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Editorial Correspondence

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 3.—Motored down to Palm Springs for lunch. Never have seen the mountains as beautiful as they are this year—covered with snow half way down their massive sides—old San Jacinto rising straight from the desert floor to the clouds. Thanks to the heavy rains the verbenas and scarlet ocotillos are coming into bloom about six weeks ahead of schedule. In the crystal clear air of the desert the panorama was gorgeous.

Reports about Palm Springs were slightly exaggerated—as reports frequently are. 1929 prices in some of the larger hotels, still prevail, but prices elsewhere have come down—one can get \$300 apartments for \$150 per month—(if THAT helps any!) Nor is the place crowded. Over the week-ends they say everything is jammed, but it is not being a week end, even the Desert Inn seemed deserted, compared with a year ago. We fooled the resort this time—had our lunch in the desert outside—bottle of milk, graham crackers, oranges and honey—10 cents per. Milk was 20 cents per quart in Palm Springs last year. Only 15 cents this—which of course is five cents above the L. A. price. That is Palm Springs, however, all down the line. Nothing mysterious about it—just the law of supply and demand.

The same law works in Los Angeles. In the center of the business district where parking places are in great demand, and parking space limited—they charge 15 cents an hour straight. Just a few blocks away—along Olive and Grand, they only charge 15 cents for the DAY. Shoe shines around Pershing Square are 15 cents, four blocks away ten cents—down on Broadway near the Hall of Records five cents. Nothing mysterious. Just supply and demand.

Met an orange grower in Riverside and gave him a lift to Banning—he was hoofing it. At least he said he was an orange grower, but we have an idea he was an employee. He was dark as a Mexican, and had the most beautiful white teeth—a little black mustache closely clipped, curving over his lip like a shoe lace, and a charming smile. He said his car had broken down and he couldn't afford to have it repaired, so he decided to walk to Banning and see his brother-in-law who has an almond orchard.

"Orange growers didn't make a dime this year," he explained, "some of them broke even, but when you have a big overhead, what good does breaking even do. I mean breaking even on freight, icing and commission. I got 50 cents net on some of my high quality stuff, but only about 10 per cent was high quality. A low grade orange is just a total loss."

"If I ever get on my feet again I am going to get hold of a good lemon ranch. Lemons don't require half the work, they bear all year round, and they always demand a PAYING price. Yes Sir—if you have a good lemon ranch you are fixed for life. But it has to be good and soil is the main thing. Almonds? They are no better than oranges. Lemons—they are the thing."

Mebbe so. But you can see the answer. Our pedestrian friend gets a lemon ranch—and his friend gets one—and so it goes until EVERYONE IS GROWING LEMONS—and once more the golden goose is dead. We don't care what the business or economic problem may be—it can be reduced fundamentally to the law of supply and demand. Look up lemon production, compare it with orange production, and you will see why lemons pay this year and oranges don't. It's the same all down the line.

The orange growers down here are just as determined to secure lower freight rates East as are the pear growers in Medford. Yesterday a meeting was held with most of the big railroad executives west of the Mississippi—including officials of the S. P., Santa Fe, Union Pacific and Western Pacific, and representatives of the California Citrus League. According to our information the session was quite heated.

It shouldn't be. The railroads should be as interested in reducing rates as the growers—for unless the rates are reduced, they will lose far more in total tonnage and therefore total revenue—than they could possibly gain by keeping rates up to the price levels of 1928 and '29. How STUPID of the railroads not to see that everything must come down. R. W. R.

Your Income Tax

A review of daily articles based on various acts of 1928 and designed to aid those required to file income tax returns for year 1932

Editorial Comment

These Things Pass
 As the latest of its litigious fruits the tempestuous heat down in Jackson county has brought forth—once in a while a metaphor in treating of a situation already thoroughly scrambled—a very interesting criminal libel case. That the action is instituted by a gentleman who but lately was partisan and employee of the defendant serves only to illustrate how neighborly and entertaining such a community fracas becomes when the cats of Kilkenny are going around and around.

It is not good advertising for Jackson county nor for Medford. Bystanders at a safe distance may be amused and diverted, but they are buying no chips in the game. They prefer—and who shall blame them?—to enact the gallery, and to go elsewhere to settle down for a contented evening pipe and a session at dominoes. Here in Portland, where echoes of the intercommunal tumult occasionally are heard, nobody seems to know what it is all about. This seems odd, indeed, until advice from Medford inform us—as privily they have informed this newspaper—that we in the north are at no great disadvantage. It seems that neither do the combatants know what it is all about, for that matter.

But these things pass. They take the devil's own time in doing it, yet nevertheless they pass. They enter the local histories and are at length forgotten by all save the loquacious old-timers, who like to argue their wisdom and chickadees all over again in the later years, when nobody else is interested. Yes, indeed, these things pass. The thought is offered to Jackson county and to Medford for the solace it may contain.

—Oregonian.

So long as the Jackson county feud is in progress, the proposal to do away with the Oregon militia is out of order.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

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ETHELWYN B. HOFFMANN.

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.

