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THEY DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT
WE note by the esteemed Poindexter and Spectator that George Joseph, wealthy attorney for Meier & Frank of Portland, is going to carry Jackson County in the Republican primary. This will be interesting news to the people of this section. It has been generally supposed that the contest hereabouts was between Corbett and Norblad, with Hall a possible runner-up, and the aforesaid Joseph a certain "also ran."

But the Spectator has received reports from every county in the state and this is the official prognosis from the Rogue River valley!

WE also note by the usually reliable Associated Press that the campaign in Jackson County is beginning torrid. All we can say is that if the present campaign is torrid, then the North Pole would make an excellent central heating plant. Outside of the court house controversy, we fail to find any sign of warmth, much less heat, regarding the candidates whose fates will be decided on Friday next.

AS a matter of fact, all these predictions are not only guesses but extremely bad guesses. There never has been a state primary more difficult to dope than the present one. The plain truth is that this election is going to be decided by those people who have said nothing and will say nothing. Moreover, we have a decided hunch that a large proportion of these silent voters haven't made up their minds for whom they will vote, and won't make them up, much before Thursday evening.

ONLY the seers, who can read the minds of inarticulate men and women, have any right to pose as prophets in this election. No one can KNOW how the people are going to vote, for the simple fact that a majority of the people don't know themselves. There never has been an election where last minute developments were of such outstanding importance. The winner will almost certainly be determined not by what has happened, but what, between now and Friday, MAY happen.

The only wise prophet this year is the prophet who says nothing, waits until the votes have been counted, then, nods his head, looks wise and remarks, "I told you so!"

LEST YOU FORGET

ONE important feature of the court house election should not be overlooked. The selection of the court house site is not the only thing to be decided. Although the removal of the county seat to Medford has been voted upon as well as the donation of a site to the county by the city of Medford, contrary to a very general impression, the matter of building a court house has not been decided.

Therefore, regardless of how you stand regarding sites, don't fail to mark the ballot 300 "Yes"—"I vote for the construction of a new court house."

And don't forget that this vote does not mean a bond issue for the county, or a penny increase in taxes. It simply means giving the county authority to build a new court house with money which it has on hand and which, under the law, can be used for no other purpose.

If you were going to hire a man to handle your private business, wouldn't you look up his record, and test his character, before you decided? Why not do the same regarding the candidate you select to handle the business of your state?

Speaking of the census, the count in Jackson County is still going on. If you live in the country and haven't been counted, please inform the Chamber of Commerce.

Huh! That scientist who claims to have found the biggest bone on record, didn't see the one pulled at second base yesterday.

The list of unemployed would have seemed great in the old days, too, if they had listed under this heading all the people in the liquor business.

Census: Enumeration of those so easy to reach that census takers won't lose money by hunting for them.

Publishers of books must grow discouraged when not one in 50 manuscripts is naughty enough to promise a profit.

Don't scold parents who want no children. Nature works in a mysterious way to improve the species and she knows best.

Yet the doctor feels cheated when he is asked to pay for a repair job that leaves his car no better than it was before.

When we reach home three terrier pups leap on us so eagerly we think we are at a filling station.

Personal Health Service
 By William Brady, M. D.

AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE THEY ARE YOUR TONSILS.



The tonsil problem is far from settled yet. Even within the ranks of the regular medical profession, if you know what I mean—maybe I'd better explain for the benefit of the dumb eggs that regular doctors are. The kind your country calls on to take care of her fighting men, and the kind you turn to when you've finished fooling around with the fad and cult racket and find yourself seriously ill—even among the regulars there are several schools of theory and practice in dealing with the tonsils. Outside, among the irregular practitioners, the various "patrists" plying their trade either within the law or without, the differences of opinion about the tonsil problem are naturally more radical.

At one extreme are the little tin doctors and the born operators who infest free clinics and dispensaries. They require only presumptive evidence that there is round cell or lymphoid tissue present in the throat; if the victim has had no trouble from the tonsils and adenoids, so much the better, the operation will probably prevent a lot of trouble. Removal of tonsils and adenoids (if any) on a wholesale scale, where material is plentiful, is the favorite method of the born specialists and the little tin doctors, and we owe this excessive recourse to socialistic medicine. When that socialistic scheme is adopted by government, the invariable policy is to employ the cheapest available nurses and doctors to do the work.

Then there is a large class, probably still the majority of good physicians and specialists who advise removal of tonsils or adenoids only when there are evidently injurious effects present, either from mechanical obstruction or from infection, but owing to perfectly sound professional conservatism and a certain intolerance, these good doctors obstinately insist that surgical tonsillectomy is the one and only remedy, and if for any reason the patient cannot or will not submit to operation, these ill-equipped doctors, dismiss the patient without benefit of medicine.

