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SHOULD SOUTHERN OREGON SECEDE?

THE MAIL TRIBUNE is in receipt of a communication, of which the following is an extract:

Do you know that one of the most prominent ranchers in the valley has left for California and will not return until southern Oregon secedes and joins California? Well that's a fact. And there are thousands of loyal citizens in Southern Oregon in both Jackson and Klamath counties who feel the same way. They are tired of being squeezed and impoverished and bulldozed by Portland and the Willamette valley and a lot of sanctimonious mossbacks in Salem. The people in the Rogue River valley are Californians in spirit. They have the pep and go-get-'em stuff in them. Portland and the Willamette valley is a mill stone about their necks. Look at this football game! Medford had the best team, and was there with the coin, but what did Portland do? Play the dog in the mackerel act as usual, and then throw her influence to Corvallis. Portland has never done anything for Southern Oregon in her life but take her money. The best thing that could happen to Jackson county would be to extend the California line to the Umpqua divide.

Undoubtedly a great many people hereabouts would second the motion of our indignant correspondent, particularly since the football controversy. And The Mail Tribune will agree that if Medford had Portland's population and resources, or if Portland had Medford's enterprising and metropolitan spirit the state of Oregon would be the better for it.

But secession hardly seems a practical proposition at the present moment. Moreover, if our correspondent will journey into Northern California, he will find a resentment there against the California metropolis similar to the resentment here against Portland. The complaint is common with communities far from the center of population who feel they are neglected, and are neglected, for the simple reason that when it comes to securing appropriations and improvements, they haven't the votes.

But before we have civil war, wouldn't it be advisable to try to bring about better conditions within the state, rather than attempt to secede from the state. Oregon has her faults, but she also has her virtues. As far as growth and future prospects are concerned Southern Oregon today is, according to reliable statistics far ahead of Northern California,—at least as far south as Redding.

Let's be patient a few years longer. As far as football is concerned, a plan is now underway whereby a state high school champion will be officially proclaimed in 1923. Let's forget the past and go after that championship. And finally, let's concentrate upon making Southern Oregon a better place in which to live, economically, socially and industrially. Success is not a matter of latitude and longitude, nor does a change of sovereignty necessarily mean a change in material conditions. The spirit that has made California will also make Oregon. We have that spirit. Don't take it south. Keep it at home.

Quill Points

The list of surplus war material includes race prejudice.

It might be worse. We have the K. K. K., but we hear less of K-K-K-Katy.

Dictionaries are funny things. In ours, repentance comes before satiety.

The man who wrote "Joy cometh in the morning" lived before the time of alarm clocks.

The theory of punishment is all right, but some children are too severe with their parents.

Still, men might wear low-neck shirts in winter if they thought their throats attractive.

"Woman" is a wonderful word. And the more wonderful the woman, the less she cares about being called a "lady."

If a man is on his toes, that means he is full of pep, but in the case of a woman, it only means French heels.

The war period gave us many new expressions, but it robbed us of "Say when."

So live that you will never have to explain to your wife that you really didn't care a darn for the woman.

Correct this sentence: "I wanted the living room done in a rich red," said the wife, "but John insisted on a pale violet."

In this progressive age we not only have women on the juries, but an increasing number of women before the juries.

Another fault of our civilization is that it is too easy to forget praise of a good man and too easy to remember scandal.



GERMAN MONEY.

A MILLION German marks I took, and bought a stick of gum; "To such a pass," I said, "gadzoek, has this great nation come. Her coin was once as good as wheat, a single mark would buy as much of kraut as one could eat, and eke a liver pie. But now if I would buy haritack, three tons of wealth I weigh; it takes as much as I can stack upon a coalman's dray." I see the Germans clean the till to buy a can of peas, and then I think of Kaiser Bill who basks in gilded ease. No luxury's to him denied, this first of east-off kings; he lately took himself a bride, and brides are costly things. No griefs financial spoil his days or make his soul repine, he does not haul the coin in drays when he would buy a stein. If there is one who should endure the penalties of war, who should be hungry, sad and poor, it's this ex-emperor. But he's the only German skate who is from woe afar; he doesn't spend a hundred-weight of marks for a cigar. His former subjects daily burst in tears and anguished groans; it takes, to buy a pound of wurst, a ton of German bones. If they would buy a quart of nails they must provide two trucks, and on them pile, in bales on bales, all kinds of German bucks.



SCOTT HIGH S. TEAM ARRIVES, PARADE STAGED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—A score of automobile loads of Corvallis citizens welcomed to the state today the Scott high school football team of Toledo, Ohio, which is to meet the Corvallis high school team at Corvallis New Year's day. After breakfast at a hotel, a parade through the city was staged.

Corvallis men reported that Coach Roy "Spec" Keene, of their high school had been giving his team hard workouts this week. Plans for a banquet to both the teams after the game, tendered by the Corvallis high school alumni were announced.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Revision of rules of the State High School Athletic association to permit definite determination of the state high school football championship was one of the important matters before the association meeting in annual convention here today.

