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A Neat and Thorough Job: A St. Louis politician imported his cousin from the country and had him appointed a smoke inspector.

A Prominent Feature: (From Joliet, Ill. Herald-Times) "The charm of a perfect June evening, with the odor of roses in the air and a cloudless sky, added the final note of exquisite harmony to the appointments of a sweetly simple wedding last night at Grace M. E. church which united in the holy bonds of marriage, Miss Edna Nichols and...

THE POWER CONFERENCE

THE future will be the electrical age. Electricity will before long supplant steam for power and coal and wood as fuel. The bulk of this electricity must come from water power now wasted in our mountain streams.

The great bulk of this power has been already cornered by private companies and consolidated by power monopolies. Much of it, however, still ungrabbed, exists in the national forest reserves.

The power conference now in session at Portland, called by the same influences that fathered the "midnight resolution" favoring the railroad in the Oregon-California land grant contest, is scheduled to protest the Ferris bill, fathered by Secretary of the Interior Lane.

The Ferris bill provides for the lease of the power from the government for a period of fifty years, the lessee to pay an annual rental for the use of the premises, calculated upon the basis of power developed and sold, the government reserving the right at the end of the fifty years to take over the property at a fair valuation, not including anything on account of rights in lands or water rights.

There is no reason why the people should present speculators or the power trust with these natural resources. There is no reason why a legitimate return should not be made for the use of these resources.

It is not a question of state rights—state rights quibbles are merely a bogey raised for the occasion. Nor is it a question of development, any more than the speculative holdings of the timber barons. It is merely a question of grab, and back of it all is the sinister hand of the power trust.

TO CREATE PROSPERITY

IF we would stop the stream of money sent out of the valley for produce, we must utilize home products. There is no use in securing new enterprises if we fail to patronize them after they are secured.

After many years of idleness, the Medford flour mills have been reopened and are producing a first-class product. Why not buy it? Why send money away that we need at home?

We have in Medford a cannery that produces first-class products. No superior article can be bought on the market. It furnishes work for many people. It is still a small institution, but capable of enlargement to take all the output rotting in the fields for lack of a market.

It is in such institutions as those cited, and others similar, like the creameries, that the future of the valley lies. We must work out our own salvation through these humble beginnings. No outsider is going to aid any community that does not help itself.

Our isolation renders it imperative that we build up home industries to utilize our products and furnish work for our people. If we cannot contribute the capital, we can the patronage.

Not real estate speculation, not land inflation, but industry and industries is the need of the valley. To increase production by better farming and irrigation, to build up factories to utilize the products produced and a home market to consume them spells the future prosperity of the valley—for abiding prosperity is not a gift spilled by the gods, but the result of intelligent, co-operative effort.

THE ELKS' TEMPLE

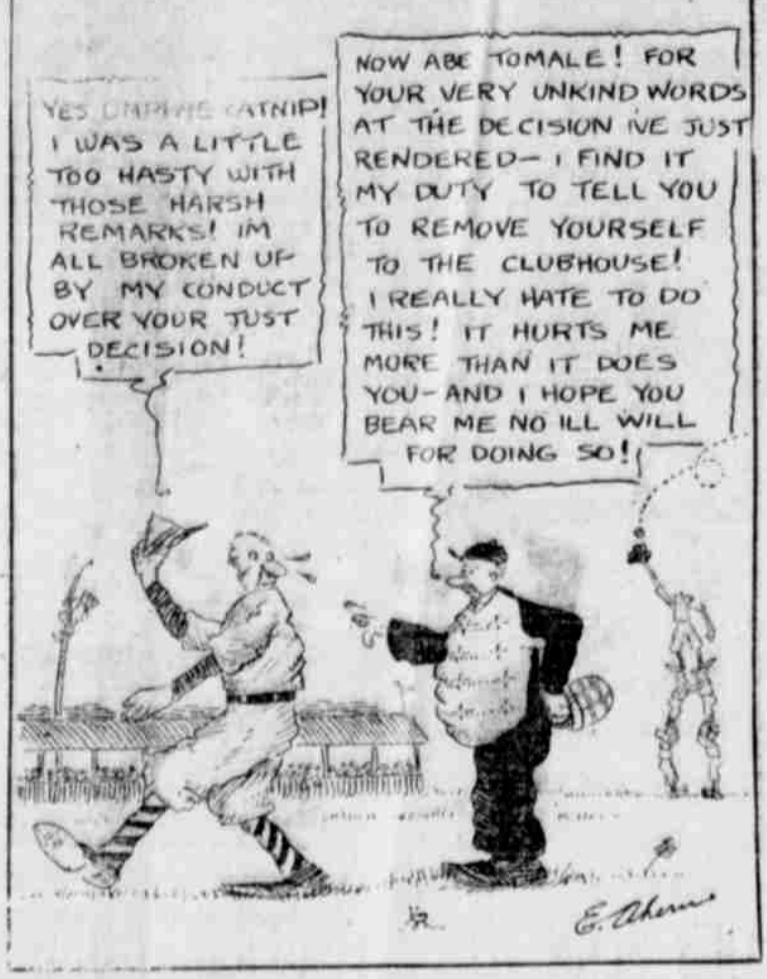
THE Medford lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks today dedicate their magnificent new home, a structure costing approximately \$60,000.

