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HERE'S A SCRAMBLE (In Pittsburgh a citizen has petitioned to have his name change. His name is Egg.)

An old Scotchman who lived in Edinburgh owned a donkey and rented a shed in which to stable it. The rental for this shack and his own cottage entitled him to a vote, as is the custom of the country.

Hard times came and Sandy lost everything. But on voting day he showed up bright and early at the polling place. "Ye have no vote, Sandy," explained the election judge. "Ye hev not the dunkey now, ye know!"

An irate old man was eating in a Denver cafe. Near him sat a youth who was loudly "inhaling" his soup. The old gentleman, in disgust, finally turned to the nosy diner.

SHE WAS READY Former Mistress—I would like to give you a good recommendation, Della, but my conscience compels me to state that you never got the meals on time. I wonder how I can put that in a nice sort of way?

BEN FRANKLIN Mollan man say Ben Franklin greatest Melican. Ben Franklin likee ladies—one at time. Maybe he called Floor Richard.

IN THE SUBURBS Jones—Erver or Mrs. Smith—did I ever return your ladder after I borrowed it? Mrs. Smith—No, you did not.

A COME BACK Angry Grocer trunling into his butcher shop—What do you mean by sending me ten ounces of meat when I ordered a pound?

ALL O. K. (From the White River, Mo. Leader) Frank Goforth has taken to the woods.

FOR A \$4000 MONTHLY LOSS

THE report of City Electrical Inspector Hinman upon his investigation of the proposal of the Rogue River Public Service Corporation to furnish the city of Medford with electric current at wholesale rates, the city to distribute to consumers, is quite enlightening.

Mr. Hinman estimates that the acceptance of the proposition will entail a monthly deficit of about \$4000 for the city and provide no material relief for the people. According to this, the present company is not making a fortune, by any means, in its service.

Light and power rates for Medford will be fixed by the state public utilities commission following their investigation and survey of the cost of furnishing the same. Open hearings on the subject will shortly be held and the rates fixed so as to allow the company a fair return on the physical value of the plant.

Electricity costs more here than it should because there are no factories, mills or manufacturing plants to utilize the power during the daytime when the lights are not in use. Could this surplus daylight power be marketed to industrial enterprises, the company's receipts would be increased and a reduction be possible on the lighting charges.

The telephone investigation showed that the phone company, even at the increased rates ordered, cannot make interest returns on the investment and that rates permitting a profitable operation would be prohibitive and therefore impracticable. There is no reason to believe any sweeping reduction in electric rates will be ordered or justified.

Until Medford and the valley secure some industrial enterprises and provide some market for power already generated, it is doubtful if lower light and power charges are a possibility, unless provided at an actual loss to the supplying corporation. Nor is it probable that any competing company could supply electricity at cheaper rates under present conditions. At any rate, Mr. Hinman's report shows the impracticability of the city's entering into the business at this time by accepting the Rogue River Public Service Corporation's offer to sell power not yet developed.

A FOOL'S PARADISE

"WITH water, buyers will come to the Rogue River valley. With water I could lease my lands to pay fair returns on the investment. Without water I can neither lease nor sell, nor can I produce sufficient crops to pay a fair return on the investment," writes D. A. McCurdy, a ranch owner.

This tells the story in a nutshell. With water, the rancher, the orchardist, the farmer, the gardener, the land-owner and the lessee are assured of returns.

Without water, none of them are. There is no sale for property and there will be no sale unless a return can be received—and to secure a return water is necessary.

With irrigation, those who want to can sell, and those who want to remain can do so at a profit. The valley should produce 3000 cars of fruit this season that would bring in from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000. Instead, the output will not total more than 300 cars.

The only reason 3000 cars are not produced is lack of irrigation. The only reason the present year is not the most prosperous in the valley's history is lack of irrigation.

How long is it going to take land-owners to realize that with water their property will be enhanced in value, and without water it is daily depreciating?

We have been living in a fool's paradise. The dry seasons will be a blessing in disguise if they dissipate the cherished illusion that irrigation is not an essential in the Rogue River valley.

RAILROAD'S JULY FOLDER ADVERTISES CRATER LAKE TRIP

The July folder of the Southern Pacific for the Shasta route contains a double-page cut of Crater Lake—the best ad yet appearing for this scenic attraction and calculated to call every passenger's attention to the subject. The ad reads as follows: "Crater Lake, America's greatest scenic wonder, may be visited conveniently en route to or from the California expositions."

