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ASHLAND'S HANDICAP

COMMENTING upon the formal opening of the paved section of the Pacific highway, the Ashland Tidings says:

The formal opening of the Pacific highway from Ashland through Medford to Central Point today will mark the first step in rapid commercial changes in the Rogue river valley. This hard-surfaced road will bring to Ashland's door competitive trade territory which has in the past been absolutely prohibited by the condition of the roads.

The assertions are correct, except that there still remains a half mile stretch between the end of the Ashland paved road and the paved end of the highway, which is unpaved, and will remain unpaved until the road is graded along a correct route, eliminating the ten per cent grade now existing and the dangerous railroad crossing.

This portion of the highway has been surveyed through the Billings tract. It is the only feasible route which will give a five per cent grade, and a subway railroad crossing. It is within Ashland city limits. The Ashland city charter gives the city sole jurisdiction over all highways within the city limits.

The sooner such action is begun the better for Ashland and the county. The ten per cent grade is a real handicap to Ashland, as one horse can haul a load from Talent to Medford that four cannot pull over the present grade to Ashland—hence the Wagner creek farmer and wood-sellers' trade goes to nearby Ashland under a handicap that must divert a portion of it to more distant Medford.

Medford, of course, is satisfied to let Ashland retain its trade handicap, but county pride revolts at the idea of a fine boulevard without grade crossings from one end of the county to the other, with a maximum grade of six per cent even in crossing mountain ranges spoiled by a ten per cent grade and dangerous rail crossing within the limits of one of its finest cities.

At the Same Old Stand

(New York World.) In 1912 more than half of the republican party, seceding from the regular organization, was singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and battling for the Lord at Armageddon. This year three-quarters of the progressive republicans who followed Mr. Roosevelt in 1912 have returned to the republican ranks.

The republican party to which they have returned is not a regenerated republican party which they repudiated two years ago. It is the republican party of Penrose and Cannon and Gallinger and Brandegee and Ebenzer J. Hill, whose leadership in 1912 was the justification of the progressive secession. Even in Pennsylvania which Mr. Roosevelt carried in 1912 and in which he made his most energetic campaign against republican corruption in 1914, Penrose is re-elected to the senate by a plurality of staggering proportions, and Penrose owes this victory to voters who were frenzied and fanatical in their support of Mr. Roosevelt two years ago.

The significant thing of this election is not that the progressives have returned to the republican party, but that they have returned to the same kind of a republican party that they left in 1912. There is not a drop of progressive blood in its veins. All its triumphs in Tuesday's elections were triumphs of political reaction. It stands today for everything it stood for in 1912, when the progressives repudiated it as the sum total of iniquity; yet its gains in this election are all due to the return of the progressive voters to its ranks and every progressive who voted the republican ticket Tuesday voted squarely for the things against which he revolted in 1912.

Was the progressive party ever really serious? Or was it merely a political joy-ride which several million voters took for a change of air? Certainly there was nothing in Tuesday's election to indicate that the

principles and spirit of the progressive platform had ever taken possession of the minds and souls of the rank and file. If progressive principles were sound in 1912, they were sound in 1914; yet most of the progressive voters have retraced their steps to reactionary republicanism, and, abandoning Mr. Roosevelt, have found congenial leadership again in Boies Penrose and Uncle Joe Cannon.

Except in isolated cases, we find no evidence of a slump in the democratic vote Tuesday. The same men who supported Woodrow Wilson and democratic policies in 1912 supported the president and his administration in 1914. Where the democrats have lost ground is in the reunion of republicans and progressives under the old flag of political and business piracy. It is plain now that a large element of the progressives who followed Mr. Roosevelt in 1912 were actuated by no considerations of principle. The moral aspects of his crusade made no inward appeal to them. They followed him because they fancied he had found a better way of jimmying a party into power than that employed by the cash register crowd of the republican old guard. When they found that Rooseveltism was rich in exhortation but poor in spoils, they deserted Mr. Roosevelt as lightly as they deserted Mr. Taft in 1912.

The progressive party is dead past hope of a resurrection. The only real progressive party in the country is the democratic party under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson. If the country wants progressive government that is the only instrument of progressive government. If the country wants to return to the days of Privilege and Plutocracy, a reunited republican party is again doing business at the old stand.

The S. P. Co. is reported to have bought the line down the coast to Eureka.

Era of Prosperity at Hand

To the Editor:

I read an editorial in your paper shortly after the recent election that had one note at least that should sound in harmony with all our views, regardless of our political differences and beliefs, and that was this: We should all lay down our party malices, if we harbor any, and work together in one common cause, for the interest of Medford and for the further development of the Rogue River valley and its environments.

