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The present very strong indications that Hawaii will be annexed to the United States does away with all probable legislation on the abrogation of the sugar treaty.

Did you ever notice that when you are in trouble people will gather about you with sympathy—but pretty nearly two-thirds of this is not sympathy—its curiosity and it is full particulars they want.

If people could see their obituaries while they are still living, it would encourage them so much that they might live longer—and the fellow who wrote the obituaries would probably be sorry he did it.

The senate has firmly made up its mind to talk on the tariff for two weeks more and since that is the best we can do, the people must persevere be content. Two weeks is not such a great while, considering the time we have waited already.

Spain is getting her navy ready for war, but will perhaps escape that alternative by the payment of a handsome indemnity and the hanging of Dr. Ruiz' jailer, which, in the long run, will be cheaper. The consolation of the jailer is, of necessity, remote—but he will not care a great deal after he shall have done his little dance in the air.

HERE is a remark which THE MAIL heard recently upon this much talked of "home trade" matter which in our opinion was wisely put: "If I considered myself too good to buy any merchandise of the merchants in the town in which I live I would consider myself too good to earn a livelihood in that town and I would get out of it at once."

THE MAIL has added to its force of news gatherers Mr. N. A. Jacobs, ex-county clerk of Jackson County. Mr. Jacobs is acknowledged to be one of the best local hustlers and all-round newspaper men in Southern Oregon—hence it can but be presumed—with a very reasonable degree of correctness—that THE MAIL will, when Nute gets fairly into working harness, be materially improved. That this paper contains more local and general news than any newspaper in Jackson County cannot be denied, even by its enemies. That it will be improved with Mr. Jacobs' able assistance no one will doubt who is acquainted with the gentleman, and, incidentally, is there a person in the county who does not know him?

It has been telegraphed all over the country that Russell Sage, of New York, has a new summer suit, and that someone found a tag on it marked with figures that looked like \$6.75. Sage is the millionaire who recently took a mortgage on a relative's home to secure a loan of \$200—and there isn't a doubt in our minds but that is how he got his millions. Let us cite a case which came under our observation which will perhaps prove to some extent why the rich get richer and the poor poorer. Two gentlemen entered a meat market. One of them is worth easy \$50,000, and the other worth only his day's wages. They each buy steak. The rich man invests fifteen cents in round steak and gets a lot of it for his money. The poor man digs up his last two-bit piece and buys porterhouse. To mention a moral is unnecessary except that we say the

one thought more of his stomach than of his purse while with the other fellow it was different.

WHATEVER be the outcome of the lawsuit now pending between Jackson County and the railroad company, a majority of the people, at least, will have the satisfaction of knowing that their officers have followed out their instructions. We say majority because that we believe this taxation matter to have been an issue at the last county election. Whether the position taken by the equalization board was the best thing which could have been done remains to be proven by the result of the suit now at hand. If the county should win then all praise will be given the board. If the county loses then the board will have the satisfaction of knowing that no person has a right to censure them save those who were against them at the last election. Which ever way it goes it would seem but fair that other counties through which the railroad runs and in which the company owns land should help bear the burden of accruing expense. It is a test case and will profit them as much as us.

Married—Robinet-Gibson.

There was a quiet wedding down at Central Point Tuesday morning, at 7:30 o'clock, and while it was an occasion of not much pomp or display it was no less a very pleasant event and congratulations for both the bride and groom were extended in unstinted measure by the few relatives and acquaintances in attendance.

It was at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gibson, parents of the bride, and upon the day and date above mentioned that Rev. C. H. Hoxie performed the ceremony that joined in blissful wedlock the hearts and hands of Miss Edna Gibson and Mr. I. C. Robinet.

Immediately following the ceremony a delicious and very inviting breakfast was spread, after which the happy couple took the early train for San Francisco, where after a few days' stay in the city they will leave by boat for Portland and other Willamette valley points, where they will visit with relatives—expecting to be absent for three or four weeks.

