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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.
He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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NEWS OF THE STATE.

Nearly \$4000 has been subscribed for the Salem Y. M. C. A. fund.

Lumber is being delivered on the ground for the hospital building at Eugene.

Five miles of road is to be planked in Clackamas County, the county to pay for the lumber and the citizens to lay the planks.

There is 2,500,000 pounds of wool remaining in the Heppner warehouse which the owners are holding for fifteen cents a pound. Buyers are offering 10 cents.

The Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Co., of Grants Pass, has orders for 31 carloads of orange boxes for California. The year 1900 was the best in the history of the company.

Fred Croker, who recently purchased a restaurant at Grants Pass, was arrested last week upon an information from Seattle, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses.

The Astoria Box Company is making preparations to increase the capacity of its box factory. The old machinery is being replaced by the most improved kinds, and several new machines are to be added.

The indebtedness of Umatilla County is nearly \$150,000. Warrants to the amount of approximately \$200,000 are outstanding. The \$50,000 difference represents cash on hand and balances standing on the tax rolls.

Mrs. Straud Long, of Eugene, was the victim of a painful accident Thursday evening. Her daughter was curling her hair and in some manner the hot iron slipped from the young lady's hands, striking her mother on the ball of the eye.

A deal of considerable magnitude was consummated last week at Tillamook between C. and E. Thayer and the Beals Land Company. About \$40,000 worth of agricultural land and town property was transferred to the company, and will probably be placed on the market.

The Sister Superior of the St. Elizabeth hospital of Baker City, have received word from the Mother Superior of the home institution at Philadelphia that the plans for the proposed hospital have been accepted. The plans and specifications call for a building to cost \$120,000.

A petition is being circulated by Jno. Waterbury for presentation to the Woodburn council, asking that the license question be placed before the voters at the April election. Fifty names of free holders are required before the council may take action under the charter. Over 30 have been obtained.

A suit for \$3640 has been instituted against The Dalles by Rev. Paul Kruger to recover damages which the plaintiff claims to have sustained by reason of stepping in a hole in a defective sidewalk, causing him to fall with such force as to render him unconscious, thereby suffering concussion of the brain and a severely sprained ankle.

Rev. Jos. Schell, of St. Louis, is making trips up and down the Willamette valley, investigating where graveled roads leading to the river are most needed. At the terminus of each road a convenient warehouse is to be constructed. Such steps will increase the river traffic, which is less expensive to the farmer than that of rail. The roads are easily graveled, as the gravel is found near the river.

The Stimulus of Pure Blood

That is what is required by every organ of the body, for the proper performance of its functions.

It perfects all the vital processes. It prevents biliousness, dyspepsia, constipation, kidney complaint, rheumatism, catarrh, nervousness, weakness, faintness, pimples, blotches, and all cutaneous eruptions. It is assured by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla which acts directly and peculiarly on the blood.

This statement is proved by thousands of unqualified testimonials.

W. F. KERTON, Woodstock, Ala., writes: "When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla my blood was impure and I had not been feeling well for some time. I was bothered very much with that tired feeling. When I had taken the medicine a few days I began to feel better, and after taking two bottles I felt like another person. That tired feeling was gone and I could do my work."

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the blood of scrofulous and all other humors and all foreign matters.

During the recent storm there was a landslide near Marshland in the logging camp of Stewart & Powers, and 200,000 feet of logs were buried. The logging road of the same firm was buried for a considerable distance, and it will have to be cleared before operations can be resumed.

Jas. F. Bybee, known as the king of the Oregon turf, died at his home at Sellwood last Thursday. He came to Oregon in 1847, from Kentucky. He was a great admirer of horses, invested in thoroughbred animals and has trained some of the most famous horses on Oregon tracks.

THE CAVES OF MOKANA.

Great Caverns in the Congo Mountains That Contain Many Natural Wonders.

