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A MAINE man has gone blind as the result of chewing tobacco. But chewers will probably be able when confronted by this fact, to point to a large number of them that didn't.

With yellow fever raging in both Louisiana and Alaska a fellow don't know just whether to congratulate those of the north or sympathize with those of the south—or sympathize with both.

"There is an unusual amount of rot in potatoes this season," says an exchange. THE MAIL has noticed an unusual and unwarranted "amount of rot" in the Grants Pass newspapers of late—all of which is no greater affliction upon the people than are the pin-headed sources from which emanated the rot.

IN DAYS agone THE MAIL and Jacksonville Times have not been allied very closely in any society which had for its object mutual admiration, but this paper is just generous enough to express its appreciation of the courteous treatment given Medford upon the occasion of the recent fair by the Times. The Times did a whole lot of good work for the fair and Medford and THE MAIL is watching for a chance to return the compliment.

THE Courier and Observer of Grants Pass bellowed, scraped and tore the earth last week in their pen picture of the alleged great insult given their base ball team by the Medford nine during the fair in this city. These papers in their tirade go so far as to accuse the directors of the fair association of being parties to a put up job to fleece the Grants Pass team. This is all wrong and unjust. If there was a job put up the directors had nothing to do with it. As a matter of fact the people of Medford regret that there was a misunderstanding and would have welcomed a game even though the odds be all in favor of Grants Pass. The fact that the good people of Grants Pass who visited our town upon the day in question were not given an opportunity to trumpet aloud their ribbon-trimmed tin horns and rosette-covered cow bells was of course grievance sufficient to warrant them in throwing aside some of their accustomed pretty ways and taking up those little pettish peculiarities of babyhood, but they were ladies and gentlemen and should not be catalogued with the Observer editor, whose brain calibre is outweighed by that of a humming bird and whose appreciation of extended hospitality by our people amounts to his open abuse of our town and those who treated him loyally. But just why the coarse, mad electric splinters should loose themselves from the trolley wire of the carminic head of the Courier editor is something our people can hardly fathom—they always having considered him a pretty square fellow and intellectually all right—but he's been associating too plentifully with the Grants Pass pin heads of his profession.

Croup Quickly Cured.
Mountain Glen, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief.—F. A. Thornton. This celebrated remedy is for sale by G. H. Haskins, druggist.

—For \$1.60 we will give a year's subscription to THE MAIL and the Toledo Blade. This will apply to old subscribers who will pay in advance as well as to new ones.

Kind words for Our Fair.

The North Pacific Rural Spirit, published at Portland, has always manifested a deep interest in Southern Oregon's fairs, particularly so this year. Following appears the report of our recent fair as printed by that paper:
"The 4th annual fair of the 1st Southern Oregon Dist. Agricultural Association was held at the new fair grounds near Medford Sept. 21st to 25th inclusive. A week of beautiful weather helped the enterprising managers to hold the most successful fair ever held in the sunny clime of Southern Oregon. The meeting throughout was well attended by the representative people of the district and every day the grand stand was fairly packed with Oregon's fairest women arrayed in their beautiful summer dresses, which gave the meeting a tone rarely seen on a race course. The exhibits in the pavilion were as large as usual and of a high order of merit. The live stock department made a very creditable showing, though not a fair representation of the industry in that district and breeders should not allow this industry to lurk in interest, when it is in their power to make an exhibition equal to any portion of the state. The racing on a whole was good, clean and satisfactory and the management has laid the foundation for a much better fair and race meeting another year. The meeting was a financial success and every horseman was paid promptly, and money left in the treasury. The people of Southern Oregon are to be congratulated that they have such men as President J. C. Pendleton, Secretary W. T. York and Treasurer J. E. Enyart at the head of their fair associations, who were ably assisted by G. L. Davis, T. P. Judson and Joseph Dame as judges in the speed department."
The same paper has the following notes bearing upon our fair:
"Pathmont's mile in 2:20 over the Medford track is the fastest mile ever trotted or paced in Southern Oregon."
"The First Southern Oregon District Fair held at Medford last week paid all their premiums and purses in full and had money left."
"The horsemen speak in highest terms of the treatment received at Medford, Ore."
"Three horses went in the list in one race at Medford, Leland W., 2:29; Wayland W., Volc, 2:28; by Ante Echo and Hiac, 2:30, by Clatawa."

County Institute.

