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MAN WAS BORN TO MISTAKE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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JACKSON County's law makers are doing business with a rush at Salem and they were all in line for Corbett for senator, on the first ballot—and they will be found lined up under the same banner on all ballots that may follow, if they are made of the metal we think them to be. The possibility of returning McBride to the senate is causing no little concern in Jackson County and our representatives will crown themselves with laurels and elevate them in the opinion of their constituents by fighting his re-election to the end.

REPRESENTATIVE W. A. Carter, has introduced a bill in the legislature, which makes it unlawful for any railroad company or corporation operating lines in this state, to collect or receive a greater compensation than three cents a mile for passenger travel, and provides for a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$2000 for any violation of the law. This measure ought to become a law. Oregon is now the only state on the Pacific coast where the railroads charge more than three cents per mile. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. companies charge but three cents in this state. THE MAIL hopes Mr. Carter will be able to secure the passage of this just law.

THE recommendation made by Governor Geer, in his message to the legislature, regarding the taxation and assessment laws of Oregon to the effect that the passage of either a law to apportion the taxes among the counties, according to population, or to establish a state board of equalization, is imperative, should be well considered before definite action is taken. The first named recommendation, if enacted into a law, would inflict a gross injustice upon many of the more populated counties where the wealth is little, if any greater than that of the more sparsely settled counties in Eastern Oregon. For instance, Crook County, with its rich stock industry, and, all things considered, one of the most wealthy counties in the state, would pay a state tax of only \$8,436.06, under the plan of taxation, whereas it now pays \$9,612.04. Harney County, with its vast wealth in stock, which is now paying something like its just proportion of taxes, \$12,781.43, would pay under the apportionment law only \$4,218.56, while in counties like Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Marion, Union, and others, where the population, while much greater, is proportionately poorer, will be compelled to pay from 80 to 100 per cent more taxes than at present. Our own county's state tax would be increased from \$18,416.21 to \$22,242.34, and Josephine County would pay \$5,372.42 more than at present. The only redeeming feature in a law of proportioning the taxes according to population, would be to relieve the incentive to county assessors to the reduction of assessed valuations. The demerits of such a law are many. A state board of equalization would be a guard against the undervaluation of assessable property. By all means, if a change is absolutely necessary—and the governor says it is—let the board of equalization be re-established.

—The firm of Boyden & Nicholson has been dissolved, H. G. Nicholson having sold his interest in the hardware business to his partner, H. E. Boyden, who will continue the business.

—Gut Wells & Company to do your moving.

—F. L. BOYD.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

SENATORIAL CONTEST.

Hon. H. W. Corbett has been in the lead from the first ballot. Wednesday he gained one vote.

The vote, taken on Tuesday, resulted in Corbett getting 28 votes; McBride 19; Smith, democrat 25; Hermann, 8; remainder scattering.

Wednesday's vote stood Corbett, 29; McBride, 19; Hermann, 7. Smith, 26; Fulton, 3; remainder scattering.

House joint resolution of 1899, relative to submission of initiative and referendum—Passed by House January 18; McBride, 19; Hermann, 7. Smith, 26; Fulton, 3; remainder scattering.

Thursday's vote was the same as that of Wednesday.

In the Senate the following important bills have been introduced:

Mulkey—To provide for the transportation of convicts and insane patients.

Williamson—Fixing license fees to be collected from peddlers by county courts.

Mulkey—To amend section 2812, relating to the liability of sheriffs for taxes not collected.

By Whitney—Improvement of soda springs.

Mays—Providing that the people shall express their choice for senators at the general election preceding the Senatorial election.

Johnston—Accepting the terms of the act of congress, providing for the disposition of 1,000,000 acres of arid land and making an appropriation therefor.

Kelly—To provide for suits against the state and for service of summons.

Adams—To regulate warehouses, flouring mills, etc.

Daly—To provide for the establishment of uniform public schools.

Mulkey—To provide for borrowers from the school fund obtaining a reduction of interest.

Looney—To amend section 2742, relating to assessment and taxation of personal property.

Brownell—To amend section 313 of Hill's Code, relating to exemptions of wages of judgment debtors.

Smith—To amend an act for the improvement of the public schools.

Josephi—To establish state and county boards of health.

Brownell—For a constitutional convention.

