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He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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TRULY the scepter is passing from the hand of man when we read that the most courageous soldiers of Cuba are women.

WITH both Edison and Roentgen coming down on consumption germ at once, the "dread destroyer" seems to have a very pale chance for a brilliant future.

TACOMA is justly pluming herself with a new bit of raiment. That city's postoffice now stands second among the United States offices in the number of mail packages handled and the value of the same. New York is first with 1,279,706 packages, valued at \$27,932,210. Tacoma, 621,763; value \$4,738,923. San Francisco third with 244,024, value \$4,533,920.

AMERICAN girls who are tempted to marry British subjects for the sake of titles or other supposed advantages should remember that wife-whipping is tolerated and authorized by law in England. In a recent case a man recaptured his runaway wife and "corrected" her with a cudgel and also with a shovel. She was severely beaten, and yet the court decided that the husband had not transcended his marital authority.

WE PEOPLE of Jackson county who figure our county expenses are running too high—and who hope that they will be reduced, have no comparatively good reason to complain when our expenses are compared with those of counties of eastern states. Let us give you a few figures for one month from Cass county. North Dakota: Coroner's fees, \$412.30; printing, \$2040.28; county officers' fees and salaries, \$3510.94, and everything else at about the same ratio.

RUSSIA is putting forth an effort leading to an agreement between the principal wheat producing countries of the world, to fix a price on wheat which will be uniformly through various seasons of overproduction and unsatisfactory crops, caused by drought or continued rain, and thus make the principal grain staple upon which the millions of consumers depend for food, almost as unchangeable in value as gold itself has become. This would enable the producer, in the event of an unusually large crop, to store his wheat and obtain thereon a loan that would tide him over until wheat was in demand in the world's market, when he would get a full and fair price for it.

THERE is much which can be said commendatory to the town in which the citizens join hands and pull together for the common good of all. Such a town is a crowning success in any clime and upon any soil. Medford owes her prosperity largely to the fact that what little strife and contention has been brought to the surface among her people has been easily and in most cases effectually erased from their memory—set aside among those ugly, unkind thoughts and acts which have no place in the hearts of honest people. The good book says to us that he who loveth God loveth his neighbor. So, also, he who loveth his town and hopes for the success of his business and the happiness of his family, will not create contention and woe in the surroundings of his neighbor.

THE bondsmen of the defaulting county treasurer of Shasta county, California, are now figuring on how they can evade the payment to the county the amount of the treasurer's shortage, and they have it figured pretty nearly to their liking and is after this fashion:—"Due diligence was not used by the proper officials in the county to discover the treasurer's mismanagement of the county affairs." It is safe to wager good money that the bondsmen will win—as they did in this county. This bond business is somewhat a farce, especially so when individual interests are doing battle with those in which there is no personal, financial responsibility—nothing at stake save official honor and so very little of that that no person with brains equal to a breakfast for a humming bird would place a copper on it with a hope of winning.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Ada Soggs, of Portland, has entered the fourth grade.

Donna Bell, of Brownsboro, has entered the seventh grade.

The regular quarterly examinations are being held this week.

Little Roy Bowman, of the first grade, is very sick with typhoid pneumonia.

Myrtle Frye, Coosa Saunders and Roy Chance entered the second grade this week.

Visitors: Miss Susie Holmes, Mrs. C. W. Palm, Miss Anna Lloyd, Lora Randles and Mr. Eagley.

The little folks in Mrs. Peter's room are particularly interested in the story of the first Thanksgiving.

The pupils of the fifth grade are just finishing their compositions—which have "cotton" for a subject.

The tenth grade has just finished a three months' course in English authors and will have their examination next week.

Harry Ling, of the third grade, who has been absent for several weeks on account of sickness, returned to school this week.

The eighth and ninth grades had exercises in their room Wednesday afternoon, to which the tenth grade are invited. This is to be repaid by them at Christmas.

Room nine was beautifully decorated with holly and mistle-toe, and the members of the room had a Thanksgiving program November 25th, which was unusually good.

The members of the different grades will make a display on examination papers during the next week, of the treasures their minds have gathered in the past three months.

Some of the pupils, from the fifth to the tenth grade inclusive, have organized a class with Prof. Gregory as teacher for a drill in elocution. The class meets on Wednesday evening after school and it hopes to derive much good from this drill.

