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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

Both Mrs. Fisher and myself are most heartily in accord with the petition securing Senator Lane and requesting him to resign. We consider him as being a traitor to his country and a disgrace to his state. It seems impossible for us to get to Medford just at present, to sign the petition, and would therefore ask you to please attach our names to it, and oblige, I. M. FISHER, JEANNE P. FISHER, Gold Hill, March 9.

CONSERVATORY NOTES

The play, "The Silver Threads," to be given soon by twenty children from Conservatory expression classes, is now receiving the finishing touches and will probably be given soon at the Page Theater. Extra scenery needed, will be specially designed and made. Costumes, scenery and lighting effects are now receiving careful attention.

Mrs. Schuard of Phoenix, is taking work in the ladies physical training class.

Mrs. Ferns, also Miss Ferns, have joined the Tuesday class.

Mrs. Rader of Phoenix has been ill and unable to be in class work the last week.

Mrs. Frame and Miss Andreas were absent from class on Tuesday on account of a gripe.

Mrs. Williams of Talent has recently begun work in physical education.

Miss Agnes Bennett has begun work in piano.

Mrs. Andreas and McKay are taking work in conservatory classes.

Mrs. Williams of Phoenix is a new member of the physical education classes.

Miss Alice Lyon has re-entered the conservatory classes.

Mercia Miksche, Eleanor Orth, Mildred Williams and Evelyn Offitt have joined the Thursday class.

Miss Marie Myers has again taken up work in the conservatory.

Miss Besie Headlee is taking work in piano under Miss Swindler.

The conservatory classes have welcomed many guests and their classes during the past two weeks.

Mrs. Dunlap of Central Point has registered for work.

The advanced class in physical education has been divided into sections, each section to bring in an original interpretational study. The Misses Helen Brown, Elsie Lawrence and Josephine Kappes in one section and the Misses Dorothy Miller, Julia Opp, Margaret Pales and Gertrude Opp in another section, have already brought in original work, beautiful in conception, rhythm and interpretation.

Few towns the size of Medford outside of college and university towns have the advantages of this advanced work. That the Conservatory people appreciate this fact is attested by their loyalty and zest for their work. This same zest is found among the seventy-five ladies who comprise the women's classes, as well as among the girls' and children's classes.

PEACE AIDES URGE JOINT COMMISSION OF ALL POWER

NEW YORK, Mar. 10.—A resolution advocating the appointment of a "joint high commission," to endeavor to settle the questions at issue between our government and Germany, was adopted at a mass meeting here last night under the auspices of the Emergency Peace Federation. Another resolution called upon President Wilson to "summon all the great powers to discuss plans for organized and continuous peaceful relations between nations."

A message was read from William J. Bryan, in which he said he did not believe the government should arm vessels carrying munitions. "If the question was submitted to the American people," he said, "an overwhelming majority would, in my judgment, favor keeping Americans off belligerent ships and would also exclude arms and ammunition from all American and neutral ships carrying arms and ammunition from all American and neutral ships carrying passengers from the United States to Europe."

TRIAL BY ORDEAL.

A MOST interesting trial is being staged in London, where four prisoners are defending themselves from charges of conspiring to murder Premier David Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson member of the war council because of compulsory military service. Evidence discloses that powerful poisons were in possession of defendants, some similar to those used in the middle ages and some of those now in use by South American Indians. It is alleged that it was planned to cause the death of the premier by a poisoned nail in his shoe and of the minister by a poisoned dart shot by an air gun.

To complete this medieval poison plot, the Mohammedan attorney defending the accused requested of the court that the defendants should have a trial by ordeal, and that the ladies should walk over hot plow shares to prove their innocence. The request was refused as impossible by the court, such trials having been abolished some centuries ago.

Trial by ordeal existed both in the ancient medieval world, as well as among primeval people. It still flourishes in portions of the globe, particularly in Asia and Africa. In Borneo lawsuits are still settled by the plaintiff and defendant being each furnished with a candle, equal in size and both lighted at once, the one whose candle burns longest being adjudged to have won his cause—an extremely sensible and economical procedure, and probably as near justice as a law trial would insure.

Administration of ordeals has usually been at the hands of religious devotees and fanatics, the intervention of the deity invoked and assumed to take place even when the process is in its nature one of symbolic magic. It was the favorite procedure during the era that Europe was torn by religious wars.

A favorite form of ordeal in merry England of a few centuries ago was the carrying of a three-pound iron weight, heated red hot, nine steps. Another form was to walk barefoot over nine glowing plow shares. To dip the hand in boiling water or oil or melted lead and take out a stone or ring was another ordeal.

