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EM-TEES

THE CANDIDATES.

By CHAS. B. DRISCOLL. The candidates are talking loud about our grand old flag; Each one is springing to his crowd, and handing out his brag.

They've nailed Old Glory to the mast, They cry "long may she wave!" They're talking, talking, loud and fast, They shout, deplore and rave.

Will someone kindly amble here, while crowds their placards about, And whisper in my waiting ear, What this is all about.

I've heard the speeches, pro and con, I've listened to the bands, Until my wits are almost gone; I weep and wring my hands!

Oh, give us then, a candidate Who'll say, "Boys, I'm a slob! I am not wise, I am not great; I merely want a job!"

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of theory.

"What a need to be a great outdoor man and all around sport. Is he reconciled to married life?"

"I think so. I called on him recently and found him lifting ashes with an old tennis racket."

MOTHER NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT. "Look mother," said little Bobby, proudly exhibiting a handful of marbles, "I won all these from Willie Smith."

"Why, Bobbie," exclaimed his mother, "don't you know it's wicked to play marbles for keeps? Go right over to Willie's house and give him back every one of his marbles."

"Yes, mother," said the boy, obediently. "And shall I take that vase you won at Mrs. Smith's whist party and give it back to her?"

Benevolent individual—"Yes, sir; I hold that when a man makes a little extra money his first duty is to make his wife a present of a handsome dress."

Stronger—"You are a social philosopher, I presume?" "No, I'm a dry goods merchant."

THAT SETTLES IT. The Pankintown literary society has decided that Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays because so much of the language in them is so impolite that Shakespeare would have been too much of a gentleman to use it.

THIS IS THE LIFE. Miss Childs, Mrs. Scott Hatch and Miss May Spencer, Edgerton's lady friend, drove over from Edgerton the first of the week to be fitted to Henderson coronets at the White House Store—Whitewater (Wis.) Register.

"When I arose to speak," related a martyred statesman, "some one behind a base, cowardly egg at me and it struck me in the chest."

"And what kind of an egg might that be?" asked a fresh young man. "A horse, cowardly egg," explained the statesman, "is one that hits you and then runs."

WHETHER IT NEEDED IT OR NOT. F. W. Hubble is demonstrating his faith in the future of this section. He is placing his storeroom in a thoroughly sanitary condition. He has had his large refrigerator thoroughly cleaned.—Palmira (Pa.) News.

IOWANS ATTENTION!

If 29 Iowans will call on 167-AV or 658-J, before Thursday morning the big gray car will run a special to Linn Park, Ashland, Thursday.

STRIKES

STRIKES are a sure sign of prosperity. And this raises the question, why does prosperity cause strikes? More strikes have occurred during the past year than any year in history. A year ago in August there were 143 separate strikes and lockouts. In September, 165 more; in October another 106, in November 98, December 68, January 114, and in the spring over half a million workers were out.

These strikes and lockouts occur when industry is at its maximum, when there is less unemployment than at other times, when wages are higher and hours shorter, and everybody is busy.

Yet strikes are not always a sign of prosperity. They are just as apt to be a sign of adversity. The great Colorado and West Virginia coal strikes, the Michigan copper strike and the great steel strikes of the past have been during times of industrial depression.

Strikes occur when business hits the bottom, and also when it hits the top—but it is easier to win a strike during prosperous times, because the army of the unemployed is smaller. There are fewer strikebreakers.

Government economists declare that for the worker industrial stagnation and industrial prosperity are the same thing. When conditions become unbearable it means that wages are not sufficient for the toiler to maintain a family in comfort. When prosperity reigns, it means the cost of living has shot ahead of the wages, and the shortage still exists.

Strikes are the efforts of labor to improve its condition and secure a fairer share of the prosperity it aids in creating. Lockouts are the efforts of the employed to retain as much of the prosperity for himself as possible. Only by organization can the laborer hope for success. Only by denying the employes the right to organize can the employer hog the profits.

The United States bureau of labor gives the following figures showing the increase in wages and cost of living:

Table with 4 columns: Base Figure, 1917, 1915, Increase. Price of Foods: 100, 100, 15. Average Wages: 100, 115, 15.

Dividing the average wage index number for 1915 (112) by the price of food of index number for the same year (115) shows that the worker's pay envelope now will buy only 97.39 per cent as much as it would in 1917. In other words, the worker's dollar-a-day is now worth only 97.39 cents.

The figures for 1916 would show a much greater loss in the buying value of a dollar, for the cost of living has increased phenomenally the past year.

THE EUGENE CONTENTION

THE Eugene Commercial club has called a meeting of counties containing O. & C. land grant lands for August 23 to formulate a program to keep the taxing power of the state over the land grant lands, thus resisting the action of congress in restoring the lands to federal ownership.

The Eugene contention is that the federal government, having once vested the state with the power of taxation, cannot withdraw this land from taxation. Admitting that congress has the power to dispossess the railroad, it is claimed the right of the state to tax the lands exists. Yet the power that gave the right of taxation can take it away.

