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JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

For some time we have been fishing for Minneys.

According to the Willow Springs correspondent a ranch in that district is named Ladrone Grove. A subscriber telephones in the information that Ladrone means cut-throat and robber and suggests Madrone Grove was meant. Can some one settle this important point?

Pendleton, Oregon, has a lawyer named Fee. A more aristocratic city might boast of one named R. E. Tainer.

Gov. Wilson now has but little over a week in which to drive the mosquitoes out of New Jersey.

The latest man mentioned for secretary of agriculture is Obadiah Gardner. He has the right name, both fore and aft.

Fellow writes to ask if I will send him one dollar for a stone that will bring good luck in large juicy chunks for the rest of my life. No such luck for you, old top.

List of Immortals. Obidiah McNamee, Who quit this world when 63—Although his children numbered six Related not their baby tricks. —Wilmington News.

Adoniram Donahue, Who leaped the gap at 92, Never mentioned in his life How he came to get a wife. —Johnstown Democrat.

Ebenezer Sakelavie, Still does chores at 95; Him no one has interviewed On how long he's smoked and chewed. —Detroit Free Press.

Hezekiah Conamore, Reached the age of 84 Ere he told of his renown When he spelled the whole school down. —Denver Republican.

Jeremiah Whipplegate, Died, beloved, at 98; Never mourned the world's decline When the household slept till 9. —New York Evening Sun.

Aaron Abner Pennington, Shuffled off at 91; Never told a living creature How he uster lick the teacher. —Kansas City Journal.

John James Baconrine, Went aloft at 99; Never would in all his life Blame all troubles on his wife. —Portland Telegram.

Esaw Ephraim McAdoo, Cashed his checks at 92; Neyer, till he slipped his tether, Had he prophesied the weather.

THREE GOVERNORS IGNORE PRESIDENT HUERTA

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22.—It is certain the new administration must deal with the new revolution in addition to remnants of the old one. Three governors of different states have refused to recognize the provisional government and two or three others are doubtful.

The governors of Coahuila, Sonora and Yucatan are openly revolutionary. The reports that Azcona, Madoro's secretary, has been shot are untrue.

General Porfirio Diaz, ex-president of the republic is coming home. But there is not the slightest possibility he will again mix in the politics of Mexico. It is authoritatively stated today his arrival will not be later than April 2.

THE CHARGE OF THE SLEEPY SEVENTH.

ARTEMUS W. DEANE, who signs himself "Captain of the Sleepy Seventh Company" has answered in the Medford Sun the Mail Tribune's editorial by a more or less personal attack upon its editor, which is reprinted in today's issue, so that both sides of the armory question can be presented. The Mail Tribune will however stick to the text, leaving the courageous captain a monopoly of personalities, which however entertaining, have nothing to do with the issue. Suffice it to say that the Mail Tribune is not, nor anyone connected with it, financially interested in the Natatorium.

"Sleepy Seventh" is a good name, and one that is likely to stick. If the officers of the company were not asleep, why did they wait until it was too late to introduce legislative bills in the usual method, before requesting the Jackson delegation to introduce the armory appropriation bill? As a matter of fact, it was because the officers thought that a special bill was not necessary, and that the 1911 appropriation of \$40,000 annually for two years for armories was alive, although it expired by limitation Dec. 31, 1912. Yet Captain Deane says:

"The officers of the sleepy seventh, were in touch with the representatives before they left Medford and have been ever since they have been away and the conclusion reached by Mr. Carkin was to ask for \$20,000 at this time and endeavor to secure the balance in the future as \$25,000 is the largest amount ever asked for in the state for an armory."

Yet, within the last ten days officers of the Seventh were under the supposition that a special appropriation bill was unnecessary, and argued to that effect in the Mail Tribune office, and were shown the statutes in question in the Mail Tribune's copy of the code and session laws. Furthermore, members of the Jackson delegation two weeks ago were ignorant of the fact that an armory appropriation was sought. Mr. Deane further says:

"The law requires first the sum shall be raised by the town or city asking for an armory, then a like amount shall be raised by the county, after which the state will appropriate an amount equal to the amount raised by both."

This is the point raised by the Mail Tribune. The Sleepy Seventh asks Medford to appropriate \$20,000 for an \$80,000 armory, telling the people that the state will contribute half, and then the state is requested to put up only \$25,000, so that if an \$80,000 structure is built, another appeal must be made to the state with a chance of its rejection, or Medford must make up the \$15,000 deficiency. It is not a business proposition.

