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MAN WAS BORN TO MUSTLE.
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 35
" " Chronicle	2 35
" " Oregonian	2 00
" " Cosmopolitan	2 65
" " Popular Science	2 00
" " Weekly Cincinnati Enquirer	1 60

REPORTS from Cuba show that only 1000 insurgents have thus far been killed in the war. This would seem to indicate that Weyler should at once increase his corps of type-writers.

THERE are perhaps some few men who will envy the wealthy Kentuckian who died recently. His will contained a codicil providing that his body be entombed in a cask of whisky—and the provision has been carried out.

THE fact that three banks failed last Saturday will not cause half the surprise brought about by the suicide of two bank officials on the same day. It is the "other fellow" who usually makes away with himself. The bank officials make away with all the available cash in sight.

THE Sioux Chief, White Ghost, has gone to Washington to collect a little bill of \$200,000 due his tribe. The question that is now troubling the braves on the reservation is: Will the "Ghost walk"—to Washington, and return again with the shekels or will some "pale face" abduct him?

AN ANNOUNCEMENT that a wealthy New Jersey girl will soon wed a Hungarian Count will give that large element of our population, which views such matches in a pessimistic light, an opportunity to hazard a guess as to just how much time will elapse before divorce proceedings shall begin. It is an understood law in foreign countries that counts and lords can "whale" their American wives to the full extent of their domestic enjoyment.

A BELIEF expressed by a Chicago university professor that we are gradually turning into Indians is not likely to be shared by any considerable number of that gentleman's fellow citizens. The money making possibilities of civilization are too dear to the heart of the average Chicagoan to permit him for a moment to entertain the idea of a change that would involve their loss. The primitive customs of the aborigines were picturesque when described in print, but some of them in these cold days of midwinter would be decidedly uncomfortable.

By THE interest shown in the sugar beet industry by the farmers of the Rogue river valley is proven beyond a doubt that they are a people with a very keen desire to better their condition. Since THE MAIL's announcement last week that it desired their co-operation in supplying the test of the soil's producing qualities, no less than a dozen farmers have called at this office and had their names listed among those who desired to give the matter a trial. We still want more names; more farmers who will assist us in bringing about the desired end and if possible adding another product to our already well diversified farming.

THE state legislature will convene next Monday and then will come the election of a United States senator. While it is not presumed that the election will require all the time of the members yet it can hardly be expected that any great amount of good legislation will be accomplished. All the time prior to the election will be taken up by the lobbyists in telling the members how the thing should be done and all of the time after the election will be

as unwisely used by the members in telling how it was done and endeavoring to set themselves right before their constituents for voting as they did. As a whole, the election of a United States senator by the legislature is one of the most gigantic frauds ever perpetrated upon our people. Let the people elect their senator direct and let the legislature earn their wages by enacting better laws for the state—for which there is positive need.

WHILE Uncle Sam has no call to go forth like Don Quixote, righting the world's wrongs, he should, as the patron saint of liberty, hasten to recognize the belligerent rights of any people who make a determined effort to throw off the yoke of insolvent tyranny. To the eternal shame of this nation, be it said that its practical politicians, like its gilded thieves, have prostituted the sacred cause of Cuba to serve a selfish purpose. They have made fair promises to her ear with the intention of breaking them when brought face to face with her needs. They have traded upon American sympathy for the Cuban patriots in furtherance of their own political betterment. A barbarous and fifth-rate power should not be permitted to penetrate its damnable atrocities at our very doors. Let that moribund monarchy give vent to its British gust for blood in the Malayan Archipelago if it likes, but Cuba lies on this side of the globe, where Uncle Sam is lord and may do as he likes. Between Cuba and her oppressors should be interposed that shield at which unbattered Europe dares not launch a dart. The American people should never forget that glad tidings which burst forth upon their ears when France came to our aid when we were fighting bravely against the shackles that bound us in cruel serfdom to the tyrannical powers of Europe. A blow struck now for the cause of Cuba by the American powers would be cheered to the echo by ever loyal patriot in this land of the brave and the home of the true.

City Council Proceedings.

The regular meeting of the city council was held Tuesday evening at which the following business was transacted:

Petition of E. B. Pickett to vacate alley, read and referred to street committee.

Petition of L. L. Hamilton for liquor license, read and allowed with C. W. Palm and S. Rosenthal as sureties.

Petition of J. W. Simpson and others, for license for L. A. Coettl, read and allowed with L. L. Hamilton and T. J. Hamlin as sureties.

Report of street commissioner for 1896 read and approved.

Treasurer's report for quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31st, read and accepted.

Offer of Chas. Phlester to put in stone crossing across the street from Childers' livery stable for fifteen cents per square foot, accepted by street committee and crossing ordered.