There is a third class, small in numbers but close to the throne, having the entire to some of the most influential medical journals and medical society programs, and these put the old conservatism on the shelf and choke down the old intolerance long enough to acknowledge or even advocate the value of X-ray treatment in benign cases where surgical tonsillectomy is "contra-indicated." X-ray treatment is unquestionably a valuable recourse in such cases, though there is a certain hazard involved—a hazard mainly due to the personal factor, carelessness, lack of technical skill—and such accidents or untoward effects as burns, baldness, sterility, atrophy of salivary glands need occur but rarely. To make many good doctors hesitate to recommend the treatment. One thing is undebatable: X-ray treatment of tonsils is not so safe as diathermy, even if the men around the throne still insist diathermy is "no good."

At the other extreme I find divers ill-fated health specialists screaming that neither surgery, diathermy, X-ray nor radium is necessary, for fresh air, proper diet, sunshine and a few secret passes by the health specialist will turn the trick. We'll look further into the trick another day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
The State As a 25 Cent Doctor
 Mother writes her boy brings home note from teacher informing her state health department employee will be at school such and such days to immunize children against diphtheria at 25 cents per child. Mother understands family doctor charges \$7.50 for it. Question: Should she take of the state and save \$7.25?

Answer: As a rule the state furnishes such things as antitoxin, vaccine or toxin-antitoxin free of charge to all citizens. If I were in practice in the community concerned I'd lay in a stock of free state toxin-antitoxin and send notices to all parents unable to pay regular medical fees that I was prepared to immunize children on the days the state department agent

made the town, at say 23 cents per child. That would put the state in a hole, but it would be a blessing for the people if state medicine were put in a deep hole and covered with a thick layer of soil.

No Cream In Her Coffee
 My sweetie has some trouble with her complexion, blotches, not pimples but sore lumps under the skin, and she is afraid to eat anything rich or even take cream in her coffee, because some bunk-specialist told her such food was bad for her. Now she is underweight and I think she needs more nourishing food. Why should that which is nourishing cause such a rash? (L. H.)

Answer.—That's just what I should like to know, Larry. I do not believe it does, but some of these psychopaths harbor the notion that it does, so what's a poor girl with pimples going to do? The idea that fats, greasy articles, rich things, break out through the skin, came down to the present generation from the almanac quacks of the dim past. If the girl friend will write and ask for it, inclosing a stamped envelope bearing her address, I shall be glad to send her some advice that may help her to get a nice clear complexion and a few more curves in the bargain.

Give a Girl a Hose to Ride
 Is horsemanship riding injuries to the health of a girl 18 years of age, especially if there is any local weakness? (E. L.)

Answer.—On the contrary it is fine for all girls and women. Unless the girl's own physician forbids it, she ought to ride.

How Cure Your Corns?
 Your corn cure is a dandy... (C. D. W.)

Answer.—'Taint mine, though I recommend it. It is one of our oldest standard medical formulas. Thirty grains of salicylic acid in half an ounce of flexible collodion. Paint corn or callus each night for a week or more.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

ACROSS
 1. Domestic animal
 2. Mimickers
 10. Catch sight of
 11. Learning to one side
 12. Heavily purchasable
 13. Culpable delay; law
 17. Female horse
 18. Angry
 19. Hour of a cannon
 20. Group of nine
 22. Cravat
 23. Finishes
 24. Find the sum of
 25. Colored slightly
 27. Boys
 29. Leaping amphibian
 30. Dropsy
 31. Past
 32. Daily represented and half goat and half through the ear
 36. Amphibians
 37. Myself
 38. He carried
 39. Counted
 40. Pronoun
 41. Comes in
 42. Geometrical solid
 43. Allied
 44. Heating device
 46. Undermines

DOWN
 3. Fine driving
 4. Laid in various material
 11. Before long
 12. Puke
 13. Sweet potatoes
 21. Means of getting business
 22. No
 24. Weir
 25. Cripples
 26. Deputy
 29. Tassie
 31. Type measure
 32. Near England
 33. State
 34. Flow
 35. Condensations
 36. White vestments
 37. Tied end for end
 38. Takes the evening meal
 42. As far as
 43. Water bottles
 44. Overdo a vote
 45. Legislative body
 47. Funeral orations
 48. shy
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 50. Proposition
 51. Colors
 52. Gaelic
 53. Poker term
 54. Back talk
 55. colloq.
 56. Nient
 57. Not fast
 58. Weary

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can get liquor enough, but what he wants is a clear conscience to go with it.



Parking your cigarette butt in restaurant coffee cups makes you feel very sophisticated if you have to smoke in the basement at home.

One Illinois town lost all of its inhabitants since 1920. It just shows what people will do when bond issues get too heavy.

Correct this sentence: "I hate to impose on you again, old man," said the friend, "and I'll pay it back next Saturday sure."