EASY FOR THE PATIENT, HARD FOR THE DOCTOR
 In isolated sections, I gather, some of the old habits in general practice as well as old fogs in the throat and throat field, are still assuring their trusting patrons. I had at the new-fangled "electric" method of removing infected tonsils in unsatisfactory or unaccepted. That's just too bad for their patients.

I have on my mind eight letters, all received from readers who have had experience with the diathermy method, all of them as patients of one physician to whom I had advised them to go for this treatment. It will give a fair impression of the method if I quote briefly from these letters. But readers will please not ask to be put in touch with other correspondents. I am not privileged to divulge the identity of a correspondent. However, I am always glad to name a competent physician for this or any other treatment I recommend. A correspondent asks for such information.

First is a letter written by a boy only seven years old! He says the doctor had just finished his tonsils, and he likes it much better than the operation he had three years ago. That is not an uncommon experience. The standard tonsillectomy leaves much to be desired, and later the patient finds relief in diathermy treatment. Not all physicians can successfully treat patients so young with diathermy—but this one happens to have the patience, tact and personality to manage children.

Next a man writes that he had his tonsils removed by Doctor — on my recommendation and is pleased with the result.

Third is a woman, who says Ever after the first two treatments she has had no trouble at all, and as I had not done in a year . . . well on the road to recovery from a severe case of actinomycosis. . . . Actinomycosis is a serious and most obstinate type of infection, and in this instance the diathermy treatment proved curative.

Fourth, a woman says "I never would have had my tonsils removed in the ordinary way. I feared surgery too much. Your articles about diathermy interested me . . . found our family physician himself had had his tonsils removed by diathermy at the hands of Doctor —." Three other members of this woman's family have had their tonsils satisfactorily removed by the same method and the same man.

Fifth, a woman says her dentist warned her she has "thin blood" and she feared the standard tonsillectomy.

What is the best thing to clear up pimples? Are these eruptions a sign of impure blood? Would a good blood purifier be available? (J. B. K.)

Ans.—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and mention that you have pimples. The notions of impure blood and blood purifiers are silly.

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Communications

Debate, Not Essay, Wanted
 To the Editor:
 Ben Harr agreed to meet me in debate on the question: "Resolved, that readers of the Medford Daily News are suffering from an overdose of politics." But there is a joker in Mr. Harr's acceptance of my challenge—he wants to conduct the debate through the columns of the Mail Tribune. However, I absolutely refuse to be party to a debate conducted in such manner, for several reasons.

First: This challenge was to the readers of the Daily News, many of whom do not read the Mail Tribune—if they read the Tribune they would not be like that.

Second: In order to show up the foolish side of this political agitation which has a bunch of farmers all worked up into a frenzy from listening to a bunch of squawls because they are not on the county payroll the people would have to hear the facts and not the line of bunk peddled by Ben Harr.

Third: My idea is, if giving a chance to express it, I will picture before the audience two new governments that are trying to be set up here in Jackson county, one the Good Government Congress, and the other the Bar Association, and I think by the time I show up the good qualities of these two new governments that most of the audience will be contented to stay with our present form of government.

Fourth: The only way to show up the funny side of this political turmoil in the Daily News readers is to hold the debate in different parts of the county.

Now if there is any community in the county that wishes to sponsor these debates and quiet down this political turmoil, let's hear from you, first squalls are first to be fed.

I am afraid that my worthy opponent is getting cold feet. Now Ben! if it is impossible for you to meet me in different parts of the county, why turn your side of the question to one or two of your loyal brothers or sisters of this good government congress who wish to carry their spiritual side of this direct to the voters, and get the county payroll. If given a chance I will give the low down on who is entirely responsible for the re-election of George Coddling and also what clique elected Earl Fell.

Now come on let's go with these debates and put this fire out that makes this political pot boil over.

W. W. CARL
 FARMER BILL: from Applegate.

A Contrast Drawn
 To the Editor:
 Both Banks and Judge Fell have accused Judge Norton of garnishing Fell's salary as county judge. There is absolutely not one word of truth to that statement. Parr's attorney is wholly responsible for that garblish temper of Judge Norton in the face of this vilification and false accusation.

Now observe on the other hand the charity, fairness and fine judicial temper of Judge Norton in the face of this vilification and false accusation.

QUALITY OF FRUIT CLAIMS ATTENTION GROWERS LEAGUE

Necessity for the improvement of the quality of fruit shipped from the Rogue River valley was one of the important matters of business discussed at the meeting of the directors of the Fruit Growers league at the chamber of commerce Saturday afternoon. According to information received last night by E. W. Carlton, league president, a committee of three will be appointed by President Carlton to serve with a like committee from the Rogue River Traffic association, and to cooperate with the Pacific Pear Council in the hope that all growers and shippers will work together in this important problem to maintain high standard quality fruit.

Many other matters of interest to growers of fruit in this valley were discussed, including the possibility of supplying direct to interested parties information which would aid them in solving various production and distribution problems. R. J. Earl was appointed to make investigation as to best methods for the dissemination of such information.

