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The heirs of the author of David Harum have been paid \$12,000 in royalty on the book. That's nothing. Jeffries got \$50,000 for an hour and a half's job.

The discovery of men who court, wed and swindle numerous women are becoming quite frequent. So long as women will rush into marriage with strangers this form of fraud will continue.

As has been suspected all along, the "kissing bug" nonsense that spread over the country last summer was started by a couple of yellow newspapers in the east. The men who invented the story have confessed.

A. E. Voorhies has purchased his partner's interest in the Grants Pass Courier. The Courier is a good newspaper—and Mr. Voorhies is a good all-round newspaper man and deserves success—because he is a gentleman and a good citizen. THE MAIL is wishing him all manner of good fortune.

"McKINLEY put in the stocking of every man, woman and child in the United States the necessities and luxuries of life at a cost of 25 per cent greater than one year ago. Even the stockings cost more.—Helena (Mont.) Independent."

"If McKinley is to be charged with the above we place the following on the other side of the ledger. McKinley put into the wages of 550,000 working men in the United States an increase of wages ranging from 15 to 30 per cent; into the national treasury a forty million dollar excess of receipts over expenditures, expanded the nation, raised the price of cotton, wool, sheep, hogs, cattle, and placed the nation upon the most prosperous era in its history. Something ought to be done with this troublesome man, McKinley."—Eugene Register.

L. C. BATEMAN, the old-time populist and reformer of Maine, who has stood by the greenback and peoples parties since their organization, is an out and out expansionist. In his paper, the Magnolia (Me.), Indicator, he says: "There has never been a moment since Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet that we could have gotten out of those islands without making ourselves the laughing-stock of the world. Had we sailed out of Manila bay the day after the battle, the fleets of Germany and France would have immediately sailed in. The moment the Filipinos, under Aguinaldo, fired on our troops it was impossible to leave without positive disgrace. We had to whip them or turn tail and run from a pack of savages. Their treatment of us showed that they were unfit for independence. I do not believe in opposing a thing for no other reason than the republicans happen to support it. This is the democratic dog-in-the-manger policy. I have noticed that nearly all our papers that are supporting the democratic policy and position talk about our trying to 'tyrannize' the Filipinos. To my mind, this is pure rot. If I have written strongly, it is because I feel strongly. If the Philippine question is of the hour, then we must choose between democracy and republicanism. If this is to be

the final result of 25 years of agitation for financial reform, then you can go to the democrats, and I will go with the republicans."

The Portland Telegram deals quite at length editorially upon the Ulrich deer case. That paper intimates, in fact, says so openly, that the jurors who passed upon the case perjured themselves. THE MAIL does not believe they did. If we were to believe that any one or more of them did perjure themselves we would be unable to point out the guilty ones. They are all reputable citizens of our town and we do not believe any of our townspeople would accuse them of perjury. We believe there is something at fault in the game law, or that sections of it are in conflict. Some have said that Mr. Ulrich ought to be found guilty upon general principles and upon the accumulated evidence of street corner talk. THE MAIL believes if he could not be proven guilty by the process of law the jury was not at fault in finding as it did. But we further believe as, in our opinion, does pretty nearly every person who knows anything of the case, that someone attempted to ship deer skins and that they were bought from men who make a business of killing deer for their skins. This business is in direct violation of the intent of the law and the best interest of the people. If the law cannot reach its violators new ones should be framed—framed to fit this particular case—and fit it so snugly that no loophole can possibly be found. The Telegram very ably sums the matter up in this:

"The wholesale slaughter of deer that has been going on for years in Southern Oregon is a crime against society, and an injury to everybody in the state. It must be stopped somehow, and those who will be elected members of the next legislature should be prepared to enact some very stringent, and if necessary, radical measure, that will bring these wholesale slaughterers of deer up where they belong with a short turn."

### Echoes From the Street.

—J. C. Hall:—"Yes, that's right, I am booked to play a matched game of billiards at the Hotel saloon in Gold Hill, on Saturday night of this week—for \$50 a side. The game will be three ball carom and I am to play against Hyde Riskey, who is a Gold Hill mining man, and who, by the way, is a very clever man with the cue. He is the gentleman who competed with Cashier J. E. Enyart in the pigeon shoot in Medford last fall and who was defeated by Mr. Enyart. Oh, yes, while I think of it, Gold Hill people want to match this man Riskey, in sums of \$100 or more, against any man in Southern Oregon, to shoot 100 inanimate birds at unknown angles."

—W. L. Townsend and U. S. Bartholomew, proprietors of the Front street billiard hall, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Bartholomew retiring. The place has been closed for a few days while a division of the property was being made, but Mr. Townsend, who will continue the business, says the place will be reopened this week. He will put in a full stock of cigars, tobacco, candies and nuts and proposes to conduct a first class establishment. His family will return from Ashland, whither they went a few months ago, and reside in Medford.