Communications

Prefers Children to Dogs.
 To the Editor:
 A few days ago there appeared in one of our local daily papers an item in large print that the city of Medford had donated a thousand dollars with a promise of five hundred more, to the Humane society, to build a hospital for dogs. What in heaven's name are things coming to when, without our own consent, the city gives fifteen hundred dollars to the dogs when we have hundreds of little children and some grown ups, even in our own community that do not get the proper medical attention, nor proper food and clothing. The writer knows of some instances where the teachers of these children went down into their own pockets to buy articles of clothing for some of the more needy.

We have a dog at our house, but we take care of it. And thank heavens it doesn't sit up to the table with us. If people want a dog they should take care of it. And it seems to me that if the dog lovers of the city want a hospital for their dogs, they

should build it and not put the responsibility on all of us. Let us use the extra money that the city wants to give away to take care of some of the needy humans. When a child is cold and hungry and sick for lack of medical attention, a dog isn't half so much comfort as one of our daily papers would have us believe. Surely they would appreciate food, clothing and medical attention more.

It seems as though if any one in the community is a big enough stick they can get anything they want, whether it is needed or not. "Pretty hard words, some of this, but it's true," nevertheless. There is too much of this sort of thing passed by the good citizens while they have their mind centered on some more important issue.

R. J. SINGLER,
 Medford, May 12.

SUNDOWN STORIES

SIGHT-SEEING
 By Mary Graham Bonner

"Come along, come along, come along," said the Little Black Clock, "I've turned the time ahead this time and you know it is hard to keep up with the way things are moving these days."

John and Peggy hurried. It was certainly remarkable the way the Little Black Clock could turn the time backward or forward as he wished.

Of course, it was all because he had been given the magic in the first place, but it was so won-



Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 (From files of the Mail Tribune.)
 May 12, 1920

Washington—President Carranza flees to hills of Mexico on horseback and rebels ask American recognition.

Big scramble for houses in city continues, with many homes sold.

Ralph Cowgill and Montavilla Flowers speak for General Wood candidacy in rural areas.

Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs elected temporary president of Legion Auxiliary.

New potatoes are selling at the per pound.

Greater Medford Club to improve free auto camp grounds.

Mayor Gates addresses C. of C. forum and denounces weeds on vacant lots.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 (From files of the Mail Tribune.)
 May 12, 1910

Paul Theisen is having the old distillery north of town razed. Thus the old landmarks vanish.

Col. F. L. TouVelle sells his model 19 Buick "with many extras."

John R. Allen says building of Blue Ledge railroad still "under consideration."

Halley's comet, viewed locally by scores, is brighter and bigger than when first noted.

Greater Medford Club ladies to edit Sunday Mail Tribune, with Mrs. E. E. Gore as managing editor.

"Tolo—long a joke to valley towns—will soon flourish as an industrial center."

deaf that he could even add hours so that they could get all the sleep they needed and, at the same time, have these adventures.

An enormous plane was now waiting for them. There were a good many people inside it. The plane started off and they were up in the air very quickly. Soon a man stood up and started shouting through a horn about the sights they were seeing.

"On the left, ladies and gentlemen, you behold one of the finest pink clouds ever seen. In fact this section along here is called Pink Cloud Row.

"Above, ladies and gentlemen, you see the most honorable sun. Many people say it is our finest sun, and it has been shining for years and years and years.

"To the right, ladies and gentlemen, you see a grey, fleecy cloud. We would be only too glad to point out other clouds to you but the day is very clear and there are many clouds in the sky today."

"Why is he saying all this?" John asked.

"This is a sight-seeing plane and he's pointing out the sights of interest, just as down on the earth they used to point out the houses in which important people lived and tell you about the buildings you were passing," the Little Black Clock answered.

"Well, I never!" said John. "Tomorrow—"Wandering Brook"

Representative of Popular Products Visits Medford

Lloyd Brooks, supervisor of the Portland territory for the Colgate Palmolive-Peet Co., and M. L. Coker, specialty salesman for Pees granulated soap, were in Medford today transacting business with the Medford merchants.

The soap products of the Colgate Palmolive-Peet Co. are well known and popular all over the country, have been advertised in this paper for several years and can be found at practically all dealers.

Clean cotton rags wanted at Mail Tribune office.

Political Announcements

GEORGE ALFORD
 Candidate republican re-nomination County Commissioner.
 (Present incumbent.)
 Running on his record.
 County and state taxes, which are only taxes the county commissioners have under their control, were 26.6 mills in 1922, when Mr. Alford became a member, were 16.9 mills in 1929. For confirmation you are referred to your tax statements.
 A faithful public servant deserves another term. (Paid adv.)

MUTT AND JEFF—A Foolish Question Gets Serious

LISTEN TO THIS: THE GOVERNMENT TELLS ME THE CENSUS WAS TAKEN VERY POORLY. THEY ASKED ME TO DO IT RIGHT!

DO YOU LIVE HERE, MADAM?

NO, I'M A DECKHAND ON A LILY PAD IN TIMBUCTOO!

ARE YOU MARRIED?

YES, - SHE'S MARRIED - BUT THANK HEAVEN - NOT TO ME!

SLAM!