Daily train service to Medford, thence to Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or daily train service Portland to Klamath Falls, thence by train Monday, Wednesday and Friday to Chiloquin, thence connecting auto stage Chiloquin to Crater Lake.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN FEELS FINE AND DANDY

NEW YORK, July 10.—J. P. Morgan, who was shot twice a week ago today in an attempt on his life by Erich Muentzer, alias Frank Holt, was "feeling fine and dandy" today, it was said at his offices. All apprehension as to Mr. Morgan's recovery had vanished, it was said.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

James H. Groves vs. Paul G. Deuber, stipulation. W. J. Bevier vs. C. J. Dunton et al., notice. Charles Dodge vs. C. W. Bout, deed bill. R. L. Barlow vs. Benton Bowers, answer.

Probate Estate of William Cochran, order, petition. Estate of R. J. Bailey, oath. Estate of Merritt Thompson, inventory and appraisement. Estate of Henry Metz, petition for real property, order to issue citation, inventory and appraisement.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-JR Ambulance Service Coronor

FIRST POLITICAL JOB WAS WISHED ON HIM CLIMBED FROM COP TO CHIEF TO MAYOR



BY GERTRUDE M. PRICE. LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 9.—Charles E. Sebastian used to clerk in his mother's little corner grocery.

Today he has become mayor of Los Angeles within two blocks of the spot where he stood behind the counter.

Those who have followed his career declare his smile is just as ready, his handclasp just as cordial and his word just as good as when he sold a dime's worth of cheese and a quart of cranberries to help eke out the widow's mite.

A short while before he assumed his new duties the city father-in-chief took half an hour off to tell me a little story of his life. I found him low-collared and slumped, sitting way back in a deep-seated, leather upholstered chair, in the comfortable living room of his home.

"Did you make up your mind when you were a boy to be somebody?" I asked, just to start the ball rolling, for every day is reception day at the Sebastian home now, and minutes count as hours.

"Yes," he said, smiling. "Most boys who amount to anything in this world have a dream of being somebody, some day. But I never had any aspirations toward a political life. This is singular, too, when I remember that both on my mother's side and my father's side there were many who filled various public positions, and still do, back in Missouri."

"You see, my folks brought me here when I was 6 years old, and I've lived here ever since. My father died when I was 11. There were five of us, and I, the oldest, worked and went to night school, and later to business college.

"I worked around farms. They were right here where the paved streets and big residence districts stand. I clerked in stores. But the first real job I had was in the street department."

"How did you get it?" I suggested as the new executive stopped speaking to light a cigar.

"It was wished on me," he laughed. "Friends knew, had faith and wanted to help me. And that's the way I got my start."

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OLD TIME STAR IN FORM AGAIN

Eddie Riskenbacker has shaken off the flinx and has come back with a vengeance. The idol of all American racing fans has set record for long distance racing speed in an American car that almost passes comprehension. 96.53 miles per hour for 500 miles was the speed that he averaged at Chicago when he drove a Maxwell into third money—the first American driver in the first American car to finish.

Then came his whirlwind victory at Sioux City last Saturday when he led the field from the start and again proved an easy winner at the speed of 74.7 miles per hour. It is a remarkable coincidence that he first jumped into fame during the 1914 season by winning this same classic and this victory was doubly sweet to him.

Ombra on Monday next. Again Riskenbacker drove his Maxwell to first money in the 200-mile sweepstakes. On a fast mile and a quarter track he secured the lead and was never headed during the entire race, and once more broke all speed records of the previous season by averaging 51.07 miles per hour. These three victories for an American car and driver are even more remarkable because of the exceedingly fast foreign cars in competition, and all three races proved one thing—that American engineers have solved the problem of building cars that will compare favorably with European designs in reliability, durability and speed.

It looks as if the latest Maxwell racer has all that "Rick" desires and every racing enthusiast will doubly rejoice at his latest showing, which means that he has finally broken the hoodoo that has robbed him so often of the prize money when victory was all but won.

THE PAGE

Medford's Leading Theater BIG SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW 7:15 Until Midnight Special! Special! Special! ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS OF THE SEASON

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