The Elks' temple is characteristic of the enterprise and progressiveness of the local lodge. Built despite hard times, it reflects the Medford spirit—a credit both to the order and the city.

No finer club house exists in any city, regardless of size. Complete in all its details, artistically and fittingly furnished, it is a source of pride to the entire Rogue River valley, as well as to the order of good fellows it houses.

The Elks are a most worthy social and philanthropic institution. That their herd may increase in numbers and the sun of prosperity ever shine upon them is the wish of the people of Medford.

SQUIRREL FOOD BY AHERN "DREAM DOPE"



COMMUNICATION

To The Editor: After reading Mr. Sargent's article in the paper, we notice his sympathy is deep for the people who will have to pay twelve and a half mills on paving bonds after the city is re-bonded.

We wonder if he can find a small place in his own heart for the people who he claims are in debt to the city \$500 or \$1000 drawing six per cent interest, or some who have \$3000 on a \$1500 place where their interest is \$180 per year for just paving.

I bought a home on what was called a side street (Beatty St.). I would not buy on Central where expenses were likely to be high. They came to me with a petition for paving our street and I said no I would not sign it, that I was not able to pay for paving.

My valuation at that time was \$1500 and the paving was \$1065. I did not need the paving, I have no car; no horse; not even a bicycle and not a child to send to school. I can offer you to an old lady on Central who owns two small houses, valuation at \$1000 and paying about \$500 at six per cent for the past five years.

She is sixty-nine years of age has worked out in the country by the month to help herself out. Do you call that JUSTICE to try to make her believe that the city could take her home? She did not sign the petition; she knew she was not able to pay the bill and did not need the pavement. Please stop and think how much less this burden would be if all who use this pavement would help pay.

If spread on the tax roll it would come gradual each year in shape for people to handle instead of the heavy burden that many people can not lift.

One man said ten mill school tax nearly took his breath. I think he must have had a very short breath, for I have paid thirty mill school tax in Dakota and it did not take my breath either, but when they said I was in debt to the city \$1065 at six per cent (6%) interest every year besides my ten mill school tax and all other tax equal with other tax payers, then I do think I had reasons to gasp for breath.

I do not send a child to school, yet I am taxed ten mills the same as those who send five.

One man spoke of leaving a debt on our children. Would it not be better for me to leave my home to my boy with a twelve and a half mill tax than to leave it with an assessment of 70 per cent of my valuation drawing six per cent interest?

This debt is not an honest debt of mine. It is a city debt. The street belongs to the city and if I should set an apple box on the pavement how quickly the city officers would tell me to take it off.

The people in the western part of this county do not use the Pacific highway, yet they are taxed for it. Then you call it injustice for the people off the pavement in Medford to help for paving when they use it every day.

If the state law will not let the city vote only a certain per cent on the city, what law will let you put a debt on its citizens for more than his valuation.

Were the bonds voted on? Assessments on private property for public improvement may not be the thing.