Dividing the state into zones, with games between the leaders in these zones and with a final contest to determine the state championship is one rule proposed to avoid a situation like that which developed this year when Medford, with an unbeaten record in the southern section and Corvallis, in the Willamette valley, contended for the game with the Scott high school of Toledo, Ohio.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29.—Football fans say that rain January 1 will benefit the Pennsylvania State college football team in the game against the University of Southern California in the sports feature of the 34th annual tournament of roses. The Nittany Lions, they say, are used to playing on a heavy field, while the Trojans have played nearly all their contests this season on fields that were dry and fast.

SALT LAKE CITY—Maury Shick, outfielder of the Salt Lake City Pacific Coast league, has been sold to New Orleans of the Southern association.

MILWAUKEE—Johnny Dundee, junior lightweight champion boxer and Tommy O'Brien of California are prepared for their ten round no-decision contest before a local club tonight. The stipulated weight for the battle was 155 pounds at 3 p. m. today.



Picture Scores Big Hit, Rialto You've heard the old saying that because the mountain would not come to Mahomet, Mahomet went to the mountain. The patrons of the Rialto theatre who could not go to the Rocky Mountains in Canada are having them brought to them this week in "The Valley of Silent Men," featuring Alma Rubens.

The picture has realism, thrills and punch from the opening to the closing scenes. The work of Miss Rubens in the trying role of a Canadian girl is admirable. Lew Cody is artistic as leading man and the work of Joe King, George Nash, Mario Majorino and J. W. Johnston was highly effective.

"Clarence" Delightful Comedy Genuine mirth is constantly in evidence at the Page theatre this week during the presentation of a comedy classic, "Clarence."

"Clarence" is the story of an absent-minded soldier whom fate selects to be the cementing influence in the lives of a squabbling family. His sincerity wins the confidence of the disputants and he tactfully arranges matters so that everybody is happy and contented. Wallace Reid proves himself one of the most humorous players on the screen.

As Violet Pinney, the governess who appears to be the family's storm center, Agnes Ayres is charming and convincing. May McAvoy believes the entire world should stop and with bated breath to watch the progress of her first love.

The supporting players were excellent in their respective portrayals.

In Hard Lines

"I could not work at all and had to take to my bed with a high fever due to intestinal indigestion, gasness in my stomach and pain in my right side. I had spent my last cent for doctors and medicine, which gave me no relief. I was in despair. A lodge brother gave me a bottle of May's Wonderful Remedy, and the first dose relieved me. Thanks to this medicine I am now in the best of health." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation, which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. For sale by all druggists. Adv.

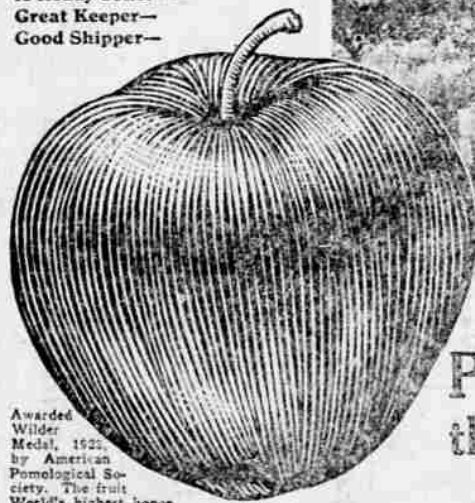
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Saturday Clean-Up Specials

Advertisement for Mann's Department Store featuring various clothing items and their prices. Items include Night Shirts, Cotton Ribbed Union Suits, Leather Vests, Men's Suits, Men's Overcoats, Pendleton Shirts, Heavy Union Suits, Jersey Sweaters, Silk Ties, Leather goods, Purses, Collar Bags, etc., and Heavy Wool Sox. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$21.88. The store is located at Entrances E. Main and N. Central Medford, Oregon.

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THIS IS WHAT LOWTHER SAYS—"The fruit is oblong and slightly inclined to conical. Flesh yellowish, with practically no grain. Probably better described as "buttery." Quality much resembling the Delicious, but a much better storage apple. Fruit picked during October, 1912, was, in September, 1913, in perfect condition. Scale unknown; decay practically so. Eating-quality seems to improve rather than deteriorate. The tree is a vigorous grower and is inclined to be spreading, therefore capable of bearing a heavy crop."—Louth's "Encyclopedia of Practical Horticulture," Vol. 1, p. 231.

Uncle Sam's Verdict on the Rainier

BULLETIN No. 587—"The keeping qualities of the Rainier Apple are unsurpassed by those of any other variety of the Pacific Northwest that has yet come to the attention of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Its ability to retain its firmness, brightness and quality with almost no decay or skin blemish, places it above even the Arkansas Black, Winesap and Yellow Newtown. In 32° Fahr. cold storage it keeps in prime condition into May or later, and instances are known where large numbers of boxes have been held in excellent condition into September of the following year."—Bulletin No. 387, Dept. of Agriculture, p. 23.



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