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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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The penalty for piracy in Japan seems to be quite effective as a remedial agency. Twenty were beheaded recently at one session of the headsmen.

According to an English scientist, Hawaii is doomed to early destruction by volcanic disturbance. Here is a good basis for an anti-annexation argument.

DURRANT's attorneys may have made "a gallant fight" for the prisoner, but the people do not look at it in that light. The country is not particularly fond of murderers and their friends.

Dr. E. O. CREWE, Chicago, claims to know of a stream in Alaska that rises in a mountain of gold, and flows golden water over a bed of golden nuggets. But the doctor is not pointing it out on the map.

SPAIN's offer of political reforms to the Cubans at this stage of the game is something like the under man in a rough-and-tumble fight asking the fellow who is holding him down if he has had enough.

IN DRUNKEN sport a cowboy named Harrington killed a man near Dayton, Washington, last week. The sooner a cold-blooded sheriff kills him in sober earnest the sooner will a dangerous fool be put out of the way of doing.

THE London Chronicle admits editorially that the British navy could not force an entrance into New York harbor. Many of us have that idea ourselves, but is the Chronicle trying to lull us into a false security? Else why this apparent candor?

TO SETTLE four tie votes for county offices, which resulted from the late election in Kansas, the rural candidates shook dice. There doesn't seem to be much dignity about the method, but certainly it's considerably cheaper than the holding of another election.

A NEW commandment is abroad in the land. Thou shalt not hear an unkind story so long as thou hast heels to turn or hands to cover thine ears. At a recent convention of Second Adventists in Maine, a large number of men and women went forward to kneel on the penitent form, and there consecrated their ears to God. Ethics have prated long on the sin of scandal; there would be little of it if more ears were closed to its blandishments.

"WHAT has become of the woman who used to make her boy's clothes and out his hair?" asks an exchange. If the writer of the above will happen around on the most public thoroughfare of a pleasant summer evening he will find the woman that palled the cow, rocked the cradle and cut the lad's hair in the days that used to be. He would scarcely recognize her, however. She's the tailor made, new woman (that's up-to-date and the pneumatic she scorches with is the latest model. Verily, things do change as the silvered locks of this old world of ours becomes more silvered—and the end is not yet—and no person will grieve much, if these same good women will not forget their duty to home and family.

Mr. L. C. COLEMAN writes from San Francisco stating that he had been having a sugar beet talk with Mr. Spreckels and Mr. Oxnard, and that both gentlemen said our

beets were too small to be of any value—and further that the beets must weigh from one and one-half to three pounds. This is really a stunner to we poor fellows here in Jackson County who have been using all manner of means that were fair to the beets to get them to grow small enough to come within the limit of three pounds. The fact that Prof. Shaw made note on several of his analyses "Beets too Large" would have a tendency to get a fellow to thinking there was a gentleman of unsavory reputation in a fence corner some place. There is probably not a farmer in the county who has grown beets this year that has not grown some that weighed from eight to twelve pounds—in fact nearly all that were grown weighed over three pounds. It might be guessed at that Mr. Spreckels hopes to control the sugar business of the coast with his factories in California—but there are others.

The Pension Report.

The report of Commissioner of Pensions Evans on the condition of the pension roll shows an increase both in the number of names on the list and in the amount of money the names call for. There were 54,072 names added to the list, and the increase in the amount of pensions was \$1,504,480. The appropriation was \$140,000,000 and the requirement \$141,990,936. So far as the new names represent veterans who have delayed applying for pension until the disabilities of age compelled them to avail themselves of the nation's generosity, there will be no disposition to demur to the increase. It seems odd, however, that with a pension roll closely approaching one million names there should be an excess of new pensioners over those whom death has removed. The increase could only be made by new applications, while many causes serve to take names from the list.