Capt. Cameron, on his journey through Urua in 1872, heard of the cave dwellers in the districts of the headwaters of the Congo river, but in spite of all the efforts he made was unable to discover them. News comes now from Brussels, says the Philadelphia Record, that Lieut. Leon Cerckel, of the Congo state troops, succeeded in locating these caverns. According to a report published in Le Mouvement Geographique, these caves are situated in the mountains and hills which surround the valley of the Lufira, a tributary of the Lualaba. The Lufira falls down at Djivo over a rock some 120 feet high, whence it flows through a ravine of from 400 to 500 feet deep, surrounded by steep rocky mountains.

In a distance of about ten miles from the Djivo fall are the caves of Mokana. All the caves are situated in the rocks. Some of them are two miles and even more in length, and most of them are inhabited by savage tribes. Lieut. Cerckel says that they are absolutely dark, but not humid, and that at least several thousand people dwell therein. The fires which burned within the caves caused a dense smoke, which made a close investigation impossible. Cerckel succeeded only in entering some of the caves after he had presented the chief of the tribe with large quantities of colored cotton prints and brass goods, and even then he was soon compelled to leave the district with his companions, as his life was threatened by the savages.

WITH ELECTRIC VELOCIPEDES.

Looking Forward to Great Times When Boys Are Thus Provided.

"I am looking forward now," said Mr. Fatherly, relates the New York Sun, "and with feelings compounded in about equal parts of apprehension and interest, to the time when some inventor shall have produced an automobile velocipede, or vehicle of like general character, for the use of boys; some contrivance that can be charged from a wire of the electric light equipment in the family home. As it is now the boy gets out of the velocipede that he so gayly propels only the speed that he can attain by the working of his own short legs; but even so, he whisks around corners at his own great delight and the imminent peril of the older people who walk; and at times he manages to upset himself, or to come into collision with other velocipeds similarly driven; and so, take it altogether, to make even with the low-powered and comparatively slow-moving machine, a considerable commotion. "But give him, as I suppose some day somebody will, an electric velocipede! Now and then some big, grown-up electric vehicle of the day, that it would seem ought to be big enough, and by this time old enough, to know better, gets on a tantrum and cuts up in a manner astonishing to see; and we think that the streets of this great city are just full of life and animation; but wait till the small boy gets his electric velocipede and the electric velocipede gets him."

WAS THE ANSWER YES OR NO?

An Unfinished Proposition Overheard During a Stroll on the Boulevard.

How they ever settled the question the Chicago matron never knew, for the tantalizing part of the story was that she never heard the answer, says the Chronicle.

She was walking along a South side boulevard late in the afternoon. As she hurriedly passed a man and girl strolling onward in the more leisurely gait of mutual enjoyment she heard the former say to the girl:

"Well, it is certainly true, we have both got to live our lives out in this world some way or other. I have to live mine out, you have to live yours. Now, what do you say to living them out together?"

And that was all the Chicago matron heard of the conversation of the interested strollers. Evidently the girl of the story was in a flutter of excitement, for no answer reached the alert ears of the hasty pedestrian, who wanted to turn around, but who was sure it would be mean to do so.

So she doesn't know yet what the answer was and she feels as defrauded of her rightful pleasure as if the last page of her novel had been blown away by the wind.

The Lawson Pink.

It is reported in Boston from a foreign source that the famous pink which the Boston broker, Thomas W. Lawson, bought for \$35,000 and named the "Mrs. Thomas W. Lawson pink," after his wife, has been sold again. The latest purchaser, the report says, is no less a personage than the khedive of Egypt, now sojourning in London, who made the purchase through an agent. The price he is supposed to have paid is not included in the story.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Battle Betwixt Safe-Crackers and Officers—Heavy Sentence for an English Attorney—Big Increase in the Use of Machinery for Coal Mining.

