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EM-TEES

Yers Libre She was a country girl, And midst the buttercups and lowing kine...

Our Own Travelogues Indianapolis—This settlement, which is known chiefly as the zenith of middle western cutchaw, is noted, too, because Booth Tarkington, the novelist, actually likes to live there.

Our Own Travelogue Butte—For a long time Senator Bill Clark's red whiskers were one of the most interesting points of Butte, but now that the town is Chemically Pure, all licensed guides escort visitors to various points of interest.

Uplift Ooze Talk. Nobody loves an oyster because it keeps its mouth shut. You will never let people know you are on deck unless you talk a whole lot.

Days of Springtime. The river shore seems a place of amusement for the young people of Willard, some go down to take physical culture exercises, such as sunbathing, standing on their heads and so on.

ABUSING THE RECALL

FORMER MAYOR EUGENE SCHMITZ of San Francisco, convicted grafter, creature of political and social corruption, has fathered an effort to recall Mayor Rolph upon trivial charges.

In Jackson county, a disgruntled contractor is making a clandestine effort to recall the county court upon such trivial charges that he is ashamed to publish them.

Both instances are rank abuse of the recall and tend to discredit popular government as opening the way for any disappointed grafter and unsuccessful contractor to question the honesty and integrity of public officials without submitting proof of accusations or furnishing data justifying such action.

The recall thus becomes a club in the hands of the grafter seeking spoils and a bludgeon in the hands of the contractor seeking contracts. "Submit to our demands or we will start a recall," is the threat—and the more honest and efficient the official the more liable he is to be threatened with recall by disgruntled greed.

The local recall is fathered by a contractor who did not secured desired contracts, Petitions are being circulated in the country by disappointed candidates for appointment as road supervisors or their relatives. The advocates are those with selfish grievances. No good faith or sincere desire for betterment of conditions is manifested anywhere along the line.

The trivial charges made against the county court are shown by the recall petitions, which read as follows:

Whereas, The county court of Jackson county, Oregon, has, in its tax levies and collections for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, included a levy of 2.2 mills for road purposes and which fund is constituted a general road fund, and

Whereas, Section 6326, Lord's Oregon Laws, provides for the distribution or expenditures of 50 per cent of such funds for 1913 and 1914 and 70 per cent for 1915, within the particular road districts contributing such funds, and

Whereas, The various road districts and particularly the incorporated cities of said Jackson county have been deprived of and refused their just proportion of said road fund expenditures, greatly to the detriment of such individual road districts and cities, and

Whereas, Your petitioners believe gross extravagance has prevailed in the expenditure of road funds within said county of Jackson, therefore We, your petitioners, residents, freeholders and taxpayers of said Jackson county, respectfully petition for the recall of the members of the county court of said Jackson county, viz:

F. L. Tou Velle, County Judge. W. C. Loeber, Commissioner. F. H. Madden, commissioner.

as provided in section 18, article II, Constitution of Oregon, and that a recall election be called forthwith for the purpose of submitting such recall to the voters of said Jackson county.

No proof is offered of these accusations—and none can be offered, as they are false. There was no road levy made in 1914 and 1915, but a general levy made to cover the budget, with a specified amount for roadwork. In this way the cities that benefit by the roads help pay their cost.

The court has lived within its receipts and budget estimates—not spent the general fund upon roads and not piling up new warrant indebtedness. It has reduced the county indebtedness \$150,000 in three years, and if the Southern Pacific had paid the \$230,000 it owes on the O. & C. land grant, would have reduced it that much more.

But it is not intended to use these alleged discrepancies as anything but a peg to hang the recall petitions upon. Some excuse had to be offered that would escape the slander laws, and the intention is to back up the petition by a campaign of verbal innuendo and defamation—to capitalize the discontent of hard times and high district and town taxation—skulking methods in keeping with the sneaking tactics of the instigators.

Good citizenship demands the rebuke of the recallers or good citizens will decline public office in the future.

BAND CONCERT MOST SUCCESSFUL

The second concert given by the Medford Citizens' Band last night at the park was a most decided success. The members in their new uniforms looked quite smart, the respectability and discipline attracting not a little attention.

The opening number was a stirring march, "Red Diamond," followed by the concert waltz, "Elaine," by Baxter, in which the clarinets play a pretty variation to the theme. The encore, "Nature's Adoration," by Brooks, although a very quiet number, was one of the most enjoyable of the evening.

With the band brought up to the creditable state it is within only a few weeks we can readily conceive the advancement that would have been made had the organization been under Mr. Rowland's direction during the preceding winter months.

NEW DIRECTORS FRUIT ASSOCIATION FOR COMING YEAR

Weekly News Letter of Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association—Box Shooks Purchased for Coming Season Enable Lowest Prices—Packing Charges Fixed for Year.

The Rogue River Fruit & Produce association purposes, through the courtesy of the press, to give weekly to its members and all others interested in its work, a budget of news which we believe will be of interest to the fruit growers of the valley. We have to announce this week as follows:

First—The annual meeting of stockholders of the association called to be held on Tuesday, May 9, at the public library, was adjourned until Tuesday, June 13, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the same place.

Second—The following directors have been elected to fill vacancies existing in the board: H. W. Bingham, F. Corning Kenly, Frederick H. Hopkins.

Third—We have finally closed our arrangements for the purchase of box shooks for the coming season from the California Pine Box Co. of Grant, Pass, and we are prepared to sell L. carload lots at the following prices: Apple shook, 9 1/2 cents; pear shook, 9 cents; half-pear shook, 6 cents—all f. o. b. any point on the Southern Pacific railroad from Grants Pass to Ashland. These prices are the lowest quoted in several years, in spite of the supposed increase in the price of lumber.

