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Smudge Smoke

Eddie Carlton of the Redskinned Oreb. was in town the first of the wk. in his working clothes, and gave an excellent impersonation of a hungry member of the downtrodden proletariat.

Jim Bates, the tennorist, is still pestering the plumbers about his heating plant, which Mr. Bates curses instead of the taxes.

The deer season opens September 15, and the first rifle has been heaved into the back end of a 4d.

C. Yons Tengwald had some of the optimism yanked out of him by Dr. Lagerson recently.

W. Ashpole banged a knuckle on his weighing hand Thurs.

One of the Galshevskis climbed onto the hurricane deck of a motorcycle Thurs. and squealed like she had seen a spider.

Dick Sherwood is himself again after an operation and trip to Los Angeles in a 4d.

Len Carpenter has put 24 fancy thermometers in his packing house, which will enable him to determine the heat of a pear, without going upstairs, and the time saved will enable him to skin out for Europe, 7 weeks ahead of the normal time of departure.

Males of the leading social circles are getting ready to return to college draggers.

No forest fires were started hereabouts last week by cigarettes.

Unza Shindoda went to bed without any supper Wed., as he lost an argument with his Maw, and if he does it again he will lose the privilege of going to the movies until October 15th.

Every time the Blue Mohr boy toots his auto horn, it is regretted that he gave up saxophoning.

An extra fancy pack of girls in a new popular priced vehicle were run into by a fraction of a phone pole Thurs. PM, without the paint being knocked off anything or anybody.

Bill Coleman had his name in the Oregonian last Sun., the 27th. Ah! there, Bill!

A homely girl won a game of bantam golf from her accomplice Tues. eve. This form of chivalry is not unusual with the beaux.

Many a man's prediction of a world panic is based on the hole in his pocket.—Dallas News.

The only hope now is that somebody will invent a way to use wheat in wall boards or tooth-paste.—Publishers Syndicate.

It may be true that just now dollar bills go farther, but they're so forgetful about ever coming back.—Chicago Daily News.

Enthusiasm for a California girl who won a dish-washing contest is reserved until we learn whether she had any competition.—Florence Herald.

It seems singularly appropriate that the position of the hands is about the same in holding either a harp or a steering wheel.—Louisville Times.

A seaside town proposes to have a carillon. Other coastal resorts rely on the hot weather to provide the peeling of the belles.—Dondon Opinion.

THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MEDFORD'S AIRPORT

THE importance of the airport dedication tomorrow does not rest entirely upon the fact that it is the first important airport established in this state. Nor upon the fact that it is the best airport on the coast, outside of the larger cities.

These facts are important. But the most important—the most SIGNIFICANT fact is that this airport is merely another notch on Medford's bow, of steady and uninterrupted progress.

Look over our past history. What city was first in the state to adopt a comprehensive road-paving program? MEDFORD. In fact Medford not only led the state, but got a little too far in front of it.

What city started the good road movement—connecting the cities with permanent highways? MEDFORD. Medford not only started the movement, but the people of Medford and Jackson County paid for the first section of the present Pacific Highway out of their own pockets.

What city started comprehensive irrigation, in a state where it was repeatedly stated irrigation was not necessary? MEDFORD.

What city enjoys the largest profits from fruit culture in the state and is recognized as not only the leader in modern methods of pear production on this coast but in the entire country? MEDFORD, again.

No matter what department marking community enterprise is considered, there is Medford at the top, as far as Oregon is concerned.

Sounds boastful? Well, no doubt it is. But it is also true. And after all we don't indulge in slapping our own back very often.

The dedication of the airport Monday is merely a celebration of the most recent achievement which is thus added to an unbroken record of them. It is important in itself. But it is more important as a symbol of consistent and uninterrupted progress by the biggest little city on the coast.

WILL MEIER DO BETTER THAN JOSEPH?

AN enthusiastic supporter of the late George Joseph, volunteered the interesting information yesterday, that if Julius Meier is nominated on an independent ticket, he will sweep the state in the fall election, as Mr. Joseph did in the primaries.

He was greatly pleased when we replied that this was not improbable. But this pleasure quickly changed to indignation, when we declared if Mr. Meier should sweep the state, as Mr. Joseph did, he (Meier) would be beaten by Phil Metschan, or Edward Bailey.

His indignation merely demonstrates how widespread the impression is that Mr. Joseph's primary victory was a landslide, and that any candidate will be elected who does as well if the election as he did, in the preliminaries.

NOTHING could be further from the truth. According to the official figures George Joseph won the Republican by 50,545 votes, Governor Norblad was second with 46,074 votes; Corbett third with 33,861 votes; Hall fourth with 9,235 votes, Bennett fifth with 3,426, and Jeffrey sixth with 1,510 votes.

In other words out of a total of approximately 164,000 Republican votes, Joseph secured less than 30 percent. He only nosed out Norblad, second in the race, by about 4000 votes, and this plurality was entirely due to his strength in Multnomah. Outside of Multnomah, Governor Norblad defeated Joseph, by a plurality of nearly 9000.

