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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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THE MAIL and Weekly S. F. Call	\$2 25
" " Examiner	2 35
" " Chronicle	2 35
" " Oregonian	2 00
" " Cosmopolitan	2 65
" " Popular Science	2 00
" " Weekly Cincinnati Enquirer	1 60

WATERSON says he is in politics again, will fight for Palmer and Buckner, and fight to a finish, but it is doubtful if even Waterston is optimistic enough to question the dilapidated character of the finish.

THE great quadrennial contest for the presidency is waxing to a close. Only a few weeks more of it—enough for this time, however—and then some of us will commence electing a president in 1900. There is always plenty of work for us politicians to do, even if most people think we do be asleep and have a soft snap after every election.

THE plan of the gold democrats to head off the printing on the official ballot of the fusion electors was headed off by Secretary Kincaid, who requested that a petition of two hundred and fifty electors be filed with the ticket to overcome any objections as to irregularities. Four sets of electors will now appear on the official ballot—the McKinley, Bryan, prohibition and gold democrat.

SEVERAL days ago there was a report afloat that "Coin" Harvey had been howled off the rostrum at Clinton, Iowa, for referring disrespectfully to several G. A. R. leaders. A few days later came a report from Harvey himself that it was all fiction. Either an associated press reporter had a jag on board at the time or Coin is dreaming. If the associated press man drew wholly on a fertile imagination for so startling a sensation he ought to be juggled for life, but if Coin was slapped to sleep for an offense of that kind he ought to be permitted to dream on.

IT WILL be a pleasing bit of news to those interested in the county's financial affairs to learn that during the last couple of months at least \$2000's worth of county script has been sold at its face value. The market price of script, as we learn from a person well informed, is from 97 to 100 cents on the dollar—the price being, to a certain extent, graduated by the size of the warrant. There can be no explanation made of this very pleasing condition except that those people who have money to invest in county warrants have faith in the present official ability to rid the country of at least a portion of its debt.

WHILE the gold democrats were sailing into the silver democrats in Oregon, they were having trouble of their own in New York. The Brooklyn election board has decided that their title "National Democrats" is so near that of the regular democratic organization that the use of that appellation is a square-toed infringement on the rights of the regular party. The election board further endeavors to impress the new candidate for honors democratic that it is not a legal organized party within the meaning of the law. The justice of the first conclusion ought to be apparent, but the firmness of the latter is considerably enshrouded in doubt and that would have been the condition of affairs in the Empire state had not the supreme court held on a vote of four to three that everything was regular and nobody hurt.

THE MAIL is in trouble—and more on the way—because it published in its news columns some-

