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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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THE Bryan party will leave Lincoln in a few days for a tour of the south.

SPAIN, besides having a revolution in Cuba on her hands, is facing an insurrection in the Philippine islands. It is said that a German secret order is at the bottom of the troubles there.

THE Portland Telegram is candid in admissions of inconsistency. It is gushing over the nomination of Palmer and Buckner, and adds that they are good men for democrats to shout for, even if they don't vote for them.

McKINLEY will make short campaign tours next month 'tis said. Hanna seems to have rescinded his order that under no circumstances would McKinley take the stump, but this decision seems to be in accord with a prevailing desire of party leaders.

BRECKENRIDGE did not appear in public at the Indianapolis love feast, following the nominations, because it was not considered good politics to have him do so. It would have been better politics to have not let him venture so far as Indianapolis even.

THE wearer of the ancient and mysterious Chinese yellow jacket thinks there are too many political parties in the United States, and wonders that the newspapers do not do something to bring them together. Li Hung has evidently not delved very deeply into the methods of American journalism or the traits of the American politician.

THE second annual convention of the Northwest Mining association will be held at Spokane, Wash., October 6th, 7th and 8th. The attendance of anyone interested in dissemination through the world of mining facts as existing in the Pacific northwest is desired and a contribution to the specimens to be placed on exhibit is asked of each mine-owner and of each mineral district. The convention will be addressed by geologists, scientists and mining engineers of international reputation. Ore will be transported to Spokane free of cost, and reduced fares—one and one-fifth—will be given all persons attending.

BECAUSE of the Chinese exclusion act Li Hung Chang, minus the coffin, decided not to visit the Pacific coast of the United States, explaining his lack of desire to do so on the ground that he would be besieged with large numbers of his own countrymen who were armed with complaints of the most unfair treatment by Americans. Li Hung has not a very flattering opinion at his command when the Geary law is under discussion, though it is hardly possible that his philosophy will be taken with enough of seriousness to produce any marked changes in American public opinion.

THIS is about the season of the year when equalization boards throughout the country rise to the task of confirming the unequal distribution of the burdens of taxation. They are unequal because there is not a poor man in the whole length and breadth of the land but who is assessed for practically the total value of his worldly

possessions, while there is many a rich man who would at once be impoverished if the assessor's books were to be taken seriously and future credit was to be based upon the revelations therein made; there is not a man in poor or moderate circumstances who does not pay taxes to the extent of his ability, and there is not a rich man in the country who pays a tithe as much in comparison. While this condition of things exists the acts of the equalization boards are but little better than a farce. Now the middle classes of the country bear the brunt of public expense and the wealth of the country agilely hides when the assessor approacheth and appears when dangers threaten with an untimorous demand for the protection for which it is unwilling to pay. So long as such a condition exists it is little wonder that a spirit of discontent and unrest is everywhere. It may seem a small problem and one easy of solution, but nevertheless its speedy and just solution means as much in the way of equality and justice—if not more—than the decision of any of the more ponderous issues now in our way.

A LARGE loan company that was placing eastern money on Kansas real estate has gone the way of the uncertain and is in the hands of a Kansas court. Its liabilities are \$4,250,000 and its assets are mortgages on good, bad and indifferent portions of Kansas loam, sand and sage brush, and such securities as has not enabled it to pay interest on its bonds for the last year. The Kansas concern has been in the hands of a receiver before, but in that respect it is not unlike many another that has been doing business in the same line, wherein unlimited confidence has been built upon financial quicksands and money entrusted to them for investment has been handled with reckless profligacy in hopes of sweeping in large winnings as the speculative bubble assumed greater proportions and glowed with more enchanting brilliancy. It was such institutions as this that, more than any other agency, spread abroad distrust as to the value of western farm securities and brought upon themselves disaster, and to their clients forced liquidation. Chief among all the gorgeous humbugs of this stripe was a Minneapolis investment company which was managed by one Lewis F. Menage, and who was in reality himself the company but too shrewd to let that fact be known. It was his custom to buy cheap lands near boom towns, or start town booms of his own, put up straw mortgages for several times the commercial value of the property—even that of the most gilded days of western booms—and sell the mortgages in the east to local investors, while with the immense profits between the cost of his investments and the proceeds of his loans he was easily able to keep up the interest. So long as eastern loans were easily obtained Menage's Minneapolis bucket-shop was acknowledged one of the greatest benefactors of the west, but the time came when the interest demands very largely exceeded the margin on loans. The real estate sales did not supply money enough to keep up appearances and keep the cash box from diminishing. It was at this stage of the game that Menage decided to decamp, which he did successfully, taking over a million dollars with him. He and his wife are supposed to be quietly residing in some secluded portion of Central or South America, reveling in the profits of dishonesty, while several million dollars' worth of wrecks located at various points between Minneapolis and the Pacific coast proclaim the extent of his duplicity. The depressing effect of such business methods cannot admit of a doubt and the announcement in the columns of the daily press that another money loaning concern, of unquestionable business methods, has quit should certainly be cause for little uneasiness except for the evil already done.

