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A MINNEAPOLIS divine recently asserted that it was his belief that while indulgence in strong drink is growing less among men it is actually increasing among women.

THE government relief expedition to the Klondike being reported stalled on the way thither, it would now seem in order for a second party to be immediately fitted out and sent north to relieve the relievers.

THE New Jersey legislature is considering a bill which provides for a tax of \$2 a year on every bachelor in the state. If it goes through the revenue thus raised ought to be used in providing homes for aged spinsters.

A WHITE school teacher who eloped with and married a full-blooded Piegan Indian, and is now working as a waitress in a frontier hotel to support herself and him, is probably wondering where all the romance of the forest has so suddenly flown to.

SPAIN has ordered work to be immediately begun on a new warship in the dock at Cadiz. That is foolish. If what she evidently fears really happens, long before that cruiser could be half finished there wouldn't be any docks left nor, very possible, any Cadiz.

G. L. DAVIS of this city has announced himself a candidate for the office of county clerk, subject to the pleasure of the Republican convention. George is a thorough business man and a good citizen and if nominated would make a lively chase for the coveted goal.

LISTEN to this from the Klamath Falls Express:

"It frequently happens that the idols of our youth are shattered like a bisque doll or gradually crumble away like decorative mastic and that which we bowed down before and worshipped in the manner of a Celestial, etc."

And Editor Pierce was married only last week.

A MEETING of the Jackson County sugar beet committee is called for tomorrow, Saturday, in Medford. Chairman Hammond has made a personal appeal to all of them to be present. There are some things that must be looked after which have a leaning toward the probable good of the valley in beet culture. Every committeeman ought to be there.

Every seal needs ten pounds of fish a day in order to live and keep its health, and it is declared that the Alaskan cod would become the greatest cod fishery in the world should the seal be exterminated in that quarter. Better the cod than the seal. The latter is a source of great domestic misery at least once a year, and is beyond the financial reach of the poor; while ten pounds of fish a day would suffice for the largest family many times over. It is settled. The seal must go.

Now they are saying that, even though the Maine were blown up by some Spanish miscreant, Spain, as a nation, cannot be held responsible. This seems mighty tough if true. If true there is surely something at fault with our international law, but if this thing goes on we will probably be apologizing to Blanco and his whole crowd before long for the disturbance to their slumbers caused by the noise which

signaled the dreadful death of 253 American seamen.

WHEN the Cascade Locks were opened the State of Oregon had on hand a number of locomotives and flat cars, etc., which were used in the operation of the portage railway. These are now worthless to the state and bids have been asked for and received, for their purchase. The highest bid was \$3700. Salem people have intimated that a good use for the railroad equipments would be that of removing them to the Capital and establish a railroad line for the benefit of the state institutions. If there is anything that Salem wants it ought to have, for, is not Salem the whole State of Oregon, and is not the convenience of the state's officers paramount to all things else? Yes, let Salem have what she wants. Give her two railroads—it will make legislating easier when it can be "railroaded" on a pair of real steel rails.

The Maine Explosion Still a Mystery.

As the investigation into the cause of the disaster to the Maine progresses the opinion that the explosion was the result of treachery appears from the reports of newspaper correspondents to be gaining ground. No official report regarding the inquiry has been made at Washington, and none is likely to be made for at least a day or two.

A New York World correspondent telegraphs that the situation at Havana is becoming intense, and that Consul-General Lee has advised Americans not necessarily detained there to leave for home at once.

The further the inquiry into the causes that led to the Maine disaster proceeds the more remote appear the chances that any evidence will be discovered to show that the disaster was due to an accident. Those divers who penetrated into the forward part of the wreck found that the whole forward end of the ship, from a point just abaft the forward turret, had been twisted 15 or 20 degrees to starboard. That part of the vessel was a wilderness of debris and curled and twisted plates. The sharp, jagged edges of some of the plates added danger to the difficulties of the divers. In one instance they almost cut through a rubber tube which supplied the diver with air.

