to the merits of Mr. Hurn's huckleberry boulevard, but I imagine that there are a good many roads in Jackson county leading to various, sundry and divers gooseberry patches that need the county court's prior attention.

Hoping that inasmuch as you have unwittingly misrepresented me in this matter you will give this article the same publicity you did the one heretofore referred to. I am GEO. W. DUNN.

THE PROPOSED TOWN CRIER.

THE suggestion that the city council employ a town crier instead of telephone poles to inform the people regarding public improvements is a good one.

It is getting back to first principles, even better than posting on poles. It has the advantage of being economical, convenient, and within the law. When not engaged in yelling assessments the crier could be shouting out abuse of the newspapers. His time might also be sold to the various stores to announce their bargain sales, and thereby sufficient revenue be obtained to pay his moderate salary.

A still more economical solution of the problem would be to combine the duties of town crier and chief of police. As the chief strolled about looking for offenders, he could cry out the resolutions and ordinances. The idea might be developed still further and the several policemen shout out the new laws as they walk their beats, thus enabling the public to ascertain what the council was doing and know the whereabouts of the police at the same time.

The councilmen themselves might act as town criers instead of town knockers for their respective wards, thus practicing practical economy and doing something to justify their \$25 a month salary. Some of them spend a good portion of the time on the street anyway, and their knocks on the newspapers could be sandwiched in between shouting out ordinances.

Another solution of the problem, which is more up to date, equally within the law, and also economical, would be to have the city attorney read the ordinances into a phonograph, have the records thus made duplicated and a phonograph or graphophone installed beside each telephone pole or scattered through the various wards. The police could keep the machine wound up, or any interested taxpayer could wind it up and hear whether his street was to be paved or not and how much his assessment was. Any phonograph dealer would supply the paraphernalia for the advertising received thereby.

If the council abandons these progressive suggestions and still sticks to the telephone poles, some such scheme as Prof. O. U. Bugg's, recently outlined in the Mail Tribune, will have to be considered. Prof. Bugg says: "My scheme is 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."

But the main objection to the use of telephone poles is the example set by the councilmen of wilfully violating their own ordinances, thus putting those sworn to enforce the law in the position of lawbreakers, and breeding contempt for the law among the common people.

Ordinance No. 661, passed and approved March 13, 1912, by these same councilmen, reads:

"Section 2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent residents of Medford from fittingly advertising their own business or wares, without the payment of any license fee; provided, that no person or persons, firm or corporation shall be permitted to write, paint or otherwise inscribe any sign or advertising matter upon any sidewalk or pavement, telephone, telegraph or electric light poles or upon any of the streets or alleys or other public places of said city."

Just because a councilman gets \$25 a month salary, doesn't put him above the law or give him the right to violate it. He is not Teddy Roosevelt yet. This is evidently a case where the chief of police should get busy and the city court take action. It is not a case of vagrancy—just plain law breaking. A fine of from \$10 to \$100 is provided for each violation and law enforcement will yield the city quite a revenue. Five violations for each of at least 50 ordinances and resolutions can be charged to each councilman and the minimum fines would exceed \$2500 apiece, but habitual offenders like these councilmen should be given the maximum penalty after the third offense, or a total of approximately \$25,000 apiece or total \$150,000 for the council, or a day in jail for each \$3. A little enforcement of their own laws would effectually dispose of the council. In its anxiety to practise economy by slapping at the newspapers, the council is not only setting the example of lawbreaking but in failing to enforce the law against all offenders is overlooking a chance to finance the city.

The town crier or town phonograph has at least the

merit of being legal as well as economical, and the adoption of the idea by Medford's city council will result in a wide advertisement for the city. Of course it is progress backwards, but what can one expect from the council?

SIX TEAM LEAGUE NOW IN PROSPECT

A six club valley league is now in prospect in the Rogue River valley. The ball magnates of Grants Pass, Ashland, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, Central Point, and Medford are getting together in an effort to arrange a ball season for the next three months. On next Sunday Medford will play Ashland on the local grounds while Grants Pass will take on Central Point.

An effort will be made to have continuous Sunday baseball in Medford-Grants Pass and Ashland. It is believed that the season would prove a success.

PYTHIAN SISTERS JOURNEY TO ASHLAND

Talisman Temple, No. 40, went to Ashland Monday night to institute Kahama Temple, No. 13. Pythian Sisters. Six autos were employed to transport the forty Medford ladies and knights to Ashland.

Mrs. L. R. Stinson, the grand chief of the Pythian Sisters of Oregon, was in attendance and instituted the lodge, assisted by Mrs. McGowan, who is also a grand lodge officer. The drill and degree work was most excellently accomplished by a team from Talisman Temple, No. 40, of Medford. The team was warmly complimented by the grand chief and the Ashland ladies and knights.

Those present were: Mrs. L. R. Stinson, most excellent grand chief; Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Schermerhorn, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. J. A. Perry, Mr.

TEAM DROWNS IN APPLIGATE

A team belonging to Reuben Tucker, living on Deer creek, was drowned in the Appligate river at the Robinson ford Sunday evening while an attempt was being made to ford the stream.

Tucker was enroute from Deer creek to Jerome Prairie, and reaching the ford after dark, attempted to cross, but just before making the bank on this side of the river, one horse fell, throwing its mate from his feet, and both were washed into the rapid water and drowned.

The driver escaped by swimming. The wagon and harness will be recovered.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY VOTES STRONG FOR ROOSEVELT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 15.—Incomplete returns from Sacramento county give: Roosevelt 3,508; Taft 1,975; La Follette 1,777; Clark 1,146; Wilson 773.

Few women, comparatively, voted.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. John Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Canon, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wortman, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hutchason, Misses Genevieve Wortman, the Misses Cox, Coffin, Haswell, Gregory, Mrs. Bodge and Mrs. Frank Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Kershaw, Mrs. Peral and Everett Trowbridge, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, John Phlegar and several others.

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Cyrus Noble

W. J. Van Schuyver & Co., Gen'l Agents, Portland

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FOR SALE—280 acres, 160 under fence, about 60 acres ready for plow; fair house, 2 barns, family orchard. A snap for \$3500. Good terms can be made on this property.

TRADE—For good house of equal value, 20 acres good deep soil, fenced and cross fenced; 7 acres clear, balance in brush; half mile of S. P. R. R., half mile of graded school, \$3500.

FOR SALE—5 acre 3 year old orchard with peach fillers, some peaches this year, \$1800.

SALE—20 acres, 6 acres cleared, plenty water, 5 room house, barn, chicken house, 400,000 feet good saw timber \$1000 trade for city property.

FOR SALE—80 acres near Tofo, partly in alfalfa, best of free soil. No better fruit land in valley; \$4000.

SALE about 70 acres 3 miles from Gold Hill, good placer ground; hydraulic and piping; fair house, some fruit, rich soil; a snap for \$1200.

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