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The man who catches a sucker with a gold brick, is always on the lookout for a new victim. Strange how they will bite even in closed season.

Albany Democrat: Not a person in the county all this year, nor a suit begun in the circuit court for 18 days, is the report sent out from Albany. But wait, our day may come.

Glendale News: Douglas County Day at Roseburg last Wednesday was a big success. A large number of people from all parts of the county attended and without exception all are loud in the praises of Roseburg and her hospitable citizens.

"On behalf of the sewing circle of this church," said the pastor at the conclusion of the morning service, "I desire to thank the congregation for 57 buttons placed in the contribution box during the past month. If now the philanthropically inclined donors of these objects will put a half dozen under shirts and three pairs of other strictly secular garments on the plate next Sunday morning, so that we may have something to sew these buttons on, we shall be additionally grateful."

If the government wants to do away with the postal deficit, a parcel post would relieve the situation somewhat, and would be a great help to all those now adding their mites to the express companies' dividends. The express companies have been having a hard time making both ends meet of late, dividends have dropped to 300 or 400 per cent, and they might be pleased to have the government relieve them of a burden which they have borne up under so long with Christian fortitude.

The Coquille City Herald offers the following suggestions for its city and which, by the way, would be a good thing for Roseburg: "The idea has occurred to some of our most progressive citizens that with the coming of spring would be an ideal time to start a movement for the betterment of the appearance of our city, and suggest among other things the fixing up in a more uniform style the awnings on the front of many of our business houses. In other towns their entire removal is being demanded by the city council, but owing to excessive rains here, this would not be advisable, however, a much neater appearance could be given to many. The large swinging signs across the sidewalks are being ordered down in the valley towns and signs written neatly on the glass fronts, making it possible for a tall man to walk erect without endangering his derby. These are offered as suggestions for our people to think over and act upon as improvements suggest themselves. Acting upon these suggestions might save time and trouble as the council may by the near future see fit to enact an ordinance in accordance with these ideas."

We're making laws with lots of noise, to keep from harm our precious boys. The curfew bell booms out at eight, and warns the lads to pull their freight for home and bed and balmy sleep, while wary cops their vigils keen. The cheap toy pistol's down and out; we won't have things like that about; and boys who'd hear the pistol's not must sit and watch their parents shoot. The cigarette at last is canned; the children of this happy land can buy such coffin nails no more, which sometimes makes the darlings sore. Each year new laws and statutes brings, to shield them from corrupting things. It's strange that we should overlook the screaming blood-and-thunder book, the wild and woolly, red-hot yarn, that Johnnie reads behind the barn. The tales of bandits who have slain a cord of men, and robbed a train; of thieves who break away from jail, with punk detectives on their trail; of long haired scoundrels and men of wrath who nothing fear—except a bath. Such yarns as these our Johnnie reads; they brace him up for bloody deeds; and when he can he takes the trail, and ends his bright career in jail. So, while we're swatting evil things, and outting little boys on wings, let's swat the book that leaves a stain upon the reader's soul and brain.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**  
W. A. Taylor and wife to W. O. Bridges, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in block 5, Railroad add. Oakland.  
Clarence Leonard to O. J. Hangeberg, lots 9 and 10, block 14, Yoncalla.  
Henry M. Eviitt to A. F. Waltz, 37 1-2 acres in Sec. 34, township 24, R. 5.  
Henry M. Eviitt to E. L. Favorite, undivided 1-2 interest to 77 acres in Township 24, R. 5.  
E. L. Favorite to H. M. Eviitt, an undivided 1-2 interest to 211 acres in Sec. 24, Township 24, R. 5 Also 55 acres in Sec. 33.  
H. M. Eviitt to E. L. Favorite, 100 acres in Section 34, Township 24, R. 5.  
Mary Nurra and Jose Nurra to E. L. Favorite and H. M. Eviitt, claim No. 40, in Township 24, R. 5; claim No. 40 in Township 25, Range 5; 85 acres in Section 25, Township 24, Range 5 (excepting therefrom seven acres sold to Robert E. Hunt).  
Mary C. Drain to Sam Jones, lot 1 in Section 18, Township 22, R. 5.  
C. A. Pengra to W. O. Bridges, southwest quarter Sec. 27, north half northwest quarter Sec. 25, Township 24, R. 5.



**"OFF HIS BEARING."**

Cottage Grove Editor "Goes Wrong" on "Nesmith" Scheme.

Editor News: Editor Connor, of the Cottage Grove Leader, is "off" his bearing. He says there are about three citizens residing in the North Umpqua valley, in the territory proposed to be taken by Nesmith county. And then he asks how many miners residing in that part of the Bohemia camp were forced to come out to Cottage Grove and travel 55 miles to Roseburg to transact business and then adds that misrepresentation, duplicity and exaggeration don't go.

We agree with you, Brother Connor, that exaggerations must not go, and you have missed the mark further than you need to when you were with us. I have no doubt that it is because of your associations, as we have always maintained a very high regard for the editor of the Cottage Grove Leader. Now let us see about this matter. Of course the number of inhabitants residing in the proposed territory of Douglas, is much larger than "three." It takes in about 1-10 of the assessable property of Douglas county, and at the same time the lines of the proposed county are so drawn that they get but a few miles of our county roads to keep up and no bridges. The proposed territory includes many thousands of acres of our agricultural, and timber lands, and mines, owned and under taxation, and tributary to Roseburg. Now then about the proposition of getting from the Bohemia mines to Roseburg as their county seat. We know and so does Cottage Grove know, that the greater part of the Bohemia mines lie to the south of the summit of Bohemia mountain and on Umpqua waters east of Roseburg, which forms the dividing line between Lane and Douglas counties, and that some of the mines lie even to the south of the head waters of the North Umpqua, and that there is a natural water grade from these mines to Roseburg, a distance about equal to that from the mines up over the snow clad summit of the Bohemia mountains, and down on the other side, and thence on to Cottage Grove. It is much easier for the people to come to Roseburg from the Bohemia mines on the Umpqua water shed, than it is to Cottage Grove.

The new railroad which is under way will pass through the disputed territory on the North Umpqua into the Bohemia country and thence on through eastern Oregon. It would be a rank injustice to owners of property which lies south of the summit of the Calapooia mountains to leave this railroad, in front of their doors, and climb up over the great summit of the Bohemia mountains and the divide of the Calapooia mountains, and down on the other side a distance of many miles, which must be traversed on foot, to reach the promised land, Cottage Grove. And if added to the new county they will have to take the railroad at their own door and come to Roseburg, the county seat of Douglas, and then transfer to the S. P. system and go north a distance of 55 miles to Cottage Grove.

Counties in this state, particularly those in which mountain ranges are situated, must be laid off more or less with the natural water sheds, because railroads do not cross divides except where necessary. The new county of Nesmith, which takes the south slope of the Callpoola water

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