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MAN WAS BORN TO MUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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THERE is a tribe in Central Africa among whom speakers in public debates are required to stand on one leg while speaking, and to speak only as long as they can so stand. Why not try it on congress?

A WOMAN with X-ray eyes is reported to have been discovered in Washington. She would be a boon for novelists, who could say that with one glance she not only transfixed the villain, but rendered him bald.

IN HIS recent report Gen. Miles says the American Indians are "making rapid progress toward permanent settlement and semi-civilization." That "semi" is a little hard on both the Indians and permanent settlers.

GREAT BRITAIN is now said to desire to see Canada on the best of terms with the United States. Some of these days, late predictions to the contrary notwithstanding, the chances are the terms will be too good to suit England.

SOME people in San Francisco want Durrant's sentence commuted on the general ground that capital punishment should be abolished. Perhaps so, but it would be better, most people will think, to begin the reform with the next man.

A NEW YORK physician advertises to "restore outstanding ears to their natural position." Gentlemen who have a few ears still outstanding will do well to bear this advertiser in mind. If the doctor could fix up outstanding debts he could get a steady job almost any place.

FOR a good, clean job of its kind, the affray which occurred in Louisiana the other day between four fighting men—two on a side—should be commended. All four are very dead, thanks to their mutual good marksmanship, and there is no trouble left for anybody but the coroner.

A LATE letter from Cuba tells how between 15,000 and 20,000 "pacifists," whom Weyler had concentrated in half a dozen villages, died of starvation and attendant diseases, only twenty-eight men, women and children now remaining alive. No wonder "The Butcher" believed himself able to settle the Cuban question, if given time and left to himself.

GEN. GREELY believes that near the north pole there is a considerable body of land covered with ice from half a mile to several miles in thickness. Dr. Nansen believes that the vicinity of the pole is occupied by a deep sea covered with ice not above 15 feet thick. Nobody has as yet reached the pole, unless it is Andree, and he, poor fellow, remains to be heard from; and consequently the opinion of one scientific gentleman in the arctic line is of no greater value than that of any of his competitors in the same branch of business.

J. Ebey, a German, 50 years of age, committed suicide at Los Angeles by taking strychnine because he believed he was afflicted with an incurable disease.

Mrs. Rolley, an invalid from paralysis, was burned to death in her home at Fortuna, Cal. While lying on a sofa near a stove her clothes took fire.

The 5 per cent bonds of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley railroad, of which Claus Spreckles is president, are quoted in New York at 101 1/2 @ 102. About \$4,000,000 have been sold and another lot of \$200,000 is shortly to be issued.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Examinations for the term will be held next week.

The seventh grade is reading Nansen's Travels in Greenland.

Earle and Floyd Johnson entered the second grade last Monday.

The little people of the north primary are beginning the study of music.

Several of the pupils who have been absent on account of sickness, returned this week.

Birds, illustrated with colored plates, form the basis for the afternoon talks in the fourth grade.

The storms have been the cause of several absences during the week in the south primary.

The members of the tenth grade had a very interesting program last Wednesday afternoon.

The pupils of the fifth grade have been very much interested in the India rubber tree of South America.

Thanksgiving exercises were given in nearly all the grades of the public school Wednesday afternoon. There was no school on Thursday and Friday.

Editor Bliton, of THE MAIL, heard of the public school "potato social" and sent in a whole sack full of excellent tubers that would grace the table of a king.

The scholars of the public school are expecting a large patronage from the friends of the school, in their effort to secure an organ. It is a worthy object and is much needed in the school.

Two of the Central Point football boys were in Medford Tuesday with their ball suits on. They looked much like the ancient knights who stuffed their clothes as the king grew fat.

Subscribe to the public school organ fund. While we are being thankful for many blessings and are putting our gifts together to help the needy, let us remember our children of the public school. If we each do something the aggregate will be considerable.

On last Friday afternoon the graduating class received some valuable information not found in the text-books. By invitation Attorney W. H. Parker delivered a lecture on the subject of "The Common Law and Its Origin."

