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JOLTS AND JINGLES
By Ad Brown

A Michigan man got a divorce because his wife said she would rather fight than eat. A peculiar thing for him to do, considering the cost of living.

At La Porte, Ind., a man named Theodore Puffpuff was killed by a train.

Let everyone concentrate the mind and see if there is anyone else to whom the name Theodore Puffpuff might apply.

Our idea of a discouraging evening's occupation is to take the list of electoral votes by states and then concede every possible one to your candidate. Then add up the total and see how far off he is from election. Of course one has to be honest with himself or the game loses its fine point.

With no fist fight, divorce, or broken family this election in Medford is proving the quietest ever.

Two fellows stood at the Nash corner and argued at the top of their voices and they barely collected a baker's dozen of witnesses.

Let a man who is known never to bet advance an opinion and there will be plenty to shout, "how much will you bet on it?"

In New York they mix their Wilson with Sulzer—that's all.

Ben Selling says he will carry Oregon by 15,000 to 20,000 votes. If that be true Ben will have them all panting.

The horrible suspicion is gaining ground that Mike Spanos is partially telling the truth.

'Tis an elusive politician who can get out of Medford without information concerning scientific money.

Campaign Poem, No. 17261
I'm a blooming politician
And I don't know how to vote;
This here muddled up election
Has sure got my nanny goat.

I've marched out to Armageddon
But I couldn't see the use,
'Stead of battling for the Lord they
Were all battling for the Moose.

Then I read the flaring posters
What told all about Bill Taft
And between the lines I seemed to see
A lot of bunk and graft.

I've always l'onged to G. O. P.
So it strikes me sorta queer,
But Uncle Dudley casts his vote
With the Democrats this year.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE WILL
VOTE FOR NOBODY

LA CROSSE, Wis., Oct. 22.—
Senator La Follette in a speech here tonight said he would not vote for either Roosevelt, Taft or Wilson. He compared the suppression of competition through the growth of the trusts to a huge cancer, the treatment of which requires great skill. "It's no job for a Bull Moose," said La Follette, "and judging the past four years it does not seem to be a job for an amiable, easy-going man. The fellow over in New Jersey has been running a hospital with pretty good success, but he has not treated a cancer."

An Answer to Ananias

BECAUSE a lie travels faster and further than the truth, I answer slanderous and libelous accusations that have been repeatedly printed and industriously circulated for months past. The charges in themselves are so absurd and ridiculous that they do not merit a reply.

It has been charged that I am the "ringleader" in "the Medford gang," that I have dominated the county court for the past four years and helped to "loot" half a million dollars of the taxpayers' money. Cartoons have been printed depicting "the gang" shoveling out the shekels and doggerel rhymes conveyed the same idea, while editorials so heavy that they dropped of their own weight spilled the spleen of the snarling scribbler over the community.

My life record is an open book. Neither in the five years that I have lived in Medford, nor in the years previous, has it been tainted with dishonor or corruption.

I have never been consulted by the county court regarding policy or work. I have never proffered any suggestions to the county court. I am not responsible in any way for its actions. I am not, and never have been, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract, nor do I own any property that has been benefitted by work done—except as all property in the county has been benefitted. No one has ever been given employment upon my request, for I never made such request.

In five years, I have been before the court about half a dozen times. These appearances were as a public spirited citizen, nearly all in connection with the Crater Lake highway, with the turning over to the county for completion of the Frounce Roek grade built by public subscription (for which I helped raise the money) and with the establishment of the convict camp, (which I was instrumental in securing). One appearance was in behalf of the Ashland armory. I did not appear in behalf of the Medford bridge.

The Mail Tribune's relations with the county consist in being the official paper and printing the court proceedings and delinquent tax list, as provided by law for the paper of largest circulation. The delinquent tax list was also published in 1911 in the Ashland Tidings and in 1912 in the Medford Sun. No matter who comprised the county court, the Mail Tribune would have had to have the work, as the paper of largest circulation.

Full detailed account of county expenditures was printed this year—the first time the law has been complied with. Whether the money was wisely spent is a matter of opinion. It shows that all parts of the county have been benefitted. However, I had nothing to do with it.

As a newspaper man, I ran down every rumor of graft, without being able to find any. The contractor who built the Rogue river bridges became bankrupt constructing them. An expert examined the county books and found them straight. Could this have been the case if half a million dollars had been looted?

Two grand juries, one with Ira Shoudy of Ashland as foreman and one with R. J. Edwards of Ashland, foreman, inspected the expenditures and found vouchers for everything questioned, spent time in running down complaints and reported affairs O. K. If the treasury had been looted, wouldn't they have reported it?

None of the money spent was spent in Medford. None of the public spirited citizens assigned to membership in this mythical "gang" got any of it.

I have been maligned as the arch-enemy of Ashland. I have given freely time, energy, money and newspaper space in Ashland's behalf whenever called upon.

When through the inefficiency and helplessness of State Senator L. L. Multit of Ashland, who was supposed to look after local interests in the legislature, Ben Selling and others were needlessly permitted to kill the Ashland Normal school, at the request of the Ashland Commercial club, I and other Medford citizens spent a week at Port-

land and Salem at the special session of 1909, paying our own expenses, lobbying and working for the reinitiation of the normal school. That we were not successful was no fault of ours—the damage had been done when Senator Multit was asleep at the switch. In recognition, the Ashland Commercial club passed the following:

"Resolved, that the thanks of the Ashland Commercial Club be and hereby are tendered to those who assisted us in our efforts to induce the legislature to make appropriation to maintain the normal school of the state and that we are especially grateful to George Putnam, Dr. J. M. Keene and J. D. Heard of Medford, who so willingly gave their services in behalf of the schools.

