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BLIND PIG AT PROSPECT HOTEL

"Jim Grieve, who owns the hotel at Prospect, has a blind pig," states County Commissioner J. N. Smith, who has returned from an inspection trip over Rogue river roads.

When County Assessor William Grieve heard the news he wrote his brother a hot letter, calling him down for being all kinds of a fool to take a chance by violating the law, and expressing his sentiments in strong and vigorous language. In short, he commanded that the pig be closed.

After the reprimand had been mailed, Commissioner Smith was pledged to secrecy by the assessor, who promised that law violation would cease at once and staked his reputation on it. Meanwhile he was anxious to maintain secrecy lest District Attorney Kelly heard the news and started prosecution.

When Mr. Smith reached Medford on his homeward trip he added some more information regarding the Grieve blind pig at Prospect, which he strangely forgot to tell the assessor. The pig was born blind and deaf, is a black one and is three months old. Notwithstanding its afflictions it seems to be thriving.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Last year when we said good-bye I'd a tear drop in my eye I made clear Through the winter I'd be true In the spring I'd turn to you Never fear.

I ain't seen you for a year And you're looking mighty queer Sorta flat, Seems you ain't nohow so trim And you're ragged on the brim Old straw hat.

These Names Can't Die. Doe Looftbourrow, Korbel, Ore. Isabelle Tardy, Jane Scarce, Vevay, Ind. Otto Rott, Bloomington, Ind.

The first straw hat has appeared, people have long sat in the park benches, Gold Hill has pulled off its annual spring rumpus and ere long Judge Withington will blossom forth in his ice cream trousers.

The deputy who got Outlaw Tor-nov is doubly a hero. He has refused a vaudeville contract.

If this hen rivalry keeps up someone will be trying to slip over an ostrich egg on us.

Perhaps 'Twas Cracked Ice.

Several from here have been in Dayton the past week to view the ruins of the high waters.—Eaton (Ohio) Herald.

A Riot of Colors.

John Black is having his home painted a handsome yellow with pink trimmings. James Brown and Grant Gray are the artists. After finishing here they will go to Whitewater and paint a barn for Tom Green.—Eaton (Ohio) Herald.

Horrible Cruelty.

Bill Schooling is treating his horse to a new coat of paint.—Harrisburg Notes in Eugene Register.

COMMUNICATION.

That Drop Curtain.

To the Editor: Is it possible that the op'ry house drop curtain with ads. for Cutem the butcher, Pills the druggist, the Imperial Hash House, etc., etc., still exists, and that we are to have a specimen in our midst? And when Cutem, Pills and others have died, or failed, their monuments will remain.

What could be more appropriate than a picture of one of our orchards in bloom? What more typical of town, valley and state? Why not a certain to add to the attractiveness of our theater?

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

A NEW graft has been developed and is being worked at a profit by a limited number. It is that of "municipal expert."

These "municipal experts" come from the eastern centers of graft, mismanagement and corruption, and for fabulous salaries, pretend in a few days to analyze local conditions in western cities and prescribe cure-alls—thus neglecting their home cities.

The disgust of the people in nearly every community with the present system of local government, the agitation for a commission form instead of existing systems, the growing discontent with a government by politicians and for politicians, have given a wide field for the "municipal expert" who has never governed a city, to look wise, tell self-apparent truths, repeat business axioms and collect a big fee.

San Francisco recently had one of these celebrated experts diagnose her case. His fee was \$250 a day while there, with expenses, including double salaries for stenographers and other assistants, and \$125 a day with railroad fare and traveling expenses, coming and going. He told them what everybody knew and then according to the newspapers, slipped in a joker to aid the United Railroads. Just how the city benefited, is difficult to understand.

Portland has had some of these experts. They told only what everyone knew before hand. The Portland newspapers are today filled with "sweeping indictments" against the existing order by "New York experts." Apparently nothing is done right, as it should be, according to these New Yorkers. There are wide-open opportunities for graft at every hand and it is evident that these neglected opportunities arouse fierce resentment in their breasts. There is no such neglect in New York.

