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Two men worked on the same farm up in the Willamette valley last fall. One saved his money and put it in a valise and the other took the valise. Is there a moral in this, if so, find it?

GIRL ushers take up the collection in a New Jersey church, and, of course no male attendant dares fail to contribute, and liberally. Another case of using man's finest feelings to his own discomfiture.

EVEN so far away as Minnesota the newspapers put this heading—"Sounds Fishy"—over the alleged confession of Blanche Lamont to the murder of Minnie Williams, Durrant's victims.

THE MAIL doffs its hat to many new and unsolicited subscribers, as well as those who pin their faith to the future of this independent NEWSPAPER by sending and handing in gold and silver dollars for another year.

FRENCH prunes, grown in Southern Oregon and shipped to France is rather a peculiar condition of affairs, but such is how the land lays. The carload of French prunes shipped from Medford last week by Weeks & Orr were consigned to commission merchants in France.

THE San Francisco Examiner gives figures showing the gold output of California since 1848 to be \$1,303,571,508. The greatest amount taken out of the mines any one year was '53 when the output was \$65,000,000. The least amount was in '90 when the amount taken out was only \$9,896,857.

WARRANTS are out for the arrest of thirty editors of North Dakota charging them with criminal libel. The warrants are all held by the sheriff of Burleigh County, at the state capital, and when one of the newspaper boys happens in town he is at once jailed. The mayor of Bismarck caused the arrest of a local newspaper man a few weeks ago upon a charge of criminal libel and the boys all over the state jumped onto the mayor in language not complimentary and—got arrested themselves.

IN ESTABLISHING colonies in the United States the Salvation Army is doing a great work. It is taking families from our crowded cities and locating them on farms of their own with sufficient start to speedily become self supporting, this being the aim and object of the colonization idea. There is a field in this country for teaching the very poor in the great cities that health, happiness and financial independence are within their reach if they

will relinquish urban surroundings and become tillers of the soil.

THE Klamath Falls Republican rather sarcastically remarks that "it has been suggested that some of the Klamath County merchants are likely to move to Medford to catch the Klamath County trade." This is followed by a statement that goods purchased here "seem to have a charm that pleases." The Republican should have left out the word "seems," making the statement more positive and still be strictly truthful. The coming to Medford to trade has become strictly a business proposition with the people of that locality and will undoubtedly so continue as long as they are treated as fairly and courteously as they have been in the past.

IN ONE of our county papers is found a bit of very sensible advice—and all this is contained in one line—"Keep Your Money at Home." This is a heading over the paper's own advertisement of legal blanks. Immediately following this is a large display advertisement of a San Francisco house which advertises "special values" in holiday goods. It is about this season of the year that home merchants are advertising "special values" and THE MAIL is of the opinion that these "values" are equal to those of San Francisco when the cost of money remittance and express charges are considered. But how the publisher can consistently make his head line of "Keep Your Money at Home" size up with "special values" in San Francisco is a problem as yet unsolved with us. The first is advice which should be heeded, the latter, a custom which is not good business.

MINES AND MINING.

W. H. Reid, the recent purchaser of the Hammersley mine, is having the mine pumped out and is making arrangements to commence getting out ore.

W. H. Hosler, formerly of Medford, now a mine owner on Powell creek, has about closed a deal for the sale of his property to Monmouth bankers. The Grants Press Observer says of the property: "Powells creek is the best and richest placer district in Josephine County and has produced much coarse gold, and there is enough rich gravel left to keep two giants running for fifty years yet. We understand the price of the property is only \$12,000, which is dirt cheap or very cheap for dirt that will go \$4 to the square yard."

N. E. Graves has pipe laid on his Big Applegate placer proposition and expects to turn the water on today. He has all the ground that's necessary for a long while and it prospects well all through.

Jury List—December Term.

Following is a list of the jurors drawn for the December '97, term of court: T. H. Taylor, Pleasant creek farmer. J. R. Wilson, Medford, merchant. C. O. Taylor, Medford, farmer. Clark Savage, Woodville, farmer. John O'Brien, Applegate, farmer. J. S. Lacy, Jacksonville, farmer. J. D. M. Gordon, Gold Hill, farmer. W. J. Dean, Talent, farmer. C. Kleinhammer, Eden, farmer. Uriah Gordon, Florence Rock, farmer. W. T. Kame, Medford, merchant. James Childers, Table Rock, farmer. R. K. Sutton, Ashland, livestockman. Paul Demmer, Medford, farmer. I. A. Pruett, Medford, farmer. W. A. Cordell, Ashland, mechanic. J. B. Morrison, Trail Creek, farmer. C. H. Hoxie, Medford, farmer. A. Schmidding, Jacksonville, mechanic. Frank Farlow, Chimney Rock, farmer. G. W. Hamlin, Medford, farmer. Ben Haymond, Rock Point, merchant. Louis Schilder, Medford, capitalist. J. D. Matney, Uniontown, farmer. Martin D. Boules, Chimney Rock, farmer. William Noah, Table Rock, farmer. J. Beck, Jr., Medford, merchant. D. H. Miller, Medford, merchant. John Bailey, meadows, farmer. C. W. Palm, Medford, real estate agent. Perry Foster, Table Rock, farmer.

