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

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Our Clubbing List.

THE MAIL and Weekly S. F. Call	\$2 25
Examiner	2 25
Chronicle	2 25
Oregonian	2 00
Cosmopolitan	2 05
Popular Science	2 00
Weekly Cincinnati Enquirer	1 80

MAJOR MCKINLEY'S lucky number is 23. That was the number of his regiment, and that was the number of states he carried.

OUR news columns tell of a bible over an hundred years old and in a good state of preservation. Preachers will tell us that a state of too good preservation is the one thing wrong with too many bibles.

THE woman who fusses and scolds and slaps the children for an hour before Sunday school time is often the same one who sits in the parlor all the evening with blinds up and plays hymns on the organ.

CHRISTMAS is supposed to be a joyous season to all, but in places it was tempered with sadness. The hungry millions of India, the terrorized Armenians, the unhappy Cubans will recall a Christmas with foreboding, or worse.

THE death-rate from plague and famine in Bombay is now placed, says the New York World, at a thousand a week. The only medicine that will stop it is American wheat, bought with the money England has been draining out of India ever since the last famine.

THE Oregonian will publish, under glaring head lines, in the morning of almost any day a column or more of startling Cuban news, and twelve hours later the Telegram, published by the same company, will deny the Oregonian report. The question which arises is—are both of the items fakes, or only one of them; if only one, which one?

THE coming literature will not picture the schoolboy on his way to his daily work with a slate under his arm, if reported health plans are executed. Slates are to be banished as sources of infection, unless present signs fail. Even literature can forego the picturesque for the sake or improved sanitation. It can do without the slate, but not without the boy.

THE next session of the county commissioners will be a long one—and full of business. At this session a clearing up of all the past year's work will take place, and together with the appointment of road supervisors for the next year. Upon this one point alone will depend much that will be either for good roads and economy or bad roads and extravagant expenditure of the county's funds.

IN ANOTHER column of today's MAIL appears an article from L. C. Coleman, of San Francisco, on matters appertaining to sugar beet culture. Mr. C. has large land interests in Jackson county and he naturally feels an interest in the development of such enterprises as will be of good to the country. There is unquestionably good money to be made in the cultivation of sugar beets in the Rogue river valley, and the sooner we get down to business the sooner will the revenue commence.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowles, of Holland, Va. has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had a grippe which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Geo. H. Haskins.

Mr. Coleman's Beet Culture Talk.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec., 24. EDITOR MEDFORD MAIL:—Your valued favor of the 21st duly at hand. I was pleased to note the way you are interesting yourselves in the planting of sugar beets in Jackson county; that through your paper several farmers have been induced to make a trial of the culture of beets. We all know the principle in matters like this that is required—that an ounce of actual complete work does more good than a pound of talk. You have taken the right steps and I hope that you will succeed and will interest the entire farming community in the valley. I hope that all other papers in Jackson county will follow your example—do the same good work you are doing. You can depend on me. I will do all that can be done, and that is what will be required to make it possible to give the enterprise a thorough trial. In order to make the whole farming community interested, it will be necessary to organize clubs in every town and school district; have the subject fully discussed so that every one will realize the importance and the good results that will be derived in transferring the crops from wheat to sugar beets, so that they will unite and be anxious to give it a trial and plant a quarter of an acre next spring.

In regard to securing seed, I have had a talk with one of our representatives, Mr. Langell, and asked him to see Senator Mitchell and try to secure the seed that will be required from the agricultural department at Washington. Please see him yourselves in regard to that, also other members from your county. If he fails I will try to secure seed from Mr. Spreckels.

I will contribute my share of money for the purpose—let everyone else do likewise. I would like to know in time the number of applicants for seed so as to know the amount that will be required.

