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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

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IDAHO is so radically a silver state that even the bank robbers don't care to take the gold from the banks. At Montpelier, Idaho, they absolutely refused to touch the yellow metal.

SPAIN doesn't want the United States to think that she is afraid of a war on account of Cuban troubles, and decrees that the war must go on regardless of expense or hope of winning. Thirty-five thousand troops are on the way to continue the game of "bluff."

THOSE who imagine that the balloon polar enthusiast will never reach the north pole are probably not deserving of censure for that way of thinking. But the very worst that can come of it is failure and another martyr to the cause of science, and that is about all that can be said of it since the fool-hardy Norseman went scudding round in Arctic ice floes back in the 13th century.

THE German government is actively at work finding means to battle with the Standard oil trust, and has actually gone into the business on its own count. The American government has done a good deal of active talking along the same line for several years, but as that has come to nothing the prospect is that the German method will be watched for results with more or less interest.

DEBS, the labor leader and A. R. Uist, has spoken out his one-sided ultimatum to the democracy. He will never support the democracy and would rather see McKinley elected than see another democratic administration at Washington. Sewall must withdraw, he insists, or Bryan will be defeated. It is not at all likely that the Cleveland regime has it in contemplation to call out any part of the standing army to compel the loquacious labor leader to desist.

THE case of the school director who interrogated the applicants for a school whether they taught that the world was round or flat, and then insisted on the theory of its being a plane, is being paralleled by a school board down at Berkeley who are opposing the state vaccination law and have pronounced against the introduction of cow virus into the public schools of that city. School directors who behold their own importance and allow their own opinions to lead them above clearly demonstrated scientific truths are by no means few, and it is really too bad that no way has been provided for immediately divesting them of authority.

POLICE courts in Indianapolis refuse to stop street political discussions by fining those whom the police bring up charged with interfering with the sidewalk ordinances, whose offense is that of attracting crowds about street corners to listen to off-hand discussions of current issues. The court holds that the right of free speech is fundamental in our constitution and must not be denied. This is a time when perplexing questions are puzzling the people—questions of vital importance to the common people—and it is only by discussion of the questions that confront them that they learn to properly exercise the rights of franchise. They have a

right as American citizens to discuss these questions, insists the court, and no police force can stop them.

FROM across the Atlantic comes the report that Minister Terrill, who has been hob-nobbing at Constantinople for a couple of years, is coming home to stay. The American diplomat at that court has given abundant proof that he understands diplomacy to the extent of protecting himself at least, but when it comes to defending the handful of downtrodden Armenians in the interests of humanity, the minister to the Sultan is exceedingly light weight. He wrote long and clothed his writings with the verbiage of decision when he had occasion to write home concerning his official acts in the Armenian matter, but when he talked to the unreasonable disciple of Mohammed about it, his courage appears to have dropped several degrees below the normal—and it was low enough at the best. Indeed, his attitude was so mild that even his closest associates seriously concluded that he had gone off on a religious tangent and picked up the Moslem faith, virtues and all. There would certainly be little objection to the Terrill return, were it not for the associated press and a possible longing for an interview for the purpose of thrusting a full vindication upon a patient public.

MUCH has been said of late years in the matter of fixing an educational test of citizenship but little has been done in the way of bringing the idea into actual practice, save in a few of the southern states where it has been done with an evident purpose of disfranchising the illiterate blacks, who may have outnumbered the whites whose knowledge of any part of the three "Rs" is not sufficient to allow them to pass for "educated," though it is very doubtful. Aside from these southern states, Rhode Island is the only state applying any restricted standard to citizenship, and there brains do not cut any figure. It's money they want, and unless a man has it he can not take unto himself all the sovereign rights of American citizenship. Little Rhody has clung tenaciously to the idea of making the "dollar of our dads" the fundamental qualification of every voter, but no other state of the union has discovered sufficient logic in the principle to pattern after it. The idea of an educational test is, however, to be tried by other than southern states where the disfranchisement of colored voters is a factor of too small value to weigh against its adoption or rejection—and it is confidently hoped that the date is not far distant when the popular demand for a qualification of the rights of franchise on these lines will be pressed as strongly and successfully throughout the states as was the demand for the Australian ballot system. Our northern neighbor will this year vote to amend the state constitution to make provision for farming out the ballot to those who at least know how to read it, and as there has been no expressed opposition, no alarming antagonism is anticipated.