thing that the manager of the Cameron Placer mining company (incorporated) didn't like. We didn't think that he would when we published it, hence we did not rush into the trouble blindly; the writer did not know Mr. Durphy, save by reputation—and had never even heard enough of him to form a bundle of likes or rack up a stack of dislikes, hence so far as he is individually concerned we did not "rush" with the slightest malice aforethought. THE MAIL would much rather err by being too conservative, than by doing Mr. Durphy or any other man an injustice by a radical exposition of what popular opinion or inflammatory prejudice may either unthoughtfully or viciously set up as a flamboyant fake, but we have an inherent horror—a long cultivated disgust—for the methods that search out and obtain the investments of the unwary by ways that are questionable and representations that are false—even in part. We do not question the value of the ground upon which it is sought to found the mammoth enterprise of Mr. Durphy's undertaking—it is probably worth to Mr. Cameron what he asks for it, but that has nothing to do with the proposition of Mr. Durphy to buy it if he can find enough spare dollars in circulation and owners willing to back them against his judgment and business ability. When the article published in these columns in the issue of October 2d was prepared, we had not seen the prospectus that was alleged to lie at the bottom of the trouble, but based our conclusions wholly upon the Oregonian excerpts and the corroborative evidence of several persons whose word we regard as unimpeachable. Since then we have been privileged to peruse the prospectus from A to izzard and only find ourselves firmer in the conclusion that it will not stand a more favorable analysis than has already been given it. The facts as they are show the property in question to be undeveloped, yet the prospectus launches out with the information that it has advanced "from a crude, undeveloped prospect to mines in full operation, having at present a net earning capacity every year of not less than \$40,000," and prefaces this statement that it is a "splendid success as a business proposition." The idea is carried throughout that the mine is now in active operation and soon to be extensively improved by the introduction of a large amount of mining apparatus, and that profits are not in the slightest degree speculative, but have been clearly and satisfactorily demonstrated. Mr. Durphy puts in the way of argument that he has as much of a legal and moral right to do this sort of thing as an architect has to fix up the prospective of a building, and a city like Portland for instance, to dispose of bonds sufficient to permit the building to pass from a pure ideal to a partially burdensome reality. The similarity in the proposition of selling mining stock on a prospective mining project and mortgaging all the property of a municipality to complete a building—though the building may be useless—is not plain. The latter is disastrous to the borrower only while the former, if there is a lack of good faith or a financial miscalculation, takes in the investor. If Mr. Durphy can explain away the incongruities of his Chicago prospectus and tell why he has illustrated it by views of a mine in active operation, making no effort to inform the reader, whom it is desired to convert into an investor, that these are not from the mine they ostensibly represent, we are willing—more than willing to put the matter right before our readers—and the public—so far as lies in our power. But while those illustrations stand out as a lie by implication, if not by actual and definite representation, and while stock is being sold on a proposition that is represented as paying \$40,000 a year, but in reality isn't paying a cent, there is little need of conjuring up a disagreeable vision of serious trouble for having stated those facts. We don't think so.

—Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

Some Were Raised—Some Reduced.

The equalization board finished its work last week and the changes made in the assessments made by the assessor are here given.

INCREASED.

Assessment of C. C. Beekman on Portland National bank stock, raised \$9,500; Michael Hanley, raised \$650 on land; Ashland bank stock, raised \$11,051; the H. B. Carter estate, personal property, raised \$1690; M. P. Phipps' estate, raised \$8000; Jackson county bank, raised \$2300; Mrs. A. J. Stewart, raised \$6000, on notes and accounts.

REDUCED.

Assessment of A. C. Hopkins, reduced \$2300; Mary Banton, reduced \$80 on water ditch; Mrs. M. J. Roeser, town property, reduced \$280; Mrs. A. M. Berry, reduced \$30; Geo. H. Andrews on 46 acres in Ashland, reduced \$1000; Chas. Nickell on land adjoining Medford on the south reduced \$500; also corrected error as to the 132 acres in sec. 1, tp. 32 s., r. 2 east, as land does not belong to him, making a further reduction of \$800; B. F. Meyer, reduced \$500.

Assessment of the Oregon and California R. R. company was fixed at \$10,000 per mile for the year 1896.

The Central Point Townsite company was assessed at \$4250.

C. E. Donnelly was assessed on a \$400 note, secured by mortgage.

Total amount of increased, \$44,841.

Total amount of reduction, \$5490.

Jackson County Assessment—1896.

The figures as turned in by County Assessor Klipple and equalized by the equalization board are as follows:

144,040 acres tillable land	\$1,222,334
282,039 acres unimproved land	629,350
481,342 acres railroad land	559,928
Improvements on deeded land	224,056
Town and city lots	310,400
Improvements on above	399,203
Improvements on land not deeded or patented	32,540
70.64 miles railroad bed	650,010
Railroad rolling stock	41,452
122 miles of telegraph and telephone lines	21,511
Merchandise and stock in trade	169,994
Farm implements, wagons, carriages, etc.	64,258
Steam engines	16,350
Depot grounds, etc.	27,770
Money	31,288
Notes and accounts	296,065
Shares of stock	22,700
Household furniture	90,217
3454 head horses and mules	59,945
10,139 head cattle	85,146
9488 head sheep and goats	9,651
8129 head swine	10,335

Gross value of all property...\$4,981,091

Exemptions.....258,042

Total taxable property.....\$4,723,049

Number of poles, 724.

