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

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HEREAFTER contracts for carrying the United States mail on Star routes will be let to parties residing tributary to the route over which the mail is to be carried. In recent years Eastern bidders have been securing the most important contracts, and sub-letting them at a profit to themselves, but generally at a loss to the sub-contractor.

SCOURGE, starvation, death and calamity following calamity is reported from the far northern gold fields around Nome. Partially confirmed reports have been received of a fearful storm at that place which left death and destruction strewn along the shores of the water in every direction. Such are the first reports—who knows what future developments may bring to anxious friends and relatives awaiting with deep anxiety the news of the fate of the hundreds who have risked their lives in quest of the hidden treasures of an almost inexcessible country.

THE bank of Gilbert Bros., at Salem, closed its doors Tuesday morning on account of litigation in which it was involved. The institution was closed, it is stated, to protect the depositors. At the opening hour Tuesday a large crowd gathered around the bank, in which were many old women and a large number of children, but no demonstration occurred. The deposits are estimated all the way from $120,000 to $150,000. Deposits of school saving bank funds to the amount of $1500. distributed among as many children, are involved. It is claimed that every dollar due depositors will be paid.

THERE is no two ways about it, an Indian won't work. The Burlington railroad, which is building a line in Wyoming, succeeded recently in interesting a lot of Crow and Sioux Indians from the reservation nearby and engaged them to work on the grades. At first they were lined up with a scraper and a team of horses and at the word, with a yell, they started to race, that being the the sport dearest to the Indian's heart. The boss got them in line again and explained that they must "move dirt" and not race horses, but this didn't go. After working a short time the red skins quit the job, saying it meant too much "sweat" for them.

IT is difficult to conceive of a more ghastly or cold-blooded deed than that committed by Chas. Brown and E. L. Canby, president and cashier, respectively, of the First National Bank, of Vancouver, which was declared defunct by the comptroller of currency, last Saturday. After the discovery of the frauds which these men had been committing for several years, they confessed their crimes, walked leisurely out of the town for a distance of about a mile, and sitting down—one leaning against a stump and the other against a clump of bushes—shot themselves with the same revolver. Their remains were found Monday morning by searching parties, the bodies facing each other, Brown holding the revolver in his hand, showing that after watching Canby shoot himself, he deliberately took the pistol and ended his life. Both were men of families. But the sad story does not end with the suicide of these two men, and the suffering inflicted upon their families and others. An old man named Potter, and his wife, had been tilling a farm near Vancouver for years, and by dint of toil and hardships, had saved up $1900, which was deposited in the bank. It represented the labor of a life time. A few hours following the incidents above related the old man's wife died. He will probably follow her soon.

Progress of Work on the New Ditch.

Every resident of this part of the Rogue river valley is anxiously watching for news of the progress of work on the Fish Lake water ditch, which is now assured.

Mr. D. E. Morris, who is superintendent of construction for the ditch company, came in from the work Wednesday and he has given us the following facts in connection with the present work and that which will immediately follow:

There are now twenty odd men at work clearing the right-of-way—cutting brush, grubbing out stumps and burning timber, and otherwise getting the ground in shape for plowing, which work will be commenced about the 1st of May. Two ten-horse plows will be put to work at that time and these will be kept steadily at this work until it is completed. One ten-horse Austin grader will follow the plows, and a second grader, similar in make and capacity, will be put on about the middle of May. These graders will remove the surface dirt, but the body of the dirt will be removed with the ordinary two-horse road scraper. Drill work on the rocky points will be commenced within ten days. A camp will be established on the line adjacent to where the body of work is being done. This camp will accommodate about fifty men and will consist of tents, ranges and cooking utensils, the equipage for which is now in Medford and will at once be taken to the scene of operation. Forty or fifty teams will be required to equip the camp for grading work. Thirty men will be steadily employed on the rock work at places where blasting is necessary and where scrapers cannot be used—and there are several such places.

From this on work will be vigorously prosecuted until snow falls again, at which time it is expected the work will be far enough along to enable the company to have water in the valley for use next May.

