

MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 PER YEAR.

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Our Clubbing List.

Table listing clubbing members and their respective amounts.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

The men working on the Grants Pass sewer struck last week for higher wages.

Isaac Rudlock, who was held at Pendleton on the charge of highway robbery...

The Albany Herald says that A. L. Weddle has sued J. P. Hahn for \$5500.

The continued warm weather is causing some alarm among fruit growers in Lane County.

Ashland is having an interesting time with the saloon question.

Joe Pete, an Indian who murdered William Dangberg last September at Gardnerville, Nev.

Fire destroyed the house of J. R. Johnston at West Riverside recently.

The state tax levy has been fixed at 6.3 mills, which upon a valuation of \$120,282,879.

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About 400 men are at work on the Everett, Wash., tunnel.

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C. A. Canfield will build a machine shop to cost \$50,000 in Bakerfield, Cal.

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PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED FROM THE WEEK'S DISPATCHES.

Riverside Residence Destroyed by Fire - An Indian Murderer Surrenders - The Ashland Woolen Mills Destroyed by Fire.

Petaluma is to have a new water company.

Prospectors for oil at Arroyo Grande, Cal., recently struck a flow of natural gas, which, lighted, bazed up to a height of 12 feet.

Near San Luis Obispo, Cal., along the line of the Southern Pacific coast line, about 3000 workmen are engaged in railroad work.

The jury in the case of John Pendleton, on trial at Redding accused of murder after being out 16 hours failed to agree.

Manuel S. Fialho, who on Sunday last engaged in a quarrel at Halfmoon bay with one John Avilla, who struck Fialho on the head with a demijohn, died Friday.

Princo Poniatowski has brought the San Mateo, Cal., electric light plant and will operate it until the power transmission line from the Blue Lakes is completed.

Special government agents from Washington who have been investigating the doings of government officials in Alaska have made many grave charges against the Alaskans and wholesale removals are looked for.

John Corru, an Italian vineyard laborer is in jail at San Jose, charged with shooting his 4-year-old child. The shooting seemed to be accidental, but the many stories told about it by Corru prompt the officials to make an investigation.

Dr. Amos Griswold Warner, for some years past head of the department of economics and sociology in Stanford university, died at Las Cruces, N. M., a few days ago, where he was visiting hoping to improve his health.

William Dangberg last September at Gardnerville, Nev., surrendered to William Johnson in Douglas county a few days ago. Arrangements were made by Attorney Woodburn with the Indian whereby the latter will receive a fair trial.

The contents were a total loss. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as coal oil was found all over the woodwork.

The body of Rafael Castenada was recently found in a pool of blood on a farm near Oxnard. He had been murdered, and Manuel Gomes is accused of the deed.

John W. Gass one of the best known residents of San Jose, died there a few days ago.

While digging at the roots of an old tree in his garden at Sacramento, William Britt, a cabinet maker uncovered an old coffee pot containing 700 Mexican dollars.

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Farmers of Eden township, Alameda county, have combined together and chartered a steamer to ply between Roberts and San Francisco, in order to get lower transportation rates and better service.

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The old reliable - The Weekly Oregonian.

Life is all a Game of Chance.

Written for THE MEDFORD MAIL. Is life not only a game of chance - but plainly speaking, one great gambling game?

If we are all actors on the stage of life, do we not play our natural and acquired talents against the applause of the audience and at the same time think of the receipts?

There can be no transaction in the world without something as an equivalent, even though nothing more than "Good morning, sir," or "Mrs. Blank, how is your sick child this morning?"

But the game Royal (that is the game of human hearts) is the miner. Nature hid away the wealth of the world and imparting sufficient knowledge to humanity to enable it to commence the game, makes it harder and harder for prospectors and other players in the game to succeed unless they go systematically at the work and study nature's hand.

Once in a while we hear of someone who knows as much about mining as a hog does about making soap, striking something of great value, and in contrast, old practical miners have struggled all their lives and made only a bare living and gone to their graves with the thought that they would have struck it rich had they only had more time.

It is a noble feeling and a brave speech to say, "I have enriched myself and benefitted the world with this amount which I took from no living person, but by my intellect and labor produced and added to the general circulation." Even the fifty cent and one dollar a day placer miner says at night when he cleans up, "My labor is its own reward. The eternal bank of nature pays my wages and who knows perhaps tomorrow I may strike a crevice or pot hole and take out a homestake."

So it goes from day to day, month to month, year to year, until the time has come when the forty-niners and other old timers are dropping one by one out of the ranks and new methods, new devices and the uses of capital make it possible to conduct large enterprises from some sumptuously furnished office and young men from technical schools do the prospecting backed by a geological comprehension of what must be done to win the game.

Meanwhile, the bent form, topped by a fast whitening head, receives his summons from his opponent. Old Nature says, "Come, there is one more prospect hole for you - not to sink, but to fill. You have played your game to a finish - I will take you in pawn."

N. B. Who wins the game? S. N. O. Jacksonville, Jan. 20, 1900.

Mining Locations.

Ira Dunlap located Sept. 26, the Victory Queen mine in Willow Springs district. Enola R. Ray, Frank H. Ray, Chas. R. Ray and E. A. Woodrow located Jan. 1, claims in Meadow district.

