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**JOLTS AND JINGLES**  
By Ad Brown

**The Moose Called**

Listen, gents, for half a second, grant me leave to spout, Oh Muse, while I try to read the riddle of the shifty Gold Hill News. A month ago I scanned it breathless and found it plainly said that, in substance, it was blowing off its blooming horn for Ted. Now I read in terms flat-footed that it hasn't any use, for the clan of office seekers, Mulkey up to the Big Moose. Started, I put down the paper, lay it gently on my knee, rub my "spees" and murmur vaguely, "cann these contradictions be?"

This here puzzling Gold Hill paper has an editor named Ben. He's for Teddy, but like Bwana, he goes hunting now and then. When young Ben is in the wildwoods shooting bears and trees and air, brother Rex is fulminating in the editor-yell chair. Rex don't care a tinker's teapot what comes out his fountain pen. He just grins and whispers slyly, "folks will lay it all to Ben." When the News in sober sentence sings the praises of T. R., you may know that Bennie Lampan is its guiding light and star, but when it goes off a prancing, clashing, snorting, full of snap, slashing, kicking Ted and dancing capers on his classic map, you may know the bloody pirate who is slicing Bull Moose necks, is none other than our hero, poet, dreamer, pop-gum Rex.

The government will attempt to exterminate an insect that chews holes in tobacco plants. Let it alone and the habit will finish it.

Speak up Teddy.  
 If you can,  
 What'd yuh get  
 From Harriman?

Unless the Astor will be broken, the new baby will have to struggle along on \$3,000,000.

Which same amount ought to furnish it in safety pins and rattles for some time.

**CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.**

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Parkepile and W. T. Stidham and his mother, Mrs. N. Stidham, who spent the summer in Klamath Falls and Eastern Oregon have returned to their home in this city.

Miss Agnes Dunlap has returned from a visit to Grants Pass.

Mrs. Ida Emerson and daughters returned from a visit to Butte Falls Wednesday evening.

Miss Ella Hay who has been visiting friends on Lage creek returned home the middle of the week.

Mrs. Len Williams has returned from a visit to the family of J. S. Vestal on Reese creek.

Hary Garvin of Roseburg spent Thursday morning here.

Mrs. E. E. Johnson and daughters who spent the summer here with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Peart and other relatives left for their home in California Thursday morning.

Councilman and Mrs. D. C. Grim, Mrs. J. W. Prewett and daughter, Miss Frances Shield and friend, Miss Georgia Cline, Miss Nettie Lewis, Miss Edith Stone, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Blaine and daughter, Mrs. E. R. Gleason and Rev. H. N. Aldrich were among the Central Point people in Medford Thursday afternoon.

A. E. LePonte and family returned Thursday afternoon from an outing at Crescent City.

Emmett Kneekstedt is spending this week in Grants Pass.

J. S. March spent Wednesday in Jacksonville.

W. J. Scott of Upper Rogue river made a business trip here Wednesday and while here purchased a fine mare from Harry E. Troville.

Mrs. T. D. Foss, Mrs. Newman, S. A. Pattison, Glenn Owen, Bert McLain, Mr. Smith, T. J. Taylor, Mr. Duncan, were passengers from here to Medford Wednesday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church were royally entertained at the home of Mrs. Wisenberg's Wednesday afternoon, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. P. J. Huker, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Easley and Mrs. Dawning. A very enjoyable program was rendered after which elaborate refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served.

**THE FARMER AND THE FUTURE**

CENSUS BUREAU statistics show that the increased cost of living is in part due to the increased population, without a corresponding increase in agricultural products. In the past ten years, the population increased 21 per cent, while the general increase in quantity of crops produced was but 10 per cent. This naturally results in the demand exceeding the supply, forcing higher prices.

The total value of the crops of Continental United States in 1909 was, in round numbers, \$5,487,000,000, as compared with \$2,999,000,000 in 1899. The increase was thus \$2,488,000,000, or 83 per cent.

The total acreage of crops with acreage reports in 1909 was 311,293,000. In 1910, 478,452,000 acres. The crops with acreage reports, therefore, occupied 33.8 per cent of all land in farms and 68.3 per cent of the improved land. While the total acreage of farms increased 4.8 per cent, the acreage in these crops increased 9.9 per cent.

The total value of crops in 1901 was equal to \$59.66 per capita of the population of the United States, while the value per capita in 1899 was \$39.46. There were 6,361,502 farms in the United States in 1910, so that the value of crops of 1909 was equal to an average of \$863 per farm, while the average value per farm for 1899 was \$523.

