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After promoter getee through with mining firm allasance nedde pulmotor.

Babies should never putee gift horse in mouth.

Mr. Dickey has been elected president of the Midvale Steel company.

Don't Blame the Hog (From an Illinois Daily Newspaper)

A certain farmer south of Savanna is looking for someone who owns the car which ran over and killed one of his pigs. The owner did not see the affair, but some friends did. They saw the pig run out toward the car and stop just in time to get hit. The joy riders got out and examined the dead body, then entered the car and drove away. The farmers, reaching the hog's body found a 50-cent piece lying on one of its eyes. The automobilists had left that amount. The farmers says he has been in the habit of calling the hogs to feed by beating on a tin pail with a stick and he supposed that when the car went past the hog recognized the sound and ran out to be fed.

Today's Beltinger

William Collier, the famous comedian, recently told this story in the library of the Lamb's club:

"Once," he said, "an Irishman was the center of a group of Englishmen who were making sport of him. At last one of the Englishmen said:

"Pat, your hair is like a haystack."

"Sure," says Pat, "that's just what I thought when I saw so many asses standing around it, hegorra!"

Stella's Bargain Counter

People who have no friends often have relatives.

Many women who don't make good wives are able to make the men they marry pretty good husbands.

Raus Mit 'Em

According to a Sumatra paper, the Germans have resolved to eliminate every sporting term of English origin in use in Germany. The following terms are proposed to supplant them:

- Golf—Locherballspiel. Cricket—Dreistabenschlagspiel. Leg before—Beinenschindel. Not out—Nachtlichtabgewandt. Wicket—Dreistabeneinrichtung. Half time—Halbzeitvortagene. Hands—Handefehler. Start—Abgangsthe. Starter—Hauptabgangstheilean-fischvorsteher. We can now understand the position of the German who says he has no time for sport.—Punch

The Saville wireless station seems to have a lot to say these days.

A Wise Jump

Mary had a little lamp. It was well wadded, no doubt. Cause every time John came in, The little lamp went out!

Worse Yet

"Yer honor," said the plaintiff, "you have no idea how terrible it is to have a wife who can cook but won't do it!"

"No," replied the jurist, "but I know how terrible it is to have a wife who can't cook but WILL do it!"

DEVELOPING OREGON

THE proposition submitted by Robert E. Strahorn to the business and financial interests of Portland for the construction of a railroad system in central Oregon to connect existing lines outlines a plan whereby Portland capital can be of material benefit in developing the state.

The proposal, briefly, is to construct 400 miles of railroad at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000, building from Bend to Klamath Falls via Fort Rock and Silver Lake; from Silver Lake to Lakeview and Warner valley via Summer Lake and Paisley; from Bend to connection with O.-W. R. & N. line building west from Vale at Harney valley. The line to be financed by independent capital, but to co-operate with existing railroads.

The route of the proposed lines is considerably east of the located lines of the Hill and Harriman railroads, which skirt the huge timber belt of the Cascades, which was depended upon to furnish the tonnage for railroads. As the railroads never were completed to the timber, they have never had the tonnage, and have had to depend upon that furnished by the slowly developing agricultural resources of an arid region, operating at an annual deficit.

The proposed railroad system will develop an immense neglected territory. With transportation available, capital will rapidly unlock the natural resources. If land prices are not inflated and the pioneer is given a working chance, the country will be rapidly populated.

Mr. Strahorn's plans are not complete. The proposed system should include a branch from the Klamath region to connect with Hill's Pacific & Eastern at Butte Falls, thus providing the timber belt with an outlet to the east and rendering available the tonnage of the Rogue River valley. To become a real railroad system, however, the line should be extended to the proposed harbor at Crescent City, tapping the rich mining region of the Oregon-California border and the redwood belt of the coast. These extensions would add from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 to the estimated cost.

If Portland capitalists, instead of spending \$80,000,000 in skyscrapers in the past few years, had spent a small portion of it in development of the state by building railroads, as Mr. Strahorn now suggests, there would be plenty of people to fill these skyscrapers, for the way to develop Portland is to develop Oregon.

