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He is of few days; but quite a plenty.
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PHOTOGRAPHS never grow old. This accounts for the baby faces which appear in so many newspapers right now—underneath which appears the name of some distinguished politician who has been in the political harness from a date 'way back in the '60s.

ONLY four days more and the great national strife shall have been placed upon the records among those things which once were but are not now. Next Tuesday—for one day only—will the ballot war rage, and settle the dispute which for these many moons has wrought a fever heat in every city, hamlet and cross-roads of the land.

THE present ballot law, as will be seen by the following excerpt from the Australian system, does not compell voters to vote in the precinct where they reside:

"All qualified electors shall vote in the election precinct in the county where they may reside for county officers, and in any county in the state for state officers, or in any county of a congressional district in which such electors may reside for members of congress."

THE MAIL is a newspaper in its broadest sense—in proof of which reference may be made to its files for nearly four years past. It is a paper for the whole people. If it be not true will someone please tell us why its circulation has increased in less than four years from less than five hundred to over eighteen hundred now? Party advocacy did not do this. No person takes it because it is his party paper. It is taken and read because it is an impartial independent NEWSPAPER.

MUCH has been said in these columns during the past few weeks regarding the Cameron placer mine and Mr. Durphy's attempt to dispose of it on an eastern market. While THE MAIL may have said some things that were not pleasant for Mr. Durphy to read, we have always maintained that the Cameron placer mine was a valuable property and one which could easily be disposed of upon its true merits and that there was no need of resorting to misrepresentations. In proof of this we are informed that Messrs. Henderson & Kalfus, owners of the Elliott creek mine, have offered Mr. Cameron, quite recently, \$30,000 for his mine, which amount, we understand, is the price asked. Of this amount \$15,000 was to be paid in cash and the remainder in twelve or eighteen months. The offer, however, has not, as yet, been accepted.

WHILE the all absorbing topic right now in politics is gold or silver it might be of interest to our readers to know that silver has been successfully changed into gold, not by magic, but by chemical processes. Prof. Emmons, one of the most skilled metallurgist in the country, claims that in the reduction of silver the molecules, which are the very smallest parts of substances, are so subdivided as to differ so materially from that metal that they can no longer be regarded as the same substance, but a new one and apart of both gold and silver, or the raw material, out of which by a different arrangement of molecules, either gold or silver, are constructed. Working on this theory he finds that this new metallic substance can be aggregated into substance of greater density than silver, and precisely corresponding with

gold in color and weight so as to answer every test of the United States mint as gold. In fact, he says it is gold, though manufactured from silver, of as much purity and value as that ever obtained in any other way. By his present experiments he gets about four ounces of gold from six of silver.

Our correspondent at Talent is not feeling that the nation will go to the dogs immediately after the election, when he writes in his bundle of news items this week, that "Whether McKinley or Bryan be elected president, peace, plenty and good health will prevail at Talent." There are those of both parties who are earnest in their belief that unless their candidate is elected dire disaster will be visited upon the people of the United States. We have heard McKinley men predict war if their candidate is not elected, and we have heard Bryan men make the same prediction. Now we don't believe that anything of that sort is going to befall us. THE MAIL is not enough a pessimist to believe that we people of these great United States are going to do battle among ourselves when one or the other of these men is elected president. We are told that no greater aggravation incited the war between the Union and Rebel forces. Let us tell you that the circumstances are vastly different in this instance. There was then the solid south and the solid north and there was a dividing line. Where is the dividing line now? At that time it was practically stranger against stranger. Now it would be neighbor against neighbor—and in our opinion there will be nothing of the kind.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Jesse West entered the third grade Monday.

Miss Eva West, formerly of the Portland schools, has entered the eighth grade.

The eighth and ninth grades are taking final examination in Evangeline this week.

The little people of the second grade miss Treve Lumsden. He is absent on account of sickness.