Among other valuable thoughts given the class were these: That law is divided between God and man; that the law under which we are governed—the general laws of our country—is termed "positive law." That positive law (human law) derives its force and authority from natural divine laws. The need which man feels to live in society is one of the primitive laws of nature, whence flow our duties and our rights; and the existence of society depends upon the condition that the rights of all shall be respected. On this law are based the assistance and good offices which men owe to each other. In short he reviewed the subject in detail, bringing it up, step by step, from its origin to the time of the adoption of statute law in England in 1873. He has promised to talk to the class again, on the subject of "Crimes and Their Punishments."

Every Farmer His Own Spreckles.

If what A. B. Clark, a Lincoln County, Oregon, farmer, says regarding the home manufacture of beet sugar be true there is no good reason why every farmer in Southern Oregon could not be a little sugar king all by himself—at least to the extent that his own household goes. Here is Mr. Clark's story as printed in the Toledo Leader: "It may be of interest to the farmers of Lincoln County to know that a Michigan farmer has demonstrated that sugar can be manufactured from beets without any expensive machinery. He simply grated the beets, pressed out the juice with a cider press and boiled it; you would boil the sap of the sugar maple. During the process of boiling, he says the syrup had the flavor of the beet, but when sugared off it had the appearance and much the same flavor of maple sugar. From seventy pounds of beets he got six pounds of sugar. It has been supposed heretofore that sugar couldn't be profitably made from beets without extensive machinery, but this experiment opens a broad field for experiment and invention. It seems more than probable that the progressive farmer of the coast where the sugar beet grows in perfection, will soon manufacture, not only the sugar for his family use, but a large amount of raw sugar to sell to the refiners. Instead of hauling tons and tons of the beets to the distant factory, he will manufacture the sugar at home, feeding the waste to his stock, enriching his land and adding largely to his profits. This is a matter worth investigating."

Among the Churches.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Next Sunday evening in place of regular services the Ladies' Missionary Society will occupy the time with addresses and readings upon foreign missions. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7 o'clock; Christian Endeavor at 8 o'clock, Sunday evening; services at 7. Music by the choir.
A. S. FOSTER, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. consecration, 8:30; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning sermon "Giving Diligence." Evening subject, "The Belief of Great Men." Good music at all services under the lead of Miss Mabel Jones. The people welcome. Strangers in the city especially invited to come and worship with us.
The roll-call service at the Christian Church last Sunday was a most delightful one. The clerk called 100 resident members, and 52 non-residents. There were many responses.

Market Report.

The following are the prices paid by our merchants this week for farm products. This list will be changed each week as the prices change:

Wheat	.....65
Oats	.....50
Flour	.....\$2.20 per 100 lbs
Barley	.....\$1.25 " "
Mill Feed	.....1.00 " "
Potatoes	.....50c " "
Eggs	.....25 per doz
Butter	.....22 1/2 per lb
Beans, dry	.....62 1/2 " "
Bacon	.....94 " "
Hams	.....11 " "
Shoulders	.....08 " "
Lard	.....07 1/2 " "

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Henry Sherry, the great lumber dealer of Wisconsin, has failed for a million. It's a distinction to be able to owe that amount of money.

Mrs. Margaret Boughan died at Springfield, Mass., last week at the remarkable age of 124 years. Most people are satisfied to live fifty years less than that. We do not imagine the last years of Mrs. Boughan were very hilarious ones.

A bloody tragedy occurred in Texas because of an editor's failure to return a manuscript submitted to him for publication. As a rule, it is the returning of such things which causes the disappointed young authors to feel like doing murder.

The question of whether dogs shall or shall not wear muzzles is said to have exercised a decided influence on the late election in England. If it had been a matter of political speakers wearing or not wearing the ornaments, one might understand it.

The Spanish government denies that General Weyler is to be appointed governor of the Philippines. If it is really desired to give him another position, why not send him as an official missionary to the Tiburon Island cannibals, in the Gulf of California?

The authorities of Lisbon, Portugal, lately completed, at a cost of \$250,000, a very fine stone wharf, jutting out into the River Tagus. Monday morning it quietly sank out of sight in the mud. However, it may be useful now as a foundation for a wooden one.

Montana miners captured a delinquent mining company president the other day and held him prisoner until their wages were paid. A swifter procedure than that of the courts and far more certain. That president hereafter will conduct his business at long range.

A San Jose high school girl absented herself for a day lately, and on her next appearance presented an excuse explaining that she had remained away to be married. San Jose has a warm climate, in the summer, but they do refreshingly cool things down there sometimes.

