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OREGON, THE FREAK STATE

THE Tory journals of Oregon have been in the habit of advertising Oregon as the freak state, because the people have the right to make laws, and unmake them. Direct legislation has brought disgrace upon the people of this state, according to the hired press of monopoly.

Comparisons are odious, but at this time seem to be in order. U'Ren of Oregon City has been for years the target of abuse and censure, because he fathered a scheme to make the government responsible to the people.

It seems not to occur to these reactionaries that the fault is not with the system, but with the people. It has not occurred to them that it is possible to raise the standard of the popular intelligence to meet the opportunities of the system.

The effort to choke and strangle the people into submission to boss rule has been largely successful. The people have been betrayed. Their rights have been boldly stolen, their privileges have been contemptuously trampled upon, for the time being.

What the Tories in the state senate would have done had it not been for the opposition in the house can only be guessed at. That their work would have been bolder and more defiant it is reasonable to believe.

Other senators are entitled to credit for their efforts to live up to the name given the state by the buccaners. One instance is that of Senator Smith of Josephine, who broke his eloquent silence to denounce a bill introduced by the lady senator from Douglas county.

Then again, when Miss Hobbs offered to resign from the state industrial accident commission we have the fiery words of Senator Kiddle, who denounced it as a dastardly attempt to put "somebody in a hole."

Noble senators! Let us keep them forever with us. They add much to the humor of Oregon politics. If we are to be known as a freak state, it is proper we should keep a few freaks and a freak senate to exhibit them in.

PLANT FOR A MARKET

ROGUE RIVER apple juice, made from local apples by the Bagley cannery at Talent, has made a hit in San Francisco and orders have been received for all that can be made. Already 720,000 pounds of apples have been made into apple juice and canned, and all the cull apples in the valley are wanted by the Talent cannery.

The valley canneries advise the planting of Tuscan and Phillips Cling peaches as the best canning product in the valley and are making five-year contracts at \$25 a ton for all the fruit of these varieties grown.

The Rogue River valley is an exceptionally fine peach district, but most of the varieties grown are freestone table peaches and not commercial products in the same sense as the cling. The isolation of the district, the high freight rate, the distance to market and delicacy of the peach make the growing of the peach, except for cannery purposes, a gamble.

The canneries want berries, vegetables and fruit. They are making yearly contracts for the same. The grower does not have to wait for the coming of the sugar factory to secure a market for his products. He can grow produce for the cannery, with his market assured.

Now is the time to plan and plant next season's crop and arrange for the market. It is up to the grower to see that he plants the crop for which the market is assured.

Why Howl? Why, Indeed!

To the Editor: I have read the communication in the Mail Tribune of the 19th, headed, "Why Howl?" I wish to take off my hat to its author, Mrs. John Billings, 18 Myrtle street. Mrs. Billings has certainly struck the keynote to Medford's ills. During my seven years' residence at Medford the same set of calamity howlers made both night and day hideous with their howling against every enterprise endorsed by the progressive citizens of the community.

what advantage to the valley any fruitgrower or rancher can tell. Were this system now in, the fate of the beet sugar factory would have been different. Again, having had personal experience, I know there is nothing that would benefit Medford and the whole valley more than a sawmill and box factory, giving employment at good wages to a large number of men and supplying the whole Rogue River valley with building material.

Lessons in Dancing by Miss Joan Sawyer

"Waltz Step Basic Step in Aeroplane Waltz—Series of Pivots and Glides." Says Joan Sawyer, Famous Director of New York's Persian Garden



Joan Sawyer

The "lame duck" is one of most graceful steps in the aeroplane waltz. The aeroplane waltz is not necessarily a professional dance. Smoothness of motion, grace and, above all, alertness are necessary in this dance, which portrays the motions of an alrship in flight.

A Real Rose Wizard

A dispatch to the Portland Journal from Brooks, Or., contains the following regarding the Rev. Father George Schoener, who is delivering a series of free lectures upon roses in Medford this week: "Brooks, Or., Feb. 20.—Rev. Father George Schoener, who came here from a large church in Pittsburgh, Pa., that he might better work along lines of scientific plant development, has already accomplished some truly remarkable results, and at the same time has taken care of his parish, which is some miles in extent.