The following bills were allowed:

E. W. Carder, engineer sal. for Dec.	\$ 35 00
Bliton & Batterson, printing	9 19
E. D. Boyd, rebate on taxes	1 25
G. H. Haskins, hall rent, four months	29 00
D. Cofer, nightwatch, sal. and fees	32 50
A. Nait, merchandise	1 50
F. Amann, street commissioner	22 00
Mrs. R. T. Anderson, coffee for firemen	1 00
W. T. York, recorder's fees	33 00
Treasurer's report for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1896	

Balance on hand July 1, 1896	\$ 883 07
Licenses collected	428 75
Water tax, street commissioner	44 45
Taxes	177 58
Fines	15 00
Total	\$1663 85

DISBURSEMENTS	\$1963 85
To warrants paid and interest	\$1902 82
Interest on water bonds	700 00
Treasurer's fees	10 76
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1896	50 47
Total	\$1963 85

Treasurer's report for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1896.

RECEIPTS	\$1188 96
Amount on hand, Sept. 30, 1896	50 47
Received for taxes	184 43
Water tax	392 06
" " license	127 00
" " fines	25 00
Total	\$1188 96

DISBURSEMENTS	\$1188 96
Warrants paid with int on same	425 61
Treasurer's fees	11 39
Cash on hand Dec 31, 1896	751 96
Total	\$1188 96

The Wilson line steamship Volo is a total loss at Wingu, on the coast of Sweden. The crew and passengers were saved. The Volo was a screw steamship, built at Hull in 1880 and registering 841 tons net.

The bubonic plague in India is increasing, there having been 2094 deaths from that cause up to date. The exodus continues, and the newspapers threaten the natives with martial law unless they conform with the sanitary regulations.

Evidence of the interest taken by Queen Victoria's subjects in the celebration of the anniversary to her accession to the throne, can be seen from the fact that although the celebration of her sixtieth anniversary is nearly a year hence, rents in London have risen in anticipation of the large number of people expected there on that occasion.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

William Sexton, aged 103, has been married at Round House, Kentucky, to Mrs. William Croft, aged 101.

Geo. Crocker, of San Francisco, by abstaining from the use of liquor for five years comes into a fortune of \$500,000.

McKinley's plurality over Bryan is 630,742; his majority over all candidates, 316,399, according to the official count which has just been completed.

The season's logging record, says the Coquille City Bulletin, is claimed by Smith's camp near Arago—10 men in 12 days, with one team, put in 401 cedar logs.

Chicago now has a real China paper, published by Chin Foo, according to the Fourth Estate. The editor is one of the most noted Chinamen in the United States.

Dispatches from Spain indicate that the Spaniards are becoming dissatisfied with Weyler and his mode of warfare, and that he will be asked to step down and out is not at all unlikely.

The most recently organized society in Atchison, Kansas, is one among the girls, wherein each member is compelled to take an oath that she will not marry a man whose salary is less than hers.

The production of minerals and metals in the United States for the year 1896 is given at a total value of \$653,311,468, showing a decrease as compared with 1895 of \$4,689,266 or about 3 1/2 per cent.

J. B. McCullough, editor and proprietor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, committed suicide last week by jumping from a high window. It was thought that he was temporarily insane, caused by over work.

Banker Hammond, vice-president of the National Bank of Illinois, which failed a few days ago, committed suicide Saturday last by jumping into Lake Michigan. He was mainly responsible for the failure of the bank.

The famous Bell telephone case, which has been in progress in a Boston court for ten years is almost concluded, the testimony being nearly all in. Both of the patents in question lapsed three years ago, but the case goes merrily on.

The steamer Commodore, which cleared from Jacksonville, Fla., last week with a cargo of guns and ammunition for Cuba, foundered off New Smyrna last Saturday. The crew was rescued by the Dauntless—a steamer which had cleared for Cuba on the same mission as the Commodore.

The report that Maceo is still alive is going the rounds of the press again. The foundation for the story comes from a lady who claims to have nursed him through a severe illness, consequent upon his being terribly wounded in a conflict with the Spaniards, planned by his personal physician, who betrayed him.

Joseph Strode, of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, enjoys the distinction of having held office continuously longer than any other man in the United States. He was appointed postmaster at Strodes Mills fifty years ago by President Polk and has held the position ever since. His picture adorns the walls of the postoffice department at Washington.

The Grant monument, on the river side drive, New York City, has been completed at a cost of \$600,000, and is the finest and most expensive tomb in America. The money to build it was contributed by 80,000 persons. It will be dedicated on April 27th, next, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of U. S. Grant. The legislature of New York will be asked to declare April 27th a legal holiday.