Mays—To appropriate \$5000 for Oregon Historical society.

Josephi—To authorize State Land Board to invest school funds in municipal and school district bonds.

Looney—Regulating the sale of adulterated foods.

Hunt—Establishing primary election.

Daly—Authorizing the selection of swamp lands.

Mulkey—Regulating barbers.

Brownell—Regulating fishing with pound nets.

Smith of Baker—Incorporating Baker city; read second and third times and passed.

Kelly—For registration of land titles.

Hunt—Governance party primaries and conventions.

Mulkey—Providing supreme court commission, composed of two circuit judges.

Prebstel—Protecting public health.

Iman—As to filing supplemental articles of incorporation.

Hunt—Appropriating money to aid in erecting Second Oregon monument.

Daly—Creating the office of state bacteriologist, without pay.

Brownell—To submit the initiative and referendum amendment to a vote of the people at June election, 1902.

Dimick—Securing liens of laborers on mining claims.

Sweck—Forbidding sale of railroad tickets at reduced rates by any except railroad companies.

The most important bills introduced in the House are as follows:

By Barrett—Amending mining laws.

By Barrett—Authorizing establishment and maintenance of public libraries.

By Nichols—Making appropriation for State Agricultural Society.

By Edson—Amending divorce laws.

By Mattoon—To reimburse Douglas County for overpaid taxes.

By Mattoon—Amending act withdrawing from sale certain indemnity school lands, and to reduce interest on loans.

By Mattoon—Amending school laws.

By Colvig—Fixing terms of County Assessors.

By Colvig—Regulating foreign corporations.

By Colvig—Amending law relating to railroad traffic or railroads.

By Colvig—Fixing time of holding court in First Judicial District.

By Kirk—Amending law regarding operation of telephone and electric lines.

By Mattoon—Creating state board of equalization.

By Whitney—Revising law relating to election of Supervisors.

By Kirk—Validating certain marriages.

By Carter—Restricting railroad rates.

By Grace (by request)—Designating what is extra hazardous work.

By Pierce—Regulating life insurance.

By Thompson—Amending law of

tenants in common.

By Thompson—Amending laws of trials by jury.

By Thompson—Amending act relating to surety companies.

By Watson—Allowing releasing of sureties on official bonds.

By Heltkemper—Providing for payment of fees of Justices of the Peace.

By Holcomb—Road laws and Supervisors.

By Schumann—Compensation of Sheriffs, Clerks and Recorders.

By Heltkemper—Prohibiting employment of aliens on public works.

By Poorman—Fixing liability of railroad companies for injuries to employees.

By Shipley—For general term of Circuit Court and appellate jurisdiction.

By Orton—To prevent blacklisting.

By Schumann—Making borrowing of public moneys grand larceny in certain cases.

By Schumann—Concerning deficiency judgments.

By Schumann—Regulating purchase of public supplies.

By Story—Creating office of public administrator.

By Holcomb—Appropriating money for orphans and state wards.

By Harris—Making it a crime to move location marks.

By Harris—To fix liabilities of railroad corporations for injuries received by employees.

By Nottingham—To prevent desecration of the United States flag.

By Carter—To protect salmon and trout in Rogue river.

By Nichols—Providing manner of punishment for the shooting of persons by mistake for game.

By Montague—Authorizing election of the State Supreme Court by the people.

By Briggs—Defining rape and punishment therefor.

By Briggs—Repealing act incorporating Medford.

By Stewart—Providing for appropriation of \$30,000 for Pan-American Exposition.

By Eddy—Providing for a pure-food law and the election of a Dairy and Food Commissioner.

By Kirk—Amending act regulating fees of Justices of the Peace.

By Story—To establish bureau of mines and office of Commissioner of Mines.

By Hume—For preservation of game, licensing of game hunters and appointment of forestry wardens.

By McCracken—To regulate the business of horse-doeing.

The following are the essential points in Representative W. A. Carter's House Bill No. 40: It shall be unlawful for any railroad company, corporation, person or persons operating lines in the state of Oregon, to demand, collect or receive a greater compensation for the transportation of persons than three cents a mile. Any such railroad corporation, person or persons neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of this act shall upon conviction thereof for each and every offense be fined a sum not less than \$200 nor more than \$2000.