The bride is one of Central Point's most accomplished and refined young ladies and has a host of friends in all parts of the valley. She has taught the primary department of the Central Point school for a number of years and has as well taught in other schools of the valley—all of which positions she has handled with ability and success. The groom is a nephew of Merchant F. L. Cranfill and has been engaged in conducting the branch store of Messrs. Cranfill & Hutchison in Central Point for the past two years, during which time he has made numerous friends, being a young man of sterling business ability, and a gentleman whom every person may feel proud to know—and of such the world would be made better and more prosperous were their numbers greater.

Those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Croxton, of Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cranfill and daughter, Miss Edith, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Johnson and Master Lloyd, of Medford; Miss Tiffany, of Ashland, and Mrs. Lynes and daughter, Miss Myrtle, Mrs. Purkepile and Central Point.

Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

This is the best medicine in the world for all forms of coughs and colds and for consumption. Every bottle is guaranteed. It will cure and not disappoint. It has no equal for whooping cough, asthma, hay fever, pneumonia, bronchitis, la grippe, cold in the head and for consumption. It is safe for all ages, pleasant to take, and above all, a sure cure. It is always well to take Dr. King's New Life Pills in connection with Dr. King's New Discovery, as they regulate and tone the stomach and bowels. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or return money. Free trial bottle Chas. Strang's drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.

House and Orchard for Sale.

I have for sale eight and three-fourth acres of land situated just outside the city limits of Jacksonville. Good five-room house, hard finish, a large barn and the best well of water in Southern Oregon. 100 fruit trees now in full bearing and 300 trees one year old. Will sell for forty per cent of cost price or will trade for Medford property. For terms apply at residence in Jacksonville, or at my blacksmith shop in Medford. HUGH ELLIOTT.

Cow Taken Up.

There came into the enclosure of H. L. Pegg's ranch, three miles west of Prospect, on May 1st, a small red cow; four or five years old; no brands; crop and under bit in right ear. Owner will please call and pay for pasturing and advertising and take her away. Cow has been in this locality for nearly a year. J. T. DELK.

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to J. W. Lawton on book account previous to Feb. 1, 1897, are requested to settle the same immediately. T. F. WEST, Assignee of J. W. Lawton. Medford, Oregon, May 13, 1897.

Settlement Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are requested to call and settle at once; all persons having claims against me are requested to present them and they will be paid. G. L. DAVIS.

—Get Wells & Shearer to do your moving—satisfaction always.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

The New York Herald has started a fund for Mark Twain, the celebrated American humorist, opening the list with a subscription of \$1000.

The populist leaders of Texas will aid E. V. Debs in carrying out his colony scheme, and will endeavor to have the colony located in that state.

An assassin attempted the life of President Faure of the French republic Sunday. He exploded a bomb made of a piece of pipe, but no one was injured by the explosion.

Charles Montgomery, one of the Ladd grave robbers, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The other parties are being tried this week.

The Dauntless, which has been in the hands of the Federal officers for several months as a Cuban filibuster, has been released. It is thought she is preparing for another Cuban expedition.

A boy twelve years old in Shelby, Indiana, has just passed an examination successfully and won license to teach. Another at Crown Point, in the same state, who is only thirteen, has smoked 5000 cigarettes.

San Francisco has been visited by two disastrous fires during the past week, in one of which three firemen lost their lives. Both of the fires occurred south of Market street, in a manufacturing district.

A draft of a treaty for the annexation of Hawaii to the United States is being prepared. It will be presented to President McKinley for approval soon, but will not be sent to the senate until the tariff bill is disposed of.

The man who can get along without advertising is the man who would benefit most by advertising. His goods advertise themselves. Make them known. The wider their acquaintance the more they will advertise themselves.

A law has been enacted by the Florida legislature to prohibit the attendance of white and colored children at the same school. This is a modification of the Sheats law of the last legislature, which had been adversely passed upon in the courts.

