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With Medford Stop-Over

SANTA BARBARA LOSS IS \$250,000 AND TWO DEATHS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 27.—After three days of isolation, Santa Barbara was in intermittent communication with the outside world by wire today.

Eight inches of rain fell here during the heaviest storm in the history of the city. Two persons were drowned and damage aggregating almost a quarter of a million dollars was done.

Louis Jones, vice-president of the First National Bank, and Mrs. Jones were drowned when their automobile went through a partially destroyed bridge over Mission creek. Their bodies were recovered six hours later.

Rescue parties organized here saved many persons who were marooned in second story farmhouses. Scores of houses were flooded and many were overturned or undermined by the floods.

The great Potter Hotel stands on an island. Guests were carried to and from the hotelery today in boats.

No trains have entered or left Santa Barbara for three days. Three hundred marooned passengers are being cared for here by the Southern Pacific.

There was little probability of a line being cleared for several days, and reports were current that the railroad would send a ship from San Francisco to take off its passengers.

Schools here are closed and probably will not be opened for several days.

ATTORNEYS PLAN TO ORGANIZE FEBRUARY 9

Steps towards the formation of the Jackson County Bar association will be taken February 9th at a called meeting, at which Prosecutor E. E. Kelly will act as temporary chairman and W. P. Mealey as temporary secretary. Attorneys W. E. Crews, Lincoln McCormack, W. P. Mealey, H. A. Davis and P. J. Neff have been appointed to frame articles of organization.

The following attorneys have signed the call for the meeting: E. E. Kelly, Lincoln McCormack, W. P. Mealey, P. J. Neff, A. E. Reames, T. W. Miles, H. A. Canaday, W. E. Crews, J. H. Carlin, H. V. Richardson, W. J. Canton, B. H. Lawlor, D. R. McCabe, F. J. Newman, B. P. Piatt, H. L. DeArmond, A. H. Davis, N. W. Jordan, Geo. W. Cherry and B. F. Mulkey. F. L. Tou Velle, F. H. Mears and W. H. Canon.

The purposes of association are set forth as follows:

"Believing that the organized action and influence of the legal profession, properly exerted, would lead to the creation of more intimate relations between its members than now exist, and would, at the same time, sustain the profession in its proper position in the community, and thereby enable it, in many ways, to promote the interests of the public, do hereby mutually agree to unite in forming an association for such purposes."

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: Bandon? No more, if I can see a way to get back without spending two days and nights on the stage line. Medford looks good to me after comparing other towns of similar size with her. If I ever get back there I will know enough to stay in a good town.

Give Medford my regards and will see you all in the near future.

CHAS. A. BERDAN.

Bandon, Ore.

A JACKSON COUNTY GOVERNOR

JACKSON COUNTY has never had a governor, but is entitled to one. As a matter of fact, southern Oregon is not recognized politically, commercially or in any other way by the rest of the state. Small part of its progress or development is due to Oregon or to Oregon capital.

Southern Oregon has grown in spite of Oregon, rather than because of it. It has no state institutions and no state officials. The benefit this section derives from being a part of Oregon consists in being hampered in its development by unprogressive and restrictive laws and in paying constantly increasing taxes to support institutions and officials, commissions and boards located in other portions of the state.

The Oregon system with its small filing petitions, its plethora of candidates and its free-for-all scramble for primary nominations, presents the opportunity for Jackson county to seize the nomination for a southern Oregon man and secure his election by concerted and united effort.

There never was a time when more undesirable and more of the unqualified sought high office than in this year of our Lord 1914. The opportunity to climb the political lightning rod in public has proven too big a temptation for aspiring politicians, oblivious of the fact that, like their simian ancestors, the higher they climb, the more they exhibit their unlovely posteriors.

The day of the political party in state affairs has gone by, as it has in city affairs. The issues before the people are not those of inherited partisanship or beliefs based on differences in national policies originating in civil war times. Nor are they those that split the republican party and elected Wilson. Every candidate draws his own platform and asks for support upon personality. The character of his support determines whether he is progressive or reactionary. The use of a party label as blinders for an unthinking people belongs to a day that is past.

The great issue before the people at the November election will be prohibition. This will be settled, one way or the other, by the people themselves. Hence this issue need not enter into the gubernatorial contest, for the winner is sworn to enforce whatever law the people enact. This feature out of the way, the main issues are economy, efficiency and good roads.

