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WHY CAN'T MEDFORD DO WHAT HILLSBORO HAS DONE?

HILLSBORO, OREGON, is a good example for Medford to follow. Hillsboro hasn't a third of the population of Medford. Yet it has one of the largest and most successful independent canneries in the entire state.

Hillsboro is situated in Washington County, which is a rich agricultural section, specializing in berries and small fruits, but it is naturally no richer, and not as diversified as Jackson County. It has no irrigation or proper drainage system, while Jackson County has the first, and is preparing to secure the second.

In other words, Medford is in a far better position to have a large and successful cannery than Hillsboro, yet while there are two canneries in this section, both of them are small compared to the Hillsboro cannery and neither are growing as rapidly, or enjoying the profits of the Washington County organization.

WHY is this? There seems to be one obvious answer—local financial support. A few years ago the Hillsboro cannery was on the verge of bankruptcy with an \$80,000 debt. Portland is a near neighbor, but Portland would give no support. The situation was critical.

At this juncture Edward Schulmerich, state senator and president of the Commercial National Bank of Hillsboro, stepped in. He loaned money to the cannery; if our information is correct, he backed his faith in the cannery, the ability of the management, as well as in the ability of the ranchers to furnish the produce, to the extent of approximately \$125,000.

Last year not only did the cannery take the local produce, but it sent down to Medford for pears, paid the freight to the S. P. and from \$40,000 to \$50,000 in cash to local pear growers.

NOT only has the Hillsboro cannery made money, but the Hillsboro bank has made money also, and the entire community has benefited tremendously.

The question naturally arises, why can't Medford do what Hillsboro has done—in fact, why can't Medford, with its superior resources and facilities, do even more?

There may be important differences between the two communities of which we are not aware. But we believe the matter is of sufficient importance to Jackson county to justify the Chamber of Commerce in making a careful study of the Hillsboro situation, and determining what those differences are, if any exist.

Those differences determined, there is every reason to believe they could be satisfactorily adjusted. We don't believe there is anything that would do more to increase local prosperity and render it more permanent than the establishment of a large and successful canning industry, in this district.

WHAT A GREAT RELIEF!

REGARDLESS of the respective merits of the various gubernatorial candidates, it was certainly refreshing to listen to the straightforward common-sense talk that Candidate Corbett gave at the Hotel Medford Friday noon.

Speaking only for ourselves, we are so tired of listening to the usual glittering generalities, and felicitious flub-dub, of our aspiring office-seekers, that the simple directness and convincing sincerity of Mr. Corbett was like a drink of cool water to a wanderer in the Sahara.

We particularly admired the Portlander's refusal to go the "easiest way"—adopt the cheap tactics of the professional politician—and glibly promise that, if elected, he would give everything to Jackson county that any faction might desire, from good trout fishing in Rogue River to free fire-works on the top of Roxy Anne.

AS Mr. Corbett well said—the Governor of Oregon is not a Santa Claus or a magician. He is not even a LAW MAKER. He can no more promise the people of this state certain specific laws than the president of a corporation can promise the stockholders certain specific dividends.

Oregon is nothing more than a big business organization, and its governor is simply its chief executive. The governor's job is not to make the laws or determine policies, but to carry them out.

Naturally an effective executive would do everything in his power to promote regulations and policies in which he himself believed; but no honest executive would, or COULD, promise to carry them out before they had been enacted. Such matters in a state are up to the people and the legislature; just as such matters in a corporation are up to the stock holders and board of directors.

WE even enjoyed the absence of the usual unctuous political flattery—the talk about how superior the dear people of this section are to every other, and how nothing so salubrious and swooningly beautiful as the Rogue River valley has ever met the eyes of man since the Garden of Eden.

It may all be true enough. But it is so "easy" and so old. And we are so weary of the entire old hokum and easy-mark performance.

WE may be an exception to the rule, however. Perhaps the way to get votes in this land of the free and home of the brave, is to assume the dear people have the mentalities of little children—promise them airplanes and automobiles, shove a sweet meat between their tiny lips, and pat them on the head. Presto! The ballot-counters will do the rest!

Mebbe so. Then again—mebbe not. We will undoubtedly know more about it next Friday night.

Among the diseases that cause premature loss of teeth is that of wise-cracking when a man's car won't start!

The Lindberghs have crossed the country in 14 hours, but Congress still has the record for double-crossing it.

Fifteen Years Ago This Week
(From the files of The Mail Tribune)
Monday
Portland Chamber of Commerce follows lead of Medford and issues poster stamps containing views of Mt. Hood, and other scenic spots.

Weather bureau established 15 co-operative stations in the valley, for frost observation work in the future.
Local citizens still stirred over sinking of the Lusitania by German submarine.
Owing to conditions abroad, shingle nails are advanced locally 20 cents per pound.
Unknown man of valley, describing himself "as of extreme exquisite build, age 22, no money worries," creates sensation by advertising in Minneapolis, Minn., paper for a wife.

Court Hall has a carload of Dodge autos on the way from the East, and as soon as they arrive, a trial run to Crater Lake will be made.

Tuesday
Southern Pacific gets first through train in a week by local district near Redding, Calif. Local mail is delayed.

Rural residents busy burning slashings.
County cuts wages for road workers.

Berlin—Russian army in full retreat along the Eastern front.
London—Russians make gains along the entire Eastern front.

A number of Ashland teachers attend a public dance, and "face discipline if not dismissal," as the "right thinking public is thoroughly aroused."
Valley doctors convene and feast at Ashland.

Wednesday
Medford citizens bilked by gent, who claimed he was "starving to death" and was afterwards found "stone drunk" in an alley, with \$4.15 in his pockets.
Empress vaudeville engagements at the Page theater cancelled.