W. E. Heston located July 3, 30 acres Wagon creek district.

J. F. Ditworth located Jan. 10, 20 inches of water from Hole in the Ground creek, tp 33, r 2 e.



Three Meals a Day. How many years of her life does a woman spend over the hot cook stove getting those three meals a day?

Back aching, head throbbing, nerves twitching, it's all the same, there are three meals a day to be prepared. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cannot lighten woman's labor, but it can and does increase her strength.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets do not re-act upon the system. They are a good thing to keep in the house. One 'Pellet' is a laxative, two a cathartic dose. The medicine for every woman.

DUST LAID BY OIL.

New York Central Railroad Tries This Sprinkling Method with Success.

The enormous growth of passenger traffic and the frequency of passenger trains on some of the railroads east and west has rendered necessary the adoption of some method of laying the dust of the roadway.

The New York Central management is satisfied that sprinkling with oil is a good means of keeping the roadbed free of dust, but this method is regarded by some of the New York Central operating officers as too expensive to come into general use.

The first application, he says, "penetrates the surface of the roadway to the depth of about three inches, and its viscous consistency retards its evaporation and gives permanent and satisfactory results in laying and adhering to the dust particles that, under normal conditions, are thrown up in clouds by the motion of passing trains."

About 2,000 gallons of the fluid are required for each mile of single track, costing, at the present price of material, including the patentee's royalty, about \$100 a mile.

Present experience indicates that an additional sprinkling will be necessary in each of the two succeeding years, and that thereafter no further sprinkling will be required for a period of at least five years.

The oil sprinkling system is in vogue upon the Boston & Albany railroad, the Chicago & Alton and half a dozen other western railroads.

FEMININE FRILLS.

Fresh Features in the Latest Costumes for the Coming Season.

The most stylish white silk blouses are made perfectly plain, of corded silk, the cords at regular intervals, or in clusters of three running Bayader fashion around the body and sleeves.

A pretty blouse of bright red, worn by a pretty girl, was made perfectly plain, without fullness or yoke, at the top, fitting on the shoulder with a plain seam and gathered a little at the waist, while tiny black velvet buttons in groups of three had the appearance of fastening the waist down the front.

Flannel waists with colored figures are pretty, with ties of the flannel to match the figure. A red waist, for instance, has a green polka dot and a green tie of the same shade.

Gayly flowered silks for evening wear have polka dots of chenille. Crepe scarfs for neckwear are increasing in beauty and in softness of coloring. They are pretty and becoming.

Handkerchiefs are becoming brilliant. They are embroidered with whole flower gardens in the most brilliant of natural colors. One handkerchief has, for instance, in one corner a beautiful yellow nasturtium with a large blue dragon fly hovering over it, and three other dragon flies occupy the other three corners.

Short, pretty and convenient neck furs are merely broad bands of fur fastened with clusters of short tails at the front and with a high ruff of some rich shade of velvet often of a brilliant hue at the back.

Most people consider emeralds must be surrounded with diamonds to bring out their beauty, but a big square emerald owned by one woman who is fond of the rich, green stones is in a perfectly plain setting, square cut, as emeralds are, and is beautiful in its soft velvety richness.

The most beautiful ribbons are those that are embroidered. The butterfly is to be found here as everywhere, and is beautiful, whether it appears in brilliant colors or in dull tones on a dull ribbon.

Plum Fritters.

Stew some large red plums with plenty of sugar until they are just tender; they will be useless for fritters if allowed to cook until they are soft enough to break when touched. Put them aside until they are cold, then remove them from the sirup and carefully take out the stones.

Make a thick batter and coat the plums well with it, and fry them in a bath of boiling fat until they are a golden brown; drain them on paper in front of the fire and pile them up on a hot dish covered with a dolly, and scatter some powdered sugar over them. The sirup prepared as follows should be handed with the fritters: Boil the sirup with a clove or two and a few thin strips of lemon peel until it is somewhat reduced, and add more sugar if necessary, then strain it, and it will be ready to serve.

RUNNING SORE ON HIS ANKLE.

After Six Years of Intense Suffering, Promptly Cured By S. S. S. Obstinate sores and ulcers which refuse to heal under ordinary treatment soon become chronic and deep-seated, and are a sure sign that the entire circulation is in a depraved condition.

There is no uncertainty about the merits of S. S. S.; every claim made for it is backed up strongly by convincing testimony of those who have been cured by it and know of its virtues by experience.

Mr. L. J. Clark, of Orange Courthouse, Va., writes: "For six years I had an obstinate, running ulcer on my ankle, which at times caused me intense suffering. I was so disabled for a long while that I was wholly unfit for business."



Advertisement for S. S. S. FOR THE BLOOD, describing its benefits for various blood-related ailments.

Advertisement for GRAY & BRADBURY'S PLANING MILL, located in Medford, Oregon.

Advertisement for PILES, mentioning Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment and Ely's Cream Balm.

Advertisement for FERRY'S SEEDS, highlighting their quality and availability.

Advertisement for BUTLER'S JEWELRY, featuring watch repairing and gold work.

Advertisement for NEW BARBER SHOP, located on Seventh Street, offering shaving and hair cutting services.