The report says that 1074 names were dropped on account of the remarriage of widows and mothers, and 1845 by legal limitation. The latter were cases of minors who had passed the pension age. It is reasonable to suppose that the list of mothers who have remarried is nearly exhausted unless step-mothers are included under the head of mothers. The commissioner briefly recommends the enactment of a law providing that no pension shall be granted to any widow of any soldier who shall marry after the date of the law. As the youngest veteran must now be on the chilly side of 50, the conclusion is not unreasonable that young women who hereafter become soldiers' wives are not actuated entirely by a desire to make comfortable the declining years of one who deserves well of his country. Leaving the money consideration to take care of itself, it is not well to hold out to young women an inducement of this nature to enter into the marriage relation.

Durrant Will Hang Today.

A later dispatch than that printed on the first page of THE MAIL says: Theodore Durrant, condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, and the supposed murderer of Minnie Williams also, was taken before Judge Bahrs Wednesday morning for the purpose of having the date for his execution reset. His attorneys made a desperate attempt to secure further delay, but Judge Bahrs brushed aside all technicalities objecting to the proceedings, and ordered that Durrant be hanged on Friday next.

Durrant's attorneys have made a desperate struggle to save the life of their client, stubbornly fighting the case through the courts, and employing every subterfuge known to the legal profession to delay execution of the death sentence. Their last resource has now apparently been exhausted and it seems probable that tardy justice is at last about to overtake the convicted murderer.

Gospel Temperance Meeting.

The first of a series of temperance meetings to be held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the M. E. Church on next Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m. There will be good singing, and the fact that Revs. Gittins and Russ are to speak, insures good information, interesting speaking. Let every body interested in temperance come, and bring some one else.

Mrs. E. L. FISHER, Pres.
Mrs. I. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

To keep a rooster from crowing on Sunday morning when you wish to sleep, kill him Saturday night.

From June 1 to August 20 of this year 8720 persons went through Yellowstone Park. This was an unprecedented number.

A man named Smith is wanted ever in eastern Oregon for horse-stealing. P. S.—His address can be found in the directory of any hamlet, town or city.

A stock train passed through the custom house at Neche, North Dakota, recently en route from Winnipeg to Omaha on which the duties amounted to \$3926.

Pullman has always been quoted as worth \$50,000,000, but now that he is dead it transpires that it was only about \$7,000,000. Thus does death bring the truth to light.

A New Jersey man had to make six attempts to kill himself before he succeeded. If he really wanted to make quick work of it he should have come west and stole a horse.

The Luetgert trial has revolutionized Chicago. Now if a man inserts in a Chicago paper an advertisement: "Wanted—A woman to cook," he is immediately shadowed by detectives.

Nine thousand members of an anti-swearing society paraded in Brooklyn a few days ago. When passing wagons spat their mud or blocked their line of march they merely smiled.

The Turks are still in Thessaly, and none of the powers now urges them to depart. It was the Sultan's idea that he would remain as long as he chose, and what he wants in European diplomacy is apt to happen.

Mutiny is said to be rife in the ranks of the army of Spain. No pay, no promotion, and no chance to kill anybody except women and children and the sick and wounded in Cuban hospitals—what wonder that the seekers for military glory grow sick of it.

Mayor-elect VanWyck has won distinction locally before his nomination and election as mayor of the greatest American city. He holds the prize for eating the most beef-steak—26 pieces at a sitting—at the annual grand competition of the New York beefsteak club.

A foot ball player was killed back east last Saturday, and now the legislature of his state is going to be asked right off to pass a law making foot ball playing a crime. If everything that causes death sometimes is made a crime the legislature will have their hands full passing laws.

The 1776 stone house at Tappan, N. Y., was blown down by the wind the morning of November 2. This is the house where Major John Andre was imprisoned, and from which he was taken to his execution Oct. 2, 1780. It was owned by Dr. Stephens, of Tappan, and has been visited by people from all over the world.