In the September Review of Reviews the editor discusses different phases of the presidential campaign—especially the revolt of the gold-standard democrats, the attitude of Eastern wage earners toward Mr. Bryan, and the spread of free-silver doctrine among the farmers. Another important topic of discussion in the department "The Progress of the World" is Lord Salisbury's Venezuelan proposition, in connection with the general scheme for a permanent tribunal of arbitration. The editor also covers most of the striking developments of the month in British and European politics.

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## SCHOOL NOTES.

There are already a dozen pupils in attendance from outside districts. Wanted—An unabridged dictionary for each of the grammar grades. The new primary teacher's room is to be arranged the same as Miss Coleman's.

Floyd White, who graduated last year, has re-entered school to take up some review work.

The seventh grade is larger in number than last, but the average age is less, some are only twelve.

Miss Edna Gibson, of Central Point, was a very welcome visitor to the first and second grades Monday.

The fifth grade pupils are in new quarters this year, being now located in the up-stairs room that was unoccupied last year.

A number of the grades desire to secure organs for their rooms. If these can be secured it will add greatly to the interest in music.

Quite a number of pupils in the different grades, who have studied during the summer, have been taking examination for promotion.

Three hundred and fifty-six pupils are enrolled. There should be more than that. Everyone should make special effort to enter at the beginning of the year and then be punctual in attendance.

The new tenth grade begins work with a vigor that indicates success for the future. Several are taking a course in book-keeping and shorthand and if enough desire it typewriting will be taught.

There are at present 69 pupils in the two primary rooms. Miss Coleman takes charge of those pupils who live north of Seventh street, while those living south of that line are in the care of Mrs. Peters.

Miss Edith White, class of '96, made a pleasant call at the teachers' meeting on her way in from her school. She holds sway at the Grove school, west of town, and passes to and fro on a wheel.

## Ashland's Water in Litigation.

An injunction was last week issued out of the United States court for the northern district of California on the mayor, city council, and all employees of the municipality of Ashland, Jacobs & Virgin, the Ashland Flouring Mill company, and the Ashland Woolen Mills company, together with all employees and servants of these companies, restraining them from interference with a water ditch belonging to the Golden Fleece Mining company or with the flow of water into said ditch from Ashland creek. This action has been hastened by the flour mill company of Ashland breaking down a dam that was used by the mining company to turn the water from the creek into their ditch for mining purposes. The parties enjoined were cited to appear in the United States circuit court at San Francisco on Monday of this week, which they did by attorneys—E. D. Briggs for the flouring mill company and C. B. Watson for the city. In case the injunction holds the flouring mill company in particular claim they will have to shut down during the dry season, as there will not be water enough to operate their machinery, but the parties instituting legal proceedings have to put up a bond sufficient large to cover any losses occasioned by it should the case go against them. A long-winded legal fight over the riparian rights of the one against the prior appropriation of the other is looked for so that it will probably be a long time before any of the parties interested will find just where they are at. The mining company place the date of acquiring their rights 1861, while the mill company claims to have appropriated their rights in 1853. The Golden Fleece Mining company recently purchased their property from E. K. Anderson. While Mr. Anderson had charge of the ditch he cut the water off from it during the dry season in order that Ashland parties might have the benefit of a full flow. There is a prospect that the case may be transferred to the courts of this county.

## In Memoriam.

"A flower that does with opening morn arise, And flourish the day, at evening dies." Centuries ago a pagan philosopher used this illustration of what we call death, and we have lately seen it occur in our midst; the Master came into the happiest group and beckoned one of the happiest of the group into the open door. He followed and the door shut; "God's finger touched him and he slept." This is the death which we in our blindness regret; but it is but "the grey eve between two shining days"—the day of the past and the immortal day of the eternity of the future. Such has been the experience of Calvin and Ollie Pence who left their home near Jacksonville to spend a few days enjoying the cool mountain air and resting from the summer's labors.

On the morning of the 27th of August there arose a happy group, but ere the sun had finished shedding its gilded rays on this side of the earth, there was one of this happy group of the morning beckoned to enter by the dark Angel of Death. This was Lee Otis Pence, the only son of Calvin and Ollie Pence, aged two years and nine months. The entire heartfelt sympathy of this community is extended to the bereaved family.

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## A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

California fruit is advancing in price in the London market.

The republican plurality in Vermont was approximately 40,000.

Cleveland remains silent regarding the Indianapolis nomination.

