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JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

A certain fish rises to ask if the Belgian hare food to be manufactured by the Korinek people is good for bald heads.

Of course there is no law to prevent Medford from having several fathers if she wants to.

Artful Alliteration.

Ray Ray, Franklin, Ore. Bonnie Banford, Franklin, Ore. Bert Bobb, Santa Clara, Ore.

Step aside please and make room for Yew Scudder of Oakridge and Mr. Fallgitter of Springfield.

Doc Cook has come out with an attack on the armchair geographers. This from a fellow who has the reputation of discovering the north pole with a fountain pen!

The United States marshals better not come around arresting our baseball captains or we will vote the Socialist ticket.

The fire it seems was started two years ago and the government has just smelled the smoke.

After the opening night at the Page we know of several people who will be disillusioned of the idea that Peter Pan is a comic opera.

Hint for Other Choirmasters.

The choir of the Presbyterian church was full and the music was excellent.—Blairstown, Iowa, Banner.

Some High Ball.

Nurse Pentie is in charge of F. Burdenn at the Redard Hotel. This is the young man who was injured last week by jumping off of a high ball. He is now out of danger.—Sombra, Canada, Outlook—Tribune.

Great Eye, Old-Timer.

Mr. Leo W. Shepard of Martin experienced a very painful accident while driving his car. A cobble stone lodged in his eye and he had to go to Kalamazoo to have it taken out.—Kalamazoo, Mich., Gazette.

Suggestion—Why not remove a few of the closing out, sacrifice sale, and the like, signs before the L. O. O. F. and ad-men come!

CALIFORNIA SURVIVORS SENT TO GETTYSBURG

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 15.—One of the first bills expected to be signed by Governor Johnson is the appropriation of \$15,000 to carry the California survivors of the battle of Gettysburg back to the famous battlefield for the coming reunion. The delegation will be named by a commission to be appointed by the governor.

INTEND TO OPEN NUMBER OF RESERVES TO SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 15.—A bill intended to restore the Chugach forest reserve in Alaska comprising 12,000,000 acres, to public entry was introduced in the senate today by Senator Pittman of Nevada. It provides that all lands held in reserve except coal lands be opened to homesteaders. Bills opening other reserves are expected to follow.

SPARTA FARMER CLUBS WIFE. SHOOT CHILDREN, SUICIDES

SPARTA, Wis., May 15.—In a fit of insanity here early today William Hogue, aged 70, a farmer, beat his wife to death with a club, fatally shot his daughter, wounded his son-in-law and then committed suicide. Hogue and his wife recently became reconciled after many years of separation.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM DEFEATED IN ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 15.—A resolution providing for the initiative and referendum was defeated in the house early today by a single vote. It needed 102 votes to pass. The measure may be reconsidered later.

FARM CO-OPERATION.

CIVILIZATION owes much to Australia. These far-away states have accelerated the march of progress in many lines. Not only the Australian ballot, compulsory arbitration, the single tax, the initiative and referendum, the minimum wage, but many other social, political and industrial reforms owe either their origin or their first demonstration to the antipodes.

Victoria is at present setting the world an admirable example of farm co-operation. Co-operative butter factories have united in large districts to economize in management and market efficiency. Pork growers have united advantageously, while sheepmen have followed their lead and benefited exceedingly by getting together.

Co-operative bacon factories have brought order out of demoralization in the hog industry. They have increased the prices paid to the grower, and created a demand that has stimulated production and bettered breeding. The increased income received by farmers amounts to more annually than the entire cost of the plants.

Mutton producers have invested \$300,000 in a co-operation mutton packing company, the most up-to-date on the continent. In 1911, 120,000 sheep were handled, though the year was a bad one, due to drouth. In 1912 the output was 150,000. The farmers who are suppliers have received much higher prices than those who sold outside.

The day has come when the farmer must take a hand in the marketing of his produce. As long as he trusts blindly to others, he is going to be skinned. While he may make a few mistakes in organizing his marketing machinery, in the long run he will tremendously profit.

The farmers of the Rogue river valley must organize as well as the fruitgrowers. They must secure thereby the full value of their products. The single farmer does not produce sufficient quantity to market in carload quantities, but combination with his neighbors solves the problem.

The truck gardeners, the poultry men, the small livestock grower, will all find their profits increased and their market enlarged by co-operation.

VANDALISM IN THE NAVY.

IT is now proposed to us the famous old battleship Oregon, a few years ago the pride of the American navy and the heroine of the Spanish-American War, as a target for some gunner to sink at the first shot.

The fact that the people have several million dollars invested in the Oregon makes no difference to these naval strategists. It is true that an inexpensive wooden scow would answer the same purpose, and be a still better target, because harder to hit, but this only intensifies the desire for a target worth while.