An examination of an "electric" belt sold by a street fakir in another town, revealed the fact that, beneath the outer cloth covering was a layer of dry mustard, when the wearer began to perspire the mustard was moistened and set up a burning sensation, and the deluded victim believed a current of electricity was passing through him.

The papers are telling about a couple of men in Wallace, Idaho, one without legs and the other without arms, forming a partnership. They accumulated \$260 and then the man with the legs skipped out with all the funds. We are glad to report that he was arrested and made to divide. Another example of human depravity, or pretty close to it.

Boys with hats on the back of their heads and long hair hanging down their foreheads, and cigarettes and smutty stories in their mouths, are cheaper than old worn out horses. Nobody wants them at any price. Men will not employ them and girls will not marry them. They are not worth their keeping to anybody and they will not keep themselves.

A locomotive engineer on the Great Northern railway has invented a device which is intended to prevent railroad accidents caused by the forgetfulness of engine men by springing an alarm whistle a mile from the place where a train dispatcher's order becomes operative.

If the engineer fails to respond to the reminder the device stops the train.

It takes a Missouri farmer to give an Oregon farmer pointers on "How to farm without working." For instance: One of them gets his land cleared of stumps by making holes under the stumps with a crowbar, filling the whole with wheat and then turning hogs loose in the field and let them root the stumps out in their efforts to get the wheat.

The Brazilian coffee crop is so large this year that prices have reached a lower point than ever before. The consumer will be the last to feel the benefit of the decline, but coffee drinkers will feel better over the decline. Last year the crop was the largest ever known. High priced coffee is a thing of the past, or will be a past number when the prices go down.

Not long ago a Maine man, jilted by a woman on the eve of marriage, was awarded \$1789 by a jury for breach of promise. Last week a middle-aged widow in Kentucky obtained a verdict of \$54,333.33 for breach of promise against a widower 71 years old. Some expert mathematician should explain that 33 cents, and the law of proportion between the two cases.

To the Public.

We have ever been on the lookout for the best markets afford, and with that object in view have secured the sole control of the Ramona Pure Food Company's products for this locality.

These goods are packed in strict conformity with the newly inaugurated Pure Food regulations of San Francisco. Their purity is absolute, and quality and flavor the highest. To those who have been using the goods usually handed to you over the grocer's counter the great strength of the Ramona goods will be a revelation.

We have always found the best to be the cheapest in the long run, and take pleasure in placing before you a line that combines highest quality with economy.

Ramona teas, coffees, spices, extracts, baking powder and soda are guaranteed to please or money refunded, and will make us a host of new friends.

Truly yours,
DAVIS & GILKEY,
Medford, Or.

Mr. Roussin Denies the Allegation.

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 11, 1897. I noticed in the Valley Record, of Ashland, dated Nov. 4, 1897, an article casting reflections upon the directors of the fair association at Medford in commenting upon the race in which Leland W. was one of the trotters. In due respect to the directors of the fair association, I will state that they acted honorably in everything connected with the fair as far as I was concerned. The wrongdoings in a race which was plain to most all spectators was perpetrated by outside parties. I entertain the kindest regards for every member of the board of directors of the Medford Fair Association, notwithstanding remarks to the contrary.

A. C. ROUSSIN.

Sick stomach means sick man (or woman).

Why not be well?
Sick stomach comes from poor food, poor nourishment, means poor health, poor comfort, Shaker Digestive Cordial means health and a well stomach.

If we could examine our stomach we would understand why it is that so little will put it out of order.

But, unless we are doctors, we never see our stomach. We only feel it. We would feel it less if we took Shaker Digestive Cordial.

Shaker Digestive Cordial makes your stomach digest all the nourishing food you eat, relieves all the symptoms of indigestion, acts as a tonic and soon makes you well and strong again.

The more you take, the less you will feel of your stomach.

At druggists. Trial bottle 10 cents.

Some New Advertisements.