Some of the pupils of the ninth and tenth grades are regarding with dismay the coming quarterly examination. This is no doubt caused by the great number and frequency of night entertainments and operas held in Medford and near vicinity in the last few weeks.

The children of the school are greatly pleased with the four days' vacation during Thanksgiving time. No school from Wednesday evening until next Monday morning is quite a rest from school work and Governor Lord will receive many thanks for his proclamation.

## Thanksgiving at the Public Schools.

No proclamation from president or governor was needed to designate Wednesday, November 25th, as Thanksgiving day at the public schools. All the pupils knew it and of course parents had learned it from them. For several days there had been decorating with laurels, mistletoe and evergreen until the rooms were very pretty with red and green. On Wednesday morning fruits and vegetables came in to remind one of the morrow's festivities.

In the afternoon the usual recitations gave place to well arranged programs in each room. Parents were invited and they came by scores. One of the causes for hearty thanksgiving in Medford is the genuine interest which patrons show in their schools. Every room had an admiring and appreciative audience to listen to the varied exercises. Recitations, readings, dialogues and music appropriate to the occasion were well rendered and highly enjoyed.

An interesting feature of the day was the presentation, to various needy families about town, of the fruits and vegetables and many articles which had been brought for the purpose. Hearts really thankful and a happy desire to make others happy—and this method gives an excellent opportunity for such expressions.

Though regular lessons were laid aside for the afternoon there were good lessons carried away by those who were present.

Good advice: Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea remedy. For sale by Geo. H. Haskins.

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## A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

The marriage rate in Great Britain, which has been declining for years, is again on the increase.

A new device suspends the stove handle always within reach by means of a cord wound on a drum operated by a coiled spring.

A railroad station indicator, for use on trains, tells the time of arriving at and leaving each station as the train reaches it.

The estate of the late George De Maurier is valued at \$229,795—the most of which was made from the sale of the once famous Trilby.

John R. Gentry, the champion pacer of the world, was sold at auction in New York last Thursday to Louis T. Tewksbury, for \$19,900.

The brief in Durrants appeal contains 580 pages and deals only with alleged errors in the law. It is expected it will be passed upon soon.

Dr. Dawson Jackson has discovered that the Roentgen rays exist in nature. He claims to have discovered it in the ordinary glow worm.

The Examiner says San Francisco has 3200 licensed saloons and they would cover 66 blocks, and make in a straight line a street 16 miles long.

The latest development in the cathode rays is an arrangement by which the blind are able to see. Interesting developments are expected from this.

The celebrated Hatfield-McCoy feud in Kentucky has again been renewed. Hatfield and his 14-year-old son killed three men on election day. More trouble is anticipated.

As a finale to the accidental death of a foot ball player in Kansas last week, there is a movement on foot to have a bill passed in the next legislature making foot ball playing a misdemeanor.

An auditor in a Japanese theater is allowed, for a small fee, to stand up, and the unfortunate behind him has no right to remonstrate, or to rise and get a peep at the stage. He may hear but he cannot see.

Mrs. Mary Stevens, of Yale, Illinois, chaplain of the Daughters of Rebecca, died suddenly while offering a prayer at a meeting of the lodge. She had just commenced praying, saying "Our Father" when she dropped dead.

It is confidentially expected that people will vote by machinery at the next election. At a trial of the voting machine just completed in New York it was proven to be a perfect success and expeditious as well as reduce the cost of the election.

Maryland is squarely in the front on curious names for congressmen. Representative Coffin has just been retired, and his successor, paradoxical as it may seem, being a man whose name is Mudd. Dr. Booze has also been elected, but it is hoped he will not be too conspicuous.

The Interior department estimates it will require \$7,290,000 to take care of the red men this year. This is an increase of \$1,000,000. The increase is due to the policy adopted by the last legislature to abolish contract Indian schools and place all the Indian schools under the government control.

The sheriff in Columbus, S. C., arrested a train of cars recently and tied the engine to the rails, in order to collect a bill against the railroad company for which judgment had been given by the court. He is now figuring on how he can escape a term in the penitentiary for obstructing Uncle Sam's mail.