The little folks in Mrs. Peter's room will recite next Friday. Parents are respectfully invited to attend.

A system of calisthenics has been introduced throughout the school, and is being pushed vigorously.

The seventh grade literary club has prepared a program for Friday, October 30. Parents and friends are invited.

A daily roll of honor is being kept in the fourth and fifth grades. A marked improvement in the conduct of some of the pupils is noticeable.

Pupils of the sixth grade would be pleased to have parents and friends visit them on Friday afternoon, October 30. A short program and an exhibit of work.

Engineer Carl T. Jones is setting grade stakes on the school grounds preparatory to grading. Some of the stakes are in the path of those who make the short cut back of the building, and it is hoped no damage will occur to any one.

Quite a number of parents and friends were present at the special exercises of the first primary room, Friday afternoon. The little ones did well for their first attempt, and hope to be able to entertain more creditably at another time.

Warren Cameron, class of '96, spent some time with the tenth grade Monday. We are always pleased to see any of our former pupils in the schoolroom. It is an evidence that the days spent in school are remembered with some pleasure.

Visitors: Mesdames I. D. Sayre, I. T. Williams, C. A. Smith, W. I. Vawter, L. E. Hoover, J. H. Miller, S. R. Hill, B. P. Theiss. John Lathrop, G. W. Williams, M. T. Richardson, T. W. Beckett, S. Smith, Misses Emma King, E. Leon Coleman and Artie Morey.

He Is Headed This Way.

It behooves business men to keep their eyes open for the fishing sharks which about this season of the year make themselves plentiful. Read the following from the Albany Democrat—and don't let this same chap catch you: A stranger with letters of introduction succeeded in getting checks for \$39 73 and \$25 83 cashed. The affair was arranged so as not to excite suspicion, and was in the form of a proposition for money and goods. The man, after getting his money, "skipped." It was desired to keep the affair quiet, but it has leaked out. The same man operated in Oregon City, where he secured \$51 05 on a somewhat different plan.

'Twas All the Same Fourth of July.

Last Saturday was a gala day in Medford, it being the day of the republican barbecue. People from all portions of the country began arriving early and by ten o'clock the streets were thronged with visitors. The overland train brought over a carload of people from Grants Pass and intermediate points. There were three bands—Jacksonville, Grants Pass and Medford—in attendance, which enlivened the proceedings with strains of excellent music. About 12:30 the crowd, headed by the bands, proceeded to the grounds near the Medford-Jacksonville depot, where the two beavers and two sheep had been roasted, carved and placed on long tables, together with 4000 loaves of bread and pickles enough to sharpen the appetite. For a good hour and a half the crowd marched in single file around the table and gathered to themselves the edibles as they moved along. After all had eaten their fill and the remnants cleared away the Multnomah and Grants Pass quartets sang each a campaign song, and after this Hon. Wm. Rasmus, of Portland, was introduced and spoke for an hour or more. At the close of his speech the quartets rendered another song and then Judge Pipes, also of Portland, was introduced to the assembly. He spoke for about an hour and at the close of his talk the crowd dispersed and preparations for a torch light procession were commenced. The parade formed in a square near the Medford-Jacksonville depot. The procession was headed by the Grants Pass band, followed by the Women's McKinley club and the Medford McKinley club, together with two clubs from Jacksonville, each member bearing torch or banner. The procession was four blocks in length and marched through the principal streets of the city. Interspersed through the procession were the Medford and Jacksonville bands. After this march the crowd assembled at the opera house to listen to a speech by Hon. W. T. Hume, of Portland, who spoke upon the present political issues. The day's program closed with a dance given by the Medford brass band, which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. It is estimated that there were fully three thousand visitors in attendance and many kind words for Medford's hospitality were heard on all sides. It is said that there were people present of varied political views, but whether they were all of one faith or not THE MAIL don't know. Be this as it may they were nearly all of them patrons of Medford stores and a big business for the day was recorded in all of the merchants' cash receipt books. There was such an immense rush in many of the stores that employees and proprietors could scarcely find time to go to their meals. In a business way it was sort of a Fourth of July—as to the political success achieved we are not in a position to give figures. It was estimated that over \$3000 were taken in by Medford merchants during the day and evening—the same having been exchanged by the visitors for various kinds of merchandise.