(Signed)
E. T. STAPLES,
President Ashland Commercial Club.
H. F. POHLAND, Secretary.

When the initiative bill to re-establish the Ashland Normal was before the people, I championed the measure vigorously in the editorial columns of the Mail Tribune and did what I could for the bill's success. The almost unanimous vote of Medford and this portion of the county showed the effect.

When Ashland wanted a county appropriation for its armory, I signed the petition, championed it editorially, and as a member of the executive committee of the Medford Commercial club endorsed it and appeared before the county court in its behalf.

I also signed the petition, and gave editorial support to the request that the county purchase or acquire by condemnation and abolish the toll road over the Siskiyou above Ashland.

Does this look as if I was an enemy of Ashland? This "looting" of the county treasury of half a million dollars is alleged to have been done during the past four years. Four years ago the county court was composed of Judge G. W. Dunn, Joshua Patterson and the late George Brown. These men, then, must have been parties to the "looting."

In January, 1909, Judge Dunn and Mr. Brown retired and were succeeded by Judge Neil and James Owen. For the next two years, or until January, 1911, the court was dominated by Joshua Patterson with whom Mr. Owens always voted. These men must then have also been parties to the "looting."

In January, 1911, Mr. Patterson retired, George L. Davis, the first Medford man ever on the board, took his place. In the "looting" that occurred in that year, Judge Neil, and Commissioners Owen and Davis, must have been parties.

In January, 1912, Mr. Davis was succeeded by Frank Brown of Eagle Point, who is also thereby made a party to the "looting." This year, with no Medford representation on the board, the first appropriation voted in ten years for Medford, the bridge, was allowed and enjoined by Benton Bowers.

The truth is that all this talk of the "Medford gang" and "treasury loot" and all this outrageous slander, is campaign clap-trap, sounding brass and tinkling cymbal to arouse prejudice and enable the coterie of Ashland politicians, who for so many years controlled county politics and did nothing for Ashland or any other section—to sit around the pie counter and vegetate. To this end, men who have labored unselfishly for the progress of the valley and who are in no small degree responsible for the rapid growth and development of the past few years, are sacrificed to slander.

The billingsgate is sluiced through an Ashland paper, whose editor had not been a month in the valley before he began the appeal to prejudice and discord. Upon his arrest for criminal libel he brags of having been arrested 23 times for libeling people and the admission stamps him as a mere scandal monger—a professional purveyor of slander—fit instrument to accomplish the purification of Jackson county by attempted assassination of character. GEORGE PUTNAM.

A Rogue River Plea for Women

This is a string I have been harping on for these good many years. Could I in justice, say to my wife, 'You are not my equal, you can't vote?'

A few days ago there was quite a large delegation—three auto loads—of women from the upper valley down here at Rogue River working in the interests of men. They called at the "Little Inn By the Way Side"—The Waldorf, and registered their names. This we consider an honor and shall keep that page as a souvenir.

Those women had no cigars, no bottles and I never heard one of them swear??? Gentleman please take notice—but they were a very business delegation, placing posters, handing out buttons and making short speeches in behalf of equal right. They asked me, was I going to vote for them? and I answered, yes by—I was going to make the reply very emphatic and I just remembered General Jackson and I said, yes by the Eternal.

I heard a bunch of men—I. e. in the catalogue you know—as the Costilian would say—mucho malo hombre—or as I might say in my native language—by-as-ten-as mesache tilikum—talking on woman suffrage. One said, no sir I don't think women ought to vote, another said, the good book says a woman should be silent. That was the limit and I said, Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis—and for thousands of years from palaces of the most enlightened Caucasians to the mud hut of the Mongolian and the red eyed tent-dweller that old pernicious barbarian St. Paul doctrine has been tolerated and even extolled and yet as a matter of fact it has enslaved more women, been a greater curse to all wo-

men kind than all else the world has known. Yet in this enlightened twentieth century we hear great big brainy men still advocating this stupid dodd coercion and diddo, the non components. The scientists, let me see, well I can't just now be exact, but to be conservative I think it is one hundred and ninety seven thousand brain cells which may be developed, honest I know some men who are strongly opposed to women suffrage whom I am quite sure have not more than twelve or thirteen brain cells developed and those few not to any alarming degree.

No gentlemen this is re evolution but rather evolution, so let us not swell up with that old vain glory, swell after all we haven't any great to brag of, old Grandpa Chimpanzee was perhaps a nice old gentleman, probably did the best he could under the circumstances, not having had any more advanced precedent and I don't doubt Grandma was treated with more consideration that the grandma of today.

Now gentlemen, please let's drop that old gag, "Women can't be soldiers, they can't be a man under all circumstances," of course not, they don't want to be, they simply want to be on equal footing as far as right and justice goes. They want to help us men folk to make this world a better place to live in, to reach a higher ideal, where frailties name shall no longer be women. And now gentlemen, in conclusion I want to say when you go home tonight to meet that dear little wife who has been working all day doing all she could to add to your comfort and happiness and meets you with a smile just put your big strong arms around her and say, "you dear old bunch, I am ashamed that I have

lived so long helping make laws and conditions so intolerable that it has become necessary for you to ask me to vote for you."

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