An evangelist has made application for the appointment as chaplain of the house of representatives at Washington. He does not want the salary attached to the position, but says he has a mission from God to convert the congressmen upon whom the devil has a pernicious hold. He should have kept his mission secret until he got his job.

A Sisson, Calif., man is made to pay a fine of \$100 for placing cancelled postage stamps on letters sent out by him. He saved about thirty cents in postage—which cost him \$100 and took chances on getting six months in jail and the payment of a fine of \$500—the limit of penalty for the offense. It don't pay to be dishonest with anyone, much less the government.

A Nebraska man has invented a new stove pipe which turns on instead of sliding. One complete turn fastens the pipe. This man should be pensioned for life and in some way given a guarantee that golden harps shall be the instruments which will afford the music to angels' lullabys when he shall have anchored his life ship in the harbor of that other shore.

A flying ship has just been completed and has proven a success, says a California dispatch. The ship was invented by a wealthy Californian, and is the result of fifteen years hard study. Attorney Collins of San Francisco says the

ship sailed in the air from Oroville to Sacramento without a mishap and that in a few days it will be exhibited to people in daylight. It is made of metal, is 150 feet long and is built to carry fifteen people.

Chairman Mark Hanna and Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, have met, clasped hands and declared the war off for four years. Davenport asked Hanna if he was angry at the cartoons he drew of him and Hanna replied that he could stand it, but advised him to not let Mrs. Hanna get hold of him. Davenport remarked that he intended to make his afternoon calls upon Mrs. Hanna very brief, formal and usual—usual because they will always be made when that lady is out.

About 5000 children in New York City who have been unable to attend school, owing to want of room, will now be provided for. At the urgent request of Mayor Strong, the clergymen and trustees of a large number of the churches have agreed to allow the use of their Sunday school rooms for school purposes. The board of education are to supply the children with books and desks, and the rooms are to be cleared every Saturday and put in good shape for Sunday school.

A beautiful young lady of St. Louis has a mania for kissing cold, clanny corpses. She called at the morgue in that city, a few days ago, and asked to be shown through the building. After visiting the other parts of the morgue, she asked to be shown into the exhibition room. After entering she asked her escort to leave her alone with the dead, but her request was refused. She thereupon lifted the lid which contained a homely, mutilated corpse which had been half devoured by rats, and bent over and kissed the face.

Since Weyler's unsuccessful campaign against Maceo, the Cuban leader, the question of a Spanish-Cuban armistice has been widely discussed. The fact has been realized that there is little hope of subduing the Cubans, and it is now hoped for the peaceful intervention of the United States in the war for a sufficient time to allow negotiations to be conducted for the purchase of Cuba, the United States guaranteeing the payment of the debt. It would seem that this project would be the surest way of concluding the war—but would the United States profit by such an arrangement?

One of the most extraordinary cases which the medical profession has been called upon to solve, is that of Michael Ferman, of Shamokin, Pennsylvania. Nine years ago he came home from his work feeling very sleepy, and immediately retired, and since that time he has been sleeping soundly, except an interval of eight hours, about one year after his sleep began. He has been propped up in his bed and fed on food that does not require mastication, and has been steadily growing larger since he first took to his bed. His wife, worn out by constant watching, has died, and Ferman will now be confined in an asylum, to sleep until his death.

## A Pleasant Evening.

The house-warming of Dr. and Mrs. Patterson, at Central Point, was well attended Friday night in spite of mud and threatening weather. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers and received many compliments for their coziness and the home feeling that prevailed there. Instrumental and vocal music helped to delight the guests part of the evening, showing that there were gifted ones present and developing the fact that the doctor and his wife are the happy possessors of one of the finest toned pianos in the valley.

Quite the most laughter provoking thing of the evening was "The Dressing of the New Woman," the judges making considerable sport over the awarding of the prizes. Hearty applause was called forth by a recitation by the charming hostess. Soon after the ladies were requested to secure partners for refreshments and there was a great deal of merriment before all were seated before the beautifully decorated and bountifully laden table. With repartee and mirth the viands soon disappeared. The rest of the evening was devoted to charades which caused the time to pass so quickly that it was Saturday morning before any one realized the fact. On departing all thanked their host and hostess for having given them a pleasant evening, long to be remembered, and all wished them a long life of happiness and prosperity and many such evenings to gladden them on their way.

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