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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.
He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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The year of Mars is almost twice as long as it is on our planet, being exactly 687 days of terrestrial time. What a paradise Mars would be for bachelor girls—but the dear girls positively cannot get there.

Boggs, the defaulting treasurer of Tacoma, gets six years in the penitentiary. That this sentence is a deserved one many will agree. He is not only a knave in the eyes of the law, but in the minds of the people he is considered a very easy dupe to the rascally wiles of those shrewd tricksters who had more brains and less nerve than he.

THE re-appointment by Governor Lord of Senator S. H. Holt, of Jackson county, as a member of the state board of agriculture, is not alone a compliment to Mr. Holt, but as well to our county. The gentleman has proven himself a faithful worker in the interest of the association, and his re-appointment is a fitting tribute to an honest, energetic gentleman.

THAT congress will take imminent action in Cuban affairs is becoming more apparent with every day's session. This body proposes to compel the president to issue such a proclamation as will at once give assistance to the struggling and criminally assaulted Cubans. And this is but right and in justice to a people who have been ruled and practically ruined by monarchical government.

A ROSEBURG business house offers to pay face value for county warrants. Douglas county is not out of debt and we do not presume that this house pays in cash, but even if face value can be realized in trade by the holders of the warrants it beats peddling them out for ninety cents or thereabouts in cash. Is there not one or more merchants in Medford who can afford to make a similar inducement to the warrant holders of Jackson county?

SPAIN is poorly fitted for war. Her outstanding obligations foot up to \$1,420,000,000, and this does not take into account the \$240,000,000 Cuban debt, for which Spain is liable, over half of which has been incurred on account of the present revolution. It requires nearly one-half of the present national revenues to meet the interest on this debt, and now Spain is trying to place a further loan of \$200,000,000 for the purpose of carrying on the Cuban and Philippine war.

THESE are many people in this land of ours who will hold up their hands in horror at the thought of putting lynch law into force, yet these same people would undoubtedly question the justice of the decisions of many of our courts. We are not recommending lynch law as a means of justifying and evening up a wrong, however grave the nature, but if the masses relieve the courts and jurors of frequent and expensive murder trials by a quicker and surer process there is nothing at fault save the laxity of our laws and the cunning of learned lawyers.

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with the rheumatism for five months. In speaking of it Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents a bottle by Geo. H. Haskins.

The Fair Ground Proposition Revived

For the past couple of months a self-appointed committee of five Medford gentlemen, comprising Messrs. I. L. Hamilton, J. W. Lawton, G. L. Davis, J. A. Whitman, and A. S. Bliton, have been quietly and earnestly working to bring about such a condition of affairs as would result in Medford securing one of the several things which her people have been most anxious for for the past several years. This committee visited all the thought of suitable locations for fair grounds tributary to our city and after discussing the merits and demerits of all decided that the Fordey grove, and the land adjoining it, was the most suitable—in fact a number of other locations could not be secured upon any terms. This committee last Monday secured an option on a lease of this property for thirty days, and the following Tuesday evening a meeting was called in the city hall for the purpose of devising means for carrying out the project. At this meeting which was rather an informal affair, A. S. Bliton was chosen chairman and G. L. Davis secretary. The proposition was discussed quite at length and it was decided to subscribe money enough to hire two good men to solicit subscriptions for stock. The committee of gentlemen mentioned in the commencement of this item were asked to continue their work as such committee until it could be ascertained whether or not the proposition could be carried out. It was decided at the meeting that the shares of stock should be \$10 each. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman. The following morning the committee selected Messrs. L. B. Warner and A. J. McLeod as solicitors and these gentlemen at once started out upon their mission and up to noon yesterday had secured \$1010.

The following gentlemen have subscribed the amounts set opposite their names, which amounts are to be paid in cash or material.

J. L. Hamilton	\$ 100 00
J. C. Hall	100 00
Southern Oregon Pork Pac. Co	100 00
E. Wilkinson	50 00
C. W. Walters	50 00
G. L. Davis	50 00
G. P. Lindley	50 00
Jas. Coeti	50 00
I. F. Williams	50 00
I. A. Mounce	50 00
S. Childers	50 00
Bedleman & Nicholson	50 00
G. H. Haskins	50 00
Capt. J. T. C. Nash	50 00
Lawton Bros.	50 00
C. E. Stewart	50 00
Parker & Higgins	30 00
Hubbard Bros.	30 00

Total, \$ 1010 00

As will be seen from the above there are a good number of our citizens and business men who have not subscribed yet. Many of these have not been seen by the committee, but it is hoped they will respond liberally when they have been solicited. The labor subscription has not as yet been started but will be Saturday, after which time subscriptions will be received.