The following is the text of Representative Briggs' H. B. 99 to reimburse School District No. 73: A bill for an Act appropriating money to reimburse school district No. 73, Jackson County, Oregon, for loss occasioned by the absconding of the county treasurer of Jackson County, Oregon. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon: Sec. 1. That there be and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars for the benefit of and to be paid to school district No. 73 of Jackson County, Oregon, to reimburse said district for the proceeds of the sale of a \$1,000 bond of said district, negotiated and embezzled by George Bloomer, late treasurer of Jackson County, Oregon.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, the silent messenger of death has entered the home of Neighbor Shone and taken from its midst a little son Gordon, therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend to the bereaved parent of the little one heartfelt sympathies; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents, one to be spread upon the minutes of our meeting and one sent to the papers of Medford for publication.

KATHARINE WAIT,

ADA MILLS,

VIOLA BROCKETT,

Committee.

Card of Thanks.

We make this means of expressing our appreciation and thanks to the kind and sympathetic friends whose aid tendered us during the late illness and death of our beloved wife and mother did so much toward relieving our distress at our irreparable loss.

JOHN DEMMER AND FAMILY.

Help Galveston's Homeless.

And at the same time get a large, 600-page history of the flood, full of photographs taken on the spot. Other agents may offer books of this kind, but I have the only one of the profits of which will be shared with the flood sufferers; it is also the largest and best book published. Hold your order until you have seen my books.

R. A. CARTER, Agent.

City Council Proceedings.

The city council met in special session last Friday evening for the purpose of organizing and appointing committees. All the members of the council were present and answered to roll call.

In the matter of the tie vote for recorder it was agreed that the contest be settled by roll call of the council. The result was as follows: For Hubbard, Henry Klippel and W. T. Kame. For Purdin, F. K. Deuel and J. U. Willeke. On motion the tie vote in the council was laid on the table until the next regular session of the council.

J. Brandenburg was unanimously elected street commissioner for the ensuing year.

On motion a standing committee of three was appointed by the mayor to be known as the Electric Light Committee.

Bond of Marshal Johnson, with Wm. Simmons and D. Brooks as sureties, in the sum of \$500 was read and approved.

On motion the city treasurer was instructed to submit a statement of the city's financial condition to the council at its next regular meeting.

The following standing committees were appointed by the mayor:

Health—Crowell, Kame, Klippel.

Fire—Crowell, Kame, Klippel.

Finance—Willeke, Deuel, Klippel.

Water—Deuel, Kame, Willeke.

Ordinance—Klippel, Willeke, Kame.

Street—Klippel, Deuel, Willeke.

Sewer—Kame, Deuel, Willeke.

Park and Building—Willeke, Klippel, Kame.

Electric Light—Deuel, Kame, Willeke.

Obituary—W. L. Miller.

Will L. Miller, son of Col. J. N. T. and B. A. Miller, died, after a lingering illness, at the family residence near Jacksonville, on the evening of January 19th, at the age of 30 years and 17 days.

He was a young man of bright intellect and a promising career was cut short by his untimely death. His education was acquired in the Jacksonville public schools, the Pacific University at San Jose, Calif., and the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Law School, from which institution he graduated in 1893. During the ensuing four years he served as chief clerk in the U. S. Land Office at Oregon city. On September 5, 1895, he was married to Miss Matilda Ganong of Oregon city, who survives him. In 1898 Mr. Miller joined the rush of gold-seekers to Alaska, from where he returned with impaired health. For the past two years he has been in California, Colorado and Arizona; but neither change of climate nor the best of medical skill could check his illness. Besides his venerable mother and his wife, a brother, Col. R. A. Miller of Portland, and a sister, Mrs. J. S. Beach of Los Angeles, Calif., survive him.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

To Teachers and Patrons.

To Teachers and Patrons of Schools: The school clerk of each district is requested to fill out the form that has been mailed him and return it to the superintendent at the earliest possible date.

All teachers wishing to take the state examination for state papers should notify the superintendent by February 1st, that the examination may be held in such a place as to accommodate the greatest number of applicants.

All teachers desiring to hold eighth grade examinations are requested to notify me at once, and send a list of the names and numbers of all pupils who took the eighth grade examination in February and May, 1900. The names of a part of those pupils were not copied by Mr. Gregory on the record book.