It is interesting to read the reports of these gentlemen from the rotten boroughs of the east, from boss ridden Tammany slum districts, where graft is an organized and recognized vocation and permeates nearly every branch of the public service, from corrupt and contented Philadelphia and other vice centers. No matter how bad conditions are in the Oregon metropolis, they are a great deal better than in the great cities of the east—there is in fact, no comparison.

As long as politics rule municipal affairs, as long as popularity or partisanship is the test for public office, just so long will we have unbusinesslike administration. Changing the form will not change the system. The commission is likely to be just as inefficient and corrupt as the council. Though it makes the placing of responsibility easier, it does not increase the capacity or character of the officials.

Government is just as good or bad as the intellectual average of the electorate. When the electorate wants business methods to govern municipal affairs, we will follow the German system and train men for the business as we do in private affairs. Merit will then govern appointments. But the people for the present, prefer the political system instead of the business system. They like to vote, to exercise suffrage, to be consulted on public affairs and to feel that they are participating in government, and had rather pay a little more for the privilege. And it is not at all certain that the extra cost is not money well spent in that it makes for better citizenship.

As for "municipal experts" reports—any ordinary business man, who understands systematizing, economizing and efficiency can make a report on municipal methods of equal or greater practical value—and the fancy prices paid is money thrown away.

The Principles of Money

(By E. L. McClure.)

Money is the root of all evil, from the fact that no dependence can be placed on the standard of value; but money would be synonymous with good if the standard of value was fixed and unchangeable—there is no evil in a yardstick or pound weight. When money was reduced to the sole function of a medium of exchange, money would have no earning power and would have no other function but service.

The circulation of money is as vital to the body politic as blood to the individual, and if money disappears from circulation it creates bankruptcy, starvation and death throughout the body politic as inevitably as severing the jugular vein kills the individual.

Fluctuation in the value of money is admitted to be an unmitigated evil, but the defect is inevitable by the unanimous decision of economists, because the law of supply and demand applies to money as positively as to wealth. It is considered as absurd for an economist to discuss the question of a fixed and unchangeable standard of value as a perpetual motion, but all economists admit that equilibrium between supply and demand for money would remedy the evil.

Scientific money provides this desideratum, automatically maintaining equilibrium between supply and demand by utilizing the nation's credit based on total wealth, under a perfect system of accounting and interchange of bonds and money. Value is such a subtle thing that language is incapable of expressing what value is without first fixing a standard of value for the purpose of stating price and fixing amount of deferred payments. The dollar never changes in size and substance, therefore all changes in value appear to take place in other things, and without intricate deductions it is impossible to conceive that the dollar ever fluctuates in value. There is only one way to distinguish the fluctuation in the value of money itself, and that is accomplished by a comparison of succeeding lists of prices of the same standard articles extending over a period of years.

There is no such thing as intrinsic value, air has no value because it is superabundant, yet no one can live without air. Gold or diamonds would have no value if they were superabundant. Value is created by human necessities and desires and fluctuates with the intensity of and the difficulty in satisfying human necessities and desires. What is fictitious value to one is real value to another and vice versa.

The total world's supply of gold is but a minute fraction of the total demand obligations payable in gold. A panic causes money to disappear from circulation, prices fall, and all debtors are doomed to bankruptcy without money reappears in circulation. "Restoring confidence" is all that is necessary to make money supply abundant, because anything that is current with the banks will pass for money when confidence in money supply is undoubted.

