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Can You Beat It?

A young doctor friend had his first patient the other day, but the diagnosis was not a success. He couldn't find her pulse because she had a wrist watch over it, and he couldn't look at her tongue because she was using it at the time. He told her he didn't think she was very ill and she got mad and went to another doctor.

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But They Say He Never Did.

Albert Cutlip is a barber in Lima, Ohio.

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Tossing El Toro.

They say—

William Tell never lived.

There never was no "black hole" of Calcutta.

Alfred the Great never hid in a peasant's cottage.

Napoleon never said, "Providence favors the greatest battalions."

Gosh! Perhaps Benny Kauff did not really say some of the things the sporting historians have typewritten about him!

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Overtime.

"The evidence was that defendants employed six young persons for more than seven days a week."—From an English weekly paper.

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If ignorance of the law excuses no one, I'll be sorry for some lawyers I know if they ever got into trouble.

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A Change of Direction.

Time was when a man's admiring glance started at a lady's face; but now since those new styles in shoes and skirts came in it begins the other way.

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Today's Bellringer.

A certain father who is fond of putting his boys through natural history examinations is often surprised by their mental agility. He recently asked them to tell him, "What animal is satisfied with the least amount of nourishment?"

"The moth," one of them shouted confidently. "It eats nothing but holes."—Youth's Companion.

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Says the Girl on the Film.

A woman seldom hits anything she aims at—especially when she throws herself at a man's head.

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The following letter speaks for itself:

Grants pass, Oregon, 11-18-15

To the Writer of the news for the Medford Mail Tribune,

Dear sir or madam, why do you folks twisted things in same valley why dont you tell the truth, what used or going behind the bush and trying to Shoved me into bad requites this frighten dope, was nothing to this until mrs L. M. Fisher, pomped up and this cannibal dope will not sticked in the day of judement, when you shall stand before the great bar to answered for your deeds, then why the boys and girls did not show signs of scare when they was laughing at my funny caps on, when the Teacher open the door, they was frighten when they was drawing down board work, why did not they write and tell of Mr. Edlington, trying to see would I taked one half dollard they put in the window, by that spool of black thread, and the next morning it was moved, and they claim to be converted, do they think all colored men are thieves, they come from Missouri state.

By D. J. H. A. Z. Sngasshauer, Cannibal Healing Council.

PIPAL EMPLOYED TO COACH O. A. C. ATHLETES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 8.—Joseph Pipal, who signed a contract last night as director of athletics at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, Or., will leave here soon to take charge of the early football training there. His resignation as coach at Occidental college here was accepted yesterday.

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE

THE fight against Brandeis' appointment to the supreme court is one of grave concern. It involves the existence of free institutions. If the aspersions cast upon him defeat his confirmation, it means our highest court is closed to all but the satellites of big business.

Let no man be deceived as to the cause of the fight against Brandeis. Let no sane man believe it is caused by doubt of his integrity or ability. Though his record were black as ink, if the blackness was on the side of the financial wreckers of New York and Boston, the opposition to him would today be the strongest working force in his favor.

But because Brandeis has turned his back upon the financial thieves of his country, they have united in the boldest of attempts to assail his character, in an effort to prevent his confirmation or impair his usefulness if confirmed.

A journal that finds its greatest joy in the service of plundering wealth and in betraying the public, queries whether a citizen would select a man for judge of that court, whose character was assailed by an ex-president of this country and two presidents of the American Bar association. If the precedent could be established of rejecting men for such reasons, then the financial rulers of this country would be firmly entrenched in power, for who would doubt they could bring such an array of witnesses whenever desired?

Who are the heads of the American Bar association? The attorneys of big business have controlled that organization and selected its officers for years. It has been used to affect and influence legislation in every way possible, in favor of the reactionaries and the domestic foes of our country, and in truth that is the reason the organization exists.

As for our ex-presidents, one has but to read the recorded utterances of one Theodore Roosevelt to doubt the mendacity and integrity of William H. Taft on matters such as this, and when he has sickened of that, let him read what Mr. Taft says of ex-President Roosevelt. He will then realize that our ex-presidents are not gods, but mortal men, such as you meet on the street every day, influenced by jealousy, envy, fear, hatred and selfish ambition.