The following program has been prepared by County School Superintendent Newbury for the county institute to be held at Ashland October 13, 14, 15 and 16:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.
Afternoon session—1:30 o'clock.
Organization of Institute.
Music.
School Management..... Mrs. C. F. Shepherd
Physical Culture..... Prof. Irving
Personal Experience in Arousing Interest Among Parents..... General Discussion
Evening session—7:30 o'clock.
Music..... Miss Ada P. Thomas
Address of Welcome..... Mr. E. V. Carter
Response..... Prof. J. A. Harvey
Duet..... Mrs. C. F. Shepherd
Lecture..... Hon. H. L. Benson
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.
Morning session—8:30 o'clock.
The Adaptability of Psychological Principles to the Teacher's Daily Work..... Prof. Day Parker
Practical English..... Prof. A. Gregory
American History..... Prof. C. A. Hitchcock
Afternoon session—1:30 o'clock.
The Teacher's Influence in Forming a Taste for Good Literature..... Miss Ida C. Hawley
Alaska, its History and Geography..... Prof. Gregory
Penmanship..... Prof. W. H. Ledgerwood
The Rise and Fall of the Slave Power in America..... Prof. Hawley, Willamette University
Evening session—7:30 o'clock.
Music.
Lecture..... Pres. Hawley
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.
Morning session—8:30 o'clock.
Practical English (continued)..... Prof. Gregory
Frontiers and Teachers..... Prof. A. Gregory
Things to be Learned Outside of Text Books..... Miss Della J. Pickett
Afternoon session—1:30 o'clock.
Fraternal Spirit Among Teachers..... Miss Ida C. Hawley
The Psychology of Childhood..... Prof. C. H. Chapman, U. O.
Drawing (continued)..... Prof. E. H. Washburne
The Rise and Fall of the Slave Power (continued)..... Pres. Hawley
Evening session—7:30 o'clock.
Piano Solo..... Miss Thomas
Reaction..... Miss Thomas
Quartette..... Miss Thomas
Lecture..... Pres. Hawley
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16.
Morning session—8:30 o'clock.
The Teacher's Duty to Himself and His Duty to His Profession..... Prof. W. F. Chase
Penmanship..... Prof. Hitchcock
Vertical Penmanship..... Prof. Gregory
Afternoon session—1:30 o'clock.
Drawing (continued)..... Prof. Washburne
Experience in Cooperation..... General Discussion
The Psychology of Childhood (continued)..... Prof. Chapman

The Students Coming.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church of this city has arranged for the appearance of the original Nashville students—the far famed colored jubilee singers—in Medford on Saturday evening, October 16th. The place at which this concert will be given has not yet been determined, but if not at the opera house the Methodist Church will be made ready for their appearance. The price of admission is fifty cents and twenty-five cents for children. The reputation of this company is far reaching and needs no comment, yet we append a few lines from the many thousand press notes:
"The old plantation melodies seem to strike a popular chord in the hearts of the people. Again and again were they greeted with thunders of applause. No concert was ever more enjoyed by our people—Denver Tribune."
"The Students gave great enjoyment to the audience by their melange of southern songs, camp-meeting tunes, etc., and were called upon to well-nigh double their selections by the applause of their hearers.—Boston Herald."
For real, out and out negro plantation songs and camp-meeting melodies they are really immense, and it can in truth be said they are at home. The entertainment was pleasant, amusing and interesting and very much enjoyed by all.—New Orleans Piousune."
He'll Never Race Any More.
A young McCarthyite, whose ambition was high, to become a bicycle racer, Got ready to run on the third of July And selected Adams as pacer.
His calling was mislaid, this young McCarthyite. For the pace Adams set him was telling, He had hardly finished the first half of his run, When the muscles of his legs began swelling.
He labored and eazed and pushed at his limbs, But they peevishly refused to go round— So he dragged his remains to the side of the track And silently stood on the ground.
In the course of time he began to come to— Young McCarthy you can wager was sore— He concluded he can't ride a bike no how; And he'll never race any more.— W. B.
—Want to buy—25 tiers 2 foot wood, black oak and pine; also 15 tiers 14 inch mixed stove wood. Court Hill, Medford.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