The Hindu code provides: "He whom the flame does not burn, whom the water does not cast up, or whom no harm befalls, is to be taken as truthful in his oath," and the same existed throughout Europe.

The water ordeal consisted of the accused being thrown into water, which receives him if innocent, but rejects him if guilty. Witches were stripped naked and cross bound, the right thumb to the left toe and the left thumb to the right toe. In this state she was cast into a pond or river in which it was thought impossible for her to sink.

Trial by ordeal offers a simplified procedure that would be very hard on lawyers. In fact, it was the growth of the legal profession that ended in the abolition of ordeal.

Undoubtedly it had its advantages or the world would not have clung to it so determinedly so many centuries. Perhaps in such cases as this poisoning plot, the San Francisco bomb explosion plot and the Everett I. W. W. trials, where the entire coercive power of the government is utilized by unscrupulous sleuths to manufacture a conviction by perjury and prejudice, the ordeal would come as near to rendering justice as the modern law court. Certainly the poor man would have as good a chance as the rich, which cannot be said at present.

BUTTE FALLS

Snow, and still more snow. Let the people of the valley be glad, for later when the clouds withhold their rain, and your lands become dry and parched, the everlasting hills will open their floodgates and send you water that will make your desert lands rejoice and blossom as the rose.

E. A. Hildroth has been over to Jacksonville and qualified as deputy assessor for the Butte Falls district and will begin work as soon as the snow settles and weather conditions will permit.

Floyd Macdonald and sister, motored into town on a bobbed Tuesday from Rancieria. Thirty-six inches of snow and room for more.

On account of the very deep snow deer were very plentiful along Big Butte creek. They seem to know instinctively that water affords protection against wolves, coyotes and big cats. In some cases they were snow-balled, rarely making an effort to get away.

Barker, the banker, has installed a Chickering grand piano in his home and George knows how to get the music out of it.

Arrangements are on foot for a donation party for the benefit of Rev. John E. Day.

The chance of a lifetime awaits the man with a little capital at or near Butte Falls. Come and see.

Will More got the idea that he was not feeling very well and went to Ashland to see a doctor. He saw Dr. Swendburg and the doctor saw that Bill required an operation. Easy to guess the rest. Bill is in the hospital.

C. A. Edmondson and daughter are in Medford on legal business.

People with from three to seven dogs are complaining of the high cost of living. Lean dogs never did make good hash. Better feed one pig.

Several buildings have collapsed under the weight of snow. Dr. Emmons lost a fine cow and V. M. Woodworth barely saved his horses, having just taken them from the barn when it caved in. The old adage, "an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure," would apply in these cases. Seeing what he supposed to be a buck rabbit in the street after dark,

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one of our city dads loaded the old shotgun and took a shot at the rabbit. To his surprise instead of a dead rabbit a little fir tree bobbed up when the shot dislodged the snow that buried it. Having been on the council from the beginning there can be no plea of ignorance. He had a voice in making the rules and regulations governing the city—no shooting rabbits in the streets, no shooting across the streets, no shooting within the city limits. Being an elective office, a recall petition is being considered. Such things have been done with less provocation. He may resign.

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A. T. Lundgren, who has extensive interests in the Blue Lodge district, is in Jacksonville again.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reuter made Medford a visit Thursday.

John Bennett, a veteran of the civil war, has been granted a pension of \$15 per month and considerable back pay.

Tobe Stone and Ira Coffman of Forest Creek transacted business in Jacksonville Thursday.

E. P. Guthrie, John Hashins and P. Enoble spent several hours in Medford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randler motored in from Buncom Thursday and found the roads almost impassable in some places.

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M. R. Buch of Applegate were business visitors here Wednesday.

J. M. Cantrell has returned from a trip to Shastiyon county, Cal.

S. C. Ninnick of Central Point and L. A. Neill of Ashland were in Jacksonville the first of the week.

Arthur Kleinhammer of Buncom and S. M. Carpenter of Sterling precinct were in our town recently.

The municipal election held Tuesday was more interesting than usual, as there were contests for every office. Nearly 200 votes were cast. Oscar Lewis and Peter Pick were elected councilmen over J. A. Norris and E. Fleming; Mary Bagshaw defeated Leslie Stansell for recorder, while H. T. Dox got ten votes more for treasurer than J. M. Cronmiller, who has held the office for more than twenty years.

Monte Briggs was in Jacksonville Wednesday in the interest of the "round up" that will be held in Ashland in July.

The petit jury summoned for the February term of circuit court has been dismissed, after deciding several cases, but may be called later.

Mrs. Hattie Neuber is visiting relatives living in Jacksonville.

Many residents of the county came to Jacksonville this week to pay their taxes.

