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EM-TEES

Some married men are glad they have the privilege of thinking as they please.

INFORMED.

A famous scientist was present at a dinner at which one of the guests began to deride philosophy. He went on rudely to express the opinion that "philosophy" was but another way to spell "fool."

"What is your opinion professor?" he asked smiling. "Is there much distance between them?"

The professor surveyed his visages keenly for a moment, then, with a polite bow, responded: "Sometimes only the width of a table."

Johnny—"Papa, would you be glad if I saved a dollar, for you?" Papa—"Certainly, my son."

Johnny—"Well, I saved it for you, all right. You said if I brought a first-class report from my teacher this week you would give me a dollar, and I didn't bring it."

Many a ballroom gown in covering a warm heart, reaches its limit.

WELL TRAINED.

A Scottish farmer of a miserly disposition bought a horse at a fair. On the way home he thought a drink of water would refresh it, so he got a pail of water; but the animal would not take it. When he got home, he offered it a feed of corn, but, to his surprise, it would not touch that, either.

"Well," he muttered to himself, "if only I was sure ye were a guid worker, ye're the verra horse for me."

BEAUTY HINT.

Ralph E. Lewis is having his block painted. It will be a great improvement.—Plattsburg (N. Y.) Press.

AUSTRIA STRENGTHENS ALBANIAN FORCES

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—The Austro-Hungarian troops in Albania have been reinforced recently, according to official information from Vienna which was given out today by the Overseas News agency. This statement was made to controvert a report from French sources that Austro-Hungarian troops had been withdrawn and that in consequence there was famine in Albania and widespread agitation.

Equally true, it is said, are assertions that rebellions have broken out in Montenegro.

"For seven months the Austro-Hungarian authorities have had in operation a well-regulated administration which distributes food and enforces hygienic safeguards," the statement says.

"Relief work on a large scale has been undertaken and an epidemic was stopped. The Montenegrin population is calm and satisfied."

SENATE AGAIN PASSES ARMY APPROPRIATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The army appropriation bill with revised articles of war, approved by the war department, was passed today by the senate and now goes back to the house, where the amendment is expected to be accepted. President Wilson vetoed the bill because the revision of the bill's previous passage gave exemptions to retired officers, which the war department disapproved.

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PUBLIC CONFESSION OF FAILURE

DECLARING that inmates of the Oregon prison are on the verge of mutiny and that the system of handling and punishing inmates is antiquated, Governor Withycombe introduced a resolution at the meeting of the board of control Monday asking that he be authorized to appoint a non-salaried commission of three citizens of the state to make a thorough survey of the prison and report its findings and recommendations.

The governor further stated that old-time punishments are inflicted and the whole prison system not in harmony with modern civilization.

This is an astounding admission of failure, inefficiency and incompetency on the part of the governor. A few short years ago Oregon led the nation in prison reforms, and Governor West attained national fame because of prison reforms.

When Governor Withycombe took office, the old-style punishments were not in effect. The prisoners were not on the verge of mutiny. The system was as near in harmony with modern civilization as the restrictions and handicaps imposed by a hostile legislature permitted.

But Governor Withycombe changed all this. Governor Withycombe pronounced the humanitarian efforts of his predecessor "silly sentimentality." He abolished the honor system. He restored the system of espionage and armed guards and cruel punishments. He stopped the road work and brickmaking and other healthful occupations that the ingenuity of West had provided. He re-established the regime of brutality and idleness, developing the latent ugliness of convicts.

All the reforms that West had laboriously devised and installed during his four years of office were ruthlessly brushed aside and discarded, despite their merit, by Governor Withycombe. The harvest reaped is shown by increased prison expenses, multiplied escapes, incendiary fires and threatened mutiny.

The governor does not need the report of any non-partisan board to tell him what to do. He has merely to carry to perfection the constructive reform policies inaugurated by his predecessor, which he abolished, as a partisan political play. There is no better authority on prisons than Oswald West, none better acquainted with the prison systems of other states and the needs of the Oregon prison, no one more successful in handling the flotsam and jetsam of humanity that society lodges behind prison walls.

When West was governor his every reform was belittled and derided by the Portland Oregonian, and the clique of partisan papers that echo its lead. Whenever an honor man failed to keep faith the event was blamed on West. Whenever a convict escaped, a great to-do was made and West's reforms declared a failure. When land and funds ran short, West had the convicts make brick, which he sold to buy more land for the prison farm and brickyard—and his reward was a personal suit for damages for exceeding his authority.

Governor Withycombe has not been handicapped as West was. He has had the loyal support of the legislature, the state board of control and the majority of the state press. Prison records of the world were open to him for study. He could have formulated a modern policy and enforced it without opposition. But he made prison control political spoils and blindly restored the old senseless regime of brutality.

