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PIONEER COMMITS SUICIDE BY HANGING

GRANTS PASS, March 20.—Lou A. Heberlie, aged 62 years, a well known pioneer resident of Jacksonville, and for more than thirty years a citizen of Grants Pass, committed suicide at his home here yesterday by hanging himself in a small shed attached to the barn at the rear of the house.
For more than a year past Heberlie has been possessed of a suicidal mania, on May 1st he having attempted to take his own life by slashing his throat and wrists with a razor. Since then he has been closely watched. He took advantage of the absence of his wife from the home to complete the gruesome deed.
The deranged man had tied a rope to a pole in the roof of the shed, the roof being but a few inches higher than his head, and then noosing the rope about his neck, had settled his weight into it and slowly strangled to death. Had he stood erect the noose would have loosened, but when found he hung with his feet on the ground and his legs crumpled beneath him.
Business misfortunes and the death of a son some years ago unbalanced his mind.
The deceased leaves a widow and two brothers, one living at Ashland and the other at some point in California.

BABY BOY ELECTED HOSPITAL TRUSTEE

To have greatness thrust upon him a few moments after he began life is the happy lot of the baby boy born to Mrs. Magnus Johnson at the Swedish hospital in Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are residents of Rogue River and formerly resided in this city.
For having entered the world at the hospital while the trustees were in session preparing for the dedication of the institution, he was, on motion of P. A. Halberg, seconded by County Commissioner David McKenzie, elected an honorary life member of the board of trustees.
As an additional tribute to the youngster, a collection was immediately taken up to buy him a silver cup.

PALOUSE CHALLENGES FIELD IN CHESS GAME

Fred Palouse of Eagle Point, champion chess player of southern Oregon, has issued a blanket challenge against all chessplayers in Medford and on Friday evening, will play the field at the chess headquarters, Hotel Holland barber shop. There will be at least five boards and as many more as there are local players agreeing to keep as many games going as he has opponents.

COMES FACE TO FACE WITH A GIANT COUGAR

John Jacobson emerged from a tunnel at the Jewett mine on the south slope of Baldy Saturday night to meet face to face the giant cougar that has terrorized that neighborhood, says the Grants Pass Courier. Jacobson had been prospecting in the tunnel during the day, and as he stepped out at about six o'clock the ravening beast crouched within a few feet of him. The cougar emitted a few stanzas of his latest grand opera selection and decamped, leaving Jacobson in full possession of the diggings.
For several years a cougar has had his habitat on the various slopes of Baldy, and from the few glimpses that have been caught of him, and the dimensions of his tracks, he is known to be of giant proportions.

SATURDAY'S ELECTION.

ON SATURDAY Medford citizens will be called upon to vote upon two proposals, one to bond the city for \$20,000 to build an armory, and the other a charter amendment which strikes a blow at the spoils system in city affairs.
This is the third election called for the armory. It is to be hoped that this one complies with the law. As to the merits of the proposal:

The Armory Proposal.
The city of Medford pays \$20,000, Jackson county \$20,000 and the state of Oregon \$25,000. This makes \$65,000 for armory and site.
Medford pays a sixth of the taxes of Jackson county and its proportion of the state taxes, so that the direct cost to the taxpayers of Medford will be in the vicinity of \$25,000 instead of \$20,000.

Medford does not need an armory. It has no especial use for one. It is amply equipped with public halls and drill rooms. The city can care for any convention that may be brought here in the next few years.
An armory is not a money making, or property improving, or community developing, or city beautifying improvement. It is a great barn-like structure, vacant and idle nine-tenths of the time. Such a structure is needed in cities where citizens have not been enterprising enough to provide hall facilities. Such conditions do not exist in Medford.

Not a Business Proposition.
It is never a business proposition to buy anything you do not need. It is not business to spend a dollar you cannot afford to spend, simply because some one else matches your dollar with two dollars. It is not business to needlessly impair your credit and capital for unproductive, non-developing enterprises.

Medford has gone the limit in bond issues, but the money has been well invested in needed public improvements. The Mail Tribune has never before opposed a bond issue, and would not now were it for needed improvement, but it is not. Times are not flush, taxes are high, economy is essential. We have so much that should be done, so much that remains to do, so little to do it with, that it is wanton waste to unnecessarily increase taxation.

An armory is a frill that can be dispensed with, at least until better times. Vote NO on the armory proposal. 401 X No.

The Charter Amendment.
The charter amendment proposed limits the power of the mayor to one removal of a city official without cause. It is designed to eliminate the spoils system from city government and prevent the use of city patronage to create a political machine.