Portland is top-heavy. It is out of proportion in population to its territory. It must aid in developing that territory to secure markets for its products. It has followed a hoggish policy, discriminating against the small cities, opposing their efforts to develop, refusing co-operation and denying capital. Portland has had no faith in Oregon, though plenty of faith in Portland, and as a result Portland is over-developed and Oregon under-developed.

Money for legitimate development enterprises in any part of Oregon is seldom forthcoming from the metropolises. San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane and eastern cities have furnished and are still furnishing the money that has created what development there is. Oregon has knocked in vain at Portland's door. Save for an occasional glad hand junket, to dispense hot air there has been no recognition of the region that it draws sustenance from.

Oregon receives news of the proposed railroad system with much skepticism. It remembers that Mr. Strahorn acted as a disguised agent for the Harriman system in other instances—and for many years has been in its employ. The proposed lines are Harriman feeders and will in no way disturb the throttle grip upon the traffic of the state now enjoyed, and in all probability eventually become part of that system. Some such railroad aid may have been assured to have induced the tight financiers of the metropolis to indorse the project.

At any rate, the Strahorn proposal is a good one for the development of the state. Whether or not a city that has not had enterprise enough to establish a steamer line to Alaska and which lets Puget Sound, despite its handicaps, get away with inland commerce, has awakened sufficiently to belatedly realize its home opportunities, remains to be seen.

All Oregon will watch with interest to see the Ethiopian change his skin.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF VASSAR COLLEGE

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Delegates from practically every college and university in the country and some from abroad, alumnus from every state and several hundred other visitors, many of them famous in educational circles, were in Poughkeepsie today for the continuation of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Vassar college.

Today's program included the pageant of Athena, composed and presented by Vassar college students in a new outdoor theater and "Vassar College Milestones," a play written by alumnus and acted by members of the New York Alumnae Dramatic association.

ONLY LANSING NOT TO VOTE FOR WOMEN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Secretary Lansing announced today he would not vote on woman suffrage in New York this year, because he had not had time to go to New York to register. Inasmuch as he will not vote, the secretary has declined to express his views. Other members of the cabinet and the president will vote for suffrage in various state elections.

CLOSING OF SALOONS LOWERS CRIME RECORD

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—Closing saloons in Chicago on Sunday for the first time in forty-four years resulted in the day passing with the lowest crime record known to the police department. Chief of Police Healy announced today.

Out of the 7152 saloons in the city, only twenty-eight were found to have violated Mayor Thompson's closing order.

There were only sixteen arrests for drunkenness yesterday, and forty-seven on Saturday, as compared with 248 as the usual number of arrests for the two days.

BULGAR-GERMAN TREATY IS DENIED

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—Details regarding a treaty between Germany and Bulgaria counter-signed by Austria-Hungary and Turkey, reported by a foreign news agency, are officially declared here to be absolutely untrue," says the Overseas News agency today.

The outline given in a Greek newspaper of the districts conceded by this treaty to Bulgaria, also carried in the news agency report, is declared likewise to be an invention, pure and simple.

SQUIRREL FOOD BY AHERN "DREAM DOPE"

JUST BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE GRIDIRON SEASON I WANT TO STATE AS COACH OF THE "SARDINECAN" COLLEGE FOOTBALL ELEVEN THAT MY TEAM IS IN THE PUNK OF CONDITION! IT'S THE WORST TEAM I'VE COACHED YET! I'VE EVEN WORKED THEM NIGHTS AT SECRET PRACTICE BUT IT'S NO USE! THEY HAVE AS MUCH CHANCE OF COMPETING WITH THE OTHER TEAMS AS A GERMAN PANCAKE IN FRANCE!



BERLIN REPORTS RIOTS AT MOSCOW

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—Under the heading "Fighting in Moscow's streets," the following was given out today by the Overseas News agency:

"It is now learned that on Sept. 27 the civilians of Moscow built barricades in the city. Eight higher officials and 25 policemen were wounded. Of the civilians three were killed and 12 wounded.