The eastern states, particularly those of the Mississippi valley, are again in the throes of a terrible blizzard and rain storm. In Chicago, rivers and canals are overflowing in all directions—flooding the country surrounding and making travel almost impossible. From all parts of Illinois reports are being received that the storm is spreading all over the state. In Missouri, Nebraska, Arkansas, and New York, the storm is raging in fury, and cyclones in Arkansas are destroying property of all kinds.

Charles Bramlett, aged 80 years, died at his home in Kentucky, January 2. He was very wealthy, and when his will was opened, a clause was found in the instrument directing that he be buried in a barrel of whiskey, which he had purchased a long time before his death and which he had kept for that purpose. About fifteen years ago he hired a stone mason to make him a sarcophagus of blue Kentucky limestone, and he directed that the whiskey be poured into this, and his body be placed therein and buried near his house. His wishes have all been complied with.

PURELY PERSONAL.

DAN'L RICHARDS, of Gold Hill, was among the Medford callers this week.

S. F. MORINE, of Table Rock, made Medford his regular visit Wednesday.

CLAY CHARLEY, of Brownsboro, was in Medford two days this week upon business.

A. R. YANTIS, the Grants Pass liveryman, was in Medford Monday upon business.

E. L. McMAHAN and S. W. McKEEN, Grants Pass mining men, were in Medford Wednesday.

Miss LAURA WEBB left last Wednesday for Berkeley, California, for a three months' visit with relatives.

E. B. JENNINGS, the Table Rock farmer, was among the Medford visitors and traders Wednesday.

Attorney W. I. VAWTER made a business trip to Portland and other Willamette valley towns last week.

Miss BERTIE BERRY, of Middleton, Calif., is here for a few months' stay with her sister, Mrs. John Bigham.

J. A. JENNINGS, the Grants Pass insurance man and speculator, was interviewing Medford acquaintances Wednesday.

CHAS. TABOR, of Gold Hill, was in Medford Wednesday. He reports mining operations around Gold Hill very active at this time.

Mrs. ORA LAMAR left Wednesday for southern California, where she goes for the benefit of her health. She will be absent about six months.

E. W. CARDER returned last week from a visit to his parents at Soquel, Calif. They have both been quite ill for some time, but are now rapidly recovering.

Mrs. C. J. HOWARD left Medford last Saturday evening for Kerby, Josephine county, whither she was called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Geo. E. Briggs.

C. MINGUS, who has been ill at the home of his son, F. M. Mingus, of this place, for some time, has so far recovered as to be able to return to his home at Ashland.

T. H. B. TAYLOR, of Woodville, was a pleasant and welcome caller at THE MAIL office this week. The gentleman has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, but is now convalescent.

H. L. PEGG and A. H. BOOTHBY, two well-to-do and honest ranchers, of Prospect, were in over Sunday, they having been at Jacksonville as witnesses for Gus Williams in making final proof.

GEO. N. SMITH, one of the best all-around ranchers and a capital good fellow, who lives up Wellen way, was in Medford Tuesday. He was accompanied by Jacob Walsh who was en route to Yreka, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. ANDERSON arrived in Medford from Sacramento, California, Tuesday evening, for an indefinite stay. Mr. Anderson is an uncle of George and Walter Anderson of this place, and formerly resided here. Mr. A. has rented a house on South C street and himself and family are now housekeeping therein.

J. H. MORRIS, the Palmer creek miner, was in Medford this week for a couple of days—first time he has left the mine for an even six months. Himself and partner, Mr. J. G. Smith, own a strip of placer ground along Palmer creek, one mile long and 600 feet wide, which they are working by ground sluicing—but even with this slow process they are taking out lots of gold. Another spring they expect to put giants to work.

H. L. GILKEY returned last Sunday from Duluth, Minnesota, where he has been perfecting arrangements to commencing work for the Marshall, Wells Hardware company, as traveling salesman. He left Thursday for California to begin work—his territory covering California and Nevada. His family will remain in Medford some time yet. The territory assigned him is just precisely what he desired—and he being suited is as much a pleasure to his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. SWIFT, of Alaska, arrived in Medford this week for a visit among Medford friends. Mr. Swift is manager of a large cannery in Alaska, and after a few days' visit here will return to his home, but Mrs. Swift will remain here during the winter. Mrs. Swift was formerly Miss Belle Haught, of this place, and has many friends here who will be glad to welcome her among them as long as she desires to remain. They are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shawyer, who are old-time friends of theirs.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Four new pupils entered the third grade this week.

Bennie Marksbury, formerly of Gold Hill, has entered the south primary.

The pupils of the north primary are enjoying the games Santa Claus left them.

Miss Helen Holtan, of the class of '96, has entered school to review several studies.

A neat book case was presented to the seventh grade by W. K. Davis as a reward for clean floors.

Maud Annes, late of Ashland, and George Marksbury and Arthur Parker, just from Gold Hill, entered the sixth grade this week.