County Commissioners' Court.

In matter of the county bridge petitioned for by Irwin McCall et al for bridge at Florence Rock; continued indefinitely.

The application of Mrs J H May to be allowed \$112 for the care of Mrs Hurst, an indigent; disallowed.

All the officers reports, both monthly and semi annually, examined and approved.

Ordered that the county clerk's semi-annual report and all other reports required by law to be published by him shall be published in the Monitor-Miner, the official paper.

In matter of the road petitioned for by J W Mills et al; road ordered established.

Ordered that the school superintendent's warrant be retained until he pays over to the county treasurer the institute fees and files his receipt with the clerk.

Ordered that Minnie Kessler's allowance of \$5 per month be discontinued.

The order of Mrs R S Morgan, indigent, will hereafter be sent to Mrs L C Rodenburger at Central Point.

The justice court claims of Ashland and Gold Hill, continued.

Over 4000 People Crossed.

Last October County Commissioner Bradshaw asked Mr. John Watkins, who is the keeper of the free ferry across Rogue river, to keep a complete list of the number of vehicles, horses and people which crossed on the ferry for a period of twelve months. Mr. Watkins complied and at the last session of the commissioners court handed in the following, which covers the dates from October 14, 1895, to October 7, 1896:

Number of four horse teams	53
Number of two horse teams	109
Number of single horses	1379
Number of people	4988

The above data was asked for by Mr. Bradshaw that the county commissioners might know just how much of a benefit to the farmers and traveling public the ferry is and as well be in a position to produce substantial evidence that the keeper's salary was not a misappropriation of the tax-payers' money.

For Sale.

Clean seed rye. S. M. Nealon, Table Rock postoffice.

Among the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.
Rev. R. A. Reagan has been preaching every night this week to interested audiences. The services may be protracted through next week. The pastor will preach as usual next Sunday, morning and evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Sermons by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "Who Constitute the Church of Jesus Christ?" Evening subject "On What Foundation are You Building?" These sermons are of special interest to both believer and unbeliever. Seats free. Good music. The people welcome.

A Great Attraction.

The finest musical attraction ever enjoyed in Southern Oregon is in store for the citizens of Medford and vicinity on November 14th, when the DeMoss family, known as the "Lyric Bards of America," will give one of their unequalled concerts in the opera house. They sing and play every kind of music with forty different kinds of musical instruments, including bell ringing. They have toured the United States and Europe for more than twenty years.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Lizzie Hoover has entered school in the seventh grade.

The little folks in Mrs. Peter's room regret the loss of little Charlie Murray.

Visitors during the week were Mesdames E. N. Warner, W. K. Davis, G. W. Williams, P. S. Enyart and L. B. Warner.

The fifth grade had its first program of rhetorical last Friday. The pupils did very well, but they hope to make much improvement in this line by the end of year.

Miss Coleman's room has forty-three little folks in attendance. They are working hard and would like to have more of their parents and friends call in and see for themselves.

The second grade pupils have recently made two out-door excursions, in search of seeds and leaves. These little people are much interested in the study of nature, and are learning many new things about the world which is around them.

There is much of value to be learned outside the schoolroom, and we wish our pupils to keep their eyes open for the good and useful lessons to be learned in daily life not found in books. A person who knows nothing but books is not well educated.

The sixth grade celebrated the birthdays of noted men and women, who were born in October, last Friday. The most neatly written paper was by Bernice Rivers. Maggie Gittins attained the highest average of any one in the sixth grade, during the past month.

Recently while talking with some scholars about whispering and disturbing others about them at a political meeting, it came out that some grown up men and women in the back part of the room were doing the same. What would be the proper way to talk to children under such circumstances?

We wish to thank very heartily those parents and patrons of the school who are noting the conduct of scholars on the street and in public places. There is a visible improvement in our general behavior and every boy and girl who wishes to do right will accept kindly suggestions, meant for good, from any one.

Several of the pupils in the upper grades who are interested in hearing the political speeches of the season, are excused from other work to do so, and are required to produce a written report of what they have heard. These reports contain from three hundred to five hundred words, according to the grade of the pupil.