Secretary Sherman is the authority that Ex-Commissioner Calhoun, who went to investigate the Ruiz case and the general condition of things in the island of Cuba for President McKinley, is the man who has been selected for minister to Madrid.

In Connecticut there is hardly a farmer who does not raise tobacco. Tobacco is grown in at least a dozen states, Pennsylvania leading in the amount of production, while Ohio has 50,000 acres given up to its culture with an average crop of 30,000,000 pounds.

Mrs. C. H. Spurgeon, widow of the late renowned pastor of the Metropolitan tabernacle, London, cut the first sod of the ground upon which a large Baptist chapel will be commenced at once at Bexhill, near London. She made an appropriate address at the ceremony.

Attorney-General Fitzgerald is busily engaged in preparing to petition the supreme court for a writ of mandate to compel the warden of San Quentin prison to execute Theodore Durrant on July 9, the date set by Governor Budd in the reprieve granted the condemned man on Thursday evening.

A fistic carnival rivaling the Corbett-Fitzsimmons affair is on the tapis for September, when the star attraction will be a fight to a finish between Tom Sharkey and Peter Maher. Arrangements will be perfected for the regular carrying on of prizefights in Carson City, Nevada, by a "club" headed by Dan Stuart.

While a party of senators and representatives were visiting Monticello, the old home of Thomas Jefferson, the other day, Representative Tongue, of Oregon, asked a venerable contraband, who was driving the carriage and pointing out objects of interest to his passengers: "Were there any battles fought around here?" "No, sah; no, sah," was the reply. "Not since the wah, sah."

General Miles, who recently went to Europe to witness the Graeco-Turkish war as the representative of the United States army, is to ride mounted in the queen's jubilee parade in a position very near to the queen's carriage. The place will be second only to her majesty's body guard. His assignment to it is regarded here as evidence of the British government's good feeling, and is likely to create something of a sensation.

A number of applicants for teachers' certificates in Adams as well as in other counties of Washington have failed in the rigorous examination demanded by the state board of education. Out of eight applicants, only four received certificates, and these were third grade. Some of those who failed have been

teaching schools and have been compelled to give up their schools. The same condition prevails in Lincoln, Whitman and Spokane Counties.

President McKinley surprised Washington officialdom the other day. The president called on the commissioner of pensions at his office. Such calls are very unusual, it being the established custom for heads of departments and cabinet officers to call at the White House when business is to be discussed. President McKinley has shown his good common sense in ignoring this foolish rule of official etiquette.

J. N. Harbin, the hermit of the Sierra Madre mountains, Mexico, who at one time was associated in mining ventures with the late Senator Hearst, has arrived in Fresno on his way to Pine Ridge, where his two children reside. The last time the children saw their father was on the wedding day of Mrs. Kenyon, twenty years ago. On that evening the old man left home, and until about three months ago was mourned as dead by his family. He is a Mexican war veteran, and claims that over \$4000 as pension money is due him from the government. At one time Harbin owned all of what is now Lake County. The famous Harbin springs were named after him.

SUGAR BEETS.

Notwithstanding the fact that the weather for the past few weeks has been unusually dry, sugar beets have taken on an almost wondrous growth. It is true that some of the tests have not proven the success which was expected, yet this can in almost every instance be attributed to the fact that the ground was not in proper condition or the seed was not planted at the right time. Some of the seed did not germinate and some that did was not properly cared for—this latter fact is due to a great extent to lack of knowledge in beet culture. A majority of the tests now being made—about 250 in all—are going to be a surprising success. John O'Conder has left with us a few specimens of the beets now growing on his place which were planted April 3d. The largest ones measured ten and a half inches in circumference. Four or five of these were sent by President E. P. Hammond, of the Jackson County Sugar Beet Committee, to Mr. Spreckels, not for analysis, because they are not yet matured, but as a sample of what the valley can do in the beet culture. Mr. Coleman visited a beet field, near San Francisco, on June 3d and, to his surprise, found the growing beets only about the size of tooth picks. Perhaps our valley is over ambitious, but if we find that to be the case we can easily curb it down to the proper status.