The art of making paper has progressed so, that a tree cut down in the morning is turned into paper within twenty-four hours.
The kaiser seems to have embraced the frugal policy of boarding around among the European monarchs and saving grocers' bills at home.
It is said they have a happy idiot in Washington who has driven people insane by asking them to repeat quickly this sentence: "A noisy noise annoyed an oyster."
Three Chicagoans have been arrested for stealing the roof and upper half of a brick dwelling. The lower half was undisturbed; but of course that's another story.
Boston is to have a new public school building that will cost, including the site, \$350,000, and it will have baths attached to it. Pupils from this school will be saturated with learning and culture.
The daughter of the czar of Russia, the little Grand Duchess Olga, is said to be the richest baby in the world. The week she was born £1,000,000, invested in English and French securities, was settled upon her.
A new diving bell at work in Lake Michigan is claimed to be able to withstand the pressure of water at a depth of 1156 feet. It has discovered the wreck of the steamer Pewabic, sunk in 160 feet water thirty-two years ago.
The Southern Pacific Company has completed an examination of its trainmen, dispatchers, station agents, and section men west of El Paso and Ogden for color blindness. There were about 5200. Out of this number, the sight of 193 was found to be defective as to colors.
Some Swiss convicts have recently escaped from prison, and an advertisement announcing the fact says that "with the close-cropped hair, knickerbockers and striped jackets the fugitive murderers may easily be mistaken for American or English tourists excursions in the Aleatian Alps."
The following item is reported in the Southern correspondence of an electrical paper: "A curious thing is reported from Staunton, Va. The telephone people, whose experience with pretty telephone girls has not been altogether satisfactory, advertised for ugly girls, and there were 25 applicants."
It was not until 1878 that the manufacture of hairpins began in the United States. Previous to that time those used in this country came from England or France. Now the trade is such a large one that it takes 50,000 packages, each containing 24 pins, to supply wholesale demand daily in New York alone.
The Oregon girls are all right and about as level headed as you will find them. One of them when asked recently why she did not marry, replied: "I have considerable money of my own, I have a parrot that swears, a pet rabbit that chews and a stove that smokes, so you see I am not in need of a husband very badly."
Horace Greeley once said that "the darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it." Judging from the number of applicants there are for fat federal offices at present, there is a decidedly dark hour with a good many young men and some old ones.
To avoid mistakes by druggists or the people Germany has a law requiring that all drugs intended for internal use shall be put up in round bottles, and all intended for external use in hexagon bottles. It would not be a bad law if made general in the United States. "Mistakes in the bottles" have been a frequent cause of deaths.
A ten-mile-an-hour electrical cab has appeared in London, and the fare charged is the same as the ordinary cab. They carry power for a five hours' run. That, if the thing is not too complicated, will do up the cab and coach horses of London. It is just possible that the city of the future is to be about noiseless. The vehicles on noiseless wheels will dart here and there with twice the speed now obtained.
A naughty exchange says there is scarcely anything that a woman cannot do with a hairpin. She uses it to pick her teeth, button shoes, clean finger nails, punch bed bugs out of cracks, fasten up stray bangs, clean out her husband's pipe, pick her toe-nails, dig out her ears, scratch her head, run it into cakes to see if they are done, and about a million other things that the poor deluded man knows nothing about.
Switzerland is to purchase all of the railroads in that country, the national legislature having passed the bill of the general council which has that end in view. A referendum will probably be held, but there is little danger of the measure's defeat, for public opinion in the republic strongly supports it. The government will pay for them at a valuation which is \$30,000,000 less than it would have to pay if it bought the stock.
The total length of the world's telegraph system has now reached 4,908,921 miles, exclusive of 180,530 miles of submarine cables. Of this Europe has 1,764,790 miles, Asia, 310,685 miles; Africa, 99,400 miles; Australia, 217,479 miles, and America, 2,516,548 miles. United States Consul Germain, who sends these figures to the state department from Zurich, says they show that, notwithstanding the steady increase in the building of telegraph lines all over Europe, America leads the world, and has almost doubled the European mileage.
The postal savings bank was first introduced in England in the spring of 1861, the project being warmly supported by Mr. Gladstone. During the first year of operations the deposits amounted to £2,000,000; in 1896 the deposits amounted to over £106,000,000. It is stated that at the present time one out of every seven persons in England is a depositor. The minimum deposit is one shilling, or 24 cents, but a provision is made in the form of stamp cards, by which a penny stamp can be bought, affixed to the card until 12 have been purchased, when the card can be deposited and a shilling credited. This is to encourage children and small wage-earners to save their pence. The postal savings banks pay 2½ per cent interest on deposits, and the maximum deposit is £50, but when the deposit reaches the maximum the depositor can purchase 2½ per cent government consols and reopen his account. Postal savings banks have also been established in France, Austria, Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Russia and Japan. In several of these countries provision is made for postmen in rural districts to collect deposits, thus saving time for busy people.

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