The ditch, or canal, will be forty miles in length, and will have a carrying capacity of 10,000 miner's inches of water per second, but the amount which will be turned in at first will probably not exceed 5000 inches, as there will need be reservoirs put in at Fish lake before the full carrying capacity of the ditch can be put to use. It is estimated that 5000 inches of water will amply irrigate 25,000 acres of land. The width of the ditch will be from eight to ten feet, with a varying width at the top of from twenty to twenty-five feet. Its depth will vary from four to fourteen feet, there being several cuts to be made which will necessitate this greater depth.

The first excavating work to be done will be near Lem Charley's place and will extend to head of ditch, near W. C. Bailey's place.

The duties of Superintendent Morris are becoming of such magnitude that an assistant will be put to work with him very soon.

Mr. Vic McCray, engineer for the company, is still here engaged in making maps, and when on the line in setting grade stakes and establishing levels. Both Mr. McCray and Mr. Morris are very fine gentlemen, and there is not a courtesy possible for them to extend our people that is not forthcoming—when the best interests of their employers are not interfered with. Mr. Morris was a resident of the Lake Creek country twenty-four years ago, at which time he taught school in the Lake Creek district, worked in a sawmill and was a deservedly popular man in that locality at all social events. He also herded Chinamen, shoulder to shoulder with Charlie Wolters, when the Southern Pacific railroad was building through the valley.

Humors Come to the Surface

In the spring as in no other season. They don't run themselves all off that way, however, but mostly remain in the system. Hood's Sarsaparilla removes them, wards off danger, makes good health sure.

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Semi-Annual Statement.

Following is an itemized statement of the expenses of Jackson County for the six months ending April 1, 1901:

Salary of Alex Orme, sheriff	$ 2000 00
" " Gus Newbury, county clerk	1500 00
" " Peter Applegate, county recorder	809 53
Salary of Chas Prim, county judge	600 00
" " Max Muller, county treasurer	400 00
" " P. H. Daily, county superintendent	500 00
Salary of J. C. Pendleton, county assessor	950 00
Salary of court house janitor, Owen Keegan	162 00
Paid G. S. Butler and Thos. Riley, county commissioners	159 00
Paid for printing and blanks	307 75
" " books and stationery	166 50
" " roads and bridges	3878 46
" " fixtures for court house and jail	151 58
Paid for support of indigent persons	794 40
" " keeping county hospital	1314 20
" bounty on scalps	128 00
" for wood	61 12
Justice court expenses	158 10
Circuit court expenses	878 90
" inquests	109 70
" keeping prisoners	13 55
Examination of insane	50 10
Election expenses	900 30
Supervisors' compensation	150 00
Rebate on taxes	18 92
Sundry expenses	96 09
Paid stock inspector	50 00
Total expenses since Oct. 1, 1900	$ 16,028 71

Statement of the financial condition of Jackson County for the six months ending April 1, 1901:

Warrants outstanding October 1, 1900, as per report	$124,349 86
Warrants protested since October 1, 1900	15,406 87
Warrants issued and uncalled for	622 84
Total	$140,379 57
Warrants redeemed since October 1, 1900	16,099 86
Total warrants outstanding April 1, 1901	$124,279 71
Interest on warrants outstanding October 1, 1900	$ 20,678 42
Interest accrued on $124,349.86 since October 1, 1900	4,332 42
Interest accrued on warrants protested since October 1, 1900	297 19
Total	$ 25,308 03
Interest on warrants redeemed since October 1, 1900	4,739 01
Total interest outstanding April 1, 1901	$ 20,569 02

RECAPITULATION.

Total warrants outstanding April 1, 1901	$124,271 71
Total interest outstanding April 1, 1901	20,569 02
Total outstanding principal and interest	$144,840 73
Funds in hands of county treasurer applicable to redemption of county warrants	6,629 49
Total outstanding debt April 1, 1901	$138,211 24
Total outstanding 8 per cent warrants	$ 46,086 57
Total outstanding 6 per cent warrants	78,185 14

Notice of Meeting.