The quantity theory of money is graphically portrayed by the following supposition: A pair of shoes worth \$6—when the total world's gold supply was \$6,999,999,000. If money disappeared from circulation until \$1 was the total gold supply, the pair of shoes would be worth but one six-billionth of six dollars and all wealth would depreciate in value proportionately. If it were possible to complete the exchange the owner of the dollar would possess the total wealth of the world. Changes in the size of the standard bushel only effect the exchange of commodities sold by the bushel, but changes in money value fluctuate the value of all wealth in inverse ratio, and injures every one on the wrong side of exchange.

inverted pyramid, and is a perpetual menace to wealth—no one is exempt but the manipulators in control of gold supply—rich and poor are in constant jeopardy of depreciation and possible bankruptcy.

A fixed and unchangeable standard of value is a perfect remedy for all defects in money. It will remove all financial doubt and uncertainty, credit will be as constant as gravity and prosperity perpetual, a consummation as certain as being, and it would be easier to shut out sunshine from the face of the earth than to create a panic or disturb the happy smile of confidence in financial stability that would pervade the countenance of every normal being.

The desire for wealth to satisfy necessities and desires is innate in every normal adult. All wealth is created by labor. The demand for wealth is unlimited, because the possible improvements to satisfy human necessities and desires are unlimited. The supply of labor is limited to population. What is the natural law of supply and demand in relation to value? The demand for labor unlimited, the supply of labor limited. Every laborer would be released from the strain and menace of idleness and poverty to certain employment, and wages of labor would be limited only by the product of labor.

The vast increase of wealth that would ensue from ideal conditions of labor and production is inconceivable, but it is perfectly evident that sustenance would be in reach of all with less exertion than oxygen and poverty would be as preposterous and ridiculous as nakedness.

ABANDON REFERENDUM ON NEW GAME CODE

Brownsville, Oregon, Apr. 21, '13.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Brownsville Gun club held April 17, the proposition of the referendum to be placed on the game code, was brought up and thoroughly discussed and a vote was taken on the matter, by a large majority against the referendum so the matter will be dropped, for two reasons, namely, first, lack of interest and financial support, second, this club has received more than 100 letters, expressing threats against our movement.

Had we had the united support of the sportsmen throughout the state it would have been an easy matter to go ahead with the matter and place the matter before the people for a vote.

Thanking you for the interest that you have shown in the matter, I remain, yours respectfully, W. J. MOORE, Sec. Brownsville Rod and Gun Club.

KANE'S CREEK

Mr. Byrley and Mr. Lewis motored to Medford Tuesday. Miss Mary Boggs left on Tuesday for Buncom, Ore., at which place she will visit her grandmother, Mrs. Rhoten, and other relatives. Professor Sweet of the Willow Springs school paid a visit to the Dardanelles school Tuesday.

John Opp of Medford was a business visitor at the Braden mine the fore part of the week.

Roy Gale of Grants Pass came up on Monday's train for a few days' visit with friends living on Kanos creek.

Miss Carda Olson of Gold Hill was the guest of Pearl Higinbotham on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Householder were Sunday visitors at Elmer Higinbotham's.

Kanos creek business visitors to Gold Hill this week: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Mardon, Mrs. Higinbotham, Mr. Martin, George Shump, Cass Higinbotham, Mr. Foley, John Brown and wife, Mrs. Boggs, Bessie Kuck and Weather Prophet Foster.

Prophet Foster forecasts frost and warm days for some time.

Several from this place are planning on attending the school picnic at Willow Springs Friday, April 25, which will no doubt be a success, as some good speakers will be present that day.

CHILDREN WHO ARE SICKLY

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TO RESUME WORK ON THE OPP MINE

Work is to be resumed shortly on the Opp mine. An agreement has been reached whereby a party of responsible and practical mining men will work the tailings from the mill, which carry a quantity of gold. As the old cyanide process of extracting the gold from these tailings has not proven entirely satisfactory in the past, it is proposed to institute a new method which it is believed will simplify the process and yield greater returns. To this end new machinery has been ordered and will arrive and be installed at the mine in the near future.

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M. AND E. J. ADAMS. Dated April 23, 1913.

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