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It would not require a very keen observation to note, if one would keep a tab on the out-going freight from Medford, that this country is a producer a long ways ahead of its consumption.

Southern Oregon needs two things. First, more products sent out and more money sent here. Second, more manufactures produced at home to keep the money here when we get it.

The "methods" of the Salvation Army are objected to by some good people and by other people who are not so good; but methods which succeed in rescuing the social out-cast, bring help and hope into the abodes of poverty and sin, feed the hungry and clothe the naked—are not the methods which civilization should reject or prejudice condemn.

Germany has learned that it pays to keep the good will of America. Vice Admiral Von Diedrichs, who commanded the German squadron in the Orient and caused Admiral Dewey some trouble, has been recalled, and a brother of Emperor Wilhelm, Prince Henry, of Prussia, has been appointed to succeed him. The explanation given by Von Diedrichs' removal was that he lacked tact and was not familiar with naval usages, and his removal is explained on the ground that Germany desires to show friendliness to America. The rigid inspection of our meats and other products has also been modified. This will materially improve our trade with Germany.

Whatever opinion we may hold on the policy of national expansion all must agree with President McKinley when he says that "we cannot turn the Philippines over to the rude mercies of Spain, or to the cupidity of the nations of Europe; nor can we abandon them to themselves under present conditions." It is argued by some that it may not be best to annex or permanently attach these islands to the United States. But for the present, the policy of the administration is the only right one. A mild but firm protectorate until the Filipinos have proven their ability to govern themselves, is both necessary and humanitarian. The islands, however, ought to be ours—by right of conquest.

Poor China is between the upper and nether millstones. Now Italy wants a slice of her territory. The Teung Li Yamen refused to grant the concession asked for, and Italy is preparing to enforce her demands by force of arms. The dismemberment of China seems to have been determined upon by the European powers. The only interest America has in China is one of commerce. Our attitude in former seizures of Chinese territory, by the powers, was to observe a position of entire disinterestedness. The European powers would be pleased to have us join their game of grab, but for the present Uncle Sam has about as much land as he can properly till. And then we need time to digest the Hawaiian and Cuban natives before we take in any more of their kind.

"The dawn of prosperity" was a phrase with which the Republican orators three years ago referred to election day. It seems we are about

to enter the full light of the day of prosperity. There is continued activity in business and in the bank clearings of leading cities of the United States is the report that comes from the east. Bank clearings last week exceeded those of the corresponding week a year ago by nearly fifty per cent. But better still, operatives in the cotton mills of New England recently received notifications of a ten per cent raise in their wages. Workers in iron and steel, tin plate and mines are also among the fortunate ones to have their wages raised. And this is under a gold standard administration, too. Where are the prophets who prophesied such dire calamity should the yellow metal win? But then trade is not based on talk, it is sensitive to the real conditions. This increase in wages means millions of dollars in the pockets of the working man, and that means a large demand for the products of the farm. He will want better food and clothing now. In fact, all our industries are so intimately connected that prosperity or depression soon effects them all.

PROPOSED HIGH LINE DITCH.

The Water of Little and Big Butte Creeks to Irrigate Our Valley and Mine Our Gold.

At last there seems to be a probability that we are to have a "high line ditch" that will furnish an abundance of good, pure water to all the residents of this valley for all uses. Representations of such a character have been made to eastern capitalists that they have concluded to thoroughly investigate the enterprise and it is probable that work will now go on continuously until a ditch is built which will take water from Little Butte and Big Butte creeks, going around the valley and terminating somewhere in the gold bearing hills south of Rogue river and west of this valley.

Last week notices of appropriation of water to supply such a ditch were put on record and a map filed showing the general course of the proposed ditch as is required by the new state law governing the appropriation of water for mining and public uses. We are assured that good men are back of this enterprise and that unless some unforeseen obstacle intervenes its completion is assured.

It is not to be supposed that the men who contemplate the investment of a million dollars or thereabout, in this enterprise are doing it from philanthropic motives, but however profitable the new company may find the sale of water and electric power the fact remains that every acre and lot of land under this ditch will double in value when an abundance of water at any time is assured. Every industry requiring power will gladly use electricity if it comes cheaper or better than steam, and the enormously increased production of gold will come out of ground now owned by our people. The desert will smile, and two blades of grass will grow where none grew before.