P. H. DAILY,
School Superintendent.

Card of Thanks.

To the many kind friends who lent us aid and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our little daughter, we wish to thank most kindly.

MR. AND MRS. ED. TRYER.

SICK HEADACHE ABSOLUTELY AND permanently cured by using Moki Tea. A pleasant herb drink. Cures constipation and indigestion, makes you eat, sleep, work and happy. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Taken Up.

There came into my enclosure, one mile south of Medford, on October 1, 1900, a four-year-old bay filly, brand on left fore shoulder, white spots on head and legs. Owner will please call for animal, pay charges and take it away.

W. F. MCKINNEY.

DYSPEPSIA CAN BE CURED BY USING Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets. One little tablet will give immediate relief or money refunded. Sold in handsome tin boxes at 25 cts. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

The Best Prescription for Malaria, Chills and fever is a box of Grover's Tannin and Quinine. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

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Will have an entire new stock, which will arrive in a few days.

Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings,

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Also a full line of

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Fancy and Staple are here for Everybody, all as fresh and palatable as an Oregon red apple

G. L. DAVIS,
Your Grocer.

Estray Notice.

Anyone furnishing information to the undersigned leading to the recovery of the following described stock will be liberally rewarded for same: One black Jersey cow, branded R; two black cows, branded J, or carpenter's square, marked swallow fork in right and split in left ear; two red cows, branded J and earmarked as above; one red muley cow, branded W; two yearlings, branded J and earmarked as above; one red suckling calf.

SAUL E. RICHARDSON.
Box 8, Talent, Or.

EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER. Use Acker's English Remedy in any case of coughs, colds or croup. Should it fail to give immediate relief money refunded. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Medford postoffice on Jan. 23, 1901.

Cole, Louis Johnson, Edmond Oliver, Shamon

A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised."

G. F. MEHRMAN, Postmaster.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, no Pay. Price 25 cents.

The Special Discount Sale at the

COSS

PIANO

HOUSE...

To make room for the spring stock is nearly over

Only a Few

...Left

A beautiful Five Hundred Dollar Piano, now at Four Hundred.

A beautiful Three Hundred Dollar Piano, now at Two Hundred and Forty, cash.

Two Second Hand Pianos at a bargain now.

Also some good Second Hand Organs.

Do not let this Chance

Bird Intelligence.

During a high wind one summer day a young oriole was thrown from its nest to the ground. It was picked up by kind hands and kept in the house till the storm was over and then placed on the roof of the piazza. A watch was kept behind the closed blinds of a window near by to note proceedings on the part of the parent birds. They in the meantime had seen the little one borne away and had followed it to the house, and as it was kept near the open window, its cries had apprised them of its whereabouts. They soon came to it on the roof and hovered about it, doing much talking and consulting together.

Finally they alighted near the little one, and the female slipped her wing under it and seemed to urge some course of action upon the male, who flighted about coming to the little one, spreading his wings over it, then flying to a tree, when the female followed him and brought him back and again slipped a wing under the little one.

Finally he seemed to understand or to get his nerve under control, and, slipping his own wing under, together they made a sort of cradle for the birdling, and each flapping its free wing, they flew to the tree, bearing it to a place of safety among the branches, where it was lost sight of.—Boston Christian Register.

Treatment For Sprains.

The prevalence of sprains and strains owing to the indulgence in athletic exercises of all kinds moves an authority on the treatment of these painful accidents to say:

A little common sense treatment is often all that is needed when the strain is at ankle or wrist and without complications. It will swell very alarmingly at first and gradually develop a frightful looking bruise, but from the first it should have complete rest and a treatment of hot and cold douches, the hot being used at first, when the swelling is painful, and the cold later on, as a sort of tonic to the relaxed muscles. The hot must be very hot and the cold very cold, as the tepid water does harm rather than good.

For the first day of a strain, when all the wrenched cartilages and muscles are aching, great relief is found in a poultice of egg and salt. To make it, beat the white of an egg till light, add a half of salt, or more if needed, to make a thick, pasty-like thing. Spread this on a cloth and bandage in place. Cover all with oil silk or a thick towel to protect the sheets, since the egg leaks out continually. After this has relieved the soreness begin with hot water fomentations and wear a tight, firm bandage, except at night.