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NEVADA now wants to license the operation of lottery schemes, but Governor Sadler refuses to call a special term of the legislature to pass such a law.

AN EASTERN exchange tells that a scientist has discovered that the earth will be dead in three hundred million years from now. Whether it will be totally annihilated or just dead, like a whole lot of Oregon politicians now are, is not stated.

FITZSIMMONS has been giving exhibitions of his adeptness in the manufacture of horseshoes in San Francisco. Blacksmithing is his trade and slugging his profession—the former a worthy, honorable trade, the latter an unworthy, dishonorable profession.

A COMMISSION will be sent to Cuba from the United States to inquire into the cause of the death of Dr. Ruiz. The commission will have the satisfaction of knowing that it will be backed by the home government and not left to suffer the humiliation of any one or two officials' whimsical ideas.

A GREAT European war might help us over our present unpleasant financial difficulties, but it is not very honorable to hope for a betterment of our own conditions at the expense of the misfortunes of others. The great trouble will be with us, should there be a general European war, we haven't fool sense enough to keep out of the scrap ourselves.

This country is full of brave fellows who would like no better sport than to go down and help the Cubans wipe Spain off the face of the earth. It might be a good scheme to allow them to go but the complications with other nations which would perchance arise might cause a whole heap of unpleasantness and regret to the American people.

EDITOR KAISER, of the Valley Record, who, a couple of weeks ago, accused Senator Holt of riding home from Salem on a free railroad pass, learned later that he had been misinformed and in the last issue of his paper he did the one and only honorable and manly thing he could do—denied the charge previously made and gave out the source of his information.

WE HEAR, from time to time, criticism of missionaries which is at once sweeping and slanderous. On the other hand, official testimony to their worth and work is abundant. The secretary of state for India bears witness in this strong way: "The government of India cannot but acknowledge the great obligation under which it is laid by the benevolent exertions made by missionaries, whose blameless example and self-denying labors are infusing new vigor into the stereotyped life of the great population placed under English rule."

BROUGHT to light by a recent street brawl in Portland, in which a number of daughters of respectable parents were chief participants, is the need of a reform school for parents. "Neath family roof trees is the exact spot where the depopulation of reform schools and penitentiaries can best be accomplished. Instill in the hearts of children a love of home, a respect and honor for parents, and you have cheated these public institutions, and possibly the gallows, of just so many possible

subjects as there are children in whose homes there abides love and honor.

How contemptible is the miserable man who, by smooth tongue and slick ways, gets worthy people into his clutches to be bunkoed, robbed or murdered! Conspicuous in his class just now is Butler, the Australian murder, who was recently captured in San Francisco on board the Swanhilda. This fiend is now claiming he killed a soldier at Walla Walla, Washington, before he was a deserter from the United States army. This admission is made, it is presumed, to save himself from being extradited into the hands of Australian officials, he preferring to profit by the leniency of our laws rather than face the certain death which awaits him in Australia. That Butler is a clever and very dangerous man is evidenced by his conduct when on board the Swanhilda. He was known there, in sailor parlance, as an "angel sailor." He used no bad language and objected to any coarse or profane expressions being used by his shipmates. One day at mess when a sailor rudely snatched a piece of bread from the hand of another, Butler who valued human life as cheaply as that of a gnat, was so outraged at this breach of table etiquette that, after glaring angrily at the offender, he remarked that he had once killed a negro in West Australia for a less offense than that. Altogether this man, who lured his victims to the mountains and made them dig their own graves, was much too nice to associate with the herd of common sailors he shipped with. Beware of confidence men—men who have spells of being too good. They are either after your money or your life.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