Congress has appropriated \$1,600,000 to pay delinquent taxes on the land. Before the money is paid, waivers of the right to tax the grant lands must be signed by the counties. When title to the land is reinvested in the United States government, right of taxation by the state automatically lapses. It is hard to see how the Eugene contention can hold.

Congress has taken over these lands because the railroad failed to live up to the terms of its contract for their development. The move to restore the lands to the government was fathered by the counties because of the railroad's failure to develop them. Any action to keep the lands on the assessment rolls is therefore in the interests of the railroad.

Unquestionably the loss of taxes works a temporary hardship upon the counties for a few years—until the lands are homesteaded, or sold as timber. But the resultant gains in increased population and development will more than offset temporary losses.

Meanwhile, if the counties want the \$1,600,000 back taxes due, they must keep the lands off the assessment rolls. If the supreme court fails to uphold congress, the land can be restored to the assessment rolls, just as other omitted property is, and the lost taxes collected.

If the war continues long enough, most of the French army will be Russian, the Serb army entirely Russian, the British army partly Russian and what is left of the Balkan armies be Russianized. Russia is the great reservoir of humanity for the entente allies, the only European nation that understands Asia well enough to govern Asiatics by amalgamation—the great world nation of the future.

Since Charles E. Hughes began his campaign the public has a clearer conception of what the "judicial temperament" is, the lack of which comprised the principal stated objection to Justice Brandeis. The broadness and clarity of vision, the appreciation of conditions and the fairness of Mr. Hughes are astounding.

What the State Editors Say of Medford

The symposium of praise of Medford as a host which is reverberating through the press of the entire state still continues. No Oregon city ever received such testimonials as have resulted from our entertaining the recent editorial convention. A few excerpts which fairly indicate the value follow: Medford had Ashland—there are no cities like them in Oregon when it comes to doing things and doing them right. This was the general verdict of the 125 newspaper men and ladies who attended the annual State Editorial association convention at Medford. They can't say enough for the two southern Oregon cities, for the splendid entertainment given them, for the courtesy of the people, for the beauty and beauty of the two cities, for the magnificent roads and for the spirit of optimism and progress of the people.—Corvallis Courier.

Medford is a beautiful city, worthy as a pattern for other cities—and Ashland is on a par with her. She shared Medford's generosity and provided the guests with her own generosity as supplemental to that of the former.—Grants Pass Observer.

Medford is a glorious city. One is impressed with the pep of its business men. Its wide streets, beautiful shade trees, well-kept lawns and excellent business buildings testify to the energy and enterprise of its citizens.

Benj. Sheldon, who has charge of the entertainment of the newspaper fraternity, is an eight-cylindered fellow with a square jaw who catapults himself through the air directly at the object he wishes to reach. His executive ability is such that he can run up a rough road without the engine "knocking."

The entertainment which was furnished the visitors was more elaborate than anything which has been put up by convention cities which have entertained the association in the past. It will take a long time for the visiting editors to do justice in the matter of publicity for the kind treatment received. It will always be a pleasant place in the memory of all who were fortunate enough to be there.—Molalla Pioneer.

In common with all of the visitors my heart is filled with gratitude for the abounding hospitality of the people of Medford and Ashland, and, in fact, of all Jackson county. Those people have the spirit which builds up communities, and any person who visits there is bound when he leaves to chant the praises of southern Oregon.—Hoquiam Washingtonian.

We have often heard of the wholehearted hospitality of the citizens of Medford and Jackson county, and to be privileged to partake of that hospitality fully confirms everything that we have ever read or heard of the genuine cordiality of the people who make up that wonderful county of Jackson—Forest Grove News-Item.

However, there was another feature that made this trip an event in a lifetime, and that was the queer action of the people of Medford and Ashland. They seemed to act upon the idea that editors as a rule are a class of men who seldom realize upon the full and true meaning of the "glad hand," and no sooner had the advance guard of the oncoming horde made its appearance in their cities than they began to extend this self-same glad hand to every hungry pilgrim as he or she arrived. Hospitality was scattered around promiscuously from the generous hands of the citizens of the southern metropolis of our state, and not a hungry or dull moment occurred from the arrival until the departure of their guests.

Medford as a city has an advantage in its citizenry that accounts for much of its gigantic strides from village to city that has taken place there during the past decade, while Ashland cannot be surpassed in the natural beauty of its surroundings, nor either of them in the entertaining ability of their people. The best they had was none too good for the editors, and they dispensed it with a lavish hand.—Lebanon Criticon.

PHOENIX PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. Fry is visiting her brother in Portland.

Mrs. Emery Morse and little daughter, Benah, are visiting Mrs. G. Morse of Phoenix.

Miss Doris Magnus, a former teacher in the Phoenix school, spent last week here visiting friends. Miss Magnus has spent the past year at Berkeley attending college and is on her way home to Myrtle Point, Ore.

The Donzer, Yost and Walker families left Monday for a ten days' outing at the Lake of the Woods.

Mrs. Frank Roberts and children of Medford are visiting with Mrs. George McLain.