Jackson county has many citizens qualified for gubernatorial honors, who have proved their capacity both in public and private life. It could furnish better qualified candidates for both parties than most of those whose personal ambition is now being ridden for a fall. However, the choice should be narrowed down to one candidate—let the county unite for him, all voters, men and women, register as belonging to his party, and the solid vote of Jackson county—nearly 10,000—will secure him the nomination against a scattered opposition. With the nomination secured, the election merely becomes a question of skillful campaigning.

The Ashland Tidings suggests the name of State Senator von der Hellen of Wellen as a republican gubernatorial candidate. The suggestion is a good one. Another republican who would also make a fine governor is E. V. Carter of Ashland, formerly speaker of the house of representatives. Still another is W. I. Vawter, former joint representative. Another available republican is W. H. Gore, president of the Medford National bank. Among the democrats who could be nominated and elected by a whirlwind campaign are County Judge Tou Velle and Attorney A. E. Reames. There are others just as available.

What the people of Jackson county want to do is to draft the most available candidate, regardless of party, unite all parties and factions in his support, and by an energetic, spirited campaign nominate and elect him—slip one over on the mossbacks by advertising to the world how Jackson county stands by its own, for its own, and how a side-tracked community, knowing just what it wants, proceeds to get it.

The Author of "Mr. Dooley" On Capital Punishment

In the February American Magazine, Finley Peter Dunne, famous as the creator of "Mr. Dooley," writes an amazing article entitled "The Majesty of the Law: Impressions of a Boy of Seventeen at a Hanging." Mr. Dunne at seventeen years of age was a Chicago newspaper reporter and as such witnessed a public execution, which he describes and interprets with great vividness. His article is probably one of the greatest documents on the subject of capital punishment in existence. Following is an extract:

"Probably few readers of The American Magazine have ever seen a public hanging. At least I hope this is true and believe it must be so since this form of execution of the law has pretty generally ceased to be a free popular entertainment. In certain parts of the country the public is still permitted to enjoy unlicensed performances of the act of public vengeance. The time has gone by in most places, happily, when thousands of men were invited by courtesy of the sheriff to feast their greedy eyes on the spectacle of a fellow human being struggling for air at the end of a hempen rope, although there are still many communities in which this form of private theatricals still thrills those who have an interest with the hangman."

"We improve a little in these matters of taste. It is not a long time since public hangings were the amusement of the blackguards of London, when Thackeray wrote his incomparable essay on the subject and Lamb spoke humorously of executions as among the entertainments of the capital. It was not so long before that when little children played at marbles under the wayside gibbets from which the skeletons of criminals tossed in their rags in the wind, and a girl was hanged in London for picking up a bolt of cloth which she afterward replaced on the counter of the shop. And this in a century when the Wesleys were preaching and writing hymns, and Burke was declaiming against the iniquity of the French in guillotining their king. So the world does move a little."

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Our Native Forest Trees vs. Shade Trees

Dr. Harold D. Foster, Forest Examiner United States Forest Service

(Continued from Yesterday)

So far as I know the native Oregon ash has not been used in planting. It occurs naturally in sites where the broadleaf maple occurs, and there seems to be no reason why it would not flourish wherever the native maple can be planted. It requires considerable soil moisture but should do well planted on a lawn or street where it can be watered.

The broadleaf maple is used more in planting than any other native species of tree. It is regularly carried in stock at most commercial nurseries and may easily be obtained in the forest. It is a fast growing tree, though relatively short-lived. Since it is a large tree it should not be planted on a narrow street or too close to buildings. It heads rather low. This fault can be corrected by cutting of the lower branches to a height of ten or twelve feet from the ground. This pruning should not be postponed until the tree has attained some size since it would lessen its vitality and possibly injure the symmetry of the crown.

The native alder has, so far as I have observed, not been used locally for planting. There seems to be no reason why it should not do well if placed in a moist situation or where it can be irrigated. Because of its wide-spreading habit and the lack of sufficient soil moisture it cannot be considered as a street tree.

The native dogwood can be successfully grown as an ornamental tree, and in the spring when in blossom it is perhaps the most beautiful of our native trees. It is not adapted to street use, however, since the crown is too irregular and spreading and it rarely attains a size sufficient for a good shade tree.

One of the most striking of our native trees is the madrone (Arbutus menziesii). The rather common local name of "laurel" is misleading and unfortunate since the true laurel is a

very distinct species of shrub—a name that has been applied for centuries to the genus Kalmia. The madrone has large shiny leathery leaves that are persistent in winter. The bunches of red berries and the mottled red and bright yellow bark lend a pleasing touch of color that is effective on a large lawn or about farm buildings. It is, however, not adapted to a city lot or street planting because of its large size and generally irregular crown.