The fifth grade will have special exercises this Friday afternoon. Words are being coined in rich profusion in the Medford public school. "Youst" is the latest. The exercises in the various rooms last Friday afternoon were enjoyed very much by the visitors. The study of the Roman Empire has been commenced by the tenth grade and the pupils find it very interesting. As soon as the weather permits the botany class will be seen roaming the hills, as they have fifty specimens to secure. Miss Erma Wigle exhibited her wax works last Friday afternoon in all the rooms on the upper floor. Many of the members of her collection were unique and beautiful. The study of Greece was very timely, coming as it did when that plucky little nation is defying the powers of Europe. Little Greece once defeated an army of one million men and she may have it to do again. The little people of the south primary were pained to hear of the accident which befell their little playmate, Darragh Earhart, at his home south of town. He was kicked by a horse which resulted in a broken collar bone. Visitors this week were Mesdames J. O. Johnson, B. F. Adkins, L. L. Reame, J. Redden, W. Sturgis, W. H. Meeker, S. A. Smith, J. A. Smith, N. H. Vowels, J. Morgan, Misses L. L. Lloyd, Lillian Rhinehart, Mamie Nicholson, M. Pickens, Effie Grizzle, Messrs. E. P. Orser, A. C. Faris, Warren Cameron, Guy Childers, John Garney and Rev. J. A. Crutchfield.

SCHOOL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING MARCH 26, 1897.

Grade	No. attending	No. on roll during past month	No. not tardy the past month
First Grade—North	69	54	54
First Grade—South	57	53	53
Second Grade	78	63	59
Third Grade	77	62	58
Fourth Grade	70	57	56
Fifth Grade	67	53	56
Sixth Grade	43	38	34
Seventh Grade	57	41	36
Eighth and Ninth G'd's	52	37	30
Tenth Grade	24	21	21
Totals	594	479	437

The above report is in some respects the best one ever published of the school. The persistent endeavor of the teachers to eradicate tardiness is bearing good fruit. Three rooms had no pupils tardy and one room only one tardy. 42 out of 479 in attendance were tardy. We believe we ought to do still better next month.

G. A. GREGORY, Principal.

Save Your Grain.
 Few realize that each squirrel destroys \$1.50 worth of grain annually. Wakelee's Squirrel and Gopher Exterminator is the most effective and economical poison known. Price reduced to 30 cents. For sale by Chas. Strang, Medford; Dr. J. Hinkle, Central Point; J. W. Robinson, Jacksonville.

Miss Martha Cardwell, who recently finished the winter term of school at Merrill, arrived in town Saturday and went out to Lost river Monday for a few days' visit. She left on the Ashland stage last night for her home at Central Point.—Klamath Falls Express.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Late telegrams state that there is a possibility of a peaceable solution of the Cretan trouble.

More big guns and ammunition have been landed in Cuba for the insurgents, and the fight goes on.

A Denver professor has invented an instrument by means of which he claims the deaf can be made to hear.

When the Queen of Italy enters a store to do some shopping, the doors are closed and the public excluded until she has left.

An order for 900,000 feet of lumber has been filed with one Washington mill—the lumber to be shipped to Duluth, Minnesota.

General Rivera, successor to General Maceo, in the Cuban army, is reported to have been captured by Spaniards on the 27th, together with his staff officers.

Ex-Champion Corbett has gone into training again for a second mill with Fitzsimmons. No articles of agreement have as yet been signed but Corbett is satisfied they will be.

The steamship Pennsylvania carried on a recent trip from New York to Hamburg 18,500 tons of cargo. It would take 616 ordinary freight cars to transport that amount of freight.

A French Canadian couple, Darwin and his wife, now living at St. Paul, recently celebrated the eightieth anniversary of their marriage. The husband is 107 years old and the wife is 101.

The Japanese government has contracted to have built two large war vessels to cost each \$4,000,000. The vessels are to be made in England and are to be completed within two and a half years.

San Francisco passed an ordinance last week prohibiting Chinese laundrymen spraying clothes with water emitted from the mouth, and the following day fifty of the Mongolians were arrested for the offense. They were released because of their ignorance of the new ordinance.

An eighteen-year-old Chicago girl recently died from fright. Upon retiring at night she saw an object in her room which she thought was a man, but instead it was a garment hanging on the wall. Medical help was summoned but she died a few hours later from fright alone.

Since the change of administration, over 80,000 applications for positions have been filed at the post-office department. The number is said to be somewhat smaller than four years ago. All the papers have been recorded and classified and the cases made up to date. One thousand applications have been filed in the appointment division of the interior department for presidential positions.