BITS OF LOCAL RAILWAY NEWS.
The Medford ice company will ship a car of ice to Grants Pass today or tomorrow.
G. T. Boyd, he who was acting as assistant S. P. agent during the absence of Agent Lippincott, left Tuesday evening for his home in Halsey.
Nine big locomotives were required to pull the circus trains over the Siskiyou, and these had about all they could do to get the monster cars up the heavy grade.

Medford's sidetracks were crowded with empty cars the first of the week. 'Twas said they were brought here from the Ashland yards to make room for the circus trains.

Southern Pacific Agent W. V. Lippincott is not a fisherman of much repute—as is evidenced by the fact that he was not successful in getting even a "bite" during his trip to the coast. Mrs. Lippincott, however, was much more successful, having landed a number of fine deep sea fish.

We desire publicly to express our thanks to the many friends for their unnumbered acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our beloved son and brother.

"In human hearts the love of God I read; By them spell out His name. His life, revealed in lives, grows clean indeed. The ministry of friendship is a need In earth and heaven the same."
MRS. A. P. FRIERSON.
MR. AND MRS. J. C. PENDLETON.

Taken to the Asylum.

On Monday evening Dan'l Whetstone, a young man aged somewhere in the twenties, and a son of D. Whetstone, living a few miles west of Medford, was taken to Jacksonville and confined in the county jail and on Tuesday he was pronounced insane by the examining physician, Dr. E. B. Pickel, and the same evening he was taken to the asylum at Salem by Sheriff Barnes and F. V. Medynski.

Last Friday his wife, who is a daughter of J. W. Dowell, of this city, noticed that he did not appear quite right, in that he commenced tearing things to pieces in his blacksmith shop and did not desist until he had had many of the tools heated and hammered into all conceivable shapes. On Monday he drove to town, in company with his wife and child, and instead of preparing to return home when the proper time arrived he drove his team into the center of one of the principal streets and there sat in his wagon for several hours. His condition having been made known J. H. Bellinger's services were called into use and, in company with Joe Hill, he was persuaded to accompany them to Jacksonville where he was confined, as above stated.

The young man was similarly afflicted three years ago last May, and was at that time taken to the asylum and after a few months stay he returned all right, and it is thought he will be quite himself again when he has undergone a similar treatment. His hallucination runs in the channel of mechanical engineering, he having studied that business, and his condition right now is thought to have been brought about by there having been a steam thrasher at work in his neighborhood recently. He showed no symptoms of violence and was told when starting for the asylum that his services were required by Mr. Medynski in selecting an engine for the distillery.

—Attorney Colvig of Jacksonville delivered an address at the Medford opera house on Saturday evening of last week upon the financial issues, from a silver standpoint. At the close of the meeting a Bryan Silver club was organized with from twenty-five to thirty members. H. Klippel was elected president; G. C. Noble, vice president; E. E. Phipps, secretary; John A. Jeffrey, treasurer.

—Weeks Brothers, furniture dealers, are out with a new ad this week—on first page. Court Hall, he who caters to the thirst of mankind, also has space tell our people of his excellent brandies and Cyrus Noble whiskey.

Are Expecting a Successful Year.

It has been decided by the directors of the Gold Hill public schools to open school on Monday, September 14th, and continue for a nine months' term. This length of term and the able educators whose services the directors have secured places the schools upon a good, solid footing and the patrons are figuring on a very prosperous year of school work. Their building is a good one and the school is well graded. With everything so favorable 'tis little wonder the good people of that town are elated.

Will Organize a Civic League.

There will be a public meeting at the Baptist church next Tuesday evening, September 1st, at 8 o'clock, for the formation of a Civic League for Medford and vicinity. Everybody cordially invited.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Medford postoffice on August 28, 1896.
Akin, W. C. Ryan, Daniel
Williams, Roscoe Reed, Miss Lottie
A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters.
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised."
M. FORDIN, Postmaster.

Gold Hill Public Schools.