Another native tree that is sometimes used in planting is the cottonwood. It is a very fast growing tree but this is its only recommendation. It grows tall with but little spread of branches. It is short-lived, as most fast growing trees are. It drops its leaves not all at once in the fall like most deciduous trees, but throughout the summer, making a continual litter. The cottony stipitate flowers in the spring fly on the wind in clouds sticking to clothing, in window screens, and wherever they find lodgment, and littering the walks and streets. The wood is brittle and there is constant danger of branches breaking and falling. Its roots penetrate and in a short time clog sewer pipes. The same facts are true of the Carolina poplar which is itself a cottonwood. These trees are universally condemned by all street tree commissioners. The city of Albany, N. Y., some 20 years ago passed an ordinance prohibiting the planting or growing of the tree, and this ordinance is still in force.

The same danger of introducing an insect pest or fungus disease on imported trees exists to a slighter degree in transplanting native forest grown stock. The danger from planting incense cedar has been mentioned. This tree should never be planted in the valley. All forest grown trees should be inspected by the pathologist in charge or one of his inspectors before being set out.

The History of Spectacles

What were supposed to be the earliest known pair of spectacles were those belonging to Willibald Pirckheimer in the Wartburg, recently found by Greeff of Berlin. Greeff has described a still earlier pair, however, probably made before the year 1500, which were brought to his attention by Sudhoff of Leipzig. These were found in an old volume of incunabula by the well-known antiquarian bookseller, Jacques Rosenthal, and were presented by him to the Germanic National Museum at Nuremberg, where they are now to be seen in the sections devoted to costumes and personal ornaments. The frame is of tanned blackened leather of obvious Nuremberg make, and, like the Pirckheimer spectacles, of the old traditional "nose-ridge" shape, but they are clumsier and thicker than the Pirckheimer pattern, of 1520-1530. The lenses are lacking. In view of these characteristics and of the fact that they were found in an old fifteenth century folio, Greeff and Sudhoff seem to have no doubt that they were made before 1500. These old spectacles, probably the oldest in existence, are described by a writer in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Greeff also traces the evolution of the true modern spectacles from the old nose-riders (the originals of the pince-nez), and describes the binocles, which came into fashion in 1706, consisting of two lenses mounted on a scissor-shaped handle, the original of the modern lorgnette. The earliest form of the true spectacle glasses was invented and introduced by Monsieur Thomin, and were essentially "temple spectacles," the shanks extending no further than the temples. There were two kinds, one with a small end-plate, which was represented in a portrait by Peilham, an English painter of the eighteenth century, of which a copper plate was made by J. Clark; the other, which is to be seen in Graff's portrait of

Governor From Southern Oregon

(From the Ashland Tidings.)

Southern Oregon has never been represented in the gubernatorial chair, and it looks as if 1914 might be the accepted time. The eyes of the state have been turned to this section the past few months, by the campaign for a state exhibit in Ashland during the Panama exposition, and the magnitude and importance of this section of the state is becoming more and more manifest.

There are many candidates for governor from the Willamette Valley and two of them, Mr. Miller, who formerly claimed Jacksonville as his home, and Mr. Carter, who points with pride to the fact that he once lived in Gold Hill, are for these reasons seeking the special support of the people of Southern Oregon. However, neither of them is in any way identified with the present day or future prosperity of the southern half of the state. Both are as essentially representative of the northern part of the state as if they had never lived south of the Umpqua divide.

Southern Oregon, with the right man in the field, who could solidify the vote of the eastern and southern counties, should be able to win out over the field of men who will split the northern Oregon vote. This will come, not by arraying one section against the other, but because the

people of Southern Oregon believe that a Southern Oregon man at this time will be better able than a man of equal ability from some other section to properly handle the affairs of state.

A man from Southern Oregon, especially if he has had legislative service, or been otherwise so identified with public affairs as to have made a study of conditions throughout the state, will by the very location of the capital and its proximity to the metropolis of the state be brought into contact with the needs of that section, but the man who lives and has his interests in the same section, as that in which his duties as a public official place him, can never have so intimate and thorough knowledge of the conditions in outlying portions as one who has lived there.

Among those mentioned for the position from Southern Oregon is Senator Von der Hellen of Eagle Point, who has had an extensive legislative experience that would be of great value in dealing with the questions which will come before the chief executive. He would start out with the solid vote of Jackson county, and would be able to carry by an overwhelming vote the counties of the southern, eastern and southeastern part of the state.

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