A large part of the extraordinary increase in the total value of farm crops between 1899 and 1909 is attributed to higher prices. While the acreage of crops with acreage reports increased only 9.9 per cent, the value of such crops increased 82 per cent. Had the prices of 1899 prevailed in 1909, the value of these crops would have amounted to \$2,962,358,000, or an increase of only 10 per cent over 1899, the average percentage of increase in prices being thus 66.6.

The increase was 21 per cent in the population of the United States between 1900 and 1910. The increase in the number of farms from 1900 to 1910 was 10.9 per cent, and the increase in the rural population which includes places under 2,500 in addition to the agricultural population, was 11.2 per cent, the increase in urban population being 34.8 per cent. It is only by reason of a great reduction in the exportation of agricultural products that the increasing consumption of the country has been supplied.

Despite the back to the soil propaganda, and the efforts constantly made to develop new land and increase production by more scientific methods, in all probability the growth of population will continue to exceed the increased production of food stuffs with the result of a constantly increasing price for the producer and a corresponding increase in land value.

The natural tendency of civilization is toward the city. No amount of effort can check it. Consequently the problems of the city in future are the problems of the mass of humanity.

With the revolution being wrought in transportation and in farming machinery is coming a revolution in the character of the city and of the country. Instead of being massed in a small district, the city dwellings will gradually cover the entire surrounding territory. Improved farming machinery will more and more do away with farm labor and force employment in factories, Subways and elevated trolley lines, pneumatic tubes and moving sidewalks by annihilating distance, make possible the substitution of populous suburbs for crowded tenements. The increasing cost of produce will force each family to cultivate gardens about the dwellings and thus help solve the problem of existence. The surplus labor of the country, eliminated by machinery in existence and to be devised in the future, inevitably drifts citywards for employment. Intensified production, utilization of all available land, reclamation of arid waste, desert and swamp are imperative and inevitable.

The farmer has the best of it, but must pay as much attention to transportation as the city man. Transportation to the city or market is a primary problem he must solve to hold his own. The higher prices he receives for produce are dependent upon his facility for marketing these products. The increasing cost of production must be off-set by labor-saving machinery, elimination of waste, more intensified production, and scientific methods. His first effort should be to secure good roads, so that cheap auto truck delivery systems may cut down his cost of operation.

Agricultural and horticultural pursuits offer the greatest opportunity of the future, but the farmer and orchardist must have ability to grasp the opportunity and make the most of it.

**SEES EASY VICTORY**  
**OREGON FOR WILSON**

Declaring that Woodrow Wilson will carry Oregon easily Mayor W. H. Canon returned Friday from attending a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee at Portland. Mayor Canon says that the Wilson sentiment is strong throughout the state and that members of the committee declare that in their several sections Wilson easily leads in popularity.

"The Bull Moose sentiment which is said to be strong in several sections of the state does not seem to materialize when one investigates," stated Mayor Canon. "I am firmly convinced that Wilson will carry this state easily."

Maory Canon's attention was called to Charles D. Hillis' claim that Oregon would cast its electoral vote for Taft.

"That is too ridiculous to discuss" he commented briefly.

**RAPID PROGRESS**  
**BEAR CREEK BRIDGE**

Contractor Perham is making very rapid progress on the wrecking of the Bear Creek bridge on east Main street and it will be but a very short time before construction work starts on the new structure. All of the timber has been removed from the old bridge and this morning crews started taking the steel structure down.

The temporary bridge has been completed across the stream and traffic is now easily cared for. The temporary structure is well constructed and is high enough to eliminate the pitches on either side of the stream.

Next week work will start at Jackson street and the bridge there put in place.

Catcher Lew McAllister, formerly of the Detroit Tigers, has been purchased from Buffalo by the Baltimore club.

**HARVESTING OF**  
**PEARS IS RAPID**

Nearly fifteen cars of Bartlett pears have been loaded and many of them shipped to date although harvesting did not start until Monday. Work is progressing well in all of the groves in the valley and the crop will be handled in better shape than ever before.

Harvesting this year is just two weeks later than a year ago while the bulk of the crop will be nearly three weeks later. This will mean better prices as the bulk of the California crop will be off.

The slight rain Thursday proved a benefit as it was heavy enough to wash the dust off the fruit but not so heavy as to soften the ground and delay hauling.

The Producers Fruit Company reports the sale of a car of Bartletts at \$1.50 f. o. b. Medford. The sale was made at Oklahoma City, Okla.

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