IF MR. MEIER gets only 30 percent of the Republican vote, he will be the last man in the race, instead of first. He could get the entire Joseph primary vote, and fifty percent of the Democratic primary vote, and still assuming Bailey would get the other half of the Democratic vote and Metschan 70 percent of the Republican vote, the latter would win nearly two to one.

An independent candidate has never yet won an important election in Oregon. But almost invariably independent candidates have succeeded in electing a Democrat. This may not be the result this year, but we see no reason why it shouldn't be.

FOR while a few Democratic luminaries like Mrs. Walter Pierce, A. C. Hough, W. C. Culbertson and others, have already come out for Meier, the Democratic rank and file WON'T. Pickings in the political vineyard of this state are too slim, for the Democrats, to pass up such a golden opportunity of getting hold of the state house at Salem again. Moreover from all we can learn Brother Bailey is a good man,—will probably never set the world on fire,—but he has ideas of his own, and most of them are good ones.

NO is Mr. Meier to be Oregon's next Governor, he will have to do better than the man whose spiritual legatee he professes to be. He will have to be a better hand-shaker than Ben Oleott; and a better vote-getter than former Senator Bourne.

We don't mean to say Mr. Meier's election is impossible. Nothing in politics is impossible,—particularly at the present time. But we do mean to say it is highly improbable.

And it is CERTAIN, that unless he secures a great proportion of the Republican support in the election, than the late Senator Joseph did in the primary, Julius Meier is beaten before he starts.

It is also true in the long run that polling bones gather no moss. Correct this sentence: "The bridge prize that I won last night is a very useful article."

Americanism: Pardoning a rich criminal because jail fare gives him indigestion; keeping a poor man locked up 14 years on perjured testimony.

Dry motto in New Jersey: Let us do today what we can do to Morrow. There's always a fly in the ointment. The more you read and learn, the more vainly you search for something worth reading.

Fifteen Years Ago This Week

(From the files of The Mail Tribune)

Monday Berlin, Warsaw, falls into hands of Germans as Russians flee in wild disorder.

Police asked to keep eye open for tall negro, who slashed a colored brother with a razor following an argument over a ball game at Yreka.

Home of W. H. Gare threatened by fire in his stubble field. New prices for Ford cars announced.

Water Superintendent issues statement that water is purer than ever before this season.

Tuesday Otto Klum comes to this city from Ashland as high school coach. Fans hope he will be able to do something with local athletes, who have been winning most of their games around Crowson's stoves for the past two years.

Old fashioned county fair planned for this year. Showers of meteors, visible over the entire northwest, scheduled for next week.

Delroy Getchell has returned from a trip to San Francisco fair. Farmers are warned that if their dog follows them to town they are apt to be impounded for violation of the muzzling law.

Wednesday Valley tomatoes ripening fast under warm August sun. Ad Wolgan, former lightweight champion, visits city to inspect the hog ranch near Eagle Point, he purchased from Mose Barkdull.

Salem — Auto containing convicts struck by train at crossing. The first car of Bartlett's for this season shipped out by E. M. McKeaney.

Greater Medford club issues calls for dahlias to be exhibited at the coming county fair.

Thursday Pythians of southern Oregon flock to Crater Lake for novel ceremony. Fruit exhibit of Jackson county at San Francisco fair is declared a "shame."

Dr. J. J. Emmens on trip to San Francisco fair, writes back that roads are in fine condition. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kidd, accompanied the Emmens.

W. F. Laace on trip to Siskiyou killed a rattlesnake which he says is the largest ever killed in that section. The rattlesnake will be stuffed and preserved as a relic of the Isaacs prowess with a club.

Friday Hunters start exodus for hills for opening of deer season. Many of the more experienced hunters will either wait until the opening canning stops, or go so far back in the hills they will be in no danger of being shot for a deer, except by themselves.

Medford wins ten lining game from Weed, Calif., six to five. Tourist travel to Crater Lake breaks all previous records.

Jackson county movies shown at San Francisco fair by A. C. Allen. Saturday Sugar factory promised valley by opening next year by Utah interest.

Attorney E. A. Reames loses his fishing clothes somewhere between Hylee bridge and Medford. A reward is offered for their return.

William Budge has returned from a trip to North Dakota, and reports the farmers are getting rich overnight selling horses to the Allies.

The fear of the speed cop is in the hearts of the autoists, as they are obeying the state law in travel no faster than 25 miles per hour.

Forest fires of incendiary origin raging in the Applegate.

Press Comment

Silly Tree Sitting The summer's silliest craze has reached Oregon, and four boys are now perched in three trees at Eugene, announcing that they are up to break all records.

