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| THE MAIL and Weekly S. F. Call | \$2 00 |
| " " Examiner | 2 35 |
| " " Chronicle | 2 25 |
| " " Oregonian | 2 00 |
| " " Cosmopolitan | 2 00 |
| " " Sunday Bulletin | 2 00 |
| " " N. Y. Tribune | 1 65 |
| " " Weekly Cincinnati Enquirer | 1 75 |

ONLY seventeen days more before January 1st—and still there are several of our subscribers who have not renewed their subscriptions. It costs no more to pay before that date than afterwards.

THE British losses in South Africa reported to date are: Killed, 566; wounded, 2027; captured and missing, 1977; total, 4570. This is two-thirds of the total British loss at Waterloo.

THE election certificate of W. S. Taylor, governor elect of Kentucky, was signed by the election commissioners last Saturday. This puts an end to the dramatic posing of Mr. Gaebel. Majorities in a free country, are not to be bluffed or intimidated by bluster. Taylor will be inaugurated governor and there will be no blood shed either.

OREGON's senators are yet in the dark as to what places will be given them on committees. McBride is anxious to get on the finance committee, and would not object to being on that of naval affairs. Simon is using his best efforts to get on the proposed new committee of insular matters. This committee is specially important to the Pacific coast, and Mr. Simon would be an active and influential member in behalf of the interests of the coast. Mr. Simon and Mr. McBride will no doubt have positions on more than one committee.

THE president's message is a voluminous document, and while it does not betray that force and vigor and positive directness on some matters which would have pleased and gratified the radical element, it shows what is better, a broad, conservative, masterly and statesman-like grasp of every material interest of the country. The momentous questions growing out of the war have been handled with that cool, deliberate and admirable judgment which must characterize the president as one of the leading statesmen of the age. It is not presumable that the message would please everybody. Convictions too often vary to suit personal and sectional ends. It is vain to hope to satisfy the diverse and conflicting interests and opinions which must necessarily exist in a free democratic commonwealth where education is universal

and avenues of independent industry unlimited. The message as a whole is an able, discreet and conservative state paper, and will be regarded as a reflex of a wise, patriotic and safe executive.

FROM the trend of the investigation of the committee into the Roberts case, there is a probability that the committee, or a part of it, will go to Utah. It seems that the investigation will take a wider range, and be thorough and complete. It appears that much stress will be laid upon the fact that Mr. Roberts is a confessed violator of the law passed by congress making polygamy a felony. Representatives seem to be of the opinion that to admit a man to the privileges of the house as a law maker who has no respect for law, and whose conduct is an offense to the spirit of the age, would be contrary to public policy and a compromise of the dignity and self-respect of the house.

THE Oregon experimental station weather bulletin says for Oregon weather for November: "Number days clear, 1; number days fair, 4; number days cloudy, 25; rain every day except 1st, 5th and 22d." The bulletin is published at the agricultural college at Corvallis and is supposed to represent the whole state, but it does not, in this matter and in other instances, as every resident of Southern Oregon knows. THE MAIL insists that it is but right and in justice to that part of the state south of the Umpqua divide for these state institutions of public information to state specifically that their reports are based upon conditions in the Willamette valley only—and that the Willamette valley is not all there is of Oregon. Unless these matters are righted and this part of the state is given its proper record as regards climatic and crop conditions, our people will petition our legislature to withhold state appropriations from these institutions. What an insult it is to us people of Southern Oregon to have told publicly, by an institution presumed to be correct, that during the month of November there were but three days upon which rain did not fall, and that there was but one clear day and only four fair days.

Reduction of County Debt.

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Dec. 7, 1899. The financial statement of the county clerk for the six months ending Oct. 1, 1899, as submitted by him to the county board, showed a reduction of the county debt during said six months in the sum of \$18,684.60. As said report as published by the clerk failed to show this reduction, this fact is printed for the information of the public.

WM. S. CROWELL, County Judge. The undersigned certify that the foregoing statement is correct.

MARTIN PERRY, G. S. BUTLER, County Commissioners.

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—White, Harbaugh & Co., Medford, are receiving the finest line of shoes ever brought to Southern Oregon.

—All kinds of sash and doors and screen doors, at lowest market price, W. Woods.

Showered with Linen.

Miss Pearl Webb gave a charming "linen shower" tea Saturday afternoon from two till five o'clock, in honor of Miss Hattie Warner, a bride elect, the hostess and each guest contributing some pretty and useful gift of linen.