F. E. Birge is in charge of the new company's interests. THE MAIL will publish reports of the progress of this grand enterprise as often and as fully as reliable information can be obtained. Corporation papers are now being drafted in compliance with Oregon state laws and within a few days these will be filed with the secretary of state. While these are being gotten in shape Civil Engineer J. S. Howard, who, by-the-way, as we all know, is familiar with every foot of ground in Southern Oregon, is making ready to commence a survey of the ditch. He has engaged his help and secured tents and all necessary camping utensils and his work will commence within the next two or three weeks. The survey will be commenced at the lower end of the ditch—thus enabling the engineer in charge to make the grade he desires until the head is reached where the supply streams can be tapped at any point.

This will undoubtedly be the biggest enterprise ever undertaken in Southern Oregon and as there are men of capital and influence back of it, who have a keen perception of its value to the valley and its actual cash worth to them, there seems but little doubt but that it will be built. On of the stockholders in the corporation is an official of the Chicago & Alton railroad, and another, the manager of one of the largest and most reliable safe deposit companies in Chicago.

In the language of Mr. Birge, the manager, who resides in this city, his company has concluded that "talk is too cheap and barbecue too expensive." The conclusion drawn from this remark is that he will talk and barbecue very little, but will survey and dig ditch very much.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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Echoes From the Street.

Judge Crowl:—"No, I have not been to the county seat this week. I have had a pretty severe tussle with rheumatism, but I am better today (Wednesday) and I fancy will be all right again in a few days. What about the coyote scalp bounty, did you ask? I am unable to give you anything authentic as we have not as yet received a copy of the new law. When we get it I will post you."

Dr. Henry Demorest, by letter from Neche, North Dakota:—"You will please find enclosed money order for three dollars in payment of two years' subscription for THE MAIL. Presume you think me quite negligent about paying up, but when one is so far away they are quite apt to be neglectful about sending money, though they should not be. By-the-way, we have had a 'scorch' of a winter up here, and 'tis not so warm yet, but we hope to have some pleasant weather by April. Times are very good though, and business in my line has been excellent all winter."

C. F. Balston, with the Jessie Shirley Company:—"No, we do not travel in our own car. We prefer to be just a little more generous with the towns we visit, and accordingly we patronize the hotels. There are nineteen people in the company and our hotel bills are necessarily large, but the benefits we receive by being liberal with the townspeople more than make up this deficit. Our company did a big business in California. Yes, we play a whole week in towns that will warrant it. By doing this we get acquainted with the people, and better still, the people get acquainted with us. Our last night in a town was usually the best attended."

J. W. Cox:—"Everything is looking well over in Klamath County. Particularly is this true as regards the Wood river valley section. Father and I have 1120 acres of land in this valley and fully 1000 acres of it is excellent hay land. The valley is so situated that it can all be irrigated and this with very little trouble. Grass is green there from the time the snow leaves in the spring until it falls again in the fall. It is a pretty sight about May to see all those thousands of acres of land a waving mass of grass. We are figuring on putting up a barn, 75x150 feet in size, on our ranch. This will be used as a feeding place for our young stock."

T. B. McDow, by letter from Maxwell, Calif.:—"I saw an item in the MEDFORD MAIL, of March 3d, taken from the Eugene Guard, written from Maxwell. I think the party that wrote it is one of our croakers. We have a good prospect for a crop here. Grain is from five to ten inches high—a good stand and good color. It commenced raining yesterday—March 15th—and is raining at the present time. We had more rain up to January, than we had last season. There was lots of grain that yielded from fifteen to twenty-five bushels to the acre here last season. We have had no frost to damage fruit so far this season. I have vegetables in my garden large enough to use. Flowers are in full bloom. What has a person to grow about?"

Don't Consider the Law Valid.