The fact that a considerable percentage of the population consider such use of the former pride of the nation as little less than sacrilege, is entirely disregarded by those in authority. They are insane with lust of spending money at Mars' shrine.

It now costs tens of thousands of dollars to fire a single shot. It is thus proposed to make it cost a million or two. The move is in keeping with the insane armaments of the day. The eight great nations of Europe increased their expenditures for army and navy 625 millions of dollars or 45 per cent in 1912. They spent a total of 2000 million dollars on armament. Four million men in Europe are constantly kept under arms, involving an economic loss of a billion dollars a year by withdrawal from production. The total cost of war preparations in time of peace in Europe is now three and a half billion dollars a year—and still the absurd increase in armament progresses—and still the worse than criminal expenditure of money that can end only in bankruptcy.

It will take some such vandal act of wanton destruction, some such ruthless sacrifice of sentiment, as the destruction of the Oregon as a gunner's target, to bring to a head the latent animosity of the people to armaments of all kinds and sound the death knell of the wooden headed and steel bottomed American navy, as a needless burden to an enlightened nation—a survival of feudalism outgrown by civilization, even as the navy has outgrown the famous old Oregon.

FARMERS MUST BRAND BUTTER.

A RULING of importance to farmers is that recently made by the state dairy and food commissioner requiring all dairy butter to be branded and labeled as follows:

All dairy butter offered or exposed for sale will be considered misbranded if it does not have plainly marked on each roll or square the words "Dairy Butter," "16 ounces full weight," or "32 ounces full weight," and the name and address of the manufacturer. Any person offering or exposing for sale dairy butter not branded in compliance with this ruling will be prosecuted under the statutes provided for the branding of food products.

The explanation is offered that it is not the purpose to work hardships upon small dairymen, but that the ruling is intended for their protection, as every roll of bad country butter, if unbranded, injures the reputation of the good butter. With the butter branded, responsibility for both good and bad can be instantly located. A good brand will create its own market and secure better prices.

Travels in Our Own Country

To the Editor—I notice on the woman's page Saturday, May 12, Mail Tribune the Medford ladies took a trip to Brazil to find Brazil a land of paganism; they also discussed the conditions of the Indians. This thought struck me very forcibly that while the ladies club members were traveling in foreign lands to investigate the wrongs that are being committed there and when they find the Brazilians are pagans, they should hurry to come home to inquire what partially civilized Americans are. Where Charles Boswell, editor of the

conviction of Mand Malone for asking a question at a Wilson campaign meeting in Brooklyn last fall. Again allow me to insist on the Medford lady clubbers to turn their attention to the rescue of old Mother Jones, who is in her 80s and is now languishing in a military bullpen in West Virginia.

Yesterday we covered the coffin of our old and faithful friend Edwin D. Root; tomorrow we will be throwing flowers on some other folks' coffin. But it is while we are still with you we need the flowers, not after the spirit has leaped from the partially known into the almost unknown.

Ladies, allow me to insist on you to throw your bouquets at Mother Jones while she can appreciate them. Kindly allow yourselves no rest until that grand old lady is rescued from that damnable military bullpen where she has been since last February.

Since writing the above there has been a plea for all the miners, all union men with their families and laborers everywhere in the United States to stop work on May day and demand the release of Mother Jones and her comrades and put an end to the drumhead martial law and the shooting of miners as if they were dogs in West Virginia.

D. B. REAME.

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Nye were Medford callers Monday.

W. A. Elliott returned Tuesday from Medford. His son, Frank Elliott, came with him for a few days' visit while regaining his strength after his recent operation for appendicitis.

G. R. Alden is laying a cement foundation for a fine new barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wahl were down from Medford over Sunday looking after their ranch. They have about 4000 strawberry plants set out.

Mrs. W. A. Early, Miss Lois Early and Miss Anna McKeown were in Medford shopping Thursday.

Mrs. Gay and Miss Harper were pleasant callers along Riverside Sunday afternoon.

Word received from H. J. Aten informs his friends that he arrived at Roseburg all right, but would wait till the roads were some better before driving on to the coast. Mr. Aten has been improving his place the past year and has decided to take a course in agriculture at Ames, Iowa, before returning.

The members of the Recreation club were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Jones on Thursday, May 1. Mesdames Lumsden of Medford, Mrs. Orland and Mrs. Early were present as guests of the club. The members responded to roll call by giving a flower of their native state and relating a personal incident connected with May day. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Early, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Alden, the Misses Anna McKeown, Gladys Haymond and Lois Early enjoyed a delightful trip to Table Rock Sunday, May 4. It was an ideal day and nature was at her best. The view from the top of Table Rock over the Rogue River valley is one long to be remembered.