In Probate Court.

In matter of the guardianship of Charles A. Patton; order appointing Tuesday, December 7, as day for final settlement.

Estate of Horace L. Ish; inventory and appraisal filed, showing the total amount of real and personal property valued at \$2033.50; also an order for sale of personal property to pay expenses.

In matter of the guardianship of Eli Adams, et al; ordered that the guardian of said minors file a report of her guardianship by December 1, 1897.

There are two reasonable things which everybody should do: take good care of one's health; and if lost, regain it quickly, and to this everybody will agree. And there are a great multitude of people who are agreed that for both purposes Simmons Liver Regulator is the best helper. "I am troubled with torpid liver and nothing gives relief so quick like Simmons Liver Regulator,"—E. R. Strango, Lake City, Fla.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Passengers who arrived Saturday on the steamer Topeka from Juneau, Alaska, report the weather intensely cold.

The jury found Thorn guilty of murder in the first degree—for the killing of Guldensuppe, in New York.

The London Globe calls the United States a fourth-class power. Historians will please remember this in writing about 1776 and 1812.

An Ohio postmaster wants to resign, because his official income last year was only \$3.72, but for the same reason no one else will take the office.

British landlords are said to own 20,000,000 acres of land in this country, an area larger than that of Ireland. It is not comparatively much of a slice in our domain.

Texas has a blind woman who actually clears \$200 yearly from a little farm where she raises vegetables. The woman's exquisite sense of touch tells her the ripeness of a vegetable or berry.

Raising horses is likely still to be a profitable business. Good horses are now in active demand and bring good prices. This list includes both carriage teams and heavy draught horses.

The laws in Washington protect from garnishment proceedings the pay of the wage-earner who has dependent upon him a wife, children, minor brothers, sisters, offspring of deceased brothers or sisters, father, mother or grandparents.

There is a boy up in Winnipeg who wears a No. 21 boot. Hopes of a fortune in the freak-show business are rapidly vanishing, however, as the lad has contracted the dread disease, consumption—too much of him lying on the damp ground.

Everything is panning out rich up Alaska way these times. E. Otis Smith, editor of the Alaskan, published at Sitka, who came down on the Topeka, claims to have bonded a marble mine, located in Sitka basin, to some eastern capitalists, for \$300,000.

And now the rabid Spanish royalists of Havana want to blow up the United States consulate. It will be a brilliant move on their part to do something like this just as congress is about to meet. The explosion might before long have an echo startlingly like the sound of a 20-ton gun.

The oldest newspaper in the world is the Kill Pan, which has been published in Pekin, China, continually for nearly a thousand years. It began as a monthly, became weekly in 1360 and a daily in 1800. It publishes three editions a day, each edition being on different colored paper.

A girls' bachelor club has been formed at Milton. Members will be prohibited from marrying and be required to make a report to the club of each proposal of marriage. The purpose of the club is to exalt the condition of old maidenhood, which is badly in need of encouragement even in Oregon.

It turns out that the apple parings and cores of American orchards are now dried and shipped to France where they are utilized by the thrifty French in the manufacture of champagne. And this imported champagne is regarded by American snobs as much superior to the American home-made article.

A man out in Kansas obtained pills at a drug store for the cure of insomnia. That night in the dark he found what he thought was the pill box and swallowed, as he supposed, three of the pellets. He then slept soundly. In the morning it was discovered that he had gulped down three of his wife's shirt-waist buttons.

The German government will send a large squadron to Kiao-Chan, China. The action by the German government is taken to indicate that the land occupied by a German force will be held for the present at any rate. Five German warships will sail for Asiatic waters on December 10th, under control of Prince Henry, brother of the emperor.

John G. Brady, governor of Alaska, is on his way to Washington to attend the coming session of congress for the purpose of urging reforms in the government of Alaska. "We want," says the governor, "an extension of the land laws, the status of the natives declared, the regulation of the fish industry, the right of appeal, and laws for the preservation of game. The smuggling evil should also be dealt with by the commission. Last year 21,000 gallons of Canadian whisky were smuggled into Alaska."

