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UNION CAR MEN WIN IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 20.—Victory for the union street car men who have been paralyzing this city by a strike which almost absolutely tied up traffic was clinched today when the cars, under a peace agreement began running normally again. By the peace pact, signed late last night, the unions are recognized by the street car company. The demands of the men for an increase of wages will be arbitrated.

RIOTING LINEMAN PROVES EX-CONVICT

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 20.—It has developed today that J. D. Ainsberry, the non-union lineman, arrested for firing the shot which injured Fred Ream, a picket, during a riot yesterday between strikers and strikebreakers of the Home Telephone company at Oswego, is a former convict who broke his parole from San Quentin prison, California. He was recognized from a circular sent out by the California authorities. He admitted his identity and stated that he had left California thirty days before his time was up. Ainsberry had been released on \$1000 cash bail, but later surrendered to Justice Sievers, asking that he be locked up, stating that he would be arrested before night for violating the parole if released on bail.

RUSSIANS SELL BRIDES TO HIGHEST BIDDERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 20.—After hearing the stories of two young Russian girls, who declared that girls in the Los Angeles Russian colony are being sold for marriage, humane Officer D. F. McLaughlin announced today that he will ask District Attorney Fredericks to order a grand jury investigation of conditions there. Jennie Evdokimoff, 17, told McLaughlin that she was forcibly engaged to John Shliefkoff. Then, the girl claims, the prospective groom's father gave her father a large roll of bills to bind the bargain. Mary Evdokimoff, Jennie's cousin, complained that her parents are trying to force her to marry William Koehorsky. Both declared that the custom of selling brides in the Russian quarter is firmly established.

MOVING PICTURES AT PAGE THEATRE

Compensating with Tuesday evening, May 20, a high class moving picture show will be operated by the Page Theatre management. The film service is the best and most expensive obtainable. This is the only theater in Southern Oregon on the circuit displaying this high-class service.

R. P. BROWN WINS STAR THEATRE WORD CONTEST

A full house greeted the closing of the Star theatre word contest last night. The judges, Mr. Beveridge and Mr. Brownbridge announced that over 500 letters from contestants had been received, showing the tremendous amount of interest taken in the contest. The first prize was won by Reginald P. Brown, who had 653 words; Paul Sprague got second prize with 490 words, and Mrs. J. W. Snook carried off third prize with 350 words. A special prize was awarded Mrs. T. W. Derr, for the best finished and most beautifully written list of words in the contest.

A FINE PLAYHOUSE DEDICATED.

THE magnificent audience that gathered from all parts of the Rogue river valley Monday evening to be present at the opening of the new Page Theater, was a tribute of appreciation on the part of the people of Dr. F. C. Page's efforts to provide an adequate playhouse for Southern Oregon and of the management's endeavor to supply the demand of a cultured public for high class theatrical productions.

Dr. Page has shown his faith in Medford and the valley's future in a most striking manner, by erecting in a period of business depression, the finest theater in the state outside the metropolis. That his enterprise is appreciated by all communities was shown by the good will offering at the initial performance.

Maude Adams in Peter Pan can scarcely be called a suitable production for the occasion. The management, however, had little choice, it was so late in the season. Peter Pan is a child's play—better as a matinee than as a stellar attraction to dedicate a playhouse. It is a commonplace fairy story, well acted and elaborately staged—but not particularly entertaining except to the juvenile mind.

Maude Adams herself is perhaps the most striking example of the trust manufactured star now before the footlights—an instance of what money can do with mediocrity. Strong support, elaborate settings, resplendent scenic effects and above all plenty of printer's ink—here you have the formula of creating a modern stellar attraction. The ability of the star makes no difference to the commercialized Hebrew dictators of the drama. To them acting is acting and Rosalind is equally fitted to be Hamlet, or L'Aiglon, or Chanticleer or Peter Pan—it's a mere matter of advertising and accessories.

A LESSON FROM VERMONT.

TWO years ago Vermont organized the "Vermont Publicity Bureau" which is a department under the secretary of state and whose function it is to advertise the scenery hunting and fishing of the Green Mountain state.

Thousands of circulars are being sent broadcast over the country over the signature of the secretary of state, advertising that state as the Switzerland of America and the results obtained during the two years of the bureau's work are so gratifying that this year the appropriation for the work has been doubled.

If Vermont, where the no trespass signs are more numerous than its game birds, and where the taking of a pound trout on a fly is largely a legend, can profit by advertising its scenic and game features, what would intelligent advertisement of the scenic wonders and the paradise furnished by Southern Oregon to the pastime seeker and sportsman accomplish.

The tourist and summer boarder have worn the verdure off the Green Mountain state while Southern Oregon is verdant and virgin, but it is the bird with the cackle whose eggs sell most readily in the market, and the Vermont cackle is harvesting the golden tourist crop.

DISCRIMINATORY OR INCOMPETENT.

THE Oregonian's news service is either woefully incompetent or wilfully discriminatory despite the editor's assertion of fair play. The Monday's Oregonian containing a write-up of the Ad Men's visit to Southern Oregon had absolutely nothing to say of Medford's entertainment of the visitors, losing sight of the fact that comparatively all of the entertainment furnished came from Medford.

Nearly a hundred automobiles turned out in Medford and gave the visitors a two hour sight seeing tour through the valley. It was not mentioned. While Ashland which contributed two cars for the visitors entertainment reaped all the Oregonian's press notice for Southern Oregon.

About the only publicity Medford ever obtains from the Oregonian's news service is the raiding of a bawdy house or something equally salacious.

The Agates of Southern Oregon

(By L. E. Bean, Lapidist.)