James Summers, sheriff of Madison county, was shot from ambush and instantly killed at a cabin in Morgan gulch, about 12 miles south of Ennis, Mont., by John Woolf. Sheriff Summers went to serve a search warrant on Woolf, who was accused of breaking into some cabins in that neighborhood. It seems Woolf saw the sheriff coming and shot him without warning. Woolf is 18 years of age. He escaped after the killing.

Fire in a five-story building at State and Lake streets, Chicago, occupied by Pitkin & Brooks, wholesale and retail chinaware merchants, caused a loss of from half to three-quarters of a million dollars early one recent morning.

Before daylight Police Sergeant James Hickman of the mounted division of St. Louis, had a pistol duel with a horse thief that he encountered in the western city limits, and was severely injured. The robber escaped, though it is thought that he was badly wounded.

A destructive fire occurred at Montreal last week in which property worth \$3,000,000 was destroyed.

Giuseppe Verdi, the great musical composer, is dead.

J. T. B. Arnold, the English solicitor who was arrested in San Francisco last summer for embezzling funds from his clients in England, and returned to London for trial, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

A strike of coal miners has occurred at Schofield, Utah, and is spreading rapidly to other districts.

Thomas Kearns has been elected United States senator from Utah. The Salt Lake Tribune declares that he purchased his election.

General John P. O. Shanks, aged 75, who commanded a brigade at the battle of Bull Run, and who for years was prominent in Indiana state and national politics, died at Portland, Ind., after a short illness.

In his annual report to the Mine Workers' convention President Mitchell, discussing the machine output, said: "In 1899 there were approximately 44,000,000 tons of coal won out by mining machinery; this is 12,000,000 tons in excess of the amount produced in machine mines in 1898. Of the total output of bituminous coal in the United States in 1899, 33 per cent was produced in machine mines. If this rapid increase is continued a few years longer the skill now required by those engaged in mining coal will be no longer necessary, and instead of being a body of tradesmen and skilled workmen we will become simply coal shovelers."

In a battle with moonshiners on Elk-horn creek, Ky., United States Marshal Tom Hollifield and Simon Combs of his posse were killed and Blaine Combs was captured by the moonshiners. Rufus Wootan and Ambrose Amburgy other members of the posse, were wounded.

A desperate battle between safe-blowers and a posse of citizens occurred recently near Flippen, Tenn., resulting in the killing of one of the robbers and one of the posse, the fatal wounding of another member of the pursuing party, and the capture of two robbers. The names of the dead robber is not known. The member of the posse who was killed was the Rev. Mr. Denney, a minister of the Methodist church. The wounded member of the posse is a son of Mr. Denney. The robbers had plundered and burned a general merchandise store. A party started in pursuit and in battle that followed resulted as above related.

The Josiah Morris bank at Montgomery, one of the oldest private banking institutions in Alabama, did not open its doors for business on a recent morning. The capital stock of the bank is \$100,000. Deposits are believed to be heavy. The assets and liabilities are not yet known. Large crowds assembled around the bank and much excitement prevailed.

Kenneth Hughes, a college student, recently got out of a sick bed, dressed himself and walked through deep snow to his home 20 miles distant and went to bed in his father's barn. When roused he knew absolutely nothing of the trip.

The smallpox epidemic in Glasgow is somewhat alarming. Twenty-nine fresh cases were reported in one day, and hundreds of cases are in the hospital.

Baron Wilhelm von Rothschild, uncle of three of the London Rothschilds, died at the age of 73 at his home in Frankfurt.

There was a threatened outbreak among the Indians of Indian Territory last week. The redskins had on their war paint and were holding war dances. The arrest of their chief, "Crazy Snake," has probably put an end to the uprising.

The torpedo boat Bailey has come to grief again. The accident which disabled her in this case was peculiar. While lying at Newport, about to undertake a trial trip on the following day, the intense cold froze the water in her boilers, bursting a number of the tubes. The boat has been sent to New York for repairs and the trial board has been ordered home.