Of such big business ought to be able to maintain one or more on its staff most of the time. When Harrison stepped out of the white house he entered the practice of law and worked for big business, and Cleveland did so, too. Mr. Taft has not done so, but he persists in traveling about the country bewailing the fact that there is a tendency to try to make this a government of the people in fact as well as theory.

The fight against Brandeis is a great political issue. The court has long been the refuge of our trusts. It is their citadel, and they want none but trusted men on guard. And that was the reason big business supported Mr. Taft with immense funds in the election of 1908.

Big business wanted Root, but doubted their ability to elect him, but above all, they wanted someone in the white house who could supply the supreme court vacancies that were sure to occur in the next four years, with judges who could be relied upon to emasculate and destroy the Sherman anti-trust law. Hence they supported Mr. Taft and he put on the bench five men who had been corporation lawyers and corporation judges.

Taft nominated Hughes, Van Devanter, Lamar, Pitney and Lurton. Among those who died and were succeeded by these appointments were Harlan and Brewer, noble men who were above all the influences of powerful wealth.

After the court had been packed with enough of these appointees of Wall street and the elevation of Justice White to the chief justiceship, the court proceeded to destroy the Sherman act by reversing all their former decisions and writing language into the law to change its meaning and purpose to favor the trusts, and gave us what the court called the rule of reason.

In this decision they said in their opinion there were two kinds of trusts—good and bad, and the Sherman act was meant only to apply to bad trusts, and that it is for the noble judges of courts to say what trusts are good or bad.

This is the law of the land until congress changes it, but if congress should change the law, the supreme court could change it again. The supreme court gets the last whack.

The system is fine. The people's representatives pass a law declaring twice two to be four. The supreme court says congress is mistaken, that as a rule twice two are four, but under some conditions twice two may be six. Then congress passes another law declaring that under all circumstances and conditions twice two shall always be deemed to be four. Again it comes before the supreme court, and the court again deliberates and decides that vested rights have accrued under the general belief that twice two is six, and the last act confiscates property acquired under that belief, and is a violation of the constitution, because it would mean the taking of property without due process of law, and that there is no due process of law unless you have a judge or two on the bench to give you what is justly due you from your judges.

Formerly the trusts stood fortified in the senate and their privately owned senators. But popular election of senators destroyed that, and they have moved to the next line of trenches—the supreme court. The national political contests of the past were on the part of railroads and trusts, to control the senate, but from now on they will fight to control the supreme court. Hence they do not want Brandeis, and to defeat him they compel all their instruments from ex-presidents down to their lawyers to hurl their filth at one who has dared to leave their society and expose their vileness.

With a few like Brandeis on the bench, the infamous rule-of-reason decision that has fattened and gorged the trusts would be reversed, and there would be written into the pages of their records decisions in language so lurid and forceful in behalf of popular justice that no succeeding court would dare overturn, until this republic was overthrown.

BAND CONCERTS ONCE PER WEEK DURING SUMMER

The contract entered into between the Jackson County Business Men's association, the Medford Commercial club, the Medford city council, the Greater Medford club, the Medford band of 1915, parties of the first part, and Reginald G. Rowland and the 1916 band, provides as follows:

"That the said Reginald G. Rowland, for considerations hereinafter named, contracts and agrees with the said parties of the first part, that he will during the year next following the first day of April, 1916, in a good, skillful and professional manner and according to his best skill, instruct and conduct the said Medford concert band and bring the organization to a high state of efficiency.

"In consideration of which services so to be rendered by the said Reginald G. Rowland, the said parties of the first part agree to pay to said Rowland the sum of twelve hundred dollars, payable in twelve equal monthly payments, each upon the last day of each and every month, said services shall have been duly rendered by said Rowland in proper manner.

Open Air Concerts.

"It is also understood and agreed by the said parties hereto that the party of the second part shall hold on an average three performances per week during the entire period of this agreement, and shall furnish free in the open air with said band one concert each week during the months of May, June, July, August and September in the year 1916, provided the weather shall permit of the same, and one concert each Sunday afternoon in October of said year.

"It is further understood and agreed that the party of the second part is to, and he shall, furnish all necessary sheet music used in the work of the said band herein contemplated during the life of this agreement.