The probability that James A. Mott, congressman-elect, will visit Medford within the fortnight with a view to obtaining first-hand information on the problems and needs of the orchardists was revealed by H. Van Hovenberg, Jr. When this visit is held, the directors of the league decided upon a luncheon meeting, with an invitation to be extended to the members of the Traffic association, and W. S. Bolger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and B. E. Harder.

Officers for 1933 were elected, as follows: E. W. Carlton, president, re-elected; R. J. Earl, replacing Carl Glasgow, as first vice-president; W. E. Brayton, replacing J. C. Barnes, as second vice-president; and C. T. Bakert, re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

Band Box Ready For Spring Days

The Band Box and Shoe Box at 223 East Sixth street is all prepared for spring since the return of Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Carpenter Saturday from

The Houdini of Textiles

Science has perfected something brand new in textiles—Laxtex—an elastic fabric that can be made into everything from stretchable socks to suspenders and bathing suits, and which should help the textile industry out of the slump of hard times.

Chapter III.
 But lately great advances have been made by using the latex itself for various purposes. It is not too much to say that the use of latex opens up a new world of possibilities for rubber; so much so that some rubber men wonder whether the industry did not get off on the wrong foot in the first place when it skimmed the cream off the latex instead of using the whole milk.

DETROIT AUTO MAKERS GO BACK TO WORK



Detroit police were on the job to prevent trouble as workers of the Briggs Manufacturing company lined up to be re-hired after a week's strike. Officials of the concern said its machines soon would be operating, thus permitting the Ford company to reopen its closed plants. (Associated Press Photo)

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson Count; History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 25 and 10 year ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 February 6, 1923
 (It was Tuesday)
 Spring weather prevails.

Crater's Club holds rousing meeting, and install new officers.
 Shortage of labor for early spring orchard work.

Dr. Holt issues warning not to eat celery until it has been thoroughly washed, as it has arsenic spray upon it.

Council names a street after J. W. Mitchell.

War declared on bootleggers in county.
 Council orders firemen to ring the curfew bell and the police to see that children obey it.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 February 6, 1913
 (It was Thursday)
 Four revival meetings under way in city.

Guy Childers returns from Coos Bay via San Francisco.

Guy Tex is named postmaster at Central Point.

Local burglar jailed by Officers Cady and Megro, kept books on what he stole from local homes and stores.

Ninety-five dollars donated in front street bars for hungry family, on way to Texas.

Local fishermen to oppose "decentralization of the Rogue fish laws."

Rose Kline and Harry Hicks, new managers of Ugo theater.

THE GRANGE

Pomona Grange.
 (By Mrs. Gertrude Hank.)

Calendar.
 (For this week.)
 Eagle Point, February 7, 8 p. m.
 Bellevue, February 7, 8 p. m.
 Applegate, February 10, 8 p. m.
 Jacksonville, February 10, 8 p. m.
 Lake Creek, February 10, 8:30 p. m.
 Enterprise, February 11, 8 p. m.

POMONA GRANGE
 Loyalty

Without a doubt the success of every constructive organized effort is based upon faith, loyalty and work. Without a doubt most of the ills of the world are caused by untruth, egotism, prejudice and maliciousness. To be honest, to be fair, to be just, to be true, is to win the respect and confidence of all.

Without a doubt the wonderful success of the Grange in accomplishing so many of the things for which it strives is due to the faith, loyalty and work of its members, and without a doubt the high principles of the Grange has developed a higher and better manhood and womanhood among its members. "Honesty is inculcated, education nurtured, temperance supported, brotherly love encouraged and charity is an essential characteristic. Thus are we bound together in fraternity."

The fraternal spirit of charity and brotherly love was much in evidence at the meeting of the Pomona Grange last Saturday; for while there was a great diversity of opinion upon the many questions brought before the Grange, yet the fraternal spirit was undimmed.

We have knowledge of but one exception to this, and that was in the conduct of that member who handed out the publicity to the Mail Tribune which was published on Sunday morning, January 29.

We are not expressing our opinion of a member who will knowingly and deliberately break the rules of the organization, who will so ignore the request of the Worthy Master as to be the one who furnished these statements to the press, contrary to the rules of the Grange.

These are the facts on the matter. A member (not a delegation) offered a resolution to object to the audit of the county books, because of the expense to the county. This member spoke quite lengthily upon the subject. Victor Bursell spoke briefly, favoring the audit, two or three others spoke briefly for and against. Several regretted that this question should have come up before the Grange. A motion came from a member (not a delegation) to postpone indefinitely, (not to table. The motion carried by a very great majority. They were not napping. They knew what they were doing. They said very plainly that they did not believe the Grange should act on any measure which was causing such a local political ferment.

The Grange is an orderly organization, working only for constructive measures. Harmony and it is seldom lacking. Lack of harmony and dissension would have been the inevitable result had the Grange taken action on this matter, either for or against.

We regret very much that we have this unauthorized, unfair and prejudiced publicity after every Grange meeting, as it will tend to bring disrepute in the Grange. While we cannot feel that any of our Pomona members who know the regular publicity agent, would feel that we could be guilty of making such unfair and prejudiced statements, yet there are some who do not know us so well, might believe that we had authorized such statements. Others who do not attend these meetings take the newspaper accounts for granted.

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