The site chosen is a fifty acre tract of land situated about three-fourths of a mile southwest of Medford on the Jackson road. Upon about fifteen acres of the land is a beautiful oak grove, which makes it a suitable—in fact a very desirable place, for holding picnics and public meetings as well as for fair purposes. The option stipulates that the association lease the fifty acres for ten years for \$250 per year, with a privilege of buying inside of five years at \$125 per acre, and after five years and inside of ten years at \$150 per acre.

It is estimated that suitable buildings, fencing and speed track—one-half mile—will cost not to exceed \$3000—half of this in cash and material and half in work.

When it is known positively that enough shares can be sold—or have been sold—to assure success it is proposed to call a meeting of the stockholders and organize a stock company.

It is proposed to issue stock in payment for labor upon the same basis as a cash subscription, and in this connection it is expected that considerable team work can be secured from the farmers hereabouts.

While much has been said in years ago upon this fair ground proposition there never has been at any time as much assurance of success as right now and if those interested will subscribe liberally it will surely prove the success hoped for.

During the preliminary work of the committee, Mr. J. C. Pendleton, of Table Rock, proved himself a very willing and able aid.

Among the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. F. B. Ford, D. D., will preach at the M. E. church Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock, and on Sunday morning, the usual hour. This being the quarterly meeting, sacrament will follow the preaching service.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Services next Sunday as follows: Sermon at 11 a. m., Subject—"Blood." Sermon at 7 p. m., subject—"Restitution." Sunday school at 10 a. m. and Epworth League at 6 p. m.

J. A. CRUTCHFIELD, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services at 11 a. m.; Christmas sermon—"Some Account of the Observance of Christmas in Other Countries."—by the pastor. At 7 p. m., in place of the regular sermon, the Junior Endeavor society will give a service consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc. Seats free. Good music by the choir at both services. Everyone welcome.

When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of J. F. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Geo. H. Haskins.

Farm to Trade for Oregon Farm.

A well improved farm in Central, Nebraska, to trade for an Oregon farm. For further information, call on or address, J. P. Moomaw, Eagle Point, Oregon.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Returns show that sixteen persons in a thousand who are confined in lunatic asylums have been made insane by love affairs.

Frank H. Cheeseman, a young man of Oakland, has made eight ineffectual attempts to commit suicide, the last attempt being made last Saturday.

A thirteen year old girl at Holton, Kan., is said to have eleven fingers, twelve toes, and a head twenty-two and three fourth inches in circumference.

Mrs. Boyed, wife of a colored evangelist and noted for her strength, has challenged Sharkey to box four rounds for points or is willing to go in for a finish fight.

At a recent banquet in Maryland, President Cleveland was toasted with wine worth three dollars a teaspoonful. The liquor was of the vintage of 1800.

The difficulty of registering the temperature at the bottom of the ocean is due to the fact that at a great depth the thermometers are crushed by the pressure.

Gypsy, the famous old circus elephant, which has killed four keepers in the last few years, has been condemned to death and will be electrocuted in a short time.

About the year B. C. 220 edible serpents were sold at the rate of twenty for 40 cents in the Egyptian markets. They were shipped to Rome. Italian vipers were cheaper, twenty being sold for 15 cents.

The number of sheep in the world in 1896 is estimated at 511,000,000 as against 534,000,000 in 1895. There are four and a half times as many sheep in Europe as in the United States and over three times as many in Australia as in the United States.

The amount of sugar used in the United States during 1895 was sixty-four pounds for every person. England is the only other large nation which consumes as much sugar as we do. In England the amount consumed by each person is eighty-seven pounds.

A vivid portrayal of the awful situation in India—famine threatened for the whole population, grain riots already begun and a drought of many months in prospect is contained in a letter from a missionary who has spent twenty-three years in the service in India.

An automatic restaurant has just been opened in Berlin, where by dropping coins in a slot the dishes are sent up on a tray. Rolls, wine and coffee are now served, and more elaborate dishes are to follow. The inventor is an Italian, and the novel scheme is attracting great attention.

The supreme court of Washington has affirmed the sentence of six years imprisonment for Geo. W. Boggs, the ex-city treasurer of Tacoma. There are a great many different opinions expressed as to the equity of the sentence. Boggs was at one time interested in mining in Jackson county.

The experiment of making paper stockings and gloves has been going on for some time, and stockings to sell at three cents a pair has been proposed. Solidity and durability are given the texture by a sizing bath of potato starch and tallow, and when finished its appearance is similar to fabric goods.

A meeting of Canadians has been called to meet in Montreal next March with the object of federating all groups and clubs of the dominion, when course of action will be marked out, looking toward the separation of Canada from Great Britain and the establishment of an independent Canadian republic.

Ex-Queen Lillokalanani, of Hawaii, arrived in San Francisco last Saturday and will soon leave for Washington, D. C., supposedly to intercede with President Cleveland with a view to regaining her lost throne. It is only conjectured, however, as she is very reticent, positively refusing to be interviewed upon any subject.

