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JOLTS AND JINGLES
By Ad Brown

Heard on the Streets.

She is a Chicago woman and has a Chicago fear of burglars. The other day when she went to her rooms on the second floor of a well known N. Bartlett residence, she noted that the kitchen door was open. Later she heard a noise in one of the rooms down stairs. Trembling, but with true courage, she advanced to the head of the stairs and called in as much of a man's voice as she could muster. "Come forth, you thief, come forth." There was a moment's silence and then a fearful crash and several muttered exclamations. "Come forth you thief, come forth," repeated the brave woman and a slim and frightened man came to view. He gave one look at the woman, emitted a heavy gasp, and said, "Geo, I'm glad you're only a woman and that you haven't a gun." It was the gas man who had been forced to crawl under the kitchen table to read the meter. At the first "Come forth" he fell over and pulled the table and an assortment of dishes and pans down over his ears. He says he was never so frightened in his life and the woman says she feels the same way.

The other day one Medford family lost a cow and the news columns told how the eanny animal had unlocked the barn door and climbed a fence to get away. Thinking the cow was stolen the family notified the police and instituted search proceedings throughout the county. There were no results. The next noon the cow stuck its head in the front door and let loose one long and glistsome "moo." It is said that the wife in the family wept with joy and the husband embraced bossy's neck. The milkman got orders to quit leaving bottles on the back stoop for bossy is on the job again.

"Tother day a worn and ragged man, with a blue case under his arm, stopped me on the street. "Can I ask you a question?" he queried. "You see, I'm a stranger here and I have a bit of money I wish to deposit. Tell me, please where the Farmers & Flute Flowers bank is."

We printed a poem in the Nymers club the other day and somehow the author's name was left off. Now the copy is lost and unless the writer sends a his name it won't be recorded with the 'immortals.

TABLE ROCK

Every available man and team are busy at Table Rock. J. I. Fredenberg has a crew of men and teams traveling the road north from the Bybee Bridge. Many citizens have donated work and a good show is being made.

Prof. G. E. Walling is shipping two cars of apples this week. Potato digging will be finished in a few days if the weather continues good. The Modoc people will start the stump pulling crew today.

C. O. Diekey has leased his ranch to Kansas people and will return to Puget Sound where he will engage in a business proposition. We hear that Mrs. Knapp and her daughter, who have been employed on the Diekey ranch, will move to Central Point.

Mrs. D. A. Lydiard and her daughter, Mrs. Window of Minneapolis, Minn., made a short visit at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lydiard a few days ago, going from here to California.

Revival services are in progress at Table Rock, being conducted by Rev. Harbour of Forest Grove and M. C. Davis of Wolf Creek. The meetings will continue over Sunday. We have received word from our brother, W. E. Hall of Garfield, Kas., that he will return to Jackson county to look for mining propositions.

NOTICE. This to show that I, B. Klum, have purchased the bill posting and distributing business formerly conducted by V. T. Canon, and I will not be responsible for bills contracted by Mr. Canon.

B. KLUM.

FIGHTING THE SQUARE DEAL

PORTLAND and the railroads leagued with it, are still trying to prejudice the public against the initiative rate bill and the opponents have invoked the aid of the courts in the effort to knock out the new law.

The railroads complain that it will kill industry by forcing them to charge higher rates. At the same time they claim that it will bankrupt them. This is a sample of the specious arguments being made against the measure.

If the bill increases freight rates, why should the railroads fight it? If it lowers them, why should the shippers fight it? As a matter of truth, the bill accepts as a base, the first class rates established by the railroad commission last January, and establishes a new ratio which increases the spread between carload and less than carload shipments. The less than carload shipments are left about as they are, but the carload rates are reduced.

The bill does not, as the railroad pretends to believe, interfere with commodity rates any more than the schedule established by the railroad commission does. The new rates are maximum rates, just as the old rates were, and the railroad can make special rates as much lower as desired, but not increase them. This is a principle recognized by the interstate commerce commission, and which governs all rate making.

The hue and cry against the bill is inspired by the Portland jobbers who would prevent the development of distributing centers to pinch their monopoly as the one distributing point in the state and throttle all other natural centers—a policy that dwarfs the development of Oregon and eventually reacts upon the metropolis.

The real complaint against the new rate law is that it gives every locality a square deal by ending the discrimination against them all in favor of Portland.

LYNCHING THE KNOCKER.

To signalize the era of harmony about to be inaugurated between all sections of the valley and the death of petty discord, enmity and strife, the Medford Commercial club will on the evening of Friday, December 27, "lynch the knocker and burn the hammer," on the public square near the library building.