An American geography printed in 1812 contains this interesting information: "California is a wild and almost unknown land, covered throughout the year by dense fogs, as damp as they are unhealthy. On the northern shore live anthropophagi, and in the interior are active volcanoes and vast plains of

shiftless snow, which sometimes shoot up columns to inconceivable heights." The book adds that some of these statements would seem incredible were they not so well authenticated by trustworthy travelers.

Very interesting questions are involved in a suit brought against the Knights of the Maccabees in Tacoma to recover \$2000 life insurance on the life of the late August Heinrich. It is said that the refusal of the order to pay the benefit is based on a law or ruling of the order that any member who commits suicide within five years after joining the order shall forfeit all claims which his heirs might otherwise have had to the life insurance.

In France every post office is a saving bank. Any person, man, woman or child may be a depositor. Interest is paid by the government at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum. On December 1 of each year the interest is added to the principal. No person can deposit to exceed \$300 in any one year. When a depositor's amount has reached \$300 he is notified and can either withdraw his money or exchange his certificate of deposit for government bonds, which draw 3 per cent. On December 31, 1896, there were 2,686,730 depositors in France. On July 31, 1897 the number of depositors had increased to 2,825,226.

Practise Economy

In buying medicines in other matters, it is economy to get Hood's Sarsaparilla because it contains more medical value than any other—100 doses one dollar.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills.

Klondike pales in insignificance when we read the following telegram from San Francisco: "Russell E. Dunn, a mining engineer, just returned from Siberia, declares that he has been developing mining properties for a French syndicate in the mountains on the head waters of the Amur river. Near that place placer miners are taking out fortunes that make the Klondike seem poor. Out of one gulch, not over two miles long, coarse gold and nuggets, amounting to \$10,000,000, were taken out in two months. The country is no place for prospectors, however, as only one company can get a concession. All the placer mines are worked by the government. Mr. Dunn says that one man from Oregon, whose name he cannot recall, harvested a gold crop of \$50,000 in 30 days. If the government would permit placer mining by individuals there would be no more Klondike fortunes."

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from even deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

G. A. R. Boys—Attention.

Chester A. Arthur post has changed its time of meeting from 2 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.—second and fourth Saturdays. Election of officers occurs second Saturday in December. All comrades requested to be present.

ELI FISHER, Adjutant.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Medford postoffice on Dec. 1st: Bernan, Samuel. Duncan, Robert. Lerner, Mrs. Reynolds, T. L. Sturgeon, Geo. 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. FORDIN, Postmaster.

For Rent—

The Commercial Hotel. The furniture is for sale cheap. Parties wishing to engage in the hotel business can secure a bargain by calling on J. W. Marksbury or Dr. J. W. Odgers.

Notice of Co-Partnership.

We, the undersigned, have this day formed a partnership, to do a general blacksmith business under the firm name of Wilson & Hunsaker. J. R. WILSON. THOS. HUNSAKER. Medford, Ore., Nov. 17, 1897.

—Small pill, safe pill, best pill. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache, Strang, the druggist, Medford; Dr. J. Hinkle, Central Point.

Market Report.

The following are the prices paid by our merchants this week for farm produce. This list will be changed each week as the prices change: Wheat 85 Cents Flour \$2.20 per 100 lbs. Barley \$1.25 " " Mill Feed 1.00 " " Potatoes500 " " Eggs25 per doz. Butter22 " 1b Beans, dry024 " 1b Bacon084 " 1b Hams11 " 1b Shoulders08 " 1b Lard07 1/2 " 1b

—Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

Old Boys and Girls Having Fun.

The old soldier boys of Medford have been having a gay time for the past few days. Saturday evening enough of them, including their wives, to make the number equal to twenty, gathered at the residence of F. M. Stewart to help Mr. and Mrs. Stewart celebrate their thirty-first wedding anniversary. Nuts, candies and fruits were served and a jolly good time was had.

Monday evening following about the same crowd had planned to surprise Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Poe and say they succeeded in their plan. It was just naturally explaining the whole business. They met at Comrade Brudbury's and from there went in a body to the Poe residence where a good time was had until well into the night. The occasion being Mr. Poe's fifty-third birthday a few presents were given him as mementos of the day. One of these was a pipe and the presentation speech was prepared and delivered by F. M. Stewart, which is here given:

"Mr. F. M. Poe, most noble and esteemed friend and comrade, permit me on this occasion and in behalf of this company to present you a VALUABLE token of the esteem in which you are held by these friends, who fully appreciate your many good qualities as much as they count your own ones. Use this pipe with care and caution for it has slain many a better man. Whenever you use this VALUABLE present remember the occasion on which it was presented and the friends present on this your fifty-third birthday. We now wish you many returns of this day and that you may always teach your children to root as high as they did tonight. May good luck always attend you and yours and your grub pile never grow less is the wish of your friends."