"It is hereby further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the representatives of the party of the first part herein named shall act as trustees of the bandmaster's salary fund, as herein set forth, and shall carry out the terms of this agreement, in consideration of the educational and moral benefits to the community that will grow and accrue from the arrangements herein made, hereby pledge themselves to fulfill to the best of their ability said trust."

List of Subscribers.

The following is the list of subscribers to the band fund:

City of Medford, $400; Roscoe Johnson, $5; Jep Andrews, $5; Marinello Shop, $1; Drs. Van Scoyoc, $5; Gun Store, $5; Fish Market, $5; Dr. Thayer, $5; Bernard Garage, $5; Mrs. B. Haney, $1; Drs. Howard, $5; Mr. Cathcart, $2.50; J. E. Trevoray, $1; Edgar Hafer, $5; Martin Erickson, $1; Pierce the Florist, $1; Royal Bakery, $2.50; Five and Ten-Cent Store, $2.50; Mackey, $2.50; Quaz, $2.50; Broadley, $2.50; Woods Lumber Co., $10; Mr. Mann, $10; Medford Grocery Co., $25; Jackson Co. Abstract Co., $10; Frank Owens, $25; Ed Brown, $10; May Co., $10; Jackson Co. Creamery, $10; Gus Newbury, $5; Dr. Emmens, $10; Dr. Riddell, $10; Mr. Kidd, $5; Dr. Conroy, $5; Drs. Lockwood, $5; W. A. Folger, $5; Nichols & Ashpole, $7.50; C. E. Gates, $10; C. A. De Voe, $10; Drs. Carlow, $5; Utah Sugar Co., $10; Jones' Grocery, $2.50; Moore, $2.50; Wm. Gates $2.50; Jackson Co. Grocery Co., $2.50; Superintendent Hills, $2.50; Principal Moore, $2.50; Principal Daly, $2.50; Mrs. Hanby, $2.50; Heilbronner, $2.50; Kerns, Jackson school, $2.50; Thome Carkin, $1; Judge Tou Velle, $5; Chas. Palm, $2; Elmer Foss, $2.50; Awning and Tent man, 20c; Emil Schmidt, $5; Eads Bros., $5; John Pery, $5; M. J. Rubie, $5; Mr. Ahrens, $5; Paul's Electric Store, $5; Sugar Bowl, $5; Mordoff & Wolf, $7.50; Olmstead, $7.50; Dr. Hargrave, $5; Mr. Cribbs, $7.50; Toggery Bill, $7.50; Mr. Hubbs, $7.50; Meeker, $5; Medford Furniture Co., $10; First National Bank, $25; Jackson County Bank, $25; Mrs. Delroy Getchell, $5; Professor Haight, $10; Madame Jeffreys, $5; Mr. Herbert, 50c; Miss Kellihor, $1.50; Nash, $5; Model Clothing Co., $7.50; Charles Schieffelin, $7.50; Marsh & Bennett, $7.50; Hutchison & Lumsden, $7.50; Jonas Wold, $7.50; Heath Drug Store, $4; Daniels, $7.50; Davidson Cigar Store, $5; Sunrise Laundry, $1; Russ Mill, $5; O. C. Boggs, $5; Dr. Phipps, $5; Johnson the jeweler, $5; Dr. Pickel, $5; Leon Haskins, $7.50; Dr. Seeley, $5; Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' Bank, $10; Mr. Trowbridge, $5; Wagner the butcher, $2; Dr. Stearns, $5; Newman the lawyer, $5; L. W. Wakeman, $5; P. J. Neff, $2.50; Hotel Medford, $10; Medford Book Store, $5; University Club, $25; Medford National Bank, $25; Ewen's Studio, $5; Mrs. Mundy, $2.50; Mrs. Noblit, $2.50; Mrs. Brackinreed, $1; Dr. Lawrence Hill, $5.

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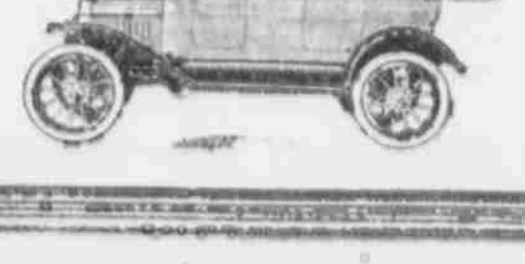
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