This undertaking is not like a public office, when the man seeks the office to serve the good people and furnishes them with free brass bands, etc. In this case the people of the valley will have to seek the man and furnish all that is required. When all the requirements shall have proven satisfactory, that is, when the product in itself will show that it possesses all the qualities, we will surely be counted on the list and a sugar factory will be built sooner than a good many are expecting it to be built in the Rogue river valley.

Yours very truly,
L. C. COLEMAN.

The above letter is in response to an inquiry made of Mr. Coleman by THE MAIL regarding the procuring of free seed for those farmers hereabouts. In fact, any farmer in Jackson county, who is willing to make a test of the sugar beet producing qualities of his soil. Several farmers have already made known a willingness to give the culture a trial and it is earnestly hoped many more will join with them. It is expected that enough seed can be procured for the planting of one-quarter of an acre of land on from fifty to one hundred different farms in the county, and we would like if every farmer who can give the matter his attention will report at this office within the next couple of three weeks. We will make a list of those applying and if there is a possible way to secure the seed the test will be made. Of the beets grown on the quarter acre of land only one or an half to a bushel will be required for a proper analysis—hence the farmer gets the remainder of his crop for his trouble and use of his land. Before we can hope to procure the building of a sugar factory in the valley we must first prove that our soil will produce a beet which contains enough of sugar to warrant the expenditure of money in erecting a factory. All soil will not produce a sugar beet—ours is said to be equal, if not superior, to any on the coast for that purpose, but we must prove this to be true. Please do not neglect to hand your name into THE MAIL office for a trial.

Grand Jury Report.

We, the grand jury empaneled at the December term of the circuit court of Jackson county, respectfully ask to submit the following report:

We have inquired into all cases brought to our knowledge where it appeared that crime had been committed and have returned indictments only in such cases where our investigation justified. We find the jail in good order and sufficient for the safe keeping of prisoners. The county poor, considering the compensation, are amply provided for and well treated. We have carefully investigated all matters submitted to us and as there is no further business we respectfully ask to be discharged.

HORACE PELTON, Foreman.
Dated December 22, 1896.

Doings of the Circuit Court.

B F Adkins and J D Whitman vs S H Murray, action to recover money; judgment for plaintiff for \$279.33 and \$28 attorney fees.
J L Woodbridge vs Wm Ulrich, Hugh Elliott and T J Kenney; action to recover money; verdict for plaintiff for \$50 and costs.
Wm Lytle and J Nunan vs W M Colvig, administrator J C Durkin; decree of foreclosure.
J M Mark vs A C Helm et al; suit to foreclose mortgage; judgment for plaintiff for \$100, interest and costs.
State vs Samuel Geary; indictment for killing an animal not his own; indictment dismissed.
State vs J Dame; indictment for violating the Sunday saloon closing law; order overruling motion for filing demurrer.
State vs I W Burris; same.
State vs Deston High; same.
State vs J Conner; same; trial set for Wednesday.
J H Lame vs W F Bradford; judgment for plaintiff for \$150 and costs.
James Wells vs Levi Morris; judgment for plaintiff for \$42.19 and costs.
A R Phipps, admx M P Phipps estate, vs Cushman Evans; suit to foreclose mortgage; judgment for plaintiff for \$190.25 and \$100 attorney fees.
In matter of the estate of Myer & Gregory, merchant; final report approved and bondsman discharged.
Martha Wickman vs A S Barnes; demurrer sustained.
State vs W B Officer; indictment for manslaughter; demurrer sustained; defendant held to appear at the next term of the grand jury under bonds of \$100.
R M Whiteside vs J A Whiteside; divorce; demurrer overruled and held for naught.
State vs Jas Coetz; indictment for selling liquor to a minor; continued until next term.
Bill of Frank Kassarfer for \$24 for serving as grand jury bailiff, allowed.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTES.

Warren Cameron, class of '96, was in town at Christmas time.

Janitor Davis is busy during the vacation scrubbing the floors of the school building and putting everything in fine shape for school after holidays.