There will be a public meeting at the town hall in Medford, Saturday, April 27, 1901, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of reviving the Jackson County Agricultural Society and the election of a representative to the board of the First Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society. This action is taken with the view to holding a fair this fall at some suitable place in the district to be determined upon after the board is organized. A good attendance is requested as a more determined effort than ever will be put forth this year to make the fair a success.

Office of County Surveyor.

The following is taken from the General Laws of Oregon, enacted at the last session of the legislature, entitled an act prescribing the duties and compensation of county surveyors in establishing boundary lines and corners and in the establishment and construction of county roads, bridges, and public works. From the extracts herewith published it will be seen that the office of county surveyor, heretofore an office of minor importance, has become an important trust:

Section 1 makes it the duty of each county surveyor to employ disinterested parties as chainmen, markers and flagmen, and also requires the said surveyor to administer to such chainmen, flagmen and markers an oath or affirmation that they will faithfully and impartially perform such duties as assigned them: the salary of chainmen, markers, etc, shall not exceed $2.50 per day.

Section 2 authorizes the county surveyor or his deputy to administer the oath or affirmation as above stated.

Section 3 provides that upon the establishment of any road, the county surveyor shall enter the plat and field notes thereof upon the official record of the county, etc. He shall make complete surveys, plans, specifications and estimates for all bridges, culverts, roads, ditches or other works to be constructed under the authority of the county court, and shall superintend the same, but the county may employ a civil engineer or architect to act in conjunction with him in preparing plans, specifications, etc, provided that in the construction of same the services of the county surveyor may be dispensed with, at the discretion of the county court. If the cost of a bridge to be built shall exceed $200, the county surveyor shall advertise for sealed bids according to specifications furnished him, for at least two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county. Each bidder is required to deposit with his bid five per cent of the amount of such bid which shall be forfeited to the county in case the award is made to him and he fails, for a period of two days after such award is made, to enter into the contract and file his bond.

Section 6 says, among other things: "Whenever the owner or owners of one or more tracts of land shall desire to permanently establish the corners and boundaries thereof, he or they shall notify the county surveyor to make a survey thereof and establish such corners or boundaries," in the manner by this act provided.

Section 15: Any roadmaster, road supervisor or other authorized person who shall find it necessary to interfere with or establish a corner in the improvement of any road, or for any cause, shall notify the county surveyor and he shall lower or witness the corner, or place another monument or witness over the existing monument.

Section 17: Any roadmaster, road supervisor or other person who shall willfully or negligently remove, destroy or deface any government corner or witness, or any corner or witness permanently established by the county surveyor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not more than $50 and not less than $25, together with the costs of suit and cost of re-establishing the corner or witness.

Section 18 provides that the county surveyor shall receive fees for his services, the sum of $5 per diem, for each and every day necessarily employed in the performance of the duties enumerated in this act, and ten cents per mile for each mile actually traveled in going from the county seat to and from the place of survey.

OUR

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Church Social Program.

The young people of the Baptist Church will give a social at the opera house Friday evening, May 3, 1901. An admission fee of five cents will be charged at the door. An interesting and entertaining program will be rendered after which refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee will be served. Doors open at 7:30. Following is the program:

Instrumental solo ..... Miss Webber
Prayer ..... Rev. Crandall
Duet ..... Mazie and Nina Kame
Recitation ..... Bertha Davis
Solo ..... Mrs. Vawter
Violin duet .....
..... Fern Norris and Delphia Hammond
Recitation ..... Ruth Lomsden
Solo ..... Hazel Tice
Recitation ..... May Merriman
Solo ..... Lottie Tuttle
Recitation ..... Artie Bennett
Duet ..... Enid Hamilton and Hazel Payrer
Solo ..... Mabel Wilson
Recitation ..... Pearl Beckett
Solo ..... Mrs. Hotz
Guitar Solo ..... Ella Garrett
Tableau "The Good-night Prayer," .....
..... Ruth Lomsden
Tableau "Joan of Arc" ..... Belle Bennett

Menley Trio.

W. E. Knox, with the Menley Trio Concert Company, the only organization of its kind in America, is one of the best, if not the best impersonator now before the public.—Portland Evening Telegram.

