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EM-TEES

Wouldn't Come Out. It was small Gilbert's sad fate to puffer the attentions of a well-meaning doctor.

Cynical. Willie Willis—What are "pieces of artillery," pa?

Inadequate Facilities. It was on a branch railway train. The ancient engine, having wheeled laboriously over equally ancient rails, jolted to a restful stop at no place in particular.

Prominent. Hokus—is Hardaps pretty well known in your town?

One Witness. "So you have taken to motor-cycling at last, have you?"

Positive Proof. "Dad luck for poor old Bill," said Link the chauffeur.

Irresponsible Spirit. "Has your husband told you you must economize?"

Remembering. The departing Good-bye hope in two weeks' stay here with you haven't proved a big additional expense to you.

Mrs. Inworn—Oh, no! George and I have what we call a catastrophe fund that we've saved for just such emergencies.

PRACTICAL PREPAREDNESS

ONE thing is sure, if we are going to have a war of any size big enough to talk about, we shall have to take over this country's railroad and telegraph systems.

The way modern wars are conducted, the private ownership of these things is utterly impossible. Swift, easy, uninterrupted and concealed transportation of troops and materials is the great thing.

Likewise, France, at the outset of the war, took over such railroads as were not already government owned.

In both France and Great Britain, as in Germany, the telegraph system had long been in government hands; there was no need of change about this; but in all these countries statesmen and warriors would have regarded as insane the notion that war could be carried on with private and unauthorized persons holding the means of communication.

As to railroads, the records of our far-famed militia fiasco on the Mexican border last summer are enough.

PRIZE STUPIDITY

THE salvation of the valley does not lie in building dream railroads to the moon. It lies in raising sufficient produce to support the population. It can only be accomplished by irrigation.

All the railroads ever built will not be of any use if we have nothing to haul upon them. The one railroad that we have does most of its business bringing products into the valley and taking empties out.

Another dry year, the fourth in succession, is upon us, and still every effort to secure water is blocked by those who claim we do not need it.

With a wonderful climate, a rich soil, with abundant streams of water flowing about us, we present the curious spectacle of being too stupid and unintelligent to utilize the water by placing it upon the land, and those who would profit most, freely spend money to block all practical plans for irrigation.

Prize Essay Upon Abraham Lincoln

The following prize essay upon Abraham Lincoln was written by Mary Phipps of the 7 A. class, Lincoln school: "Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in a log shanty on a lonely farm in Hardin county, Kentucky. The house was without windows, or even floors. Seeing the child in that abode of poverty, no one would have guessed that he would some day be one of the world's greatest men.

mailed to the back of the teacher's house was found to be broken. The teacher asked the pupils if any of them knew who did it. "Yes, sir," said Abe, "I did it, accidentally, and I am very sorry." His teacher was so pleased with his truthfulness that he forgave him.

COOS BAY COAL TO BE SOLD HERE

Coos Bay coal will be used in Medford for the first time in a few weeks now. The opening of the Willamette Pacific railroad last fall has made it possible for Coos Bay coal to be marketed in western Oregon.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION MEETS SATURDAY

A meeting of the executive board of the First Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's Clubs has been called by the president, Mrs. W. W. Canby, at Medford, Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 9:45 a. m.

The Heaver Hill mine is the largest producer now. This mine was opened by the Geological interests and \$2,000,000 have been spent developing and equipping the vein. It is now owned by the Southern Pacific.

BLUE LEDGE TRADE ATTRACTIVE PRIZE FOR A RAILROAD

By W. W. WATSON.

Concerning the report that Twoby Brothers have concluded to construct a railway from Crescent City to Happy Camp, as related in last evening's paper, I have no information.

The Twoby Brothers, with commendable enterprise, are working industriously to find an outlet for the copper fields by way of Grants Pass or Crescent City cannot be doubted.

Yreka Seeking Trade.

What the partisans of Medford's competitors for the immense trade that is sure to come from opening up the Blue Ledge district, which includes the Happy Camp group also, are anxiously endeavoring to do is to find a way to overcome our advantage in distance and natural roadway facilities to that great mineral territory.

Grants Pass wants to become a metropolis and should be encouraged in that laudable ambition; but it has for years believed that Medford would beat it to that attractive goal because of its nearness to us.

Railroad Dreams.

Eureka, California, 200 miles away, yearns for that immense volume of business soon to be realized, but it is waiting for Medford to start something, agreeing to meet us half way. That is the route to deep water that makes us sit up and take notice, no matter how bad we feel about other things.

Such a route would be the natural outlet for the inland empire. It would harvest its tonnage from one of the richest of areas on the continent. It would quickly become one of the lushest lines from the interior to the Pacific ocean.

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mining development, with its fruits and vegetables, its canneries and factories and scores of manufacturing enterprises, such a region as that tapped by a railroad from the interior to Eureka, via Medford, cannot long fail to absorb the interest, and invite the enterprise of great road builders.

Railroad Building Dormant.

Railroad building has been in a swoon for a good while. In the estimation of well-informed people, it is about time for it to come to. When it does, there aren't enough of us here to make a corporal's guard compared with the multitude it will require to take care of the business it will produce.

But we should not forget that Grants Pass and Yreka are now scrambling for what ought to be ours today. This is a very important moment. Anything we may do now to lead the way toward these great achievements in future will make it all the more easy to obtain them when the time comes.

Help the Copper league to get word to the mining world about our vast mineral resources and you will be doing the best service that can be rendered at this time on behalf of local interests of every kind.

IOWA SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Iowa society was held at the St. Mark's hall Wednesday night, with an attendance of 150 members. There were talks and songs and refreshments by refugees from the greatest corn belt on earth.

The program was as follows: President, J. F. Hopkins; vice-president, Mrs. E. J. Runyard; secretary, Miss O'Brien, and treasurer, Miss Helen Vokey.

Business meeting and election of officers. Violin solo, Miss Ruth Campbell. Reading, selected, Mrs. Geo. T. Wilson.

Announcements and refreshments.

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MAXIMUM PRICES FIXED ON FOODSTUFFS THROUGH FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The food ministry has decided that from February 19 maximum prices are to be fixed throughout France for milk, butter and cheese.

The only cheese prices fixed so far are Camembert, from 12 cents to 26 cents the small box, according to quality and Pont l'Evêque at slightly higher prices.

There will be no celebration of mardi gras next Tuesday but all theaters will be permitted to give both morning and afternoon performances.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are the original Little Liver Pills. One Little Pellet is a laxative—three for a cathartic.

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This is a recent discovery of Doc Pierce, who is head of the Invaluable Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y. Experiments at Doctor Pierce's Hospital for several years proved there is no other eliminator of uric acid that can be compared to it.

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Blossom Time in the Golden State

A friend just back from Southern California says: "The weather was fine, in fact too warm for heavy clothes. Many were bathing at the beaches, oranges were ripe in the valleys, while the mountains nearby were covered with snow."

Take a vacation trip now where life is different: where climate surroundings and amusements are out of the ordinary. Spend a different February.

Scenic Shasta Route

will take you there in comfort. Ask the agent. California Orange Day, March 10. John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland. Southern Pacific Lines