Fourth—Our packing charges for this year, including all materials and all labor and car loading, but not including the expense of hauling to our packing house, will be not more than 28 1/2c for apples, 25 1/2c for pears, 23 1/2c for half pears. It is possible that we may be able to reduce these figures. The cost of hauling will be whatever is charged us and will depend on the length and character of the haul.

Fifth—Our marketing program contemplates an extensive campaign for f. o. b. sales throughout the United States and in the European markets, if available. Our charge on all sales made in this way will probably be 10 cents a box, against a combined charge in previous years of 15 cents a box. Whatever fruit we send to auction will be handled by us through Messrs. Dennis, Kimball & Pope, in the five largest auction centers, i. e., New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and Pittsburg, and the total selling charge to the grower on all such marketing will be 7 per cent of the gross delivered price. Whatever fruit may be consigned by us to European markets will also be handled for us by Messrs. Dennis, Kimball & Pope, and the total selling charge to the grower for such service will be 5 per cent of the gross delivered price. We will be prepared to make substantial cash advances when the cars roll. The grower's fruit will be sold for the grower's account without pooling if he so desires, and the proceeds of sale will be accounted for within forty-eight hours after receipt of the cash by us.

Sixth—The frost damage during the past week we are not prepared to estimate or even guess. That some damage has been suffered is undoubtedly true. What the amount of that damage is it seems to us it would be foolish to attempt to fix for at least another two weeks. The crop possibilities before the frost were certainly the best ever known in the history of this district, and even if they have been cut in half the Rogue River valley should produce this season a good size crop of fine fruit.

These letters will appear weekly in the Saturday afternoon Mail Tribune and the Sunday Sun during the coming season, and it will be our object to give out all news as to condition of crops and markets, and prices of material which we think will be of interest to the grower.

ROGUE RIVER FRUIT & PRODUCE ASSOCIATION, S. V. Beckwith, Manager.

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MAY ROBSON AT PAGE



MAKING OVER OF MRS. MATT

No woman on the stage of today will be a more welcome visitor locally annually than May Robson, the distinguished American comedienne, who appears at the Page theater next Tuesday night in "The Making Over of Mrs. Matt," her latest success, offering her delightful interpretation of that dear middle west woman who remains true to her ideals, her love and her belief in justice.

SAVING FOR TAXPAYERS

Myrtle W. Blakeley's exposure of deficit saves the tax payers of Jackson county \$225.00.

On April 4, 1916, I published an article, showing a deficit in the interest account of the Jackson County Bank, which occurred back in the year 1914, during former Treasurer Croneniller's administration, showing that the bank failed to pay to the treasurer interest on \$25,000.00 during the last nine months of his administration.

Since the article was published, some of Mr. Croneniller's friends have been circulating a report over the county that the statement made by me at that time was untrue and that there was nothing to it.

I would like to ask these people how they account for the fact that the Jackson County Bank, since the publishing of my article, paid over to the county the \$225.00 deferred interest. The receipt for same is dated April 25, 1916.

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'MERELY MARY ANN' IS SENIORS' PLAY

The action in the first three acts of the comedy "Merely Mary Ann," takes place in a London rooming house, one similar to that in "Passing of the Third Floor Back." Mary Ann is a little slavey who works there. She falls in love with Lancelot, a lodger, who plays beautifully and composes classical music. They plan to go away together, but fate takes a hand and Mary Ann falls heir to an immense fortune. Lancelot, though the son of a baron, is poor, and his hatred of the plutocrats and his pride now stand in the way of marriage to Mary Ann. He leaves without her.

The fourth act shows the beautiful drawing room of Mary Ann's (now Lady Marian's) palatial home. During the past six years Lancelot has become famous, principally through his opera, "Maid Marian." He meets Marian when he comes to arrange for a concert. He fails to recognize her for awhile, and when he does, his proposal is refused by Lady Marian, but accepted by Merely Mary Ann.

Other characters: Peter, Lancelot's friend; Mrs. Leadbatter, the loud lady; Rosie, her daughter; Lord Val-

entine and others. The furnish the delightfully humorous atmosphere that surrounds the whole play. "Merely Mary Ann" will be given by the senior high school class at the Page theater, Tuesday evening, May 16.

(Central Point Herald.)

Francis C. Smith, candidate for County School Superintendent, has made a clean campaign and is qualified for the position. He comes out openly and advocates a policy that appeals to every intelligent voter and has had the experience to make a competent official.

Mr. Smith, if elected, will endeavor to eliminate school supervisors. He believes in personal supervision of schools. Mr. Smith was superintendent of the Talent schools for two years. The past three years he has served as superintendent of the Jacksonville school, standardizing the high school and introducing music, sewing, manual training and other improvements into the school.—Fair Adv.

Auto Service from Eagle Point to Medford and Back

The understated will leave Frank Lewis' confectionery every day except Sunday for Medford with his auto at 1 o'clock p. m., arriving at 2:00 p. m. Leave Nash Hotel, Medford, at 5:00 p. m., arrive Eagle Point at 6:00 p. m. A part of the traffic is solicited. S. H. HARNISH, Eagle Point, Oregon.

A Square Deal For the Taxpayers and the Public



If this principle appeals to you, I solicit your vote at the Primaries, and if I am nominated and elected I will live up to it.

FOR SHERIFF 63 X A. W. WALKER

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