The different apartments of the spacious residence were most tastefully decorated with artistic arrangements of trailing vines of English Ivy, vases of chrysanthemums, bowls of roses, numerous potted plants and choice palms. The blinds were drawn and the electric lights with rose-colored shades cast over all a rosy and becoming light, while the pungent odor of burning, sweet incense permeated the air.

For a time the game of caroms was merrily indulged in, followed by some very enjoyable musical selections. After delicious refreshments were served at small tables, the dainty linen gifts were truly showered upon Miss Warner, the fair recipient. This pleasing new feature of the afternoon's round of pleasant entertainment was discussed, and then a short time was spent with the very amusing game of "a very solemn occasion." When all at last reluctantly departed, it was with a host of pleasant memories of their winsome hostess and of one of the most hospitable of homes, in which each member of the family is a charming entertainer.

The guests were: Mrs. H. H. Howard, Miss Salder, of Portland, and the Misses Warner, Gertrude Sutton, Fannie Haskins, Myrtle Lawton, Grace Foster, Myrtle Foster, Etta Hollingsworth, Laura Cox, Lillian Rhoads, Clara Skeel, Mabel Jones, Irma Wylie, Aileen Webber and Jessie Worman.

How Is Your Wife?

Has she lost her beauty? If so, constipation, indigestion, sick headache are the principal causes. Karl's Clover Root Tea has cured these ills for half a century. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Money refunded if results are not satisfactory. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Doings of the Circuit Court.

Horace Hicks, J M Gutches and H S Evans were excused from attendance from court.

Henry Ammerman vs M N and Mary Long; demurrer sustained.

Geo W Doane vs Levi and Alice L Morris, confirmation of sheriff's sale; sale confirmed.

Geo P Lindley vs Wm Stafford; same. J A Lyon vs Eda M and John Morris; same.

W Smith vs Simpson and Nancy E Wilson; same.

C B Spear vs Fred and Anna L Overbeck; same.

Jackson County vs E W Waybright et al, to recover money; judgment for plaintiff for \$171.75, \$25 attorney fees and costs taxed at \$6.

Reames Brothers vs A Rumlfelt and E Earhart; judgment for plaintiffs for \$355.72, \$50 attorney fees and \$14.80 costs.

John W Mushett vs D W Cofer; the motion of plaintiff to strike from defendants answer overruled.

State vs Renuis Hamilton and Wilcox; owing to disappearance of the prosecuting witness, case continued until April term of court.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

Have Elected Officers.

At the regular election of Medford lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected: A M Woodford, N G; H E Boyden, V G; J H Stewart, R S; Z Maxcy, F S; H G Nicholson, Treas. Appointive officers are not named until the night of installation.

At the election of Olive Rebekah lodge, held on Tuesday night, December 5, 1899, the following officers were elected: Miss Lillian Weaver, N G; Mrs Martha Wells, V G; Miss Mamie Nicholson, R S; Miss Myrtle Nicholson, treasurer; Z Maxcy, F S.

At the annual election of the K. of P. lodge, held on Monday, December 4th, the officers elected were: Eugene Orr, C C; W H McGowan, V C; Harry Jackson, M of A; A C Fordyce, P G; G L Schermerhorn, M W; S E Cole, K of R and S; E D Elwood, M F; J E Enyart, M E; Fred Luy, I G; Wallace Woods, O G.

Notice to Property Owners.

Attention of property owners along line of sewer south of Seventh street is called to the provision of Ordinance No. 172, which provides that all water closets or privies on line of said sewer shall be discontinued on and after the 1st day of January, 1900, unless connected with sewer.

J. W. LAWTON, Recorder.

Klamath, Lake and Eastern Oregon.

Klamath Falls is facilitating itself over the prospects of a railroad. If reports are true, a corps of engineers are making a survey of the route from Agor to the Falls. It is not the purpose of the company who sent out these engineers to build the road, in the event a practical route is found, it is not clear why a survey should be made, unless by promoters who wish to establish prior rights for speculative purposes, which is not at all probable. The survey, if one is being made, is no doubt legitimate, and for legitimate purposes.

While this road would in some measure benefit Klamath County, it is not the road in which the county is most deeply interested. What Klamath and Lake Counties want to develop their varied resources is a road from Winnemucca to tide-water, at or near the mouth of Rogue river.