Premature haste was shown in issuing the call for the bond election, before it was known what the state would do. As a matter of fact, city officials were assured by the military men that the \$40,000 was already available and the "Sleepy Seventh" dreamed that it was. Captain Deane informed the council that the \$40,000 was already available in the hands of the military board, and it was upon this supposition, the bond election was called. The state funds are not available until 90 days after legislative adjournment, and there is plenty of time to call bond elections after the appropriation bill passes.

In a published statement issued last Sunday, signed by Messrs. Deane, Osgood and Foss, as officers of the company, the following assertions are made:

"The special election for the purpose of raising the sum of twenty thousand dollars with which to assist in the building of an armory, in the city of Medford, will be the first step toward securing from the county an equal amount of twenty thousand dollars, and from the state legislature an amount equal to that raised by the city and county together or forty thousand dollars with which to purchase the site, and erect the building."

Instead of Medford's contributing a quarter, as represented, we find it really contributing a third. Instead of an \$80,000 armory, we get a \$65,000 one, if the bill passes. Yet the same legislature gives Eugene \$25,000 for a \$50,000 armory, Roseburg \$20,000 for a \$40,000 armory. Why does Medford need more than a \$50,000 armory, costing the city \$12,500?

It was because of the undue haste and unbusiness-like methods, as well as the discrimination shown against Medford, as compared with other cities, that the Mail Tribune made its protest, and suggested that Medford wait until it knows what it is about before voting \$20,000. We don't know whether we are to have a \$65,000 armory, or an \$80,000 armory, or any state aid at all—consequently colored pictures are fakes and elections at this time uncalled for.

There are many other grounds the armory could be attacked upon—because it is unneeded and unproductive and therefore an economic waste, because it fosters militarism, snobbery and feudalism, therefore out of place in an enlightened civilization, and because it imposes a needless burden in hard times upon taxpayers who already have obligations enough, therefore the project should wait until times are better.

If we want to vote \$20,000 for a new building, let us vote it as a bonus to construct a county court house in Medford—something that means something to the community—not for a great vacant hall for the use of half a hundred men to drill in once a week.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE.

WITH the co-operation of the ladies of the Greater Medford club, the Mail Tribune today presents a new feature—the woman's page. It is still in the experimental stage, but if it proves a success, will be continued.

It is aimed to cover the local field of woman's activity, her social, economic and political world. Help make it a success.

Captain Dean on the Armory

Captain A. W. Deane has written the following letter to the Medford Sun attacking the Mail Tribune on its armory attitude:

The unwarranted attack of the editor of the Mail Tribune in his editorial on the armory question is quite characteristic of the half-socialist Putnam on the question of any military subject that is started in Medford. He has constantly neglected to publish news matter offered and is ever ready to publish a kick or slam about the company or its officers, on the other hand he blows his own trumpet over his personal efforts to

since they have been away and the conclusion reached by Mr. Carkin was to ask for \$20,000 at this time and endeavor to secure the balance in the future as \$25,000 is the largest amount ever asked for in the state for an armory, and then once.

Every communication received has been carefully kept from the want to be a socialist by George Millar says nit, except one and that one was immediately published to try to hurt the armory vote, the very next mail bringing a letter of caution from the same writer not to publish the correspondence.

I wonder if Mr. Putnam's words of praise for the natatorium are due to any shares of stock he might have and a careful thought for the monthly rental fee.

Now would it be better to drop the armory question and let some other town get all the good that is coming or to drop the one and only Mr. Putnam and go on just as though nothing had happened.

ARTEMUS W. DEANE, Captain of Sleepy Seventh Company.

GAS FUMES ENDANGER ENGINEMAN'S LIFE

Wm. Jones, of Mountain avenue, Ashland, an engineer on the Southern Pacific, was overcome with gas Friday evening while passing through a tunnel on the Siskiyou mountains. Jones was bringing a freight from Weed to Ashland and had reached the last tunnel on the mountain. When nearly through he dropped to the floor of the cab. The fireman could give him no assistance as the train was almost ready to descend the steep grade. When they reached Ashland he was removed to the hospital, where he soon revived. The gas was supposed to have formed from the oil.

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W. M. KENNEDY, Dated February 14, 1913.

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