—Dr. Walt:—"I had a letter this week from my son-in-law, D. W. Terwilliger, who is now at Los Angeles. He was formerly at Pasadena, where he was in the employ of one firm of architects since he left Medford. The firm moved its offices to Los Angeles and Terwilliger was going to open an office for himself in Pasadena, but the firm wouldn't have it, and as an inducement raised his salary \$10 per month. You may change his MAIL to Los Angeles."

—Bert Hooker:—"I was at church Sunday night and the minister, during his discourse, referred incidentally to the freckled-faced boy with red hair—and I'll be jumped up if every person in that church didn't turn and look squarely at me. Of course the minister didn't mean me but the congregation seemed to think he did."

### Card of Thanks.

We desire, through the columns of your paper, to extend our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement. It is at times when death demands our attention that people fully appreciate the kindly ministrations of friends. In this instance we are most grateful for favors extended and expressed sympathy.

MR. AND MRS. H. W. STEVENS.

## County School Notes.

By Supt. G. A. Gregory.

Read January E. F., on Order, Attention and Discipline. Page 250.

Miss Daisy Badger began a five months' term of school in district No. 8, on Dec. 26.

Miss Ella Griffiths closed a successful term in No. 30, January 12th, and is soon to begin a term in another district.

That Gillans Quarterly mentioned in the course of study can now be had in Salem from Geo. W. Jones, publisher of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly. There are several numbers on various topics. The one on geography costs 40 cents.

The state board of education notifies us that there will be but two examinations for state papers each year. One in February and one in April and two for county papers—one in April and one in August. All applicants should govern themselves accordingly.

Jessie Rose finished a very successful term of school on Pleasant creek on Jan. 12. During the term unusual interest was shown by the patrons, there being over 40 visitors and two public rallies, one on Thanksgiving and one at Christmas. A good start has been made toward a library. Teachers of this sort are being called for by progressive districts.

Another statement has come from Supt. Ackerman warning all parties interested that no incorrect reports will be accepted at the state department. This means as before suggested that clerks must be careful in their reports to the county superintendent. In the annual report, item 29 of this year's report must be the same as item 48 of last year; that is, the amount of money on hand at last year's report must be the same as the amount on hand at the beginning of this year's report. The sum of items 47 and 48 must equal item 35. That is the total amount of school funds received during the year plus the amount on hand at the beginning of the year must equal the amount expended plus the amount in the hands of the district clerk at the close of the school year. Cut this out for reference.

Examinations for those expecting to complete the eighth grade work this year will be held on May 24th and 25th. Part of the branches may be passed in each month according to the wishes of the teachers and pupils. The questions will be made out by the state department, sent to county superintendents and then sent to those schools where there are pupils who are ready for them. This is uniform throughout the state and diplomas will be signed by county superintendents as well as teachers and school boards for those who pass such examinations. The papers will be mailed to the superintendent who will see that they are graded. This will make much more work for the state and county superintendents but they are willing to undertake it for the sake of advancing the standard of our schools. There will also be an examination in November and a pupil may finish and graduate at any one of these dates. It will be arranged so that a pupil can take the examination whether there is school in the district or not and those who care to study at home and complete the course in Jackson County will be given the examination and a chance of securing the diploma.

### City Council Proceedings.

A meeting of the city council was held Monday evening of this week. There were present J. J. Howser, mayor; N. B. Bradbury, J. R. Erford, Carl T. Jones, G. P. Lindley, councilmen; J. W. Lawton, recorder; Sam'l Murray, marshal.

Bonds of the recorder, treasurer and marshal were approved.

N. B. Bradbury was instructed to have ten ventilators placed in the water tank, also to have the windows so arranged as to act as ventilators.

G. H. Haskins' hall was rented for another year.

There were several applications in for the position of street commissioner—they being A. Nicholson, J. Brandenburg, S. W. Speas, J. D. (Bert) Hooker and George Mickey. Upon the second ballot Hooker was declared elected.

The recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for engineer to run the city water pumping plant—city to furnish everything. Bids must be in by 6 o'clock p. m., Friday, January 26th.

The mayor made the following committee appointments:

Health—Howser, Erford, Jones.  
Finance—Erford, Jones, Bradbury.  
Water—Jones, Lindley, Erford.  
Ordinance—Bradbury, Lindley, Erford.

Street—Lindley, Bradbury, Jones.  
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## THE MOHAVE INDIANS

THEY ARE THE MOST SUPERSTITIOUS OF ALL OUR RED MEN.

After Death Their Spirits, They Say, Are Carried to Heaven in the Smoke From Their Burning Bodies—Those Not Burned Turn to Owls.

J. K. Meekinson, formerly a government special agent, says that the Mohaves are the most superstitious tribe of North American Indians.