WILLOW SPRINGS TWIGLETS

Colonel Mims dined with D. W. Stone and family Sunday.

The Parent-Teachers' Club met at the home of the president, Mrs. R. W. Elden. Miss Taylor read a paper on "Home Occupation" and Amusements," then followed a very interesting discussion. Mrs. J. W. Elden read a poem entitled, "Her Friend." The next topic of interest will be "Are You Companionable to Your Children?" The next meeting will be held on June 6 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Denn. After adjournment light refreshments were served.

Many attended the Mothers' Day program at the Presbyterian church in Central Point.

The Grange box social at the school house Saturday evening was a great success, both financially and socially. A spicy program was rendered by Willow Springs and ably assisted by Central Point, talent. The song phrase given by Miss Neal, Miss Holmes, Ed Kayler and Mr. Aldrich was a scream. The pantomime, "Wanted a Wife," was indeed side-splitting. The musical quartette was a great treat as well as the other numbers on the program. There were all kinds of boxes, little, big, fat, small, long, thin, and among them an overland wagon; another a May-pole dance by eight dolls, a birthday cake, and pretty boxes covered with flowers. They were so numerous it would fill more space than is allowed if each and everyone was described.

H. S. Pickard of the First National bank of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is here for a few days visiting his sisters, Miss K. A. Pickard and Mrs. D. M. McNasser. Mr. Pickard thinks this part of Oregon is the beauty spot of the world.

BUTTE FALLS

Mrs. Merle Brainard left last Thursday for Long Beach where her husband has been for several months.

Rev. Anderson came up Saturday to take the place of Rev. Day who has gone to Atlanta.

Several more wood cutters came in Saturday and pitched their tents near Mr. Sears' homestead.

Mrs. H. D. Mills and little daughter, Elizabeth, called on Mrs. Peeler Sunday afternoon.

Jim Simmerville, our forest ranger, who has been here for the past three weeks, left Saturday for his home in California.

Mrs. Marion is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howard Boughn, of this place. She expects to return to her son's homestead west of town in a few days.

The Junior Endeavor which was organized some time ago is doing good work. We are glad to see the little folks take an interest in their society and hope they will continue to have a good crowd. The meetings are held Sunday afternoon as there is always Senior Endeavor and preaching in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker have completed the tennis court on the back of their lot but the weather has never been nice enough for them to try it, although some of the young men ventured into the park Sunday for a few games in the rain.

There is some talk of a daily train soon and let us hope that it won't all be talk for in summer we enjoy having crowds from the valley come up and eat a Sunday dinner with us.

Messrs. Tugate and Cook have been taking the "boulders" along the pipe-line sleighriding in the mud. Its good employment and the streets certainly look better.

The band gave a dance at the hall Saturday night but not many attended. Suppose it was because of the bad weather.

Mrs. Jackson and Miss McIntyre of Eagle Point spent Saturday and Sunday with Onelle and Carl Jackson of this place.

Mrs. Jack Doubleday came in on the train Saturday and walked out to see her husband who lives three miles south of here.

KANE'S CREEK

Mrs. Haight of Garden Row conducted the eighth grade examination Thursday and Friday at the Dardanelles school.

Mrs. Mardon spent Friday in Gold Hill the guest of Mrs. Stineburg, who left on the evening train for Washington to visit her parents for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis motored to Gold Hill Saturday evening.

Roy McChonchie and wife of Medford, who have been the guest of Braden friends for the last few days, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Householder attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Smith of Gold Hill, who was buried at Rock Point on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were Medford business visitors on Tuesday, as were Mr. and Mrs. Householder.

Tom Ball of Medford is spending a few days with his uncle, Cass Higginbotham, and family.

Mrs. Swinden returned to her home in Medford Sunday after spending several days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Householder, Mrs. Higginbotham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Haight, Mrs. Henderson, Vera and Carr Henderson, Kenneth and Velma Davidson, Misses Pearl Higginbotham, Carda Olson, Tina Lyman, Maggie Foley, Iva Householder, Laura Fink and Marvel and Ada Higginbotham, Art Boggis, Ralph and Eckell Householder, Frank Fink, M. Bryley, Joe McKnight, Tom Ball and Professor Johnson composed a picnic party which spent Sunday on Table Rock and altogether had a most enjoyable time. The party consisted of 32 in all.

Katie Foley spent part of Sunday as the guest of Mrs. Lewis.

Prophet Foster predicts clear weather for some days.

Kanes Creek business visitors at Gold Hill this week: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Mardon, Mrs. Higginbotham, Tom Norris and son, Mr. Bryley, Mike Foley, Pearl Higginbotham, Mr. Barker, Bert Coffman, George Shrimp, Mrs. Boggis and Weather Prophet Foster.

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