Being in the region of one of the greatest wonders of the world, Crater Lake, which has not only baffled, but filled with admiration some of the greatest scientists of the world today, we are apt to overlook the all important fact that we are in the midst of one, if not the greatest, agate fields in the world.

To one interested in the study of nature and geology the agate furnishes an inexhaustible subject for study, being both interesting and instructive, and to those who have been interested enough to make any researches for knowledge along this line have been amply repaid in the interesting formations coming under their observations.

While opinions differ to some extent in the original formation of this stone, to those who have made any study of geology arrive at about the same conclusion namely that it must come under the head of volcanic and sedimental formations.

We have here I believe nearly every kind of agate to be found in the United States and doubtless some that could not be duplicated in the world. If we make a careful study of the early history of the earth we find at one time a great portion of it was buried under ice like Greenland. Earlier still it had jungles of palms and other tropical plants; and yet farther back it lay beneath a wide deep ocean, and beyond that time may be traced many still more remote periods, when it was forest-covered land

or wide marshy plains or again buried under the great sea.

Step by step you can trace this great history back, with as much certainty as the doings of the great generals long gone before us.

Among the skeptical today there is a doubt in their minds as to the formations of the ferns and the remains of animals to be found in these rocks, as having once been, possessed of life, claiming it to be but mineral stains getting their form and color from the mineral crystals, particularly iron, in which they became in contact with during their formation.

Taking for example the agate with the beautiful black fern in it, notable to be found in this locality, we find by careful examination and closely tracing the delicate veining of the ferns, you can not doubt that although no longer soft and green, it was once a living fern. It has been changed during the process into a black substance, and when you look carefully at it proves to be a kind of coal.

You might ask how it is possible that a plant could find its way into the heart of a solid stone? Rain can wash away leaves and other pieces of plants and even the remains of animals, and allow them to drop in a pool where they become interratified with the silt, this is deposited between its layers and covered over by it.

It is on the floor of the great sea that the most wonderful examples occur of the way in which rocks are built up gradually of the remains of animals and vegetation at a depth of

many hundreds of feet and no doubt covering over many hundreds of miles.

It was on the floor of the great Atlantic stretching from the west of Britain to Newfoundland that the telegraph cables were laid and for which soundings had to be made from Ireland to the American coast.

From the deeper soundings came up a peculiar grey sticky substance known as ooze, and in this deposit is notably found the formation of animal and vegetable growth, which imagination can only determine the length of time and conditions required for the completeness of its formation into stone.

CHALMERS AIDS FLOOD VICTIMS

The performance of the Chalmers "38" in traveling from Toledo to Dayton and from Dayton to Detroit, while the recent disastrous flood was at its height in Ohio, is regarded by motorists as one of the most remarkable feats of the kind on record. The Chalmers was sent out as a relief car and with the exception of three punctures, picked up on the debris littered streets of Dayton, it was not necessary to make a single adjustment or repair to the car during the whole time.

Although loaded down with extra equipment, medical supplies and provisions until it weighed more than 6000 pounds, the machine went every foot of the way on its own power and was never stalled. Motorists and city authorities in Toledo attempted to dissuade the Detroit men from attempting the trip, declaring that the roads were not only impassable on account of the mud but that the high water made the attempt exceedingly dangerous.

Time and again it was found necessary to back up and buck the mud as a snow plow clears the drifts. A short distance out of Toledo the roads were two and one-half feet under water for stretches of a mile at a time. And there was practically no bottom to the roads. At some points there was nothing to indicate the position of the road but occasional fence posts at either side, exposed for a few inches above the murky flood. Near Kenton, Ohio, the only bridge over what was ordinarily a sluggish creek but now a swollen torrent, was washed away. No advantage could be made by detouring and after a hasty survey of the situation it was decided to "shoot" the stream. Taking a start of several rods the driver launched the machine into the swirling waters. Fortunately the bed of the creek was solid and in less time than it takes to tell the car was on the other side. The creek was over five feet deep in the middle.

All day and all night the car fought its way, sometimes through fields and sometimes on the turf along the roadside. The following morning the relief party arrived in Dayton and was assigned to attempt a dash for Hamilton, 65 miles distant, to learn of conditions there. The trip was made in one hour and 45 minutes, an average of better than 25 miles an hour.

The journey back to Detroit was started the Sunday after the flood began to recede. Sunday night was spent in Toledo and the party arrived at the Chalmers factory early Tuesday. The speedometer showed that the car had traveled twice the distance that would have been covered under ordinary conditions. In one instance it was necessary to detour 30 miles in order to advance two.

In sections of Michigan the roads had been considered absolutely impassable for vehicles of any kind for three months, but the "38" went through without a hitch.

The Dubuque team, of the Three-I league, has two fine pitchers in Harry Jasper and Guy Gregg. Billy Sullivan, of the White Sox, has been taking a slant at Jasper.

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EDDIE FOY NEXT PAGE ATTRACTION

Eddie Foy, and the Seven Little Foys will be at the Page Theater on next Monday, May 20, in his latest New York musical success "Over the River" is one of the few stars on the America stage who never had a failure. This is his record every since the days when he convulsed Chicago a year at a time in "Ali Baba." "Over the River" is a musical adaptation of that well remembered farce, "The Man From Mexico," which was one of the funniest plays ever presented in this country. John L. Golden composed the music which is said to rank better than the usual musical comedy jingles. The score is tuneful and enduring with a number of inspiring choruses. Mr. Foy has a role which gives him one of his best characteristics in portraying the grotesque clubman who was sent "over the river" for thirty days after spending a wild night on Broadway. One entire act shows the clever comedian in the garb of a Blackwell's Island inmate doing the lock-step and avoiding recognition by his wife and her reform friends when they call to inspect the life of prisoners.

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