Murderer Arrested at Ashland.

There was a genuine sensation at Ashland last Wednesday when it was learned that a cold blooded murderer had been arrested near the Granite city. He has been sought for by the officers for six years, but had successfully eluded them. The arrest was made by S. E. Lowe, of an eastern detective agency, on a requisition from the governor of Missouri on a charge of murder in the first degree.

It is alleged that six years ago last April Soper murdered his wife and two children, at Archie, Cass County, in Missouri, by deliberately chopping them to pieces with a hand ax.

Soper, according to his own story, came away from Missouri in 1891 and was over in Washington two months. He then came to Oregon and lived in the Willamette valley, above Oregon City, for a year and a half. He then went to Portland, he says, and lived there for four years, being known as Sandy Soper, and having employment most of the time with the Pullman Car Company in cleaning and such work in the railroad yards. He was married in Portland and his wife is there now, though he refused to give her address. When Soper left Portland, it is claimed he had a 2-year-old child with him, and it is suspected that he made way with the child, too, after leaving Portland.

Soper left Portland last April and passed through here to Sions, where he remained a week and then came back to Ashland, April 28, where he has been working since in farming and orchard work. He had leased an orchard tract here, and, at the time of his arrest, was working on the Owen farm, south of town. Those who have known him say that he was an exceedingly quiet and inoffensive man and was an unusually good worker. He was known here as Homer Lee. When arrested he did not deny being Bates Soper, the man wanted, though he did not admit the crime charged against him.

Lowe, the young detective who captured him, claims to have spent a year and a half in search of Soper and to have been on the case off and on for six years, locating his man in Portland last December. He was not entirely satisfied so returned for further instructions, to come back and follow his trail from Portland this way. He claims to have spent months in following a clue at Cripple Creek and then returned east with the wrong man.

Soper claims to have stopped in Medford a couple of weeks last April in quest of work. He was taken north to Portland Thursday evening and after remaining in hiding in a box car with the detective in Portland for nearly a whole day they boarding a Union Pacific train for Missouri.

DEUEL & STEVENS,
MEDFORD OREGON

HOSIERY! ...

Another lot of Children's and Misses' hose in Tan and Black, just received, that will be placed on our bargain counter this morning. This will be our last lot of very cheap hose this season, so call early and secure selections...

Another invoice of those excellent 48c corsets of ours just received. We can now supply the demand for all sizes. We have the latest novelties in ladies' belts...

DEUEL & STEVENS

CLOTHING ...

Suits for Fourth of July

We now have a large and well selected stock of clothing and can fit big, little or medium sized men. Our prices are all right—in fact they are 'way down, and you will so agree ...

We have a choice line of the latest patterns of dress goods. Summer corsets and hosiery. The superior quality of our goods and the prices at which they are sold makes our store the most popular in Southern Oregon...

W. H. Meeker & Co.

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We are now in our new quarters, and we have by far the best stocked hardware store in Southern Oregon. Among our special lines are

Blue Flame Oil Stoves, Ice Cream Freezers, Hand Loaded Shells and Fishing Tackle ...

We have a large stock of Universal stoves and ranges, also a full line of everything usually kept in a first-class hardware store. We do all kinds of pipe-fitting and plumbing. Call and see our line of guns and sporting goods ...

Remember we are now in the Adkins building, next door to Haskins' drug store ...

DAVIS & GILKEY

Successors to G. L. Davis.

The name of the firm has changed, but our policy remains the same. We shall continue to carry a complete line of fresh groceries and give our customers the benefit of the lowest prices possible, as well as honest weights. Call and see us and we will treat you courteously ...

DAVIS & GILKEY

I now have one of the best selected stocks of household goods ever shown in Southern Oregon. I can furnish everything in the line of ...

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Both new and second hand. Also wagons, buggies, carts, farming implements of all kinds. Mining tools and guns. Second hand goods bought or taken in exchange ...

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