If twelve and a half interest on better for me to leave my home to my boy with a twelve and a half mill tax than to leave it with an assessment of 70 per cent of my valuation drawing six per cent interest?

Don't Merely "Stop" a Cough

Stop the Thing that Causes it and the Cough will Stop Itself

A cough is really one of our best friends. It warns us that there is inflammation or obstruction in a dangerous place. Therefore, when you get a bad cough don't proceed to dose yourself with a lot of drugs that merely "stop" the cough temporarily by deadening the throat nerves. Treat the cause—heat the inflamed membranes. Here is a home-made remedy that gets right at the cause and will make an obstinate cough vanish more quickly than you ever thought possible.

Put 2 1/2 ounces of Pinez (50 cents worth) in a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. This gives you a full pint of the most pleasant and effective cough remedy you ever used, at a cost of only 54 cents. No bother to prepare. Full directions with Pinez.

It heals the inflamed membranes so gently and promptly that you wonder how it does it. Also loosens a dry, hoarse or tight cough and stops the formation of phlegm in the throat and bronchial tubes, thus ending the persistent loose cough.

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bond debt will scare people from our town do you think people will grab their hat and start for Medford when they find you talk of trying to collect interest on forced paving for more than the valuation of the property? They also spoke of the water debt.

STAR THEATRE WHERE THE CROWDS GO

TODAY ONLY The Spanish Jade

In six wonderful parts. This is a genuine 25c picture, but our price for today only is 10c and 15c.

WELCOME B. P. O. E. I improved the Star for you and me.

Made in Medford MOVIES

Showing the county fair ball players, the large crowd in grandstand and 300 feet of other local scenes of interest will be shown Friday. There will be no extra charge for the local picture. Remember, we change pictures daily.

Saturday the Star management will make moving pictures of every one who attends the matinee. The pictures will be made promptly at 3:30.

Romance of Elaine

With three other splendid reels, will be the attraction for Saturday. Remember, this is at the Star, where the crowds go.

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MUSIC IS A MORAL LAW. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything. It is the essence of order, and leads to all that is good, just, and beautiful, of which it is the invisible, but nevertheless dazzling, passionate and eternal form.—Plato.

There are so many painful sounds in this mechanical and mercantile age, which we are forced to hear, why not make a science of cultivating musical voices?—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Advertisement for Black Silk Stove Polish, featuring a can illustration and text: "A SHINE IN EVERY DROP... Black Silk Stove Polish... Get a Can TODAY"

Large advertisement for THE PAGE Medford's Leading Theater, featuring PROHIBITION and showtimes: Thursday, Sept. 23; Friday, Sept. 24.

Advertisement for Stella's Bargain Counter: "An optimist thinks the times are ripe—the pessimist thinks they are rotten. It isn't hard to be poor—it's dead easy. Easy. We are surprised at Luther Burbank, who says he fears he cannot raise black cotton. Why doesn't he try raising it in Pittsburg?—Chicago Examiner. Loony Limericks: There was a young Skip from Ohio, Who took his best gal for a row, Along came a 'twister'— His hands are all blisters, And the rain ruined Geraldine's bow."

Advertisement for REDISCOUNT RATES FOR RESERVE BANK: "WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The reserve board today approved the following rediscount rates for reserve banks at San Francisco: Commodity paper up to 30 days, 3 1/2 per cent; 30 to 60 days, 4 per cent; 60 to 90 days, 4 1/2 per cent; over 90 days, 5 per cent."

Advertisement for COUNTED MORE VOTES THAN BALLOTS CAST: "INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 23.—Members of the election board, testifying today in the trial of Mayor Joseph E. Bell, charged with election conspiracy, said that in at least one precinct Edward Lyons, a Bell candidate, had more votes tallied than there were ballots counted."

Advertisement for CHICHESTER'S PILLS: "THE DIAMOND BRAND. Sold by druggists everywhere."

Advertisement for John A. Perl UNDERTAKER: "LADY ASSISTANT. 88 S. BARTLETT. Phone No. 47 and 47-JB. Ambulance Service. Coroner."

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