Tuesday evening the same crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redden—and this was a surprise, too—and it was Mrs. Redden's 52d birthday—and refreshments and a good time were in great profusion. Several tokens of kindly remembrance were given.

Among the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. T. B. Ford, D. D., presiding elder of the M. E. Church for this district, was at the prayer meeting Thursday evening, December 2d, and will remain during the week, preaching on Sunday morning next, and administering the communion at close of sermon. Quarterly conference Saturday evening, December 4th, Dr. Ford presiding. EDW. GRIFFIN, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Services at the usual hours. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Arming the Mind." Evening theme, "The Rejection of Jesus." Good singing at all services; the people welcome. At 3 p. m. Eli Fisher will preach at Jacksonville in the Presbyterian Church. The free-will offering at the Christian Church Thanksgiving was a very handsome one, being over \$45. The Juniors presented the church with three chairs for the pulpit. Eighty people were represented in the general offering.

—Watches cleaned and warranted for one year for \$1—Pritchard, the jeweler.

—Superior job printing, MAIL office

ADDITIONAL CITY NEWS.

—The two Salvation Army girls who have been here for several months past will hold a farewell meeting Sunday evening. They will leave here for a new field Monday and their places will be filled by others from some other point.

—L. A. Drake and family, of Talent, expect to leave within a few weeks for Santa Barbara County to visit relatives whom they have not seen for several years. They will return next summer—and their friends are glad of that.

—F. P. Ross has moved from Phoenix to Medford to school his children and has taken rooms over A. M. Woodford's feed store. Mr. Ross is a race horse man and expects to go down into California in the spring.

—W. H. Stewart on Tuesday shipped the last of five carloads of green fruit which he gathered up in the smaller orchards of the valley. These shipments have been made to various eastern points.

—Evangelist E. A. Ross, who held meetings in Medford two years ago, is now holding services in Grants Pass. The probabilities are that he will not hold meetings here this winter.

—Rev. M. A. Williams, the pioneer preacher of the Rogue river valley, has been very ill since Saturday, and as we go to press word comes that he cannot possibly last long.

—The Court saloon fixtures were shipped to Albany this week. There were fully a half a carload of them and were shipped to the Albany Brewing Company, a creditor.

—F. M. Stewart has taken a position with THE MAIL as bookkeeper and solicitor. He is authorized to make contracts and collect accounts for this paper.

—Mrs. T. G. Spangler, who was operated upon last week for the removal of an ovarian cancer, was reported very low at noon yesterday.

—If you want a horse or cow to get fat let the animal stand out all day in cold rain and wind. If that don't do it, leave it out all night.

—Delbert Terrill is figuring on buying up several carloads of cattle near Oakland, Oregon, and shipping them to San Francisco.

—J. C. Slagle came up from Grants Pass last week and will winter a couple of speed horses at the Medford fair grounds.

—Joe Shone, the contractor, is building an 18x20 foot addition to John Morris' residence on South G street this week.

—F. V. Modynski and family have moved into the Mrs. S. M. West residence, on North B street.

—Weeks & Orr are loading eight carload of apples for shipment to Germany.

—Rev. Bliss will lecture at the opera house tonight upon "Christian Socialism."

—The Fire Company of Jacksonville will give a masque ball on New Year's eve.

—There is to be a turkey shoot at Jacksonville about Christmas time.

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...**



JUST TELL THEM
THAT YOU SAW
THE RAMONA
PURE FOOD
PRODUCTS ON
OUR SHELVES.

DON'T

Think because we are not talking loud that we have no goods to sell—just come in and see if we don't treat you white, and give you 100 cents in value for every dollar you invest...

Yours for Business

Davis & Gilkey

THE TEST IS COMPARISON

Any "wind jammer," even if he don't know cotton from wool, or silk from linen, can write flaming advertisements claiming to "underbuy and undersell" every house in town. That's "dead easy;" all it requires is a good pencil, plenty of wind, and good big profits to pay the enormous bills for advertising. But...

...The Test for the Buyer Is Comparison

We ask you to compare our prices on Clothing, and if we are not the lowest in prices for equal or better qualities we don't ask you to buy of us; but look before you buy. We know we can please you and satisfy you—that it will pay you to leave your money with us...

**W. H. Meeker & Co.,
MEDFORD, OREGON**