One important discovery made was the position of the bodies found in the wreck, 100 of which were floating about in the torn compartments. A full score of these were examined by my informant. All of them were in hammocks and all had the arms curled upward. They looked as if the men had been startled by some sudden shock of danger, and were in the act of reaching up for their hammock hooks to swing themselves on deck when death came. This seems to confirm all that has already been said about there having been two explosions—the first starting the men into the act of rising from their hammocks, the other dashing out the lives.

A contract has been made and signed between the government and a wrecking company of New York to raise the Maine. The terms of the contract provide for the payment to the wrecking companies the sum of \$871 per day for the regular plant, and an additional payment of \$500 per day for the use of the mammoth tug Monarch, while the latter is actually employed. An express provision is made that the government may terminate the contract at any moment. It is also provided that the compensation shall not exceed the sum of money (\$200,000) appropriated by congress for this purpose in the recent resolution passed.

It is also provided that if the companies should succeed in raising the Maine and towing her to New York, they shall receive a bonus of \$100,000.

This Is Amusing.

To we Medford people the following from the Jacksonville Times, is really amusing, in fact it is almost too ridiculous to be worthy of a passing thought—whether amusing or serious:

"About 500 people had congregated at Medford when the train conveying the prisoners arrived. Although there had been threats of lynching, no attempts at violence were made. The sheriff was on the lookout, however, and ready for any emergency."

There were probably 200 people at the depot Sunday morning when Sheriff Barnes returned with his prisoners. These were there because of their curiosity and not a thought of lynching entered the mind of anyone. Why should it be thought of—the prisoners at that time were only "suspects," and even did our people feel reverent enough to lynch they would first make sure that the crime was fastened airtight. Mr. Barnes was unnecessarily cautious. We are not lynchors.

Among the Churches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Services: Sunday School, 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; O. E. C. consecration meeting, 6:30. Morning sermon, "Our Foreign Missions." Evening subject, "Union Revivals and the Lessons They Teach." A cordial invitation to all to attend.

ELI FISHER, Pastor.
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Divine service will be held in St. Mark's Church on Sunday evening next, February 27th. All invited.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

The value of the eggs handled in Chicago last year, figured at 12 1/2 cents per dozen, was \$7,860,881.

Zela was found guilty on all the charges against him, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3000 francs.

A Missouri school teacher has resigned because two of the boys, pupils, spanked her. She must be one of those unfortunate girls who have no big brothers.

Mr. Wansmaker is going to run for governor of Pennsylvania, but wishes to have it distinctly understood that his candidacy will be no bargain counter affair.

Believing that the common use of one cup in communion services is a menace to health, the Indiana state board of health recommends the use of individual cups.

It is a great price to pay for safety, but travel to Alaska will not be without unnecessary dangers until those rotten hulks now in that trade have gone to the bottom.

The steamer Elder, bound from Alaska to Portland, put in at Port Townsend Tuesday night, two of her propeller blades being broken. This will necessitate a delay until repairs are made.

Already about \$13,000,000 Australian gold has come to San Francisco this season. The Oceanic Steamship Co's. steamer Moana, which sailed from Sydney on the 15th inst., carries an additional \$1,500,000.

The Maine was the fastest sea-going battleship in the navy of the United States—over seventeen knots per hour. She had four ten-inch breech-loading rifles; six 6-inch; seven 6-pound rapid firing, and eight one-pounder rapid firing guns.

The most extraordinary township in England is that of Skiddaw, in Cumberland. It contains but one house, the occupier of which is unable to exercise the privilege of voting, because there is no overseer to prepare a voters' list, and no church or other place of worship or assembly on which to publish one.

Advices from Dawson under date of January 18 say that scurvy has developed among the miners to such an extent that there are now 17 cases in the public hospital. It is estimated that there are from 13 to 15 cases in private cabins. Precautionary measures are being taken to prevent the spread of the malady.

The reported threats against the life of Minister Lee at Havana makes the blood of every loyal American citizen boil. As Stone-wall Jackson said of Barbara Freiteche, "Who touches a hair of your gray head dies like a dog," applies as well in a united union today. "One for all and all for one."