Why should the convicts be kept in idleness, with abundant field for labor on every side? West had a law passed authorizing the use of convicts on highways. Why are they not thus employed, as they are in California and other states which followed Oregon's lead? There are countless opportunities to give the prisoners useful labor—which are all passed by.

Coming after the \$50,000 fizzle of the governor's flax experiment, the query naturally raises, has Governor Withycombe no initiative, no creative force, no executive ability, that he publicly confesses failure and seeks enlightenment? Are not his own blunders and the more or less successful efforts of predecessors guide posts to definite policy? Opportunity exists—why is it not grasped? Why ask others to solve problems it is the executive's province to master?

Being governor involves other qualifications than spoilsmanship, something besides skipping spectacularly about the state glad-handing gatherings and hot-airing farmers on hogs and hominy. It requires patient attention to details and mastery grasp of situations to properly administer the affairs of a great commonwealth.

What the State Editors Say of Medford

Professor Hezel and the writer made it up between them on the way to Medford to ask the association to meet at Corvallis next year, but after the Siskiyou Mountain-Ashland trip, we got together and decided we didn't want Corvallis to follow anything like that. It was the best editorial convention ever held in the United States.—Corvallis Gazette Times.

We have already spoken of the eighth wonder of the world, and now we must mention the ninth, which is the "Medford Spirit." The hotels would have none of our money; the trip to the lake was free; private houses were thrown open; banquets were spread and everyone was made to feel that he or she owned a part of the town. It would be a wonderful thing if Stayton could get a little more of the "Medford spirit."

Our vacation is about over and we

expect to follow this letter home clearly, but we wanted to tell the people of our section that the people among southern Oregon are the finest ever.—Stayton Mail.

The Oregon State Editorial Association has just concluded a successful annual session at Medford. There was a large attendance, the largest in the history of the organization. The entertainment of the editors by Medford and all Jackson county was exceptionally considerate and generous. The local arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Ben Sholden, who was ably seconded by Mr. S. S. Smith, of the Medford Sun, and by many other energetic and hospitable citizens of Medford. The Oregon papers at hand abound with articles reporting the editorial sessions and the many social affairs and descriptive of the Rogue river valley, its thriving cities

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the Siskiyou Highway and Crater Lake.—Portland Oregonian.

At Medford there was royal hospitality. They carried things so far that time were even refused. The Siskiyou boulevard has nothing like it in the world and is the real scenic highway wonder of the west.—Salem Journal.

The selection of Medford by the committee of the association for holding this annual meeting was a wise one, as the hospitality of the citizens of this place and of the sister city of Ashland, knew no limit and all strove to outdo the other in making the stay a pleasant one.—Shoridan Sun.

The words "most successful" are used advisedly and with all proper respect for the other excellent occasions and cities at which the annual sessions have been held, and the words embody every element needed to justify their use, for attendance from every part of the state was a record one, the enthusiasm and interest in the formal business proceedings contagious and inspiring and the hospitality of the citizens and societies of Medford unprecedented.—Roseburg News.

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Martin Johnson and family returned Sunday evening from several weeks spent at Prospect and vicinity.

Mrs. Laura Tiffin and daughter, Rita, who have been visiting with friends in Medford for some time, returned to her home in this city Sunday evening.

S. Bartleson left Tuesday for Grants Pass to spend the next three or four weeks at that place in the interest of his holdings in that vicinity.

Rev. J. S. Smith of Ashland came up Sunday morning to preach at the M. E. church. He returned Monday after having spent part of his spare time visiting with old acquaintances at this time.

Mrs. Eva Newton and daughters, Nora and Bessie, accompanied S. A. Dunsberry Monday to his ranch home to spend a short time with relatives on Sardinia creek.

Messames Jameson and Eaton of Galls creek were transacting business in Gold Hill Monday.

Miss Marguerite Wharton left Tuesday for her future home in Montana, where her father is now located.

The little Chandler baby which has been so ill at the Gold Hill hospital, has so far recovered during her stay at the convalescent home of Mrs. Grace Sears that she was taken Sunday evening to Newport to see what

a month of sea breezes might do for the little patient. Mrs. Chandler and daughter and Master Wallace Sears also accompanied Mrs. Sears.

Mrs. T. A. McCort left Friday evening for her home in Portland after spending the past month here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ivan Simon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Upton motored to Grants Pass, accompanied by the Misses Hattie and Letsy Hodges and Doc Bowers last Sunday. Mr. Upton played with the Medford ball team.

BUTTE FALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Holts of Ashland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Edmondson, Sr., all last week.