We have good reports from the company everywhere they have been. At the opera house, Medford, Tuesday, April 30th.

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Mr. Lucus' Explanation.

Our readers will pardon us if we take up a little more space this week in giving to them a refutal of the accusations made against us by the Enquirer.

We have proven in former issues that the Enquirer appropriates local news items from our columns; we have also proven by affidavit that we print 2200 papers each week; and this week we prove the publisher of that paper to be a falsifier as regards a certain piece of job printing by publishing a statement written and signed by the gentleman who was having the work done. Here is the statement:

EDITOR MAIL:—You will please publish the following explanation, which I give (as per your request) regarding the statement in the Enquirer to the effect that I told you in his presence that you submitted two bids on a certain job of printing. I told the editor of the Enquirer that YOU DID NOT SUBMIT TWO BIDS on the printing. This, I believe, is the way you understood it at the time, and you left the shop, saying that was all you wished to know, thereby showing your desire to bring to a close an incident that is most absurd from the standpoint of its origin. I am very sorry it was misunderstood by Mr. Mann, and hope this explanation will close the matter up. It certainly will as far as I am concerned.

JNO. C. LUCUS.

THE MAIL don't think Mann is a fool. THE MAIL thinks there are stronger probabilities of his being demented and is not accountable for his acts. Surely he is not burdened with truthfulness—as is proven by the above statement.

Notice.

I am told that certain persons have circulated the report that the Eilers Piano House has closed out H. M. Coss on account of his indebtedness to that firm. I, as bookkeeper of the Coss Piano House, was, and am, in a position to know that H. M. Coss owes the Eiler Piano House nothing whatever, and that said report is utterly without foundation, and must have been told with malicious intent

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Land For Sale.

Five acre orchard tract in Medford, part of land into bearing orchard. Price $350. See York & Wortman.

The cotton crop of the country amounted to only 5,000,000 pounds in 1793. Last year it was about 5,500,000,000 pounds, representing three-fourths of the entire crop of the world and valued at $350,000,000. It filled 3,500,000 bales, and the loss by waste incidental to the process of taking samples was not less than $7,000,000.

Inquiries have been received from the British government concerning the method of taking the American census, because it has never been able to secure such comprehensive data, or even as complete a count of population, in ten years of continuous work as the American system has secured in it months.

Probably at no time since the civil war have there been so few regular soldiers stationed in the United States as there are to-day. Of the 100,000 officers and men constituting our present army all but about 17,000 are serving abroad, mostly in the Philippines.

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Evidently a Kleptomaniac.

According to the following from the Grants Pass Observer it would appear that the kleptomaniac fad, so fashionable a few years ago, has not gone out of date yet:

"Mrs. J. W. Heiss, of Siskiyou, who departed for home on this morning's train, had an experience in a store just before leaving which is full of interest. Mrs. Heiss had gone into the store to make some purchases and laid her purse on the counter while looking at goods, and while away from the spot where the purse was lying a well known rancher came in and stopped close to the purse. He then passed into the rear of the building to buy some things, the lady in the meanwhile discovering the disappearance of the purse which contained between $40 and $50 in cash and transportation. As no one but the rancher had been near, it made a pretty plain case. The proprietor immediately went to him and asked him about it but the man denied all knowledge of its whereabouts. He was closely watched, and the city marshal sent for. The rancher who is a man of good reputation, went out to his wagon and fumbled around among some sacks of feed which he had in it and went across the street to attend to some business. When he returned it was decided to search him and to this he agreed. Just as he was about to be searched Messrs. Eberly and Day, employes in the grocery, who had been looking through the sacks of feed, found the purse between two sacks in the wagon and brought it into the store, much to the consternation of the rancher, who admitted that the evidence was against him, still denying his guilt, however."

The rancher put up $2.50 for the delay caused Mrs. Heiss, and out of respect for the family of the accused his name is withheld, and no arrests have yet been made.

Your Face

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—The Mining Laws of Oregon for sale at this office. Price 25 cents.

—Read THE MAIL for all the news.