Geo. L. Webb, of the Racket, is using his advertising space this week in talking gentlemen's clothing. J. G. Van Dyke wants you to read his ad and learn about Buckingham & Hecht's Nova Scotia cork sole shoes. Davis & Gilkey have changed the out in their Ramona ad. Boyden & Nicholson give a list of names of purchasers of Cole's air-tight heaters.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Medford postoffice on Nov. 10 '97.

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| Bailey, A. O. | Berman, Mrs. Susie |
| Bob, Charles | Han, A. L. |
| Hodgkess, Thomas | Hawell, E. D. |
| Reynolds, I. G. | Thorne, Ed D. |
| Vanderford, J. B. | |

A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised."

M. FURDIN, Postmaster.

For Sale and Trade.

We have for sale or trade forty acres of land, one and a half miles west of Central Point. Good tillable foothill land—fine for fruit, three acres cleared. Will take team, harness and wagon in part payment, balance two years' time. BRIDLEMAN & NICHOLSON, Medford, Ore.

Opened Nov. 1,
3,000
YARDS

Heavy Double Faced Canton
in colors of Cardinal, Grey,
Brown and Steel Blue, at ...

6 1-4 cts., or
16 Yards for \$1.

Heavy Twilled Serges in blue
and white and black and
white—for winter dresses
and shirting, at ...

8 1-3 cents, or 12 yards for \$1

DEUEL & STEVENS

MEDFORD, OREGON

CASH

... PAID FOR ...

Eggs, ...

Chickens

and ...

Turkeys...

DAVIS & GILKEY, Your Grocers

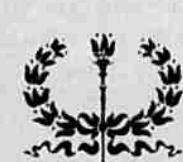


DON'T HUMP UP
YOUR BACK
BECAUSE YOUR
COFFEE IS WRONG.
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
RAMONA
at our expense
if you're not pleased
(S)

Teas
Coffees
Spices
Extracts
Baking Powder

Winter Will
Catch You!

If We Don't, But We
Hope to Catch You First...



We want to catch you as near naked as possible, and dress you up according to our ideas of proper style and we'll stake our reputation on your being right when we have finished. But, perhaps, you're thinking more about Overcoats. Now stick a pin right here so that you'll not forget it. We can sell you the

Best Overcoat for \$7.50!

That you ever saw, and if you want to raise the price to \$12 or \$15 why we'll give you such value and style as you have never seen anywhere. Just give us the opportunity to furnish your Overcoat and we'll save you a snug sum ...



\$2.50 Pants that Cost \$5.00 Elsewhere
Children's \$2 50 and \$3.50 Suits a Specialty

W. H. Meeker & Co.

Ask the People ...

What they think of Cole's
Air-Tight Heaters. These
people have purchased Air
Tights from us:—

Mr. Elden, Medford,
F. K. Deuel,
Chas. Beckert,
F. Hubbard,
Chas. Childs,
W. T. York,
O. L. Davis,
H. E. Boyden,
W. H. Meeker,
W. C. Noble,
J. A. Whitman,
H. Wortman,
G. C. Noble,
R. C. Hoock,
Mr. King,
N. R. Graves,

H. J. Gordon, Prospect,
Jas. Morton, Phoenix,
F. W. Johnson, Medford,
Samuel Murphy,
Mr. Phelps, Medford,
H. May Barclay, Ashland,
G. W. White, Medford,
A. S. Moon, Moonville,
J. W. Corum, Jacksonville,
Wm. Hoverson, Klamath,
J. B. Coleman, Phoenix,
L. L. Hamilton, Medford,
R. Ashworth, Central Pt.,
R. T. Blackwood, Phoenix,
G. W. Sloops, Phoenix,
C. B. Stark, and others.



BOYDEN & NICHOLSON

Apples, Apples!

We want all the Apples you have that are fit
to dry, and will pay good prices for them.
Enquire of ...

H. L. Burleson,
OFFICE--HOTEL NASH

Agent for W. G. Lowry & Co., San
Francisco, Cal.