The Port Susan Logging Co. has just completed a contract for what is reported to be the largest cargo of spar timbers ever put out of Puget Sound. The cargo consists of 640 spars, running from 50 to 116 feet in length, and varying from 72 inches in diameter at the base to an 18 inch diameter at the top. The spars go to Boston.

The ill wind which is blowing on Chinese shores is already bringing good to American trade. The English government has placed an order in Kansas City for 2000 tons of beef to be forwarded to the fleet in China; 1200 tons have been ordered by Russia, and big orders for canned goods for both nations have been received by Chicago houses.

The liveliest day for years in the wheat market at Pullman, Wash., was last Friday and fully 350,000 bushels changed hands at 62 and 63 cents per bushels in the warehouse. The Pacific Coast Elevator Company bought 250,000 bushels, while Aaron Kuhn bought 100,000. These are the largest sales ever reported there. Over \$200,000 changed hands.

What is known as the "jag cure" law is in force in Colorado. This enactment, which was made at the last state legislature, provides that any man, upon bringing a properly executed paper, containing the signatures of 12 residents of his county and taxpayers, can force the county commissioners to send him to Dwight, Ill., where he may take the Keeley cure at the expense of the county.

The shrewd New Jersey farmers have solved the tramp problem, and that in the simplest possible manner. They put the nomads to work on the public roads and the nuisance disappears. Hence tramps have become a rarity in those sections of the state in which the new system has gone into effect, and the same policy, therefore, may be recommended to other localities. This policy might be tried with good effect in Oregon.

Thomas A. Edison, Jr., is credited with announcing that he can photograph thought. Nicola Tesla tells a New York paper that he has "harnessed the rays of the sun," and will compel them to operate

machinery and give light and heat. This invention is still in the experimental stage, but he declares that there is not a possibility of its failure. He has discovered a method of producing steam from the rays of the sun. The steam runs an engine which generates electricity.

An Ohio postmaster has been applying the stamp theory to Uncle Sam's business. He wanted to increase the sale of postage stamps in his office and thereby gain an advance in salary, so he gave away a drink with every ten stamps and gave a stamp with every drink. Everybody in town soon developed an intense desire for stamps and all would probably have gone serenely but for the fact that the postmaster had forgotten to take out a liquor license and was in consequence arrested.

The present winter is an unusually severe one on stock in California, because of the extreme dry weather. The Salinas Democrat has this: "It is reported that Henry Miller, the cattle king, has a force of men at work skinning cattle which are dying by hundreds on his ranges in lower Monterey County. A great many have been sent to Livermore, Gilroy and other ranches, but still a great number died before they could be removed from the south at all. Those dead ones are being skinned, for the hides can be used."

Two weeks ago an avalanche came thundering down the mountain slopes at the south end of Lake Bonnet. An immense mass of ice and snow was deposited on the trail and 200 tons of supplies were buried many feet deep. Their owners had stacked them up together in what seemed to be a sheltered spot while they were whipsawing lumber for boat-building. Now they have left only the whipsaws, and are trying to dig out their outfits. So far as can be learned no one was injured by the avalanche, though people in tents not far away had narrow escapes.

Horses are now increasing in price and the future is bright and full of hope, and offers every inducement to breeders and farmers to produce the very best kinds of horses. We already have a very strong demand for good horses and prices have advanced very much. The present situation shows every indication of an advance in price for good horses for many years to come and it will not be long before the good classes of horses will be as high as they ever were, and it is believed by our best judges that a grand famine of the saleable class of horses will be upon us in a few years at the most. The great improvement in the streets and roads brought about in the interests of the wheel has not only created a demand for the light harness horse, and as this enterprise proceeds to improve streets and roads there will be an increase in the same proportion for that most noble animal.

Russians are said not to be especially desirable citizens. Quite a number of them a few years ago settled in Logan, Mercer and Emmons Counties, North Dakota. Here is what an exchange says of their mode of living: Epidemics of scarlet fever and diphtheria have visited the settlements and Dr. Flaten has made two trips this winter to those counties. The people live in houses of adobe, or rather home made brick, plastered with a mixture of mud and manure, and in many cases attached to the stables where the animals are kept. In the winter the door between the house and the stable is kept open so that the heat from the animals will assist in keeping the house warm. The very few small windows in the living apartment are kept closed tightly so that no heat will be wasted. The death rate is enormous, mostly from contagious diseases. The people refuse to employ physicians, and hold to the belief that the death of each person is foreordained and will occur at a certain time, and that it can neither be delayed or hastened.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure 25 cents.