The state teachers' association is held this week at Salem. Some of the teachers in this part of the state would like to go but the distance and expense seems to forbid it this time.

The well has been drilled to the depth of 104 feet—stopping in slate. The water is to be tested, which comes in from above the slate, and future action will depend upon the quality.

The teachers are variously employed during vacation. Mrs. Peter is at home in Jacksonville, Miss Coleman at home in Phoenix, Miss Brussell with her parents in the country, Miss Galloway visiting friends in Ashland. The others are at home in Medford.

May Phipps, class of '96, now attending the Southern Oregon normal, was welcome by her many friends on her visit to the school last Thursday. May is making a good record there and is proving that her work here was a good foundation for advanced work.

Teachers will be much pleased to find shelves for material used in the school rooms, in their cloak rooms, on returning after the holidays. They were much needed and will be appreciated. The board furnished the lumber and Prof. Gregory and the janitor donated the work.

It is a cause for rejoicing when thirty or forty patrons visit the school in one week to hear recitations in regular branches. Come right along. It is the earnest desire of the teachers that parents should see their children in the regular school room work. If we are doing good work you ought to know it, if not, it is your duty to tell us so.

Superintendent Newbury was a welcome caller one afternoon last week in the tenth grade and expressed himself as being gratified with what he saw and heard. He made special mention of the apparent ease and accuracy with which pupils used their English. This is encouraging to the pupils for they are making special effort to improve in their use of language.

YOUNG MEN LEARNING BUSINESS

Notes Gathered from Around the Tables of the Medford Business Class.

(Received too late for last week.)

Our class was visited last week by Harvey Sayre, Del Hazel, Fred Cofer and Linn Purdin.

There is a probability that our class will be enlarged by several students in the near future, if this is accomplished, the class will no doubt be continued for a longer period.

Last Tuesday marked the expiration of one-half of the present term. We believe that at present most, if not all, our number are capable of conducting an ordinary set of books. Yes, we expect to gain more information during the last month than the two months previous, for during the last month we will take up the complete account book as well as practical business transactions.

Next week will mark the beginning of activity in our class room, as we expect to commence the practical business series at that time. Let everyone use the utmost care when making a purchase or sale to make a careful day book entry of same, using as few words as possible, yet making a complete, concise and detailed statement of the transaction for upon these principles are laid the foundation of all bookkeeping.

Grant Rawlings, A. Nutt and Prof. Gregory gave us a pleasant call last week. Mr. Rawlings is a bookkeeper, and is desirous of a knowledge of the complete account book, which will be in our midst in a few days. Mr. Nutt examined the work of each student and pronounced it very good, and from the good advice given by Prof. Gregory, sparks of encouragement could be seen on every face. We are indeed glad that these gentlemen visited us and heartily invite them to call again, and all others who have an interest in our work to make similar calls.

Bookkeeping, the recording of business transactions in a clear and accurate way, is indispensable to anyone. The merchant, mechanic, laborer and above all the farmer should be possessed with a knowledge of accounts. The merchant, destitute of this knowledge, often makes mistakes that not only incur a loss to himself, but frequently create an unfriendly feeling between his customers and himself. The mechanic and laborer often have difficulties arise between himself and employer, all for the lack of keeping a correct account of the transactions which occur between them. And the farmer, let us see what blunders he makes without a knowledge of bookkeeping. He will plant a dozen or more different kinds of products; after gathering his crop he imagines that some particular articles of produce are not paying him a profit and not having an accurate knowledge of the cost of planting and of the cultivation of each particular product, he blindly undertakes to eat off the production of some particular product which in his opinion has not paid him a profit and in many cases he stops the production of a profitable product and retains the cultivation of something which does not meet its expenses. How much easier and with how much more pleasure and profit could the farmer have an account opened with each product or with each field. Taking it all in all, even a limited knowledge of the science of accounts will tend to make one careful in business, prompt in noting business deals and, in fact, it makes one more particular, prompt, upright and honest. These principles we endorse, for "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

THE CLASS.