A spirit of improvement seemed to possess some of the pupils the past week and one noticeable result was the clearing of the grounds. Stones, bricks, scraps of iron, blocks of wood and brush were collected in heaps. The pupils have heard of a report that the grounds are to be nicely graded and they are anxious to see the work begin.

Work Still Goes on.

Several months ago when the Rogue River Water and Mining company commenced work upon their project, near Gold Hill, with a whoop and a hurrah—and a barbecue—and a cheap rate excursion on the railroad—and several thousand people gathered at the scene of operations—and the elite of Portland and other Oregon cities were there—the people in the country and hamlets hereabouts were wont to look upon the matter with considerable distrust—but, gee whizz! the company keeps pegging away at that canal and if the reports we get are correct they are doing no small amount of good substantial work.

This week a MAIL reporter caught one of the representatives of the Water company in Medford and he, rather than to get whipped or stand good for several rounds of beverage, unloosed himself and very courteously gave us a good bit of information pertaining to operations.

The most important work right now at hand, he stated, was that of building a dam across Rogue river, at a point near where the canal commences its meandering along mountain sides and across plateaus. The dam is a very substantial piece of work and is built to stand a thousand years. Upon this piece of work alone there are now fifty men employed. Aside from these there are fifteen men and several teams at work on the canal. This canal is twenty-six feet wide on the bottom, thirty at the top and is six feet deep. Its starting point is definitely known but where it will empty its waters no one knows—not even members of the company—because that they propose extending it just as far as pay dirt can be found to wash with the water it will carry. It is expected that five miles of the canal will be completed this fall, which will bring it to Galls creek.

Two good sized scows have been built and are now being used in bringing rock from up the river to fill the cribs at the dam.

Aside from this bit of canal enterprise the company have under contemplation what they style a high land canal, with which it is proposed to take water from Butte creek and with this water irrigate the big desert.

—W. S. Dunn, he who was formerly assistant station agent at this place, but who has been acting as night operator at Salem for some time past, returned to Medford Thursday and will again assume the aforesaid duties, during the absence of W. H. Spear, who left yesterday evening for Portland on a three months' vacation—the first in six years—and which has been well earned.

—H. L. Gilkey, he who last week we stated would open up a Racket store in Yreka, returned to Medford Thursday and will remain indefinitely. He will not open up the store as above stated for the reason that after he had ordered his stock the building which he had rented—but for which he had no written lease—was refused him—and after leaving this he straightway cancelled his order for goods—and made straight for Medford. Just what he will do now is only a matter of conjecture, but he will keep a lookout and as soon as something presents itself to view he will be ready to take advantage of it.

"The Common People."

On next Sabbath evening, at the Baptist church, Rev. L. L. Wood will use the above theme as the subject of his discourse.



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When you are drinking take a drink of good whiskey—try Cyrus Noble....



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Is No One So Blind...
That they cannot feel the difference—even if they cannot see—between good clothing and Cheap John

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I now have in stock the finest line of fall and winter clothing ever shown in Medford—and more coming. Call and see for you self, and get my prices. No trouble to show goods....

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A Livery Turnout....

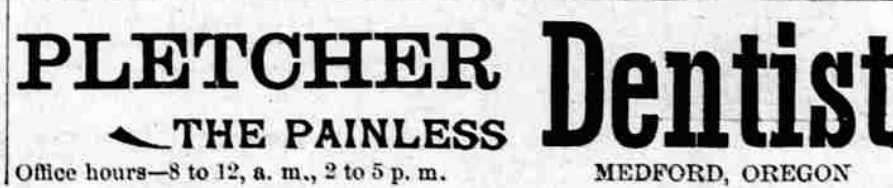
Is a Pleasure Sought by Many People
When Properly Turned Out....

The horses must be well groomed, in good flesh and must be good drivers; the carriages must be kept clean, well oiled and well painted. The teams must be gentle, the prices reasonable and the treatment of customers courteous. All of these are strictly carried out at the.....

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