EDITORS MAIL.—The directors of the Gold Hill public school have decided that school shall open on the 14th day of September and continue for a full nine months term.
This places Gold Hill on a firm scholastic footing as she has a fine public school building and a well graded school. A profitable school year is assured.
DIRECTORS SCHOOL DIST. NO. 57.
Marriages and Licenses.

Married, in Jacksonville, at the U. S. hotel, August 23, by R. S. Dunlap, J. P., Joe Goldsby and Miss Rosa J. Dunlap.

Married, in Jacksonville, August 22, by Judge W. S. Crowell, Alonzo Smith and Miss Cady Axtell.

Licence issued, August 24, to Paul Bruckner and Miss Theresa Demmer.
Licence issued, August 24, to P. K. Simons and Miss Ella Benson.
Licence issued, August 24, to Otis O. Helman and Miss Emma Tolman.
Licence issued, August 25, to Carlos Torrey and Miss Melissa Smith.

Avoid Consumption.
By stopping that cough. We know of no better remedy for coughs and colds than the S. B. Cough Cure. 50 cents a bottle. For sale by Chas. Strang.

Thermal Units and Ice Cream.
We have no particular spite against ice cream vendors, but simply quote the following from the British Engineer as an item of curious interest: "A boy eats 2 ounces of ice cream. Now let us see what the approximate thermodynamic equivalent of the work he is forcing upon his stomach amounts to. First, we will assume that it takes him five minutes to eat the mixture. In melting the ice he will require 18 thermal units to reduce it to water, and 7 more, or a total of 25 British thermal units, to raise the temperature of the ice water to that of the stomach, when in a natural, healthy state. Taking the mechanical equivalent as 777 foot pounds (it is really a fraction over), the total is equal to 19,425 foot pounds. Thus it may be seen that if the boy weighs 100 pounds, he has called upon his stomach to do as much heat work as would, with a machine having unit efficiency, raise him 194 feet high, or a rate of heat extraction equal to nearly an eighth of a horse power."

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Hoke Smith will resume his law practice at Atlanta.

The free silver party will notify Bryan of his nomination at Lincoln, Neb., September 8.

The republican county convention at Olympia, Wash., voted not to adopt the St. Louis platform and adopted free silver resolutions instead.

Bulgaria for seventeen years has not paid her annual tribute to Turkey as stipulated in the treaty of Berlin. The Sultan will send a special commission to collect.

Russian Jews, who were leaving Russia in large numbers, with a view to locating in Turkey have been informed by the sublime porte that access to his country is expressly forbidden.

Nansen's ship, the Fram, has reached the coast of Norway, and had recently passed Dana island where Professor Andree was waiting for a favorable wind to carry him and his balloon across the arctic region.

President Kruger, of the Transvaal, now denies the report that there is or ever was any misunderstanding between his country and Great Britain, and that he is doing all in his power in the interest of harmony with all surrounding powers.

Dr. Miquel, the German minister of finance, has recently been occupied with the operations of the oil trust in Germany, and he proposes, in order to cope with the Standard Oil company, that the government purchase all existing oil wells in Prussia and systematically bore new wells, as well as encourage the introduction of new illuminants.

Over 4500 people heard Lord Russell, lord chief justice of England, deliver his address on "International Arbitration" before the American bar association, at Saratoga, N. Y., on the 20th inst. The audience is said to be the most distinguished ever gathered at Saratoga, and the address was for peace between nations and was received with round after round of applause.

Hoke Smith, secretary of the interior, has sent in his resignation and it has been accepted by the president. Smith is the only member of the cabinet who will support the Chicago ticket, and his resignation came on account of it, though as a result of no disagreement with the administration. He will probably be succeeded by John M. Reynolds, of Pennsylvania, who is now second assistant in the interior department.

Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, last week replied to Senator Stewart that he did not personally charge Bryan with being in the employ of the silver mine owners, but that he gathered his information from the Chicago (dem) Chronicle, and that he called upon Mr. Bryan to explain. Mr. Bryan has written a denial and Senator Thurston says: "Mr. Bryan has denied the charge which was made by the Democratic newspapers, and I have no hesitation in saying that I believe him."

The attorney general has over-ruled Postmaster General Wilson's order against railroad mail, and holds that railroads may carry their own mail, but that it will not be legal to allow any other carrier to intervene, or carry mail for any other parties. Express companies are supposed to know exactly to what extent they can go without transgressing upon the mail business of the government, and are responsible for letters carried by them, even without their knowledge.