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A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

At the recent election Chicago cast 46,535 more votes than New York did.

McKinley, when inaugurated, will be the seventeenth president who has no middle name.

Kentucky holds the championship for mob law violence as well as for genuine old bourbon whiskey. Last week there were seven lynchings in that state. As might be supposed they were not all negroes.

Representative Doolittle is making every effort to enlist members of congress in support of the Nicaragua Canal bill, but the pressure of other business of this session of congress will probably prevent any consideration of the measure.

In Chicago women barbers are predominating. It was not long ago that a woman barber was regarded as a joke, but they have proven their superiority over the men in that line, being light fingered and given to detail, and are now becoming quite popular.

The indications are now that congress will not take any action on the Cuban resolutions, notwithstanding the talk and bluster that the representatives have been indulging in. The position taken by the president on the subject makes it futile to push the matter.

While playing with an ax, the other day, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Markley, of South Bend, Wash., cut off one of his fingers and almost severed another. The little fellow was game and when told that the finger would be sewed on, asked if it would be done with a sewing machine.

The San Francisco News Letter claims that young Hearst has newspaper ventures; that his New York Journal is losing \$40,000 a month, and that the Examiner is going down hill. There are a great many people who are not believing the assertions made in the above.

Gustav Erickson, of Sioux City, is a very obliging man. Mrs. Erickson claimed he had another wife living in Omaha, and had him arrested. At the trial he pleaded guilty, with the remark that he really never had been married but once, "but my wife is determined to send me to prison and I'd do anything to please her." A week man, indeed, is poor Gustav.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable cases ever heard of is that of Winfield Wakefield, of Maine, who is now forty years of age and has never spoken a word in his life to anyone except his father and mother. He works with other men, goes to balls and theaters, plays base ball, but under no consideration will he utter a word. It is thought that his failure to talk to people is due to birth causes.

The Three Friends filibusters have succeeded in placing themselves in a very undesirable position by their recent acts in behalf of Cuba. They are now classed as pirates and should the Spanish government make a demand for them, this government would be compelled to give them up. The government officials are investigating the affair, and indications are that there will be trouble in high official circles as an outcome of the affair.

Fiends wrecked the Birmingham Mineral passenger train near Memphis last Monday, resulted in the death of twenty-two people. The wreck was accomplished by the removal of a rail in the middle of a trestle. The train plunged down into the river 110 feet below and completely demolishing it. Search for the dead is still being prosecuted and it is thought that more dead will be recovered as the search progresses.

In Shelbyville, Ind., there was an unusually happy Christmas at the home of Mrs. John Crems of that place. On Christmas eve, eleven years ago, her husband disappeared and since then nothing was heard of him until last Thursday evening, when he showed up at the family hearthstone. He was a poor man when he left and unable to purchase Christmas presents for his children, which worried him, and during the night he arose and started for British Columbia, where he amassed a fortune in the mines.

Since March, the government of Cape Colony, Africa, has been busily engaged in fighting a devastating cattle plague. This disease has now been identified as the terrible rinder pest, or cattle pest, which at various periods from 1714 onward has devastated the herds of Europe. The course of the disease seems to be very rapid, death ensuing usually in thirty-six hours after the first symptoms. The natives demand compensation for the herds slaughtered on suspicion. All efforts to check the disease have proved in vain.

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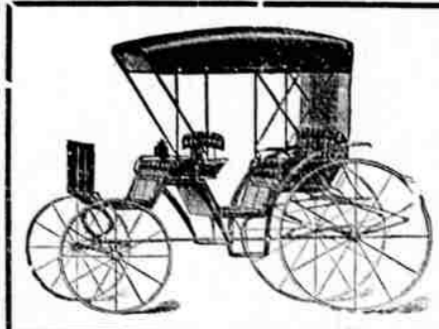
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