City Attorney Boggs has placed a misleading ballot title on this amendment to convey the impression that the mayor is being deprived of the power of removing officers and the council given unlimited power of removal, which title will probably create an erroneous impression in the minds of the voters. The amendment reads as follows:

Section 9. The mayor may appoint, subject to the approval of a majority of the council, one city attorney, one city engineer, one chief of police, one street commissioner, one market master, and such other police officers and other city employees as are required and he may suspend at any time any or all of such officers until the next regular meeting of the city council. At any regular meeting of the council by a majority vote may at any time remove any officer named in this section, except the mayor, providing, however, that the said officer shall not have the power to make more than one suspension of any officer or employee of said city during his term of office except for misconduct and upon written charges, a copy of which shall be served upon the person so suspended and which shall be submitted to the council at its next regular meeting thereafter.

Mayor Has No Removal Power Now.
The effect of the amendment will be to keep capable men in office and not make irresponsible whim occasion for removal more than once.

The mayor under the present charter has no removal power, but can merely suspend until the next council meeting. He appoints only subject to the council's approval, but has used his power of suspension to accomplish the power of removal and appointment.

The amendment does not take away from the mayor the power of removal, as he has not that power now, but it prevents the abuse of the power of suspension in the effort to create a political machine, oust efficient servants and demoralize the public service—the usurpation of the council's power.

Shall the public market and the city engineer's office be made the spoils of politics, as the present mayor has tried to make them? Or shall capacity and efficiency, when demonstrated, be taken into account?

If you do not want the spoils system to govern and the public market crippled and killed by politics and its enemies, vote YES on this amendment. 402 X Yes.

KLAMATH FALLS ENDORSE COLONIST TRAVEL ARANT FOR PARK JOB FROM EAST BEGINS

KLAMATH FALLS, March 20.—Klamath Falls, through the action of the directors of the chamber of commerce has unanimously endorsed the candidacy of W. F. Arant, present incumbent, for superintendent of Crater Lake national park. The resolutions will be sent today to Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane requesting him to retain Mr. Arant in the position until he sees fit to appoint a suitable Klamath county democrat to fill the position.
It is the opinion of those well informed that it will be impossible for any republican to hold the place unless the office is filled under the civil service rules, in which case Mr. Arant has an equal race with all applicants. Mr. Arant has done a great deal for the upbuilding of the park and, incidentally, has benefitted Klamath Falls.

PORTLAND, March 20.—The vanguard of the colonist season is in Portland today, sixty people having arrived from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. About the same number will arrive tonight. Railroad officials anticipate a great rush before the colonist season closes April 15.
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I turned when joy was dead;
I thought to find forgetfulness
But found there hope instead.

Ab, who knows what it is to turn
His back upon a home?
To brave the west as last resort
Of one who had to roam?

With heart astir with doubt and fear
I rode my way alone—
The far blue hills of Oregon
Took me to be their own.

'Twas thus I learned from those blue
hills
A bit of nature's plan;
They took a piece of drifting wood
And made of it a man.

Newspapers all over the world
keep in standing type the heading
"Germany's Airship Wrecked by Storm."

We've read about the white house
baby, the white house teas, white
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CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.00
Amount of capital stock paid up, \$2,000,000.00
INCOME, \$5,176,471.41
Premiums received during the year in cash, \$5,176,471.41
Interest, dividends, and rents received during year, 456,900.71
Income from other sources received during year, 50,933.60
Total income, \$5,684,315.72
DISBURSEMENTS, \$2,728,007.24
Losses paid during the year, \$2,728,007.24
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock and stockholders' tax, 375,496.95
Commissions and salaries paid during the year, 1,481,258.35
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year, 152,726.81
Amount of all other expenditures, 457,519.72
Total expenditures, \$5,155,009.07
ASSETS, \$144,913.38
Value of real estate owned, \$144,913.38
Value of stocks and bonds owned, 9,650,170.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc., 86,700.00
Cash in banks and on hand, 758,842.94
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission, 1,069,796.41
Interest and rents due and accrued and other assets, 159,526.18
Total assets, \$11,806,049.41
LIABILITIES, \$485,001.24
Gross claims for losses unpaid, \$485,001.24
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks, 4,975,957.27
All other liabilities, 190,000.00
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of \$5,650,958.61
Total premiums in force December 31, 1912, \$9,580,882.70
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.
Total risks written during the year, \$46,860.77
Gross premiums received during the year, 71,442.62
Premiums returned during the year, 16,735.28
Losses paid during the year, 26,969.69
Losses incurred during the year, 26,187.57
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon, December 31, 1912, \$3,394,667.00
THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY
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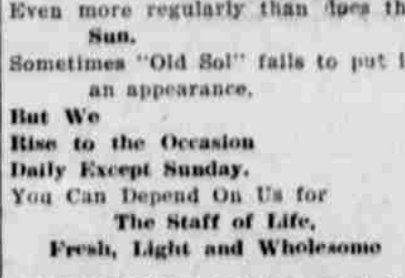
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