A dummy figure representing the knocker will be chained to the stake in the center of a huge bonfire, after being paraded through the streets and while the band plays and the fire cracks, Ashland, Grants Pass and other towns will add fuel to the flames by throwing in their hammers, while orators pronounce the funeral orations.

After the ceremonies, the club members and their guests will partake of a light banquet at the hotel Medford, tickets for which are now on sale at the Commercial club building at 50 cents apiece.

It is planned to make the occasion the biggest get-together affair ever undertaken in the valley and the hearty co-operation of the entire valley is requested.

NEW YEAR'S ISSUE.

THE Mail Tribune is preparing data and statistics for its annual New Year's issue, so that the world may know of the material progress and prosperity of the Rogue river valley.

The size of the paper and the number issued will depend entirely upon the support accorded by the public. It deserves a liberal patronage, for the New Year's issue is a most creditable publication and superior to that printed in any city in Oregon, outside the metropolis.

Quality, rather than quantity, is the controlling idea of the publishers—not a waste of white paper but concise and accurate statements of conditions with as many illustrations as possible. Too large a paper would destroy its effectiveness.

As no publicity pamphlet has been issued for six months and as none will be for as many more months, the New Year's Mail Tribune offers the only available medium of publicity for exploiting the valley.

The hearty co-operation of the entire valley is requested in making the issue a success.

JOHN RETER IS CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR; SOCIALIST

The local socialists placed a full ticket in the field Friday evening for the coming city election. Their candidates are as follows: For mayor, John Reter. For councilman, first ward, J. C. Barnes; second ward, one year term, L. M. Thomas, two year term, Allan Braekenreid; third ward, George H. Millar. For recorder, G. R. Satchwell. The surprise in the nominations comes with the naming of Reter for mayor. It was expected that George H. Millar would be the party's choice, he being admittedly their strongest man. Mr. Millar, however, stated that business interests would interfere with a proper conducting of the mayor's office should he be elected. He consented, however, to be a candidate for councilman to succeed himself.

CHOLERA IS CAUSING HAVOC AT STAMBOUL

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—It was officially admitted here today that cholera is causing havoc in Stamboul, the native quarter of Constantinople. More than 500 deaths have occurred from the disease since Monday.

WANTS AN EXHIBIT OF MEDFORD ROSES AT PORTLAND SHOW

J. A. Currey, a prominent business man of Portland who is president of the Portland Rose show, is in Medford enlisting the aid of several prominent floriculturists of this city in the coming rose show, and endeavoring to secure an exhibit of southern Oregon roses at Portland next June. He states that he is meeting with considerable success. Mr. Currey is one of the foremost rose growers in Oregon along private lines, growing them entirely for his own satisfaction. To a rose grower conversation with Mr. Currey is a delight as he is thoroughly familiar with the various varieties and their peculiarities. "We have arranged a rose exhibit for towns outside of Portland" states Mr. Currey, "and I trust that I can interest local rose culturists to send an exhibit from Medford in June. The rose festival this year will be larger and better than ever before and is planned on broader and more comprehensive lines than ever before."

John A. Perl Undertaker 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 471 and 473 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

BOXERS TO ENTER THEIR PLEAS ON NEXT MONDAY

Frankie Edwards, Bud Anderson, Dick Donald, Babe Picato and Rawhide Kelly, arrested Friday afternoon following the return of indictments charging them with "arranging a price fight" appeared before the circuit court Saturday morning for arraignment. They were given until Monday morning in which to enter their pleas.

Judge E. E. Kelly has been retained as counsel for the defense and on Monday will enter a demurrer to the complaint.

Bert Cummings indicted for white slavery was arraigned Saturday and given until Monday in which to plead.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF GREATER MEDFORD CLUB

Notice to the members of the Greater Medford club! Upon affiliation with the state federation of Women's clubs, a tax of 10c per capita was levied to pay the federation dues. It will greatly facilitate the work of the committee if members will kindly leave this money together with any Greater Medford club dues, they may owe with Mrs. Bert Harmon at Hotel Medford.

It is greatly to be desired that this matter should be attended to without delay, as all dues for both local and state clubs must be in by Jan. 1, 1913.

MANDAMUS SUIT IS INSTITUTED TO DECIDE QUESTION

W. E. Phipps this afternoon instituted mandamus proceedings against the city council on behalf of the socialist party to declare the offices of Elmer T. Foss, city recorder, and W. N. Campbell, councilman from the second ward vacant in January.

This action follows the filing of an opinion by City Attorney Neff to the effect that Foss and Campbell were appointed to fill the unexpired terms of their predecessors who were elected last January for two years.

The socialists contend that appointees cannot serve past a general city election and have based their suit on that ground.

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