A very ingenious device has been adopted by some eastern druggists to prevent the frequent mistakes which occur at night in administering dangerous medicines for a simple one. This is entirely obviated by putting up prescriptions containing powerful remedies of poisonous drugs in rough bottles as prickly as the coat of gherkins. A clerk rising in the dark is at once warned of his danger. Many lives have been saved by this simple contrivance.

The Idaho Falls Register says that with all the rabbit drives and shoots and those killed by ranchers' boys, it is estimated that not less than 40,000 rabbits have been killed within the limits of Bingham County during the present winter. The bounty of 2½ cents per scalp, has stimulated the slaughter to a certain extent. Notwithstanding the slaughter, a person driving a few miles out of town would think there was a "flock" under every sagebrush.

A bill recently passed the Astoria council which licenses gambling houses. The licenses are for a first-class \$900 per year, and for six months \$500. Second class license \$450 a year, and \$250 for six months. Third class \$100, and \$60 for six months. First class permits any and all kinds of games and second class licenses permits the holder to any one of the games mentioned in the ordinance. Third class permits billiards, cards and any of the common games, including nickel-in-the-slot machines.

The town council of Oakesdale, Washington, has passed an ordinance licensing dogs \$1 each and in case the owner refuses to pay the tax, he is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than \$20 nor less than \$5. The officers will in no case kill any of the animals, that task being left to their owners, who, if they refuse to pay the tax or dispose of their dogs, will have to go to jail and serve out the amount of the tax and a fine such as the judge may see fit to inflict.

Postmaster Wilkinson, at North Yakima, received notification from the department that the free rural delivery begins April 1. Therefore

all of Yakima County's farmers may expect to be the recipients of their mail on that day from the hands of a carrier. This is done as an experiment in a few localities in Washington, and if it proves profitable, that is, not too expensive and the revenue increases, it will undoubtedly be made general throughout the state. We know of no such experiments having been contemplated in Oregon.

The mail of Senator Mark Hanna is said to average over 200 letters a day and about 8000 per month. Since he went to Washington his mail has largely increased. The majority of the letters contain applications for office, which are promptly filed in their departments. The heavy mail is looked after by private Secretary S. A. Perkins and five stenographers and typewriters and four men. Every letter is gone through and the contents briefed for Senator Hanna to see. Then he or Mr. Perkins dictate answers. Every letter is answered on the day it is received, and Mr. Hanna personally signs each, believing that it is a courtesy which is due every man. Every letter is indexed and filed and can be turned to years afterward.

A recent law passed by congress relating to the mutilation of coins is in the main an extension against that of counterfeiting. It provides that the passing of mutilated or defaced coins or the mutilation or defacement of coin for any purpose shall be held to be a criminal offense, punishable by imprisonment for a period of one to five years and a fine of \$100 to \$2000. Under this law the practice of presenting ladies with coins of gold or silver, with the initials of the donor engraved thereon, to be worn as bangles, will be a criminal offense. The law also drives out of existence a number of people who have made a living by purchasing mutilated coins at a reduction from their face value and plugging up the holes so skillfully that the original mutilation could not be discovered. Even this kind of tampering with money will be regarded as an offense under the statute.

An Ode to the Candidate.

(CONTRIBUTED.)
 All the candidates for office, when election day is near,
 Are as good as store molasses, if indeed they don't excel it.
 They will guard the people's interest with vigor,
 Never fear—
 To hear him tell it.
 When a man is nominated by a party or a clique
 How he talks about his honor! He will never, never sell it.
 He will keep his soul untarnished tho' the "hoodle's" flying thick—
 To hear him tell it.
 Then it is a human weakness to be good in spite of faith,
 Though the people have suspicion, yet his honeyed words dispel it.
 For no man is half as virtuous as the candidate—
 To hear him tell it.
 The late legislative hold up was a round of natural events,
 Yet the woods are full of honest people who doubt it.
 These rural people have heard as how men have a price—and the candidate ain't no hero
 To hear them tell it.
 The several little railroad passes didn't sort o' out no better.
 Still we farmers on the ranch and merchants in the town don't believe it.
 Railroad fares cost a heap—pastorward passes nit; candidates we elected will never go
 (again).
 If they'll let us tell it.