The officers of the literary society in room nine are Lin Purdin, president; Florence Toft, vice-president; Cecile Stevens, secretary.

The pupils of the tenth grade have received an encyclopedia which is the latest work in its line. They will give an entertainment to pay for it.

Lora Mingus has re-entered school after an absence of two months. Merrill Anderson and Elsie Darling have also entered since the holidays.

Promptly at nine o'clock Monday morning every member of the tenth grade was on hand, but the lessons were hardly above par, as the first day after vacation is always poor.

The lower class in the first grade is now reading in the first reader and can write what they read. Addition of numbers is also quite well advanced and many other subjects well under way.

It would be a good idea if parents would see that pupils come to school prepared with material—paper, pencils, etc., with which to do their work. A

lack of these things has caused some inconvenience to teachers and pupils.

The pupils of the tenth grade spent their vacation in many and various ways but if actions speak for anything, they all came to school Monday morning with the intention of working hard and diligently for the remainder of the school year.

The action of the school board, requiring the school clerk to notify children of school age who are not in school to enter at once, does not refer to any who are under eight years. Those who are not far enough advanced to enter the class in the first grade will have an opportunity of entering in a few weeks if they are six years of age or older.

No more pupils from outside the district can be admitted to the second, third or fourth grades. These grades are more than full now, and while the board would be glad to accommodate the many who wish to come to Medford and enjoy the good schools, they must be just to the children of the district. The grades above the fourth can still admit a few.

Visitors since last report were more numerous than usual—much to the delight of teachers and pupils. They were as follows: Misses Edith White, May Phillips, Elsie Roof, Mabel Beaver, Lulu Miller, Belle Sturgis, Emma Tongue, LeVina Lloyd, Mazie Lippinott, Bertha McPherson, Mabel Smith, Miss Shearer, Mesdames G. M. Mickey, W. H. West, Smith, W. S. Jones, G. T. Jones, L. G. Porter, J. Little, D. E. Reames, J. R. Wilson, T. Dunn, M. Fish, L. M. Lyon, J. W. Odgers, Wm. Ulrich, L. E. Sayre, Jones, G. Williams, W. I. Vawter, W. F. Shawyer, Julia Miles, B. P. Theiss, M. M. Coleman, J. Lathrop, M. L. Fisch, G. A. Gregory, S. A. Hull, T. W. Beckett and S. A. Garrett. Messrs. G. T. Jones, W. H. West, L. B. Warner, G. E. Webber, J. R. Wilson, Walter Cofer, W. I. Vawter, D. T. Sears, E. A. Johnson, Rev. Crutchfield and Supt. G. I. Newbury.

Nothing Else to Do.

"What is the matter with Jorkins and his wife? They don't seem to be as loving as usual."

"Oh, it's nothing. They couldn't go away this summer, so they're having an outing at home."—Detroit Free Press.

A DAY IN BED.

May Be Indulged In with Profit by Tired Housewives.

If a vacation is impossible, try rest, advises a writer on women's work. There is no special satisfaction to the tired, over-worked housewife at this season to be told that she must try change of scene and moderate exercise. There is no better preventive of nervous exhaustion, we are told, than regular, unhurried muscular exercise. If we could moderate our hurry, lessen our worry and increase our open air exercise a large portion of nervous diseases would be abolished. But the tired housekeeper realizes only too well that it is not exercise she needs half so much as rest. For those who cannot get a holiday the best substitute is an occasional day in bed. Many whose nerves are constantly strained in their daily vocation have discovered this for themselves. A Spanish merchant in Barcelona told his medical man that he always went to bed whenever he could be spared from business and laughed at those who spent their holidays on toilsome mountains. One of the most successful working women in England, who had for many years conducted a large wholesale business, retains excellent nerves at an advanced age, owing, it is said, to the habit of spending one entire day of each week in bed. If we cannot avoid frequent agitation we ought, if possible, to give the nervous system time to recover between shocks. If the idea of a whole day in bed seems absurd to the tired mother and housewife at least determine to take half an hour's seclusion and rest after lunch, and it will prove a saving and not a loss of time.—Chicago Chronicle.

On Their Track.

"Hal ha!" quoth Romeo Gruffvoice, the tragedian, as he wearily stepped from tie to tie on the way from Frostville. "'Tis the first time, forsooth, I have played the roll of detective. The directors of this road know me not, but I am on their track."

"Just then a train turned the curve and the way it used him made him feel very much out of it."—N. Y. World.

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WE ...

Still have some of those Ladies' and Misses' capes, jackets and mackintoshes, notwithstanding the number of persons taking advantage of the great sacrifice sale now going on and which is to continue until they are all gone

WATCH OUT

For the announcement of new goods. Our spring stock will be something not often seen in Medford

W. H. Meeker & Co.

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COURT HALL, Proprietor

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

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