Rich Elliott Creek Mines.

H. R. Henderson, one of the owners of the immensely rich Elliott creek placer mine, was in Medford this week closing up the outside business for the mine, which was that of a final purchase of the needed winter supplies. During the fall six tons of groceries have been taken from Medford to this mine and the company now has in store enough provision to last them until spring and they are not troubling themselves as to how soon the snow falls or how deep. Fourteen miles of the distance to their mine is made over a pack trail.

The owners of the Elliott creek mine, Messrs. Henderson & Kalfus, of whom the Mr. Henderson spoken of in the first line of this little mention is which, have undoubtedly one of the best mining properties on the coast, in fact, two of the best properties, as aside from their Elliott creek mine they have seven placer claims on Horse creek, just over the divide from Elliott creek. Both these camps are now in operation. As an indicator of the value of their Horse creek mine Mr. Henderson states that two men while drifting on these claims will clean-up each day from \$35 to \$135.

These gentlemen have been in that country only since last February but they have made some wonderful strides in the way of developments. Next spring they will put two giants on the Horse creek property. The first work with the giants will be that of cleaning off the bed rock of the present creek after which they will have plenty of dump for the old channel which is considerable distance higher up the mountain side.

In the spring the company propose building a road to their mines, soon after which they will make application for a postoffice at the residence J. L. Johnson, a gentleman from whom they purchased part of their mining property.

A Present Ownership Map.

Everybody ought to own one of Grant Rawlings' Jackson county present ownership maps. This is positively the most complete map for all desired purposes ever put on the market. There is not a farm location in the county that is not given, as well as the owner's name and number of acres in the tract. Mr. Rawlings is now selling these maps. You ought to secure one before the supply is exhausted.

Cure for Crippled Children.

The National Surgical Institute, No. 319 Bush St., San Francisco, successfully treats all cases of orthopedic surgery. One or more surgeons of this Institute will be at the Hotel Nash, Medford, Wednesday Nov. 4th, one day to examine cases. The success of the Institute in treating all cases of curvature of the spine, diseases of the hip and knee joints, club feet, crooked limbs and bodily deformities as well as piles, fistula, nasal catarrh and all chronic diseases has made for the Institute a national reputation. Write for circular.

Reference may be had to Mrs. A. DePatt, Ashland; Hon. Thos. Davidson, Salem; B. F. Peart, Central Point; Thos. Jennings, capitalist, San Francisco; C. F. Bontrager, Central Point, and hundreds of others.

Tires Set and Rattling of Spokes

Stopped by new process, for \$2.00 a set. Will call at place and do work. Call or drop me a card. C. C. GILCHRIST, Central Point, Ore.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Parts of Holland are ten and thirty feet below the level of the sea.

All plants have periods of activity and rest. Some are active in the daytime and sleep at night; others repose during the daylight hours and are awake at night.

"The most rational modes," says Prof. Felfos, "of keeping physical decay or deterioration at bay, and thus retarding the approach of old age, are avoiding all rich foods and using much fruit, especially apples."

The wheat market and prospects of famine in India still attract much attention, although some of the most influential newspapers of that country do not share the feeling of alarm which prevails in some quarters.

Li Hung Chang has been appointed minister of foreign affairs. Simultaneously with his appointment an imperial edict orders that he be punished for presuming to enter the precincts of the ruined summer palace, while visiting the dowager empress.

The body of the late Marquis De Mores has been recovered from the African desert, and is now in Paris. The corpse was reduced to a mere skeleton by the combined efforts of the Saharan sun, insects and birds of prey, and the identification was made only by a plaster cast of De Mores' teeth made by a Paris dentist just before he started on his fatal trip.

