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No Cause for Alarm—The Battle Is All Over

THE report of difficulty in a bank, is like the report of a fire in a crowded theatre. The real danger in the theatre is not from the fire, but the way the people react to it.

If the people in the theatre keep their heads, and file out in an orderly fashion, the damage is reduced to a minimum.

THE coolness, calm judgment and good nature displayed by the depositors of the Jackson County bank yesterday, when the news of its troubles were broadcast, demonstrates once and for all, that the old Medford spirit, not only still lives, but can be depended upon to meet the present crisis, with the same courage, fighting spirit, and will to win, that it has met similar crises in the past.

With the continuation of this splendid spirit, this readjustment in the affairs of the local bank,—regrettable as it is—will be effected in the minimum time and at the minimum loss.

SO IT is time for everyone to get together, shoulder to shoulder, face front, and show what should be done. CAN AND WILL BE. Some will lose their heads, of course. In such a situation that is inevitable.

But that demonstration yesterday proved that Medford has few of them, that the rank and file are "steel true and blade straight," and are going to see this thing through to a successful finish.

SO THE only thing to do now is to keep the splendid morale we have. Not only because it is the right thing to do,—the loyal thing to do for the sake of this community and everyone in it—but because such an attitude is absolutely justified by the circumstances.

No bank however strong can stand an indefinite run. Everyone knows that. If the cry of fire starts a panic, the best fire department in the world is helpless.

We have assurance on the highest authority that the Jackson County bank was essentially sound. Had the depositors only drawn money as they needed it, gone on about their business as usual, this difficulty would not have occurred.

THAT, however, is now water over the mill. It is only of value in the lesson it teaches,—namely that such a foolish way of trying to prevent trouble is the one way of INVITING it. The way to prevent it, is to stand by the guns, and instead of yielding to the most dangerous single element in our civilization, the mob spirit, show the character and good sense, and enlightened self interest to resist it.

As this is written the final outcome of the readjustment is not known. But whatever that outcome is, we know that the good old Medford spirit is going to be equal to it.

WE KNOW this because of the fine spirit shown yesterday, and equally fine spirit which is being shown throughout the city today.

It is going to take more than a minor banking difficulty,—and this difficulty compared to difficulties elsewhere, is inconsequential,—to make the people of Medford lose their heads, throw away their guns and beat it for the rear.

We are going over the top to victory in this crisis, as we have in every crisis of the past.

We have the leadership, we have the citizenship, and we have all that is needed at such a time—good horse sense, faith in ourselves and in our community.

The floor. It is a natural athlete, as modest as a violet about his own achievements. Sheel is the type that does not top its own horn. The young man will never tell anybody he is an All-State guard.

The best team at the tournament was Benson Teoh of Portland, Medford and Astoria were next, with an edge to Astoria, because of experience at state meets. Salem, if it received its rightful rating would be in fourth place.

As a returning traveler, we now omit the classic comment: We would not trade the Rogue River valley, for any other section, because the other section is too smart for such a real estate deal.

Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, March 21.—(Sp.)—George Schump and Frank Wooten are both quite ill at the Jacksonville Sanitarium.

Elmer and Iona Roberson of Phoenix were Sunday visitors of Walter Roberson.

Mrs. Margaret, who has been ill at her home here, is now much improved.

They Combest of Klamath Falls is here visiting his mother. Three friends accompanied him.

John Carter of the Jacksonville-Ruch highway, but well known here, has been a patient at the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford for several weeks, had his leg amputated last week.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane In Florida. A Canal Needed. One Happy Man. Come and See.

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

This is written on the train from New York to Miami to be dropped off at West Palm Beach telegraph office. It is comfortable, easy, interesting trip, to Washington on the Pennsylvania line, then to Richmond on the Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, then all the way south through Virginia, both the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida via the Seaboard Air Line.

The late President Warfield of the Seaboard, who forced his railroad through down the west coast and across Florida to Miami, rendered public service, and Florida should build a waterway to warm our British cousins.

What all American shipping interests need, is a canal across Florida, connecting the Atlantic ocean with the Gulf of Mexico, making it unnecessary for ships from eastern ports bound for the gulf states to travel all around the end of Florida, more than a thousand miles of sailing wasted on each trip.

J. I. Daniels, energetic young president of the Jacksonville chamber of commerce, boards the train early, to talk about it. It is a disgrace to this country, proof of sluggishness, that the canal from the Atlantic to the gulf has been so long delayed.

The project interests and would benefit the nation. Such a canal would be used almost entirely by American coastwise shipping.