Mrs. Lucy Shipp and brother, Orlando Calhoun of Buhl, Idaho, are visiting their brothers, Ezekiel John and Matthew Calhoun. Mr. Orlando Calhoun has been very ill in Idaho and came here to regain his health.

He began to improve as soon as he reached Rogue river valley and is enjoying a visit with his brothers and sister, some of whom he had not seen for 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyer spent last Friday in Ashland.

Mr. Jack O'Conner has returned from the Blue Ledge mine, where he has been for several days attending to his mining interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose are on their way home from Klamath Falls and are spending a few days on the Furry ranch at Dead Indian.

Mrs. Caroline Anderson entertained the following the past week: Miss Doris Kleinhauser of Applegate, Miss Mildred Lynch of Talent and Miss Ethel Bishop of Medford.

Mr. Harry Rice, Jr. has returned to the logging camp near Ashland.

Mr. W. Critzer of Detroit, Mich., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elmer at Knollerest orchard.

Mrs. Anna Reynolds and children, who have been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. George Elfers, left for their home in Oklahoma City on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilder of Eugene, Ore., are spending two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Job Wilder.

Mrs. Wm. Clyde, the wife of a former Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Monday morning.

Mr. pastor of the Presbyterian church, has presented that church with handsome new pews as a memorial of the late Mr. Clyde, who passed away last June. The membership and attendants deeply appreciated this kind and generous act of Mrs. Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Stanwood recently spent a few days in Crescent City. They went in their auto and found some very rough roads. The weather was cold and disagreeable and they were glad to return to Rogue river valley.

Herman Lehnert will spend the next two weeks in Beagle as the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore.

Mrs. George Chastain and son, John, of Bonanza, Ore., were calling on old friends in Phoenix this week. They resided here about 30 years ago.

Miss Ruth Martin has recently spent a very enjoyable vacation at the home of Mrs. Gay, our former primary teacher at Gold Hill.

Mrs. John Wright and little daughter spent last Sunday with relatives at Butte Falls.

Misses Mabel Hearn and Elizabeth Gore spent last week as the guests of Bertha Wolverton of Gold Hill.

ALONG ROGUE RIVER

Mrs. O. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nichols, Jr., and Tom Farlow and family were picnicking on the river Wednesday.

Marshall Minter has bought a Ford car.

Grant Mathews and wife were Eagle Point visitors Saturday.

The rain of Friday evening was welcome to the vegetation. The wind blew down some trees and corn on the river and the east side of the river.

Mrs. Jasper Hannah and children, Odessa, Velma and Everett, are spending a few days at the Daw and Skyrman homes.

Mrs. Daw made final proof on her homestead last Monday. Mrs. Jasper Hannah and Alex Rainey were her witnesses.

Mr. Wyant and son, James, returned to their home in Ashland Thursday. Edward and Bennie Bellows accompanied them home for several days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird Vestal, Mr. and Mrs. S. Vestal and sons, Jim and Artie, and Wilfred Jack and family

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spend Sunday at the C. E. Bellows home. Bird Vestal and wife of Montana are the guests of his uncle, S. Vestal, and family.

Mrs. W. Houston and Gwen visited relatives in the valley this week. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cornutt brought them home and spent the week end.

COMMUNICATION.

As a taxpayer and one whose every dollar is invested in and around Medford, I want to call attention to the justice of the paving amendment proposed by City Attorney McCabe.

Inasmuch as the street improvements were forced upon many of us without our consent and against our better judgment, after we had signed two and even three remonstrances, and considering the fact that most of the paving is adjacent to the homes of the small property owners, it is only fair that the city at large assume a part of the indebtedness.

Harry Lauder by Wall Mason

H. Lauder is the Canny Scot, who always knows just what is what, and people say he's grown quite rich, by always knowing which is which. One thing's admitted by the bunch, which is that Lauder has the punch. Where'er he does his sprightly chores, he packs the houses to the doors; he sings his songs so passing well, the auditors stand up to yell. Withal, he is a thrifty soul; he wisely will not spend his roll, until he's sure he will not fail to get full value for his kale. That's why he always asks for "Tux" when he would spend his hard-earned bucks for 'baccy, in his pipe to puff—he knows 'Tuxedo is the stuff. Great men, wise men, in every land, all tell us that Tuxedo's grand.

No one who is just will deny the fact that the improvement has increased the value of the property joining it. For this, let us pay one-half the sum assessed. On the other hand, no one who likes a square deal will refuse to believe that the paving has benefited every taxpayer within the city limits. Why not unite, then, and lift the cloud of depression and let the sun of prosperity shine through?

Medford will never be a very good place for any of us until it is a pretty good place for all of us. The fortunate man cannot hope to sell his property at a profit when his brother in the next block is forced to part with his for less than the house alone cost. Can we not adjust the matter by supporting Mr. McCabe's measure?

INTERESTED CITIZEN. Women are naturally of a clinging nature, but they are not in it with a stinky man when it comes to clinging to a dollar.

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