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

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As the season advances the outlook for the coming apple crop in the United States becomes poorer. A big crop was not to be expected, following last year's large crop, and in addition the spring has been unfavorable. The present indications are that there will be a good demand at profitable prices for all shipping apples grown in the Northwest and it is probable that it will pay this year to evaporate apples which are not good enough to be shipped.

EVERY boy should paste this in his hat. Two business men were conversing on a street corner the other day when a lad about fifteen passed by and one of them remarked: "That's a bright boy; I am watching him. If he gets through another year without contracting any bad habits so prevalent among sixteen year old boys in town, I know where he will get the offer of a good position." The boys should remember that they are watched by business men. The boy who is studious, prompt, energetic and reliable is preparing the way for a good position from somebody. There are not enough such young men to meet the constant demand.

IN THE death of Dr. J. W. Watts, of Lafayette, who died at his home Saturday, at the ripe age of 89 years, there is removed a man, who not only was prominent in the political affairs of Oregon for a number of years, but at one time also a conspicuous figure in the affairs of the nation. Dr. Watts stood between Samuel J. Tilden and the presidency in 1876; in other words it was his vote that elected Rutherford B. Hayes. The squabble over the electoral vote of Oregon, the efforts to disqualify Watts and the final determination of the matter by the electoral commission, which decided in favor of Watts, is history yet fresh in the minds of the public. The vote of Watts settled the Tilden-Hayes contest and gave the country a Republican president instead of a Democratic president.

Entering a New Era.

The Portland Oregonian, in a recent issue, under the caption of "Portland's Opportunity," sends a number of points which are particularly applicable to Medford at this time.

Like Portland, we are just now entering a new era, and the fact must be clear that the new epoch cannot be limited to any former scale of operations. We must discard the petty jealousies of village life, the knockings and the pulling back, and push forward in a solid line like an army advancing to an attack. Nature has decreed that Medford is to be the leading city of Southern Oregon, the richest and most productive section of the state, and it falls to the duty of our people to grasp the situation with a firm hand and improve it. There can be no turning back, no milk-and-water support of beneficial policies unless the purpose is to injure the city.

There is now under way of construction one of the most extensive irrigation ditches in the state. The completion of this great enterprise means a great deal for the Rogue river valley, and incidentally to Medford, for whatever is beneficial to the valley generally is either directly or indirectly beneficial to Medford. The construction of the ditch will make possible the cultivation of thousands of acres of unproductive and idle land; it will make more productive the thousands of acres of land which is now under cultivation and it will render possible the accomplishment of many other things which could not otherwise be done.

A company has been organized in the city whose purpose it is to thoroughly test the land in the vicinity of Medford to ascertain whether or not oil exists here. The success of this enterprise, like all others of public import, depends entirely upon the support and encouragement given it by the citizens, who will be either directly or indirectly benefited by its success. A thorough examination of the surface of the land which the company controls gives every indication of oil, and the company has an abiding faith in the success of their undertaking. But as before stated its success depends wholly upon local support, and the support, if given at all, should be tendered without grudging and without doubt of its success.

A feeling of enthusiasm should pervade the community for every project put forward for the public good. The order of march has been given, and let us not turn back.

INSTRUCTIVE TALK TO FARMERS.

Mr Smith Discusses Diversified Farming as Compared With Single Crop Methods—Advocates Establishment of Creameries.

Last Monday afternoon the initial step was taken in what is hoped will result in the adoption by the farmers of Jackson County, of the diversified plan of farming which has been crowned with such flattering success wherever it has been tried, and which is being generally adopted all over Oregon and our sister state, Washington.

At the request of C. H. Markham, acting for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, C. L. Smith, a practical and experienced dairyman and farmer from Minnesota, gave a most interesting and instructive talk at the opera house on the subject of diversified farming and dairying.

Mr. Smith is one of a small coterie of Minnesota farmers, who, twenty years ago awoke to a realization of the fact that the system of one crop farming was bound to ultimately result in failure, and who, with about a dozen other men of similar minds undertook to interest the farmers of the state in the dairying industry. How well they succeeded is shown by the fact that Minnesota has in operation today 780 creameries which make annually \$5,000,000 pounds of butter which they sell at an average market price of 20 cents per pound. In 1888 the state had not a creamery within its borders, but during that year three were established. They were so successful that the following year the number was increased to thirty, and the next year to one hundred. The increase in the number of creameries brought an increase in the income of the farmers so far in excess of what the most sanguine expected that they increased rapidly each succeeding year until the final great result above mentioned has been attained, and during the thirteen years in which creameries have been in operation land in that state has more than quadrupled in value.

What has been accomplished in Minnesota has been accomplished wherever the matter has been tried, the result being in proportion to the efforts put forth. During the past three years Mr. Smith has been laboring in eastern Washington in the interest of diversified farming, and during the early part of his work met with the same discouragements, the same disbelief among the farmers of that state that he confronted in his own state in the beginning. Washington has always been regarded as a purely grain state and that no product other than wheat could be raised with profit. Yet today there are several large co-operative creameries in operation in Washington, one of which is paying large dividends and the farmers who are interested are enjoying a greater remuneration for their labors than they secured for a number of years previous.

It has been but recently that the "Campaign of Education" was commenced in the Willamette valley, in our own state, and the results are already becoming apparent. Farmers are taking an interest in stockraising, dairying and kindred matters. There are a number of creameries in operation at different points in the valley, which are meeting with the same measure of success attained elsewhere. Farmers are discarding their poor stock and replacing them with higher grades; they are seeding their farms to grasses for pasturage and are preparing to embark more extensively in the system of diversified farming next year.

The results which have been attained elsewhere Mr. Smith argues, and with sound logic, can be had in the Rogue river valley. This is Mr. Smith's first visit to this section of the state and his surprise at finding a valley so admirably adapted to the system of farming of which he is the champion, was evidenced by the glowing and enthusiastic tribute which he paid it.

The sum and substance of Mr. Smith's remarks was to the effect if farmers are to succeed in business they must be business-like; that they should know what every cow returns him; what every bushel of wheat costs to raise; the cost of production of everything raised on the farm. When he talks on farming he does not shy to quote the experience of someone else—he has followed and studied the business all his life. He has had seventeen years of farmers' institute work in Minnesota; has heard the experiences of hundreds of other farmers, and possesses a wonderful store of knowledge on all lines pertaining to his work. His talk was so plain and his arguments so logical that it could not fail to carry conviction to his hearers. That his advice could be adopted with profit by our farmers is proven by