Senator Long, who has recently moved from his home on the gulf to Washington, might use some of the "beginner" enthusiasm and push this canal project through. The shipping which it would serve, according to Mr. Daniels, of Jacksonville, would exceed by one third the shipping that now passes through the Panama canal.

Now, just the seaboard train is cutting across the heart of Florida, the brilliant sun is not. Flowers, red, scarlet, purple, blaze in all directions. Men on the train have taken off coats and waistcoats.

Off to the left stands a high tower to the public by the late Edward Bok. It contains a chime of bells, and a park around it, a refuge for birds.

Blinds do not like the chiming, but understanding that kind of music. But they like chiming better than shotguns. Dozens of snow white birds flap their way slowly across the level land and float on stagnant waters. They used to be slaughtered for the feathers that grow on the tops of their heads. They are protected now.

The fertile land is dotted with infinite numbers of lakes, the biggest of them, Okechobee just ahead, is the largest fresh water lake entirely within the United States borders.

Mysterious swamps are many, with gray moss hanging from the trees, and below alligators that doze thru a century and more, active only when hungry, or when a rifle bullet disturbs their peace for the sake of an alligator-skin bag.

Great groves of orange and grapefruit trees, are everywhere. Some, very old at Indian town on the edge of Lake Okechobee, as tall as big elms.

The grapefruit grow in unbelievable abundance, half a dozen at the end of one thin branch, and you may see from twenty to fifty large, yellow and ripe, lying on the ground, under one tree, going to waste. The health of the nation needs all the citrus fruit that this country could produce in Florida, the gulf states and California.

But distance and middlemen separate the consumer from the fruit, in our day of imperfect distribution. What marvels human industry, modern agricultural methods and capital could work in this state, that will come in time, not everything can be accomplished in one hundred years. First must come the boom, and the exploded boom, then the people and the finished product.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

MILK IS FINE FOR CHILDREN IF THEY LIKE IT

We know your opinion of pasteurized milk, writes a Connecticut correspondent, but we have two boys aged 8 and 4.

Our Connecticut correspondent pays 18 cents a quart for milk from a tuberculin tested herd, and it doesn't purport to be very rich milk. She gets two quarts of this daily for the two children. Then she has been buying one quart of pasteurized milk for 12 cents, and this milk she thinks, is richer in cream or fat. She wants to know whether the pasteurized milk would not be just as good for the children as the milk from tuberculin tested herd.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Quinine Health Board Antics. A child comes down with scarlet fever. The child has been attending school. The health officer goes to the school, burns some formaldehyde candles in the schoolroom for a night, and pronounces the schoolroom safe for the other pupils next morning. Yet within the week four other children in the same schoolroom came down with scarlet fever.

ANSWER—And probably the people of the community pay taxes to support such antics by the health authorities. The rise of burning formalin in the schoolroom has no bearing on the spread of scarlet fever. The children who came down with the disease a few days later were probably infected by the first child before the benighted health officer came and offered his incense. The incubation period of scarlet fever is from 2 to 5 days to six days.

Filling the Baby Teeth. Is it safe or advisable to have cavities filled in the teeth of children four or five years of age?—Mrs. J. C. ANSWER—Yes. If the primary milk or baby teeth are allowed to decay, the secondary, permanent set, the first of which is the "six-year molar" will probably become carious.

Ulcer Patient Must Diet. If I could live without breaking any of your 10 rules I am confident I'd get along nicely. But it is not so easy for a traveling man to stick to the diet. But from my frequent consultations with specialists I'm sure you have the right dope.

ANSWER—Many sufferers from gastric or duodenal ulcer have found considerable help in the Menu for First Week and the booklet, "Guide to Right Eating." The former is free, the latter sets you back 10 cents (coin) and stamped addressed envelope.

Everything in abundance here, fish, game, fruit, vegetables, sunshine, everything that human happiness requires. When the late W. J. Conners of Buffalo, fronted this writer one of his lots fronting on Lake Okechobee, he said truly: "You can catch fish from your front yard and shoot wild ducks in the backyard."

A few more years, a great deal more hard work, a few more men like Flagler, and Carl Fisher, a little more common sense on the subject of emigration, and this magnificent state will have its twenty million inhabitants, with such wealth and values as the wildest real estate boomers could never have dared suggest.

How beautiful is happiness with no anxiety about tomorrow. The train stops, and a young colored man roars up in a powerful runabout of uncertain age. The train blocks his way, but has he not a powerful engine? Is he not out to enjoy himself?