Sheriff Jennings made an official trip to Medford Thursday.

John W. Cox of Oakland, Cal., is making the valley a business visit.

Mrs. C. H. Pierce was down from Ashland the forepart of the week.

A. Gangwisch has gone to San Francisco where he has employment. Jas. Buckley of Ruch was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Luy and Mrs. Wm. Johnston spent Thursday visiting with Medford friends.

Mrs. M. Galligan, principal of the Jacksonville school, was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Among those from here who attended "The Princess Pat" at Medford Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ager and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stansell, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Florey, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, Charles Nickell, Mrs. Eugene Thompson, Misses Allee Morgan, Pauline Greaves, Jewell Bailey, Flora Thompson, Mary Bagshaw and Louis Baker.

The Jacksonville team played two games of basketball this week—one with Ashland Friday night and one with Medford Saturday night.

The Parent-Teachers' Circle met at the school house Friday afternoon when the following program was rendered: Folk songs and games by the primary pupils; selected reading, Mrs. Wyson; a paper, "The Parents and the Child," by Mrs. Harry Luy; "The Training of Children," Mr. Godward; question box and discussion.

Mrs. Nellie Wattenburg of Klamath Falls, president of the Repechah Assembly, accompanied by Mrs. Berg,

grand warden, paid Ruth Rebekeh lodge an official visit Monday night.

The Wednesday afternoon club spent a most delightful afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Johnson on Wednesday of this week. Needlework took up most of the afternoon followed by a 5 o'clock luncheon. Those present were Mrs. Harry Luy, Mrs. F. J. Fich, Mrs. A. J. Eckleson, Mrs. Louis Ulrich, Mrs. G. W. Ager and Mrs. B. M. Collins and Mrs. Walker of Medford.

Owing to the deep snow between Jacksonville and Watkins mails are being carried over that route by a four-horse conveyance.

Miles Cantrell of Applegate was in Jacksonville Thursday, accompanied by John H. Devlin of Portland, who is spending some time in this section.

A. E. Reames of Medford met with the county court Thursday.

Wm. Goldman of Portland and L. E. Wakeman of Medford, life insurance agents, spent a few hours in Jacksonville Wednesday.

Mrs. R. B. Dow and Miss Mary Welterer were of those from Jacksonville who went to Medford during the week.

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Mrs. D. H. Miller was a business visitor to Medford Thursday.

H. J. Van Houten transacted business in Grants Pass Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Kinney of Sams valley was shopping in Gold Hill Tuesday.

W. P. Blackert, local meat market proprietor, was attending to business at Rogue River Wednesday.

Rev. Hutehinson and family are now comfortably domiciled in the McIntyre property, and preaching services will be held in the future both Sunday morning and evening. A donation shower was given them Tuesday evening when the community was left loaded with useful packages.

F. W. Dodge and Guy Harvey of Grants Pass are spending part of the time here and the surveying of the irrigation ditch is proceeding very satisfactorily regardless of the inclement weather.

"Dad" Foster, weather prophet of Kane's creek district, was in Gold Hill Tuesday.

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Mrs. Flora Kelley was in Grants Pass Wednesday on business connected with the ladies' shop, which now carries an attractive line of the latest spring hats.

Mrs. E. T. Simmons, who has been confined to her home by rheumatism, is reported as greatly improved.

Mrs. Sager and Miss Miller, cousins of Mrs. Elma Miller, stopped off in Gold Hill for a day with their cousin on their return trip from Oklahoma, where they had been visiting their sister the past three months. They proceeded to their home in Eugene on Wednesday.

J. C. Burch and Fletcher Lynn of Portland were in Gold Hill on business connected with the Beaver Cement plant of which they are stockholders.

T. N. Anderson who has been at his home in Gold Hill for a week past during the heavy snows, returned to his mining claim at Jump Off Joe Wednesday.

J. K. Moore of Sams valley was in Gold Hill Friday trading.

Mrs. Dan Richards has returned to her home in this city after spending the winter months with her sister at Brownsville, Oregon.

Mrs. Noe and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fleming and family left the fore part of the week for their new home in Idaho.

Max Schultz of Sams valley was shopping in Gold Hill Friday.

POTATOES SOLD BY CITY COMMISSION

NEW YORK, March 10.—Potatoes have been added to the foods purchased in huge quantities and sold at retail at the lowest possible price by the mayor's food commission. Word came from Boston today that the commission had purchased thru a broker there 90,000 bushels of Maine potatoes at a price said to be more than \$225,000.

An increase of one cent a pound, from six to seven cents in the price of rice brought a statement from George W. Perkins, chairman of the commission today to the effect that any rise in the price of rice "must be the direct result of collusion and the federal government should act."

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