Sites at Laveaga heights, Santa Cruz, have been selected for the Old Fellows' Home.

—All kinds of pipes at Kurtz's.

CABLING WITHOUT WIRES.

Tesla, the Famous Electrician, Describes the Method of Its Accomplishment.

Of the future of wireless telegraphy Nikola Tesla says in Century: "Stationary waves in the earth mean something more than telegraphy without wires to any distance. They will enable us to attain many important specific results impossible otherwise. For instance, by their use we may produce at will, from a sending station, an electrical effect in any particular region of the globe; we may determine the relative position or course of a moving object, such as a vessel at sea, the distance traversed by the same, or its speed; or we may send over the earth a wave of electricity traveling at any rate we desire, from the pace of a turtle up to lightning speed.

"With these developments we have every reason to anticipate that in a time not very distant most telegraphic messages across the ocean will be transmitted without cables. For short distances we need a 'wireless' telephone, which requires no expert operators. The greater the spaces to be bridged, the more rational becomes communication without wires. The cable is not only an easily damaged and costly instrument, but it limits us in the speed of transmission by reason of a certain electrical property inseparable from its construction. A properly designed plant for affecting communication without wires ought to have many times the working capacity of a cable, while it will involve incomparably less expense. Not a long time will pass, I believe, before communication by cable will become obsolete, for not only will signaling by this new method be quicker and cheaper, but also much safer. By using some new means for isolating the messages which I have contrived an almost perfect privacy can be secured."

HOUSTON AND HIS WIFE.

When He Found She Didn't Love Him He Left Her Without Much Ceremony.

Opie Reed tells an incident of Gov. Houston as follows, says the Chicago Chronicle: "I am proud to know that my state—Tennessee—had so much to do with shaping the destinies of Texas. Sam Houston's first wife was the sister of my brother-in-law, Judge Allen, of Tennessee. I knew her when she was a girl, and she was a very beautiful woman. I have often heard her tell of the separation which took place almost immediately after the ceremony. The wedding guests were gone and they were sitting alone by the fire.

"Suddenly Gen. Houston discovered that she was weeping. He asked the cause of her tears, and she told him that she had never loved him, never could, and admired him to please her father. 'I love Mr. Douglas,' she added, 'but I will try my best to be a dutiful wife to you.' 'Mina,' said Gov. Houston, even waiving the fact that he had just married her, 'no white woman shall be my slave; good night.' He mounted his horse and rode to Nashville, wrote out his resignation as governor and before daylight next morning was on his way to Indian territory.

"Houston was a man absolutely without fear and his strong devotion to Andrew Jackson influenced him to advise against secession, believing that Jackson would have taken the same stand. Issues die, but the fame of great men must live. Houston is as immortal as Texas herself."

Theology Losing Ground.

Twenty-seven years ago there were twice as many medical as theological students in Berlin. This year there are four times as many medical students.

OVERBURDENED.

The Egyptian woman looks greatly overburdened, and yet the physical burdens she carries will not compare with the burdens borne by many an American woman.

There is no burden like the burden of disease. The woman who suffers from inflammation or ulceration, bearing-down pains, weak back and nervousness, bears a burden which crushes her very life.

Every woman should know that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It cures the womanly diseases which cause weakness and feebleness. It quiets the nerves, cures the aching head and throbbing heart, and gives strength for wifely cares and maternal duties.

"When I first wrote condition, and had almost given up," says Mrs. J. L. S. of Wilkesville, Virginia, Co. Ohio, "I was suffering from female trouble of the worst kind. I couldn't eat anything without suffering great distress; throat hurt me by spells; was nervous and weak. Had numb hands and arms, heart trouble, pains all through my body and aching head and neck. It seemed that I could not work at all. I got Dr. Pierce's medicine and took it as directed, and the first week it began to help me. I took three bottles and am glad to say that it did me more good than all the other medicine I ever took. I feel better than I have for years."