"Among the dead was a student whose body was left all night in the street. The students went on strike in protest and there were great demonstrations at the funeral. The students held back the police. The president of Moscow university signed a proclamation concerning the death of the student. He was asked for an explanation, but his answer was suppressed by the censor.

"Other street fights are reported in St. Petersburg, Kharkov, Rostov, and Odessa. In each instance small riots led to serious disorders."

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor:

Dear Sir: In answer to your editorial allusion to the recall petitions and your subsequent reference to my part in same, with your kind permission I should like to offer some explanation of my position with respect to this paving indebtedness.

If it were not for the lenient—I was going to say neglectful—attitude of the city council in the matter of enforcing payment when the first signs of default were evident, I am convinced that with comparatively few exceptions we would all be paying the annual installments on this debt, or at least the interest on same.

The psychological moment for enforcement has, however, long since passed. In the interim we have become more and more convinced of the injustice and hardship inflicted by the method of collecting and meeting this obligation. A careful consideration of the city charter has, moreover, convinced many competent lawyers that it will prove practically impossible to enforce the payment of this direct tax in the manner contemplated by the provisions of the Hancock act. Nor would any other plan of a similar nature, such as suggested by Mr. Miles, prove any easier to enforce in the event of default.

A remedy has been suggested, one that is common with all business corporations, of providing for a maturing obligation by a new issue of bonds, particularly under financial conditions similar to the present. This will of course do away with the direct demand upon the property sitting on the pavement and permit a general and fairly reasonable distribution of a debt incurred in the interest of the whole community.

Having had ample time to consider the merits of this plan, I think the legal voters of Medford regard the same favorably, and are now prepared to act upon same, and I shall not therefore enter into any discussion of

its merits or demerits. Suffice to say that it provides ample time, with easy payments, that will permit all to share without undue hardship, or occasion for the drastic foreclosure method.

If the bonds are to meet with ready sale the issue should be met squarely at the polls, without any alternative plan to divide the vote, as bond buyers desire a harmonious and practically unanimous sentiment in favor of the issue.

I now wish to lay stress on the fact that I am opposed to hasty, ill-adviced, extreme measures in the matter of the recall alternatives, but I feel that I voice the sentiment of an unquestioned majority when I say that the demand for a vote on this matter, coming from over 600 representative citizens, and its immediate denial by a majority of the council, has occasioned a lively indignation, which I am now convinced is more general than these councilmen who opposed this request appreciate.

I should be very glad to think that it is unnecessary to go any further in the matter of this last alternative, and I shall hope to hear that the council have reconsidered their decision and are willing to permit the voice of the people to be heard squarely upon this measure, one way or the other, without the confusing element of any plan upon the ballot which will conflict with the one so long under consideration.

Yours very truly, A. C. ABRAMS.

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ANXIETY IS FELT FOR 500 MORMONS IN OLD MEXICO

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 11.—Grave anxiety is felt for the welfare of approximately 500 members of the Mormon colonies of the Casas Grandes district when the news of the recognition of Carranza becomes generally known in the Villa army mobilized there.

These colonists have already reported deprivations by the Villa force, but have refused to leave their properties, although repeatedly urged by the state department.

In connection with this feature of the situation, word was received in Juarez today that Villa Governor Abila at Chihuahua City has demanded of the American Smelting & Refining company that it refine and coin "government ores" under penalty of confiscation and operation by the Villa force there. "Government ores" are understood to be ores confiscated from foreign properties.

It is expected here that the American Smelting & Refining company, out of consideration for the welfare of the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes, will consider the demands of Governor Avila.

ARMY AVIATOR AT SAN DIEGO KILLED

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 11.—Lieutenant Walter D. Telfer, stationed at the United States army aviation corps school at North Island, fell 1000 feet into San Diego bay this morning and was killed. His body has not yet been recovered.



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