That Turkey is preparing for war late telegrams leave no doubt. A poll tax has been levied upon all Mussulmans and an increase of from one to one and one-half per cent tax has been made upon sheep and public works. Large purchases of arms have been made and the danger of war is daily becoming more imminent.

A leading authority in London says England will need at least 20,000,000 quarters—160,000,000 bushels—of wheat in 12 months, and that when India and Australia became importers instead of exporters, and Russia less able to supply than was expected, must maintain if not enhance prices, as millers in England have been living from hand to mouth.

On January 16, '98, it is expected that a party of 100 American Catholics will leave New York for the Holy Land. This party will carry the American flag and the whole object of the trip will be to deposit the flag in the church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, there to remain. The flag will be of silk, with the badge of pilgrimage, and the date 1897 embroidered thereon.

If a recent suggestion of New Jersey's commissioner of public roads should be carried into effect, we might before long find ourselves driving on steel roads as well as inhabiting steel buildings. The proposed plan is to lay broad steel rails with a slight sloping rib on each side, to carry the wheels of all sorts of vehicles. Such a road, it is said, could be constructed more cheaply than a macadamized road, which, according to one estimate, costs \$7,000 a mile. It is said that a steel track road can be constructed for \$6000 a mile.

Homer Davenport, the young gentleman from Marion county, this state, who has gained a national reputation as the best cartoonist in the land, is fast raking in the coin. Recently, Mr. Pulitzer, of the New York World, offered to give him \$250 per week to leave the Journal and go to work on his paper. This was \$100 per week more than Mr. Davenport was receiving, but he declined the offer, as he preferred to keep faith with his present employer. Mr. Hearst heard of the incident and immediately raised him to \$250, per week and made him a present of a check for \$3000.

Card of Thanks.

We desire, through the columns of your valuable paper, to extend our deep gratitude to the many friends of Medford and vicinity for their acts of kindness rendered upon the occasion of the sickness and death of our beloved husband, father and brother.

Mrs. J. O. JOHNSON,
C. JETTE JOHNSON,
MABEL J. JOHNSON,
ESTHER M. JOHNSON,
Mrs. MARY CHILDERS,
Mrs. SARAH CHILDERS.

They Are Coming, Sure.

The DeMoss Quartette, authors of the famous song, "Sweet Oregon," will give one of their most excellent and refined entertainments in this city on the evening of November 14th.

Darlington, Wis., Journal says editorially of a popular patent medicine: "We have known from experience that Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhea remedy is all that is claimed for it, as on two occasions it stopped excruciating pains and possibly saved us from an untimely grave. We would not rest easy over night without it in the house." This remedy undoubtedly saves more pain and suffering than any other medicine in the world. Ever family should keep it in the house for it is sure to be needed sooner or later. For sale by George H. Haskins.

A Leather Offering!

50 PAIRS

Ladies' medium heavy grain shoes, custom made and warranted solid,

75 CENTS

Per pair. The true value of this shoe is \$1.50. Sizes, 4, 4 1-2 and 5; last E E. They will go quick.

Our ladies' fine shoes will arrive next Tuesday. They will have the

"New Nichols Toe,"

And are beauties. Be sure and see them

Deuel & Stevens

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Our line is complete in every detail. Gingham, calicoes, outings and suitings—all style and fancy patterns....

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We have never before had in stock a better line of Dry Goods than right now—and we have carried some pretty good stocks in years ago....

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My specialties are the very best brands of Brandies and Cyrus Noble Whiskey

This brand of Whiskey was awarded first premium at the California Mid-Winter fair

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Pure Brandies and Whiskies for medicinal uses.

When you are drinking take a drink of good whiskey—try Cyrus Noble Empty barrels and kegs for sale

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S. ROSENTHAL, Medford, Ore.

A Livery Turnout....

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

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