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Distinguished Testimony

No secret society in the world stands higher in noble aims and charitable accomplishments than the Knights of Pythias. That order is doing great good, and one of its finest institutions is the Ohio Pythian Home, at Springfield, Ohio, which is ably presided over by Superintendent Le Fevre and his wife, Mrs. Callie I. Le Fevre, the matron. The latter has recently written a letter, which will command widespread attention because of the prominence of the writer. It is as follows:—



CALLIE I. LE FEVRE, Matron Ohio Pythian Home.

"Messrs. W. H. Hooker & Co., New York: Last year I used Acker's English Remedy at the suggestion of a friend, for a serious, long-standing throat difficulty and extremely hard cough. Had used many well-spoken of preparations without relief. I can honestly say that Acker's English Remedy removed the difficulty and stopped the cough. I did not purchase or use more than three bottles, and at least one-half of the last is still on hand. I also consulted physicians with no permanent results."

The friend to whom Mrs. Le Fevre refers as having suggested Acker's English Remedy is Mrs. W. B. Chilton, wife of the president of the Troy Transfer Co., of Troy, Ohio, where this remedy has accomplished many other cures in Throat and Lung Troubles. In conversation with an acquaintance Mrs. Le Fevre also said: "If you will call on Mr. W. H. Schauss, a prominent china and art merchant of Springfield, Ohio, you will find that he, too, has had many years of experience with Acker's English Remedy in his family, and thinks they cannot keep house without it."

Acker's English Remedy is sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded in case of failure, 50c, 10c, and 5c a bottle in United States and Canada. In England, 1s. 6d., 1s. 3d., and 6d. We authorize the above guarantee. W. H. HOOKER & CO., Proprietors, New York.

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We have just received a carload of plows and harrows direct from the factory and now we have the largest stock in the county.

Do you want a plow or harrow?

Plows for black land

Plows for free soil

Gang Plows and hand plows

Call and see them. No trouble to show them to you.

HUBBARD BROS. MEDFORD.

BOOKKEEPING B. C.

Discovery of Clay Records of Business Transactions, Temp. Darius II.

An American archaeological expedition excavating at Nippur discovered recently in a room 20 feet below the surface some 730 clay tablets, the business records of a rich firm of merchants, Uluurashu Sons. These documents are dated in the reigns of Artaxerxes I. (464-424 B. C.) and Darius II. (423-405 B. C.). The tablets are of various sizes, some resembling the ordinary cake of soap of commerce. They are covered with cuneiform characters clear and distinct as when the bookkeeper of Uluurashu inscribed them 2,500 years ago, says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

Among them is this guaranty for 20 years that an emerald is so well set that it will not fall out:

"Bel-ahiddina and Bel-ahumu, sons of Bel, and Hatim, son of Bazazu, spoke unto Bel-nadishumu, son of Morashu, as follows: 'As concerns the gold ring set with an emerald, we guarantee that for 20 years the emerald will not fall out of the ring. If it should fall out before the expiration of 20 years Bel-ahiddina (and the two others) shall pay to Bel-nadishumu an indemnity of ten mans of silver.' Then follow the names of ten witnesses and of an official who is described as 'the scribe of the Concordance of Proper Names.' The document concludes with the thumb-nail marks of the contracting parties.

There are also leases of various kinds and contracts for the sale of sun-dried bricks and other merchandise, and for the loan of seed corn and oxen for plowing.

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 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 book.

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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:

Wheat	42
Oats	50
Flour	\$1.50 per 100 lbs
Barley	\$1.25 " "
Milk Feed	90c " "
Potatoes	65 " "
Eggs	27 1/2 per doz
Butter	23 1/2 per lb
Bacon, dry	10 1/2 " "
Bacon	11 " "
Hams	13 " "
Shoulders	10 " "
Lard	10 1/2 " "
Edge live	10 1/4 " "