The Jackson County Schools.

School Superintendent Gus Newbury kindly sends THE MAIL the following report of the schools of Jackson County:
 Number children in the county . . . 5108
 Number school districts in county . . . 80
 Number children in Ashland school district . . . 782
 Number children in Medford school district . . . 734
 Number children in Jacksonville school district . . . 360
 Number children in Central Point school district . . . 267
 Average salary paid male teachers per month . . . \$38 00
 Average salary paid female teachers . . . \$31 00
 Average number of months of school taught in the county for year ending March 1897 . . . 4.8

Changes in Mail Service.

The following changes in the mail route between Gold Hill and Astebos has been announced by the postoffice department at Washington:
 Gold Hill to Sams Valley.—Leave Gold Hill daily, except Sundays at 12:30 p. m.; arrive at Sams Valley by 2 p. m.; leave Sams Valley daily, except Sundays, at 3:15 p. m.; arrive at Gold Hill by 4:45.
 Sams Valley to Astebos.—Leave Sams Valley Wednesday and Saturday at 5 a. m.; arrive at Astebos by 9:45 a. m.; leave Astebos Wednesday and Saturday at 10:15 a. m.; arrive at Sams Valley at 3 p. m.

Stands at the Head.
 Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Chas. Strang's drug store.

Doctor Danielson,
 Office in Halley block over postoffice. Chronic diseases, and diseases of women and children a specialty.

—Blue grass and clover seed—the best in the market—at the Wolters grocery.

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IN Fast Black Hosiery

See East ...
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We place on sale to-day
 1200 pair Fast Black Hose,
 which we bought at a sacrifice
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 cheap while they last. Call
 and see them...

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Spring Goods ...

No argument will more fully convince the women folk that spring is entirely here than the arrival of

New Dress Goods

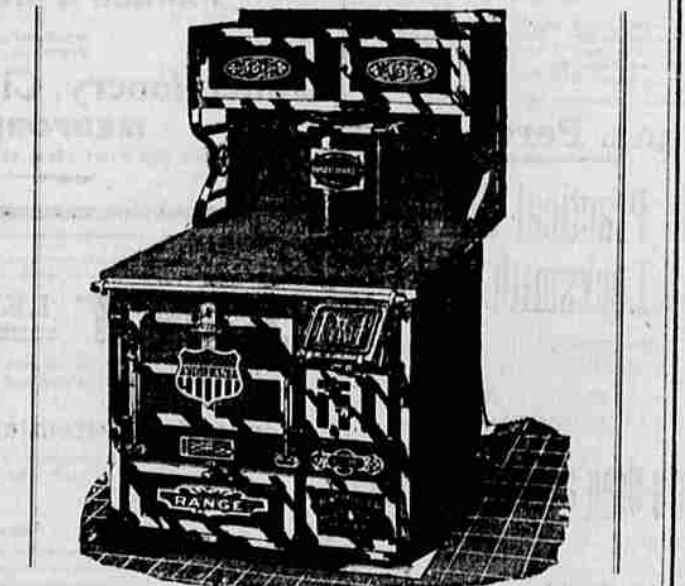
Our dress goods department is filled to the ceiling with Worsteds, Wash Fabrics, White Goods, Lappet Mulls, Tissue Brodes, Tamis Cloth—in fact all kinds of dress goods...

In trimmings and linings we have everything needful: Spring capes and ladies' skirts... Gent's furnishing goods ...

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BOYDEN & NICHOLSON...

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Vigilant Steel Ranges... Universal Stoves and Ranges ...

Direct from the east. They are the best stoves ever brought to Medford, and it will pay you to call and see them before purchasing

WHERE...

Is No One So Blind...

That they cannot feel the difference—even if they cannot see—between good clothing and Cheap John

CLOTHING

I now have in stock the finest line of fall and winter clothing ever shown in Medford—and more coming. Call and see for yourself, and get my prices. No trouble to show goods...

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