Driving at high speed, he cuts across an empty lot with deep holes that bounce him and his delighted companion to the top of the car. To avoid an easy model T driven by a white lady, the runabout driver "steps on it," climbs over the railroad tracks, goes down a bank and is off to continue enjoyment of speed and power.

Vincent Astor in his big Chrysler, Albert Lasker, in his sixteen cylinder Cadillac, "Flo" Ziegfeld in his Duesenberg, all put together, do not know the automobile joys of that Florida driver, in his 1918 something-or-other.

Come to Florida if you can, whether rich or not rich. There are accommodations here for all that have enough to support themselves. You may not be as happy as the man in the old runabout, but you will be glad you came.

FROM marriage to lamb chops isn't a very long jump, as all brides of more than a few weeks can testify. So let's take it. You read in this column the other day that as an experiment lamb chops are now being merchandised in the modern manner, cut with exact care and wrapped in pairs in transparent cellophane.

IN San Francisco the other day, they ran clear out of these appetizingly packaged lamb chops and had to send back to Omaha for more, being unable to obtain an immediate supply on the Pacific Coast.

Merchandising is the big factor in modern business. SPEAKING of experiments, there is a sawmill here on the Pacific Coast that as a laboratory by-product is turning out rayon undergarments.

Rayon, you know, comes from cellulose, and cellulose comes from wood, as well as from cotton and other vegetable fibres. Who knows what the future will bring forth?

Carnival Planned for Wagner Creek. WAGNER CREEK, March 21.—(Sp.)—Wagner Creek Parent-Teachers association met March 15th and decided to present another spring carnival during the first of May. They also decided to give a play the same night.

A committee was named for the purpose of appointing officers for the new year. Officers for the past year were: Mrs. Bryon Keith, president; Mrs. T. H. Slagle, vice president; Cecil A. Poole, secretary, and Miss Eunice Hager, treasurer.

E. B. DAY CANDIDACY IS OFFICIALLY FILED. SALEM, March 21.—(AP)—Earl E. Day of Gold Hill has filed for the Republican nomination for representative in the state legislature for the 19th district, Jackson county.

Jenkins' Comment. HERE is a question you might ponder a little, if you haven't anything else to do: Just how many wholly successful bachelors have you personally known in the course of your life? I've known only one.

HERE is a KVM at your answer: Not many. IF A LOT of men who might not be willing to admit it would tell the exact truth, they would have to admit that they owe a lot of their success to their wives.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County County from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.) TEN YEARS AGO TODAY March 21, 1922. (It was Tuesday)

Life terner at Salem prison is shot through heart when he refused to stop throwing rocks at guard.

Secretary of State Hughes denies any secret agreement with England.

Ashland high school wins state basketball championship.

Porter J. Neff and party motor to Portland to hear grand opera.

Farmers protest state fund for O. A. C. extension work.

Twenty-eight auto tourists spend night at auto camp complain of lack of wood. C. of C. to make amends for such lack of hospitality.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY March 21, 1912. (It was Wednesday)

C. A. Knight is having concrete foundations placed under two bungalows on Geneva street.

The grand jury probes the county court.

Northwest favors Wilson for president, attorney and straw vote shows.

Council decides to pay city firemen.

Plan to beautify vacant lots gets under way.

Three bartenders arrested for selling liquor to Ashland minor.

John H. Carlin to run for legislature.

Cattle rustlers busy on Applegate again.

Candidate for county office charges "graft," and claims he is abused by the "courthouse gang."

Three rangers said there had been more than six inches of rain in the past three days, and in some open spots the snow has left the ground. More than two feet of snow fell before the rain.

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LIGHT BEER GIVEN COMMITTEE FAVOR FOR TEMPERANCE

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—A bill to permit four per cent beer was reported favorably by a senate sub-committee today with a majority of 11.

The action laid the issue before the full manufacturers' committee, which is expected soon to decide whether to report it to the senate.

The measure, sponsored by Senator Bingham (R. Conn.), would amend the Volstead act to legalize the manufacture of beer containing not more than four per cent alcohol by volume. It provides for sale only by brewers and dealers in the original package or case, except that the brewer might be served in bottles by "legitimate hotels and restaurants."

A majority report favoring the bill was signed by two of the three members of the sub-committee which conducted extensive hearings. They were Senators Metcalf (R. R. I.), chairman and Buckley (D. Ohio). Senator Hatfield (R. W. Va.) dissented.

SNOW IN UMPQUA FOREST MELTING. ROSEBURG, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Warm rains during the past three days have melted more than 18 inches of snow from the ground in the vicinity of the big Canas ranger station in the Umpqua national forest, according to a telephone message received at headquarters here today.

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