A German doctor has started a theory that most drunkards can be cured by a very simple and pleasant course of treatment—namely, by eating apples at every meal. Apples, if eaten in large quantities, possess properties which entirely do away with the craving that all confirmed drunkards have for drink.

Bicycles have scored a victory in the courts. The supreme court of Iowa has rendered a decision that bicyclists are not compelled to carry a bell and exhibit a light at night. Yet the decision is modified by the finding that the bicyclist not being supplied with a bell and light, who injures a person, is guilty of contributory negligence.

Vassar college is an institution for the training of girls, not only in educational branches, but in practical details of home life, house-keeping, cooking, etc. Confidence in the thoroughness of its educational facilities is somewhat impaired by the news that sixty of the girls are dangerously ill through eating improperly cooked meats.

Wm. Carr, a child murderer, who tied stones to his three-year-old daughter and drowned her in the Missouri river, has been sentenced to be hanged on December 17th. His only excuse for the unnatural murder was that he had too many children and wanted to get rid of some of them. His wife is to be tried for complicity in the murder.

Of course no one will blame attorneys for doing all they can for a client, even though that client be a Durrant. But when they coolly propose to put off hanging a man for one murder—for that is what this new proposition amounts to—in order to try him on another charge, it would seem that they came pretty near reaching the limit of "cheek."

An eastern preacher has left the pulpit for the race track. About a dozen years ago the pastor of a church on Washington street, Kansas City, would spend a goodly portion of six days of the week bucking the frisky wheat market. On the holy Sabbath day he would sermonize strongly on the follies of the world, with an occasional side swipe at gambling.

A woman has been granted a partial divorce in Baltimore and \$6 a week alimony, with the proviso that the wedding presents shall be divided equally between her and her husband, subject to the ratification of the court, except that each shall retain those manifestly intended by the donors for the one or the other. They were married about four years ago.

The efforts which Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is making to introduce good American butter in England has brought out the fact that the best butter made in the United States is made in the states

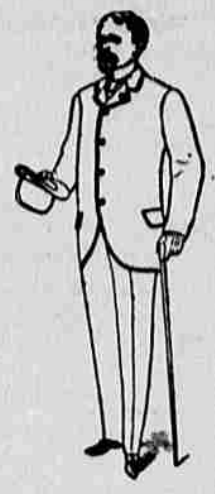
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And here is the kind of values you receive. We don't care where you look you cannot better this offer

\$8.00

Will buy an absolutely pure wool suit that hasn't the slightest suspicion of cotton, shoddy or short stock in it. They are beautifully finished, solid cassimere, guaranteed to give

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Wear ..



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MEDFORD, OREGON

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Eggs, . . .

and . . .

Chickens



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Tea
Coffee
Spices
Extracts
Baking Powder

at our expense if you're not pleased

DAVIS & GILKEY, Your Grocers

What We Have NOT Got

We have no bankrupt sale, no fire sale, no half-price sale, no sacrifice sale, nor any other humbug sale. We have no \$15 suits for \$4.50, no \$6 pants for \$2.20. Neither have we any jockeying or bantering, any tricks, dodges, deception or sham of any kind, nor any of the modern popular schemes for working off trashy goods on unsuspecting customers, schemes that sensible people perfectly understand, and some of which would almost make a statue laugh. If you want good goods at low prices and fair and honest prices, then we can please you, and after trading with us once you will come again.

W. H. Meeker & Co.,
Clothing and General Dry Goods
MEDFORD, OREGON

Wanted, a Wife



To urge her husband to call at our store and see our fine assortment of Cutlery, which we have just received. We now have the best line of Table and Pocket Cutlery, Carving Sets, Silverware, Shears, etc., ever shown in Medford. Don't delay, but come at once and get first choice, as these goods will not remain in our care long.

BOYDEN & NICHOLSON,
THE HARDWARE MEN. . .

SOME PEOPLE

Don't quite understand how it is that I am fitting out so many farmers' horses with new

HARNESS, THIS FALL

Well, the secret is easily guessed—every horse owner wants a first-class article in harness, saddles, etc., and that is just what they find at my store. Repairing promptly done.

J. G. TAYLOR, Medford, Oregon . . .

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