"The Mohaves," said he, "believe in a god Mat-o-we-lla. He is the maker of all things. He has a son, whom they call Mas-zam-ho, who is king of the departed spirits. Mat-o-we-lla, they say, conducts the movements of the sun, moon and stars. He sends the rain and the sunshine and decides whether the season shall bring feast or famine. He guards the hunting ground. Mas-zam-ho has full charge of affairs in heaven, or White Mountain, as they call it.

"They believe that the spirit dead go up to White Mountain in smoke and that all the personal property destroyed in the flames with the deceased will go with him. There pots are constantly boiling, filled with the choicest things to eat. They invariably cremate their dead that Mas-zam-ho may be appeased, and the funeral pyre is made ready for the corpse as soon as life is extinct, in order that the spirit journey to White Mountain may be accelerated.

"I witnessed about 12 months ago the cremation of an influential chief, whose death was deeply mourned. The funeral pyre was made near the temporary village, just off the reservation at Fort Mohave. Shortly after nightfall all the inhabitants of the village gathered about the pyre. The body, wrapped in a gorgeous Mohave blanket, with the fringes artistically worked in beads, was carried on the shoulders of four braves from the lodge to the platform of inflammable firewood.

"Following the pallbearers came the women and children and near relatives. The family group crouched near the pyre. The chief of the medicine men offered first words of praise and thanks to Mat-o-we-lla for making the elements favorable to an easy passage and then a supplication to Mas-zam-ho to receive the spirit of the departed chieftain with due honors at White Mountain.

"Then the dead body was placed on the pyre, the fire was lighted, the crackling flames swept fiercely up about the corpse, and the spirit was on its way to its eternal home on White Mountain. Friends and relatives chanted songs of lamentation and moaned piteously while the flames devoured the body. At short intervals the four pallbearers cast upon the flames personal property of the deceased in the expectation of its going up in smoke with him to White Mountain, thereby adding to his comfort.

"The mourners also contributed some of their choicest personal belongings, so that in his new and eternal home the absent one might have about him remembrances of their affection. To the women of the immediate family was granted the privilege of contributing portions of their hair to the flames. After the incineration was complete Mohave etiquette forbade the friends and relatives to eat salt or wash themselves for four days.

"It is a belief firmly fixed in the Mohave mind that all Mohaves who die and are not cremated turn into owls. When an owl is heard hooting at night near their village, they think it is the spirit of some dead Mohave returned. If by chance an owl falls into their hands, the bird is properly cremated, in the belief that the wandering spirit of its Mohave occupant will thereby be quieted and thus enabled to approach Mas-zam-ho, confident that its petition to be allowed to enter the promised land and thereafter rest in peace among the other good Indians of White Mountain cannot be refused.

"Until very recently the Mohaves held yearly a mourning festival. It was the annual burning of personal property in honor of the departed members of the tribe. At the hour deemed most propitious by the medicine men to both Mat-o-we-lla and to Mas-zam-ho the Mohaves assembled in an open spot near their village, a high knoll usually being selected. The pyre had been prepared as though for the cremation of the dead. When the fire was hottest, each member of the tribe contributed to the flames some bit of personal property held in choice esteem.

"As the thick smoke floated skyward the mourning Indians were consoled for the loss of objects of personal adornment, apparel or of hunting implements by their firm belief that the curling smoke rings were wafted straight to Mas-zam-ho, king of the departed spirits, and that their loved ones on White Mountain were soon in possession of these proofs of their lasting love and remembrance.

"Under the influence of their agents the Mohaves have abandoned the annual sacrifice to the dead, and, except at Needles, off the reservation, it is not now observed."—Washington Letter in New York Sun.

### Dancing.

In the earlier ages dancing was advocated as a cure for sickness. Lyeurgus brought back from India and Egypt to Lacedaemonia notions of medico-religious dances and enacted that the Spartan youth should be brought up gracefully and symmetrically. In Greece Socrates commended dancing with a view to educating the mind and body, for he looked on it as a health giving device.

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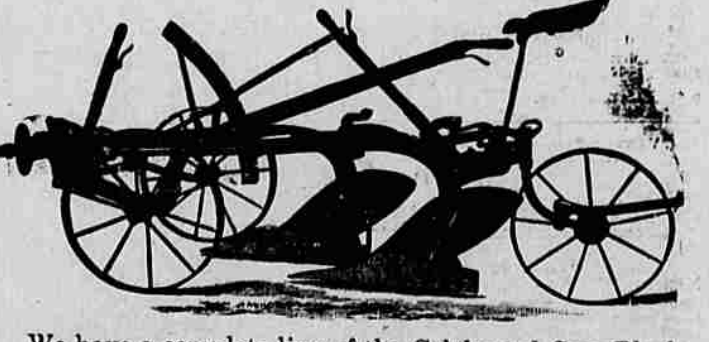
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