Minister who predicted Medford would be destroyed by an eruption of Roxy Ann, announces he will return in the fall.

Washington—President Wilson sends historic note to German protesting the sinking of the Lusitania.
Survey shows three railroad crossings in four miles on Pacific highway.

Appellate residents prepare to entertain Governor Withycombe at picnic.

Thursday
Dr. J. M. Keene beats Mose Barkdull and three other democrats in street debate on merits of President Wilson's note to Germany. Large crowd hears spirited argument, which also causes a heavy editorial on the subject in this paper.
Warm rains cause corn to sprout

throughout the valley, but hurts the strawberries.

The 500 Club of Central Point, visits Talent in a body accompanied by Miss Pearl Ross.

Dr. Jud Ricker addresses the P. T. A. of the Lincoln School.
Raymond Whitecomb books 40 tourist parties to Crater Lake the coming season. They will be driven to the "scenic wonder by Seely V. Hall, a young but expert driver, who knows the way backwards."

Friday
Great crowds see Sells-Floto circus here despite showery weather, and a heavy rain during the parade.

Jackson county fishing exhibit at San Francisco fair making "sublime hit." Colonel TouVelle of Jacksonville reports.
H. Chandler Egan urges revival of golf in the valley, "to take the war off the minds of business men."

Robert Pelouze and Lloyd (Mutt) Williamson attend track meet at Eugene, under U. of O. auspices. Pelouze breaks a record for the quarter mile run, and Williamson finishes fourth in the 220-yard hurdles.

Charles Ray, a high school student was fined \$1.00 in police court for speeding. Ray was nabbed after a long chase, and claimed he did not know the law was after him.

Saturday
Judge Colvig in a 2500 word letter explains the origin of the name, "Mt. Pitt."

Medford defeats Eagle Point 13 to 2. Shorty Miles garners a home run, while Eagle Pointers boot.

Epidemic of juvenile mischief-ousness annoys the police, who blame parents.

The "Liberty Bell," en route to the Panama fair, will stop thirty minutes in this city on the evening of July 15.

Charles M. Schwab, the steel king, passes through the city, in his private car, and borrows a match from William R. Coleman, who does not recognize the great man.

Judge E. E. Kelly and delegation of women appear before the city council and seek the appointment of a police matron which is denied.

HAMBURG, May 10.—(AP)—The old organ in the Church of St. James here on which Johann Sebastian Bach played when trying to get the job as church organist, selected.

ist in 1720, has been rebuilt. It accidentally fell to the ground, but was selected to the church treasury.



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Smudge Smoke

The weather has been miserable most of the week, but the storm broke before Jackson county humanity got that way, from its misadventure.
Eddie Carlton of the Redskin Orchard was in Wed., and William Bates cut his hair artistically.
Republicans gathered at the festive board Fri. and heard Harry Corbett, gubernatorial aspirant. Horticultural committees have started their spring committee.
H. Chan Egan is back from an extensive and, the past winter, and looks as fit as a violin.
Fletcher Fish, the thespian, tenor, and fruit inspection chief, trod the board two nights last week, and scored a tremendous hit as a tombstone agent.
Plans are underway for a park on the south flank of Roxy Ann. It will be handy to the fiery cross grounds.
The oldest Manu boy has a new suit of duds, of which he is justly proud.
The sweet girl graduates are making their graduation gowns, for the beginning exercises. The more ruffles the better, is the battle cry.
The P. O. kiddy ball team failed to deliver again last week, in more ways than one.
Election next Friday, and all are urged to get out and exercise their prerogatives. Banks, barber shops, public offices, golf courses and picnic grounds will be closed.
Oil is being poured on the troubled country roads.
Bill Coleman, who hurt his Great Toe recently, is himself again.
H. Flewher, the demon this and that, demoted over to Lake O' the Woods last Sunday, with Yank Lageron.
Yokohama Yamashita has resumed his mopping, after a trip to Japan.

Press Comment

The Anvil Chorus
The gloomy spectacle staged by the Republican gubernatorial candidates resembles a procession of morticians endeavoring to galvanize by magic formula the decrepit body of Old Man Oregon. Seldom has a more lugubrious political pageant been staged. They go about the country picturing the commonwealth as in the last stages of desuetude and the only salvation in sight is for the people to provide for them the place of honor at the pie counter.
Governor Norblad sounded the keynote of the campaign by taking off his hat to the decrepit Old Man Oregon of the past and his coat off to cut his whiskers to jazz him into fainting youth with a wig of black-top. Senator Hall followed proposing to "industrialize" the feeble old man, presumably by the same way he "industrialized" phone lines and banks, by buying control at excessive prices, merging, pyramiding and inflating to unload on the sucker public.
The real Jeremiah of the campaign however, is George W. Joseph, who pictures Old Man Oregon as a ghastly relic of the past, losing industries, population and capital, with only sackcloth and ashes as possessions. Only Dr. Joseph's power bills can rejuvenate the near corpse. Senator Bennett plays a subdued accompaniment to the funeral march, while the also running Mr. Jeffries chips in a feeble despairing obligato. Senator Corbett at one seems to have any confidence in the old man.
Starting out as houndings for prosperity the candidates have been metamorphosed into crepe hangers of adversity and calamity bowlers of hard times. Beginning as boosters they have degenerated into knockers. Pride in the state and its accomplishments has been transformed into disparagement and scorn. From platform and radio they resound the anvil chorus.—(Salem Capital Journal.)
WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—The congressional tariff conferees locked horns today over the disputed export debenture and flexible provisions—and found no way out of their differences.