There is a section of country, extending from Winnemucca north-west to the coast, and from Sisson, California, north-east to Baker City, of something like 700,000 square miles without a railroad except the line of the Southern Pacific that passes through Shasta, Rogue river and Umpqua valleys. The resources of this vast region are as varied as they are practically without limit. Here is found that rich and rare combination of native elements that constitutes the basis of wealth, that builds homes, founds churches, organizes schools, establishes manufactories, cultivates the arts, encourages the sciences, enters in motion the varied industrial enterprises that make up modern society, plants the standard of a refined, christian civilization and makes the erstwhile barren and untrammeled wilderness blossom as the rose. This great, undeveloped, virgin empire has only been touched here and there by the moulding hand of civilization. The awakening and vital activities observable upon every hand on the broad Pacific are here absent. Here cattle and the domestic herds roam at will on a thousand hills. Here are found vast areas of productive soil, unsurpassed pastoral advantages, immense belts of valuable timber, an abundant water supply for irrigating and manufacturing purposes, and what is particularly to be noted, a vigorous, bracing and healthy climate. Here sheep and cattle, for which there is always a ready and profitable market, can be made a specialty. Here is pre-eminently the country where diversified farming can be prosecuted with every assurance of success. Here, with irrigation for which there is every facility, immense crops of alfalfa can be grown for the protection of stock in winter. Here should be produced, in great abundance, many of the raw materials of commerce, beef, mutton, wool, pork, poultry, lumber, building materials, dairy and all the farm products.

What this section needs to insure an inflow of population, to cut out the weeds, build the bridges, grade the highways, drain the marishes, dig the ditches, clear and cultivate the soil, grow fat cattle and sheep, raise fine horses, build grists and woolen mills, machine shops, foundries, sash and door factories, and generally reclaim, develop and utilize the country, and dot it over with prosperous and happy homes, is a railroad to the coast on the most direct route where ready access may be had to the markets of the world. The completion of this line would insure a teeming population which, in time, would make this grand inland empire one of the delightful garden spots of the Pacific.

The proposed shoreline from Agor to Klamath Falls, without eastern terminal connections, while it would be of local accommodation to a small district, would not, it is feared, induce any considerable immigration nor influence the introduction of capital, the two indispensable factors in the growth and upbuilding of the country. It is not too much to say that no other locality on the coast offers so many unappropriated possibilities for home-seekers as the rich valleys and plateaus of eastern Oregon. When the multiplied resources of this land of promise are touched and quickened by the hand of civilization, every business, trade, calling, occupation, profession and vocation will find ready and lucrative employment.

A SURE CURE FOR CROUP. Twenty-five Years' Constant Use Without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by Strang, the druggist.

Holiday Goods

Our stock of Holiday goods consist of the following articles: Rodgers Bros' 1847 plated ware, pocket knives, razors and shears, cook stoves, shot guns, oils and paints—by the barrel or gallon—wash boilers, wash tubs, wash boards, and bath tubs, mattocks, crowbars and grubbing hoes. All these are ornamental and very necessary articles for Christmas presents.

Boyden & Nicholson

Medford, Oregon.

The Hardware Men.

SOME PEOPLE ..

Didn't expect we would get in any new goods; thought we were just going to fool 'em by closing out the stock on hand, but we have fooled 'em by getting in a large stock of

... New Boots and Shoes, ... Dry Goods and Groceries.

Going out of business? Surely we are not, so long as trade comes our way like it has been for the past few weeks. Come in and get our prices on a few articles—you will want to buy when you know how cheap they are.

White, Harbaugh & Co.

Howard Building

Medford

Klamath County People!

I want to quote you prices on Groceries. I do not expect you to buy of me if my prices are not as low, or lower, than you can get elsewhere, but I want a chance to talk with you.

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who desire a first-class smoke for a nickel always ask for Kurtz's

"NEW DEAL"

When they want a little better cigar for a little more money they buy Kurtz's

"Bouquet"

Smoke home made cigars and build up a home industry.

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:

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| Wheat | 47 1/2 |
| Oats | 50 |
| Flour | \$1.50 per 100 lbs |
| Barley | \$1.10 |
| Mil Feed | 90c |
| Potatoes | 25 per doz |
| Eggs | 22 1/2 per lb |
| Bacon, dry | 9 |
| Bacon | 10 |
| Hams | 15 |
| Shoulders | 10 |
| Lard | 10 |
| Hogs live | 10 1/2 |

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 20c.

—Superior job printing at this office.

Sewing Machines for Little Money.

I will sell new sewing machines from factory at following prices:

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| New White machines | \$35 to \$40 |
| New Home machines | 35 " |
| New Royal machines | 30 " |
| New Queen machines | 25 " |
| New Olinax machines | 22 50 " |
| New Domestic machines | 35 " |
| Wheeler & Wilson | cost more money, it being the best sewing machine on earth. |

Above named prices are for net cash at my office, Medford, Oregon. Your trade solicited.

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