Bank clerks, like other mortals, make mistakes. Of the packages of paper money sent to the treasury last year for redemption no small number did not contain the amount marked upon them. Strangely enough the surplus amounts exceeded the deficits, the former in a nominal total of \$87,000,000, aggregating \$7,500, while the latter came to only \$2000.

H. D. Booge, Topeka man, has adopted a unique plan for "getting even" on the money power. Recently he lost his handsome home through foreclosure. He owned the adjacent lot and on this he built a barn within twenty feet of the front door of his old home. The loan company thus found it impossible to rent their property and Booge takes the secret satisfaction in seeing it remain vacant.

Prof. Snellison says that only 900 persons in 1,000,000, according to medical authority, die from old age, while 1200 succumb to gout,

18,400 to measles, 2700 to apoplexy, 7000 to erysipelas, 7500 to consumption, 48,000 to scarlet fever, 25,000 to whooping-cough, 30,000 to typhoid and typhus, and 7000 to rheumatism. The averages vary according to locality, but these are considered accurate as regards the population of the globe as a whole.

The price of wives is falling in Australia because the supply is exceeding the demand. The Chinamen in Australia, when they take a notion to marry, write to the matrimonial agent in Hong Kong and describe the kind of wife they desire and these are sent to them. The price of a Chinese woman in Sidney is thirty-eight pounds or two for fifty-two pounds. They most always order two and after selecting the one that best suits them, the other is sold at auction to the highest bidder.

In the Colorado deserts they have rain storms during which not a drop of water touches the earth. The rain can be seen falling from the clouds high above the desert, but when the water reaches the strata of hot, dry air beneath the clouds, it is entirely absorbed before falling half the distance to the ground. It is a singular sight to witness a heavy downpour of rain not a drop of which touches the ground. These strange rains storm occur in regions where the shade temperature often reaches as high as 128 degrees Fahrenheit.

Another scene, enacted by those most prominent in the Rev. Brown scandal which was before the people of San Francisco last winter, was the suicide of Mrs. Sarah Cooper, one of the prime factors in the scandal, and her daughter, which occurred at their home in San Francisco last Friday. They killed themselves by asphyxiation. Mrs. Cooper was one of the most prominent women in California and highly educated. Her will, which was found in the library after her death, and which was written the day previous to the suicide, requested them not to take their bodies to the morgue.

Going to Assist Cubans.

With the confirmation of the death of Antonia Maceo, the Cuban patriot leader, and the details of the cowardly manner in which his life was taken, comes also great excitement in this country which augurs no good for the Spaniards and their cause. All over the country the patriotic people of America are rising in their might and pledging their hearty support to the struggling Cubans. Strong resolutions, condemning in the plainest language the cowardly murder, have been introduced in the senate, and public meetings in the larger cities for the purpose of discussing means to aid Cuba, are only a few of the results of the news and confirmation of his death.

In Dallas, Texas, a large public meeting was held last week, where over two thousand men and women were present and passed unanimously a resolution offering to stand ready to honor any draft made upon them by congress and the president for men and material to aid the Cubans. In Fayetteville, Ark., a company of twenty young men have organized and will start in a short time to join the rebel army, while in Colorado, over one thousand men have enrolled to go to the island. They expect to march through the country to New Orleans and gather reinforcements on their way. In Illinois, Indiana, Idaho, and Kansas companies of volunteers numbering from twenty-five to seventy-five each have been organized and have either started or are preparing to start immediately for Cuba. Representatives from the Cuban junta are organizing troops all over the country and furnishing them with transportation to the island.

Contrary to the opinions of the Spaniards, Maceo's death, instead of aiding their cause, will undoubtedly react to the Cubans good, especially since the manner in which his death occurred has been made public—as can be seen by the patriotic manner with which the American people are responding to avenge the wrong. The Spaniards are preparing to celebrate the death of Maceo, which has added fuel to the flame, and the Cuban residents in and around Key West are aroused to intense excitement and vow death to every one seen celebrating the murder of their dead leader. Several riots have occurred already and a bloody conflict is evident. These recruits of course will be considered filibusters when they have left our shore and will be liable to arrest as such—yet the chances are good that they will not be molested.

Wanted.

Anyone having any Angora goats to dispose of will please write me at Talent or call at THE MAIL office. I am desirous of purchasing about twelve or fifteen good healthy goats.

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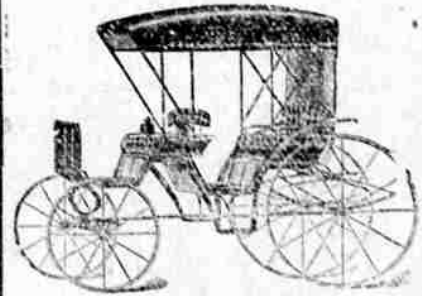
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