Comptroller Eckels refers to the work of the Indianapolis convention as the "reconstruction of the democratic party."

Nebraska democrats and populists have effected a fusion, the populists getting four of the candidates on the electoral ticket.

Sewall publicly declares that he will not withdraw from the democratic national ticket, and never had any notion of doing so.

The largest whale ever brought into San Francisco, was brought in last Friday. It was eighty feet long and fourteen feet wide.

It is considered probable that the Arabs who aided in the recent attempted usurpation of the Zanzibar throne will be banished and their property confiscated.

Francisco Errazuring has been proclaimed president of Chile for the five years commencing the 18th by a vote of 62 to 60 in the Chilean congress.

Spotters who have been watching opposition boats down at San Francisco are not altogether happy. Only the other day they were confronted with an aggregation of aged eggs.

The demands of the harvest hands in the vicinity of Colfax, Wash., who recently struck for \$1.50 a day, have been acceded to, and the men have returned to work.

The First National bank, of Helena, Montana, failed last week, on account of heavy demands of eastern creditors. It was the largest bank in Helena and the one of which Ex-Governor Houser was president.

Jesse Grant, son of the general and ex-president, has written an open letter to the populists of San Diego, Calif., of which place he is a resident, that he will henceforth cast his political affiliations with the populists.

The commercial editor of the Minneapolis Times estimates the wheat crop of Minnesota and the Dakotas this year at 108,000,000 bushels as against 195,000,000 bushels last year and 120,000,000 bushels in 1894.

Iceland was, on August 26, visited by an earthquake, the severest since 1784. Farms were destroyed, cattle killed and buildings wrecked, but no deaths of persons are reported. The center of the disturbance appeared to be the volcano Hecla.

The millers' trust, known as "The Spring Wheat Combine of the North West," has gone out of business. The combine, which was formed solely for the purpose of regulating the prices of flour, failed of accomplishment of its object because the large millers cut prices whenever they felt like it.

In British official circles it is believed that the Marquis of Salisbury has determined to pursue his own course at Constantinople in the future, and has given the British ambassador, Sir Phillip Currie, precise and significant instructions, with greater powers to command naval aid in enforcing the demands of Great Britain.

A Memphis man is advocating an amendment to the Tennessee constitution striking out the requirement that public officers shall give bonds, on the ground that, as the public elects its officers, it should lose if they prove faithless and that making the people losers will cause them to be more careful in the selection of candidates.

An engineer on the Atlantic express out of San Francisco shot an outlaw who attempted to hold up the train, and pulled the train into Sacramento, a distance of about eight miles. The robber had been riding on the engine tender, and the train was approaching a large trestle, when the hold-up occurred. The train was stopped, and a confederate called upon the fireman to come down and cut off the train. While the fireman was trying to do so the engineer caught the first bandit off his guard and shot him, killing him instantly. He pulled the throttle, started the train, and the other robber fled.

The idea advanced by a San Francisco man to kill incurables who desired it, seems to have been originally advanced by Napoleon in his Egyptian campaign. The question of ending the life of the incurably plague stricken soldiers who would have to be left behind was seriously discussed, and it was finally decided to accelerate a few moments, by a potion, a death which was inevitable, and which otherwise would have been painful and cruel. Napoleon subsequently said that the report had been made to him that the men could not live twenty-four hours, and that he thought it an act

of charity to anticipate their death a few hours. Had he been among the inflicted he would have demanded such treatment, and would have given the same advice in respect to his own child.

## To Trade for Medford Property.

I have a house and lot in Ocean View addition to San Francisco which I will trade for Medford property. Call at MEDFORD MAIL office for particulars or address Mrs. E. D. Schneider, postoffice box No., 823, San Jose, Calif.

## Avoid Consumption.

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—Tresspass notices, printed on cloth, for sale at five cents each at THE MAIL office.

## Sent It to His Mother in Germany.

Mr. Jacob Ebbensen, who is in the employ of the Chicago Lumber Co., at Des Moines, Iowa, says: "I have just sent some medicine back to my mother in the old country, that I knew from personal use to be the best medicine in the world for rheumatism, having used it in my family for several years. It is called Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It always does the work." 20 cent bottles for sale by Geo. H. Haskins.

## Assessor's Notice to Taxpayers.

NOTICE is hereby given that the board of equalization for Jackson county, state of Oregon, will convene at the office of the county clerk in Jacksonville on Monday, October 5, 1896. For the purpose of publicly examining the assessment roll and correcting all errors in valuation, descriptions, quantities of land, lots or other property, said board will continue in session from day to day until said roll has been fully examined. All parties interested will take notice and govern themselves accordingly. HENRY KILPPEL, County Assessor. Medford, September 9, '96.

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