An 8-foot vessel has been discovered on a beach near Covadonga, Gal.

G. Hand, a coalman of Sacramento, was thrown from a cart and instantly killed.

Frederick K. Krauth, a veteran editor and pioneer, died at his home in Atamoda, Cal., of heart failure.

California bankers are going to establish a national bank at Juneau, Alaska, with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Signs of increased activity in the lumber business in Humboldt county, Cal., are everywhere apparent, and the coming season promises to be an unusually busy one.

Mrs. Silveira, a Portuguese woman, living on a ranch in Marin county, Cal., is under arrest at San Rafael. She is said to have cut the tongue out her 15-month-old baby because it cried.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cures constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If O. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

is Probate Court.

Estate of Moses A. Williams; order for sale of personal property.
Estate of Levi Gattman; petition for sale of personal property.
Estate of J. J. Friday; order of final settlement and discharge of guardian.
Estate of Nettie Drum; order for final settlement.
Estate of M. L. McCall; order setting aside sale of certain real estate, also setting aside personal property exempt from execution.
Estate of and guardianship of minor heirs of Thos. Heall; order of final settlement.

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	45
Oats	40
Flour	\$2.20 per 100 lbs
Barley	\$1.25 " "
Mill Feed	1.00 " "
Potatoes	500 " "
Eggs	10 per doz
Butter	20 per lb
Beans, dry	.024 " lb
Bacon	.084 " lb
Hams	.09 " lb
Shoulders	.07 " lb
Lard	.08 " lb
Hogs live	.03 03 " lb

One Dollar—

Will buy 10 choice, everblooming, two-year-old roses. These roses have been transplanted three times and are sure to grow and bloom from the start with proper care. I also have three and four-year-old, out door grows roses—\$ for \$1. All my other plants at reduced prices.
FRANK BUTTER.

York & Wortman's

Bargains In

Real Estate ...

320 ACRES, three and one half miles from Medford, Oregon. This is a rare bargain, as the land is suitable for any kind of crop, particularly alfalfa. One hundred and thirty acres in crop this year.

480 ACRES, partly improved land, about ten miles from railroad, \$3000.

\$1600 WILL buy one hundred and sixty acres of black loam and free soil land with thirteen acres bearing orchard, and fair buildings. This ranch has eight springs and about 130 acres tillable land.

160 ACRES, four miles from Medford. Twenty acres bearing orchard, one hundred and thirty acres under cultivation, \$3000.

\$650 WILL buy house and five acres of land in Barr's Addition to Medford.

Head 'em off CHICKENS

ALL THE SAME WIRE NETTING

CATCH 'EM AT

BOYDEN & NICHOLSON'S,

THE HARDWARE MEN

Water pipes for streets and lawns.
Plumbing is strictly in our line
Get garden tools of us.....

City Planing Mill...
Rough and Dressed
Lumber..
Rustic, Flooring, Ceiling,
Sash, Doors, Moulding, Lathe Work.
North D Street, Medford, Oregon

Gray & Bradbury, Props...

TAYLER, THE FOOT FITTER

Has just received a large spring shipment of the most up to date Ladies' Walking and Dress Boots, Oxford and Southern Ties

Also, several lines of broad toed shoes, Waukenphaat & Pares lasts, for ladies who suffer with tender feet. To insure a good fit, please call early as these styles will not be duplicated again this season.....
Repairing promptly attended to.....
Seventh St., Medford

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

at our expense if you're not pleased

Yours for Bargains

Davis & Gilkey

Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.

VEHICLES AND MACHINERY

We now have on hand a large stock of Wagons, Hacks and buggies. Call and see our new Case Black Land gangs. We have a full stock of machinery of all kinds...

D. T. LAWTON, Manager Medford Branch.