The last three years have put to the supreme test all sections of the country, as to their self-supporting resources. None more so than those of the Pacific northwest. Not that we have been harder hit than other parts of the country, but because we have not as many of our natural resources in a state of development as have the eastern and middle western states.

The Rogue River valley has proven conclusively that it is not dependant upon a tourist crop each year, to keep the wheels of its affairs moving; that it is not dependant upon oily-tongued inflaters to keep it from running on a flat tire. In other words, it has been weighed in the balance and found abundantly able to take care of itself.

A few years ago some thought we could not stand one year of adverse conditions. But we have refuted that pessimistic statement, and the call is going out from Medford and the Rogue River valley stronger than ever before, for the actual producer, the small investor as well as the large investor, the worker, the man who actually does things, those great empire builders who, by their own energy and industry, add their part to the development of a country.

The requiem of the pessimist has

been sung and he must be gathered to his fathers. On the eve of a great dawn of prosperity we can no longer abide the discordant jar of his croakings in our ears. And besides, we have no room for him.

This feeling of optimism, with me at least, is no spasmodic dream. I feel it in my bones, feel it in the unseen workings of things, that hidden current that carries us on. It has passed the point of longer suppression, so I had to write.

To me there is something pathetic in the story of Moses. He who had spent a lifetime in his efforts to bring the children of Israel into the promised land. Yet he was never permitted to see them settle there. We already possess the land that flows with milk and honey, and the only giant we found inhabiting it was the howling pessimist, and we got him.

A WORKER.

KAISER PAYS VISIT TO KIEL

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The correspondent at The Hague of the Evening News, transmits a rumor from well informed sources that Emperor William, during the past week, has paid a flying visit to Kiel, where he spent several days.

It is suggested at The Hague, that the correspondent continues, that this visit foreshadows renewed activity on the part of the German fleet, which as the Russian ports will be soon ice bound, shortly will be freed of the necessity of watching the Baltic.

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MUST PERSONALLY PRESENT COUPONS FOR TURKS INTEREST

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 27, via London.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that it has been officially announced there by the minister of finance that the interest on the loan of 1909 will be paid only to such bondholders as present themselves at the central office of the ministry of finance there.

The announcement refers to a loan of 125,000,000 francs (\$31,800,000) issued at four per cent in 1909. Interest is payable semi-annually, the next payment being due on December 14. The action of the Turkish finance minister means that interest payments probably will be suspended on the bulk of these bonds, which are held abroad, as their owners would find it impracticable, or, in view of the war, almost impossible to go to Constantinople to make collections.

Of this loan \$10,000,000 was taken in London by J. S. Morgan & Co., the London house of J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, and by the Imperial Ottoman Bank of London. Most of the remainder was placed in France, although some of these bonds were marketed in Germany.

TO STOP SALE OF BOOZE TO INDIANS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Gross violations of the law against selling liquor to Indians or taking liquor onto an Indian reservation, caused Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, to resort today to drastic measures to stop what he believes has become a practice on the Osage reservation in Oklahoma.

Commissioner Sells has invoked the law which empowered him to suspend payments to the Indians when he is convinced intoxicating liquors are within convenient reach of them, and has directed the superintendent of the Osage reservation to suspend the December payment of several hundred thousand dollars "unless he is satisfactorily assured by the chiefs and head men of the tribe and the county and town officials, and also the leading citizens of Powhuska, that the law against selling liquor to Indians or introducing it into Indian country is strictly enforced."

ACCEPT BIDS ON THE PROPOSED FEDERAL BUILDING

The Sound Construction company of Seattle has submitted the lowest bid on the contract for the erection of the federal building in this city, its proposals on various materials ranging from \$95,881 to \$97,007. John Almeter, of Portland, submitted a flat bid of \$99,847 on all three types of construction and was the second lowest bidder.

The changing in plans of the building necessitated the rebuilding. The original plans called for much wood work while the new plan specifies stone, concrete and steel must be used where it was formerly planned to use wood. The lowest bid submitted for the contract for the original plans was \$75,400.

CHINA REFUNDED INDEMNITY TO EDUCATE STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—China has applied for and will be paid in a few days \$200,000 of the \$1,175,000 balance of the Boxer indemnity remitted by the United States. It is being devoted to the education of 350 Chinese students in the United States. The remission of the money was authorized by congress.

Portland Livestock Market PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27.—Cattle—Receipts 175; steady. Hogs—Receipts 987; shade weaker. Sheep—Receipts 167; steady.

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