A test case, as to the validity of the nickel-in-slot machine law which was passed at the last session of the Oregon legislature, was made at Astoria. The following, taken from the Astorian, would seem to indicate that the law is of not much value except as old junk: "Further arrests for violations of the nickel-in-slot machine law are not likely since the acquittal in the justice's court of the cases recently tried before Judge Hughes. Constable Wickman has endeavored to enforce what is believed by many to be the law, but the prosecuting attorney's statement to the jury that no such law existed is accepted by the constable as meaning that such cases will not be prosecuted. No further efforts will be made to abolish the machines."

Among the Churches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Services next Sunday morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A welcome to both neighbors and strangers. O. J. GIST, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. A special service will be held in St. Mark's Church on Sunday morning next, 26th. This will probably be Rev. Dawson's last service in Medford for some time. He exchanges with the Rev. Mr. Booth after Easter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The subject of the morning service, March 26th, will be "Faith." In the evening the second sermon on "Women and the Bible" will be delivered. There will be much information in this sermon which young ladies and women should know. There will be nothing either sensational or immodest, but there will be plain practical truths presented as the Bible presents them. Come and hear this sermon.

—My stock of new watches has arrived. D. T. Pritchard.

Hood's Pills

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County School Notes.

By Supt. G. A. Gregory.

A. O. Freel begins a three months' term next Monday in No. 48.

The Long Branch school has closed a successful term of three months.

Julia Rodschou in No. 29 and Nettie Lewis in No. 43 began spring terms of school March 13th.

Chapparel district began a three months' term last Monday, with Stella Siddham as teacher.

Three Holtons, Henry, Helen and Olena, are engaged for spring terms in districts 62, 11 and 18, respectively.

Myrtilla Black keeps at work somewhere. She is now teaching in No. 63. The third school she has taught since last September.

Anna Jeffrey has secured the school in district 8, and that district has engaged a good teacher. Excellent results may be expected from this fortunate combination.

The Grove school opened March 13, with Olaf Micky as teacher. For the past seven years this district has had at least six months of school each year. Last year seven and one-half months.

Prof. Horton, of Jacksonville, is busier than ever. As the days grow longer he lengthens his program of recitations. From eight o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the evening is the regular work, and frequently much longer time with extras.

The new law provides that an unexpended balance of any amount less than fifty dollars, of the five mill county tax or irrevocable state school fund, may be retained by each school district. This law went into effect February 23, 1899. It is an improvement on the old law.

On account of poor health E. E. Smith, of Phoenix, has asked the directors to release him from completing his full contract with the district. Lester Newton will take his place the remaining time. Mr. Smith plans to spend the summer in the mountains, where he will teach a term, hoping to return with renewed vigor.

A joint meeting of the voters in Talont, South Wagner and Anderson creek districts was held at the U. M. L. hall last Saturday the object of which was the discussion of a plan by which a portion of the Talont district might be set off into each of the other districts. After much friendly discussion throughout, in which a desire to do the best thing for the majority prevailed, various committees were appointed, among them a committee of one for each district to circulate petitions for the purpose of securing the desired end. It is a clear case in which each district will be better for the change.

PROGRAM

- For local teachers' institute at Phoenix, Or., March 25, 1899.
- Advantages of the New School Laws..... Supt. G. A. Gregory
- What to do on Friday Afternoons..... Miss Marie Rackett
- Spelling..... E. E. Washburn
- Busy Work for Country Schools..... Miss Nellie Towne
- A Talk..... F. W. Talcott
- Singing in Country Schools..... F. W. Talcott
- The exercises will close with a short literary program by the Phoenix school pupils and others.
- Visitors will be entertained by the good people of Phoenix.
- Duet, "The Past"..... Christena and Lillie MacTavish
- Recitation, "The Duke Snake"..... by Helene Burger
- Solo..... by Mrs. Furry
- Recitation, "The Fireman"..... by Helen Beames
- Solo..... by Miss Maude Weeks
- Recitation, "More Cruel Than War"..... by Christena MacTavish
- Solo..... by Bertha Dunlap
- Recitation, "We Met Upon the Corner"..... by Bertha Dunlap
- Closing..... by Institute, led by Supt. G. A. Gregory



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