Michael and John Cudahy, wealthy packers of Chicago have entered into an oil deal of enormous proportions and will make them a rival to the Standard Oil company. They have purchased in Wells and Adam counties, Indiana, the entire plant and wells of the Northern Indiana Oil company. Following their purchases they have placed with the National Tube and Pipe company of Pittsburgh an order for six-inch oil pipes for an underground oil line 170 miles in length extending from the oil fields to Chicago.

The French newspapers are making things very unpleasant for President Faure, whom they accuse of coercion. They say the people are seriously discussing a consulate or a deroctory. During his recent tour of France he assumed the airs of a sovereign, insisting upon triumphal arches, salutes and that garrisons be turned out to receive him. Now, for the czar's reception the president has decided to adopt the Napoleonic costume after the portrait of Greuze, a black velvet coat, embroidered with gold thread, waistcoat with wide lapels, high boots, belt, carrying a gold-hilted sword.

—The whole system is drained and undermined by indolent ulcers and open sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve speedily heals them. It is the best pile cure known. Geo. H. Haskins.

FEMININE ELECTRICITY.

The Unflattering Term "Negative" is Still Much Used.

From the beginning it had been noticed that there were two kinds of electric force, but these were named, with reckless discourtesy, positive and negative, as though the second had been inferior, inactive, merely receptive. And yet there were suggestions of the true relations of these two forces that should not have been overlooked. It is recorded that six years after the St. Petersburg professor's fatal experiment (about 1759), Robert Symmer, "when pulling off his stockings in the evening, remarked that they gave a crackling noise and emitted sparks."

By varied experiments he discovered that the electricity was most powerful when a silk and worsted stocking had been worn in the same leg, or, if the stockings were both of silk, then more diverting results were obtained when they were of different colors. Two white silk stockings or two black ones gave no electrical indications. When a black and white stocking were withdrawn from the same leg, and then separated, they were so much inflated that each showed the entire shape of the leg and at a distance of 18 inches they rushed to meet each other.

Separate, by force they would again become inflated, and be as ready to rush together as before. When this experiment was performed with two black stockings in one hand and two white in the other, the repulsion of those of the same color—their jealousy—and the attraction of those of different colors would "throw them into agitation and make them catch each at that of its opposite color at a greater distance." Plainly this eighteenth century student had to do with masculine and feminine electricity and yet the unflattering term "negative," as applied to the feminine, has persisted even to our day.—Harper's Weekly.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers.
NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, 24 September, 1896, I shall begin levying upon the real property of the delinquent taxpayers as set forth in the Delinquent Assessment Roll for Jackson county, Oregon, for the year 1896.
A. S. BARNES, Sheriff.

Medford Cigar Factory
GEO. KURTZ, Prop'r

Wholesale and Retail ...

A new and fresh line of cigars, tobacco, etc., just received. A share of the public patronage respectfully solicited....

7th street—opposite express office...

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Do You Believe in Signs? If you do, notice the crowd that is constantly at our store. It is the

Sign of Business

And to do business these days means low prices. We are selling goods at prices that just can't be beaten. New goods arriving daily, consisting of dress goods of the newest designs and patterns, gingham, calicoes, muslins, trunks, valises, clothing, and an elegant line of ladies' and gent's furnishing goods....

W. H. Meeker & Co.

After Election there is Time for Reflection

But it requires only inspection to conclude that the nobbiest and most complete line of Summer Suits ever brought to Medford are exhibited by

S. Rosenthal, The Clothier,

A very nice line of black clay worsteds, suitable for dress, is also a part of his immense stock. Fancy summer shirts, neckwear, bicycle suits, sweaters, bicycle hose, etc., etc.

HOTEL NASH...

I. L. HAMILTON, Proprietor

NEW MANAGEMENT, STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS, FREE SAMPLE ROOMS

The Nash has been thoroughly renovated. Accommodations the very best. If you try us once you will surely come again.
RATES FROM \$1.00 TO \$2.00 PER DAY.

The Gem Saloon, In connection. The best and purest of wines, liquors cigars—courteous treatment.