Of all the epidemic insanities that have swept the country, this seems the most utterly ridiculous. It is no new thing for boys to engage in harmless or mischievous "monkeying" of one kind or another, but actually to revert to the tree-dwelling of our remotely prehistoric relatives, is carrying the mimicry too far.

corporation is a great co-operative association of wheat farmers, made possible by the farm marketing act, which is administered by the federal farm board.

This association of wheat farmers, if what its president says is not over-stated, is now the greatest single factor in the world wheat market.

That is to say, these American wheat farmers now have more to say about the price of wheat than anybody else in the world.

We are hearing much criticism of the farm marketing act. We are told that it has been a terrible mistake. The papers are full of gloomy predictions that it will run the country.

But keep this in mind: For the first time in history, thanks to the farm marketing act, the American wheat farmer has more to say than anybody else about the marketing of his wheat.

If you are able to put two and two together, it won't take you long to see where most of the criticism of the farm marketing act and the federal farm board is coming from. It is coming from those who are being displaced as marketers of the farmer's crop.

The farmer, who does the producing, has been getting too little of what the consumer pays for what is produced. That, fundamentally, is why he is not as prosperous as other classes of the population.

The farm marketing act represents a determined effort to get for the farmer, by means of better marketing methods, a larger share of what the consumer finally pays for the farmer's products.

If you are fair-minded, you will say: "Let's give the farm marketing act a thorough trial before saying whether it's bad."—Frank L. Jenkins in Eugene Register.

Simmering of Oregon Politics

Metschan's Nomination (Salem Capital-Journal) Nomination of Phil Metschan for Governor by the Republican state committee was a logical outcome of its convention, for Mr. Metschan having been chairman for the past eight years was of course better known personally to committeemen than other candidates.

The organization perpetuated itself by promoting its chairman to the governorship and its secretary to the chairmanship. To accomplish this the secret ballot was resorted to, on the grounds that the end justifies the means.

Though the failure of the committee to nominate Tom Kay is a disappointment to the latter's many friends who felt that his long and excellent public service made him the best qualified of the candidates and merited the coveted honor, the committee is to be commended for not being stampeded by the organized and costly financed high pressure ballyhoo line adopting a platform of hookum and selecting a political hybrid as standard-bearer. At least it preserved its dignity by choosing a Republican who stands on a Republican platform, and whose demagoguery is confined to orthodox Republican hooey.

Whether Mr. Metschan can be elected remains to be seen. As the general host of the Imperial hotel and through his long service to the party, he probably has a wider individual acquaintance than anyone in Oregon. He has served on the Port of Portland commission and been actively connected with civic affairs, having given his time and energies freely for many years to public enterprises. He is a capable business man and better qualified in many ways than some of our governors have been, for the office.

If the hydro-phobics and ghost-worshippers place a third candidate in the field, as seems probable, because, with a fat cat like Julius Meier in the offing the temptation is irresistible to politicians, the election will be in doubt until the votes are counted, for the independent will draw from both the Republican and Democratic nominees, especially in Portland. We will then have a Republican conservative, a Democratic liberal and a radical to choose from.

Mr. Metschan's nomination does not evoke any wild enthusiasm—neither did Withycomb's nor Patterson's nomination, because conservatives don't enthuse. But both the latter got the votes against candidates with enthusiastic followings.

Not is there any great enthusiasm thus early in the game, for the Democratic Mr. Bailey, who is not widely known. But there will be plenty of ballyhoo for a third candidate, if he is well financed, for the ballyhoo has to be greased.

Yet the fate of independents in the past offers little hope for the future, for a majority vote for the label instead of the man. There are the cases of Senators Bourne and Stanfield, whose campaigns were not only well financed but who enjoyed the prestige of office. Yet the candidacy of the former only elected a Democrat, and the candidacy of the latter only re-elected the plurality of his Republican opponent. Either result is likely to happen with a third candidate in the field this year.

Smashing the existing airplane non-stop speed record from Canada to Mexico, Lieut. Colonel Roscoe Turner depended on Gilmore blue-green treated gasoline to power the big 325 horsepower Hornet motor in his special Gilmore-Lockheed monoplane.

Turner's record is more sensational because he not only broke the record of 13 hours and 7 minutes made by Tex Rankin from Vancouver to Tia Juana, but as clipped almost four hours from it. Turner's official time was 9 hours, 14 minutes, 2.5 seconds. He gives blue-green gasoline full credit for the consistent speed maintained by his ship.

"I used Gilmore blue-green treated gasoline and Gilmore motor oil on this record flight just as I did on my New York to Los Angeles one-stop record flight, and I have found these products dependable. It is interesting to know that my hornet motor has not been overhauled since I took off in my attempt to break the Los Angeles to New York record three months ago. I have flown it across the continent twice at top speed, travelled almost one hundred hours in short stops around southern California, a round trip to Boise, Idaho, a fast three-stop hop to Vancouver and the last non-stop record flight from Canada to Mexico. I examined the motor carefully and it was clean and free from carbon accumulations. I attribute this to the consistent use of blue-green treated gasoline."

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