Crossing the Oregon wild blackberry and the Cuthbert raspberry, he has produced a fruit which he called the Willamette berry. The canes are much longer than those of the loganberry, which it resembles somewhat in appearance, and the leaves are large, silken in texture and heart shaped. The flower is double and resembles a white rose, and when grown over a trellis, would serve as an attractive climber, even if it had no other virtues. Its chief claim lies in the peculiar, pleasant vanilla flavor of the berry, which is more sweet than the logan and equal to it in size, but round instead of long. In color it is a dark brown, also a distinct color in fruit.

Another fruit in the process of making is an edible roseberry, which makes a delicious jelly, and a third creation in the fruit line is a peach prune, excellent for drying, with the good points of both its parents retained. But it is with flowers that Father Schoener has made the most noteworthy success. His garden consists of 15,000 roses, whose pedigree he has studied back as far as possible, and during the summer just closed his experiments covered 3400 specimens. To see him on a summer morning at Medford, if awake to their own interests, will surely see how much this opportunity means to them and encourage Mr. Hafer in establishing the mill and box factory. I again compliment Mrs. Billings on her decision to cut out the "howling," follow her example, and for the progress of Medford and the Rogue River valley, "Bark, bark, bark!"

Advertisement for John A. Perl, Undertaker. Includes text: "Smokers of TURKISH TROPHIES Cigarettes fifteen years ago are smokers of TURKISH TROPHIES Cigarettes today!" and "MADE TO ORDER FROM \$25.00 UP".

done at Brooks, where facilities are lacking to assist him in his work. He has insufficient ground for so large an undertaking, his water supply consists of what he can pump and carry by the bucketful, and the task of caring for these thousands of roses falls upon him alone, while the money to purchase roses for experiment comes out of his own pocket.

3,500,000 RIFLE CARTRIDGES SHIPPED WEEKLY TO BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Allegations that 3,500,000 rifle cartridges are being shipped weekly to the British government from the output of the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge company and of the Winchester Repeating Arms company, were made in an answer on file today in the supreme court by Flint & Co., export merchants, to a suit brought against them by Marcellus H. Dodge. The answer alleges that the British government's order is an indefinite one to continue "so long as the supply may be required."

Dodge, who is described as "doing business under the name of the Remington Arms-Union Metallic company," brought suit against the Flint firm to recover a balance of \$44,642 which he claims is due him for arms and ammunition which he sold to them last year.

Smoke Home-Made Cigars. Governor Johnson, Mr. Pitt and La Vista are the best.

Blood Sufferers Want to Know

The Light is Turned on to a Subject of Darkness.

Advertisement for S. S. S. (Scars, Sores, Scurvy) featuring an illustration of a sun and a person. Text: "The mere fact that S. S. S., the famous blood purifier, drives out disease is a world's story, a topic of conversation wherever men get together."

STAR Theatre

Advertisement for STAR Theatre listing shows: "EXPLOITS OF ELAINE", "The Poisoned Room", "Threads of Fate", "The Magic Mirror", "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch", and "Henrietta Crosman".

HOW GOOD THAT MUSTEROLE FEELS!

It Gets to That Sore Spot Like Magic. A-h-h! That's delicious relief for those sore muscles, those stiff joints, that lame back. MUSTEROLE is a clean, white ointment, made with the oil of mustard and other home staples. It does the work of the old-fashioned mustard plaster, minus the plaster and minus the blister!

THE PAGE

Advertisement for THE PAGE Medford's Leading Theater. Lists shows: "VICTOR FANTASY—DRAMA", "The Beautiful Unknown", "Yona Landowska", "Master Key", "Vivian's Beauty Test".

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Medford's Leading Theater. One Night Only. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH.

Bringing Up Father

Advertisement for Bringing Up Father, The Last Thing in Musical Comedy. Includes showtimes and prices.

For Rent

6 room house in Imperial Addition, good repair, large lot, \$8.00, water paid. Modern bungalow, Roosevelt avenue, \$15.00, water paid.