Geo. W. Barker and family spent Sunday at Charlie Edmondson's camp at Baker's Cabin.

Miss Etta Stewart and Byron Stewart spent Sunday at Parker's ranch.

Misses Arvilla Patterson and Nettie Sears went to Eagle Point Sunday to remain for some time.

Mr. Emerson Wheeler came up from Medford Saturday, returning Thursday afternoon.

Shirley Clappill, Thomas O'Brien and Charles Stewart went to Medford Saturday, returning home Tuesday evening.

Mr. Rupert Gleason and Miss Nina Sears of this place were quietly married in Medford Tuesday.

George W. Barker and family and Grandma Parker motored to Ashland Tuesday. Mr. Barker returning Wednesday evening.

Grandma Parker started Thursday with Mrs. Thornton of Ashland for Lakeview, Ore. They will motor through.

Capril Jones came through here Friday from Pelican Bay on his way to his home in Medford.

Charles Paton came from Pelican Bay Tuesday and went on to his home at Paton. Charles Stewart accompanied him from here.

Lester Smith has been visiting his brother, Earnest, who is stationed as look-out above Trail, returning home Tuesday.

Chester Jones went to the valley Friday on business.

Miss Wilma Morris returned from Medford Thursday, after a week's visit with Miss Ethel Dooms of that place.

Mrs. Goss and Mrs. O. B. Morris were down from the Goss ranch on business Wednesday.

Mr. Anderson of Ranchera came through Friday on his way to Medford on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowden were down from their ranch a few days this week.

Mrs. Murel Bratnard came down from the Parker ranch Friday.

TALENT TALK

Mrs. Lucy Terrill has returned from a few weeks' visit with her son, Charles E. Terrill, near Brownsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ward are on a rambling trip of several weeks' duration on Jenny creek.

Miss Mary Vanderhous of Two Harbors, Minn., and Mrs. J. V. Schley of Chicago are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vanderhous.

The Talent Industrial club met at the schoolhouse Friday afternoon for a discussion of topics of special interest to members preparing material for the county and state fairs. Supervisor E. R. Peterson and Miss Hazel Lowe were welcome outsiders who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Roxanna E. Brown, wife of Ozo T. Brown, died at their home Tuesday, August 14, of old age. Mrs. Brown was 83 years old and spent the last forty-five years of her life in this part of the state, where she was known and respected by early settlers as one of that thrifty class who believed in Oregon and was anxious to see its great possibilities realized. Mrs. Brown here the distinction of having been the first white woman to see Crater lake and delighted to tell of its wonders. The deceased is survived by her husband, O. T. Brown, and one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Withrow.

Roy Estes is home from Oakland, Cal., where he has been employed during the past year.

Kenneth King has gone to Berkeley, where he will resume his studies at the University of California.

Mrs. Charles A. Brown is back from a visit with relatives and friends in the Willamette valley.

School will begin Monday, September 4. Everything is being cleaned up and placed in readiness for the year's work. Mrs. V. A. Stewart of Ashland will take Mr. Spencer's place in the seventh and eighth grades, and Miss Hazel Lowe will have Miss Lillian Pierce's place in the fifth and sixth grades. Miss Linnie E. Curran will take charge of the domestic science and art previously managed by Miss Gladys Olson. Miss Curran is an O. A. C. graduate. The high school will offer courses in English 9 and 10, Latin 9 and 10, bookkeeping and penmanship half year, typewriting, and shorthand last half year, algebra 9, algebra 10 first half year, biology last half, manual arts, domestic science and art and ancient history.

Harry Gleim, Orlie Powers and guest, Mr. Calhoun, from South Dakota, are on their way to Crater lake and other places, where deer and fish are plentiful.

United States 'Balanced' Tires advertisement featuring various tire models like 'Chain' Tread, 'Nobby' Tread, 'Royal Cord', 'Plain' Tread, and 'Ucco' Tread. Includes text: 'Be Sure It's pure guess work to buy a tire for your car without finding out the type of tire that wears best on your type of car.' and 'United States Tire Company' logo.

WINDOW SHADES advertisement with illustration of a window and text: 'That Wear Like Buckskin'. Includes text: 'Few indeed are the women who have not been annoyed by unsightly window shades—the result of their fading, water-spotting or cracking—and shabby windows will rob the best appointed home of its attractiveness.' and 'Damask Window Shades' logo.

Fair Week JACKSON COUNTY FAIR advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a hat and text: 'Fair Week JACKSON COUNTY FAIR —AT— MEDFORD Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16'. Includes text: 'Big display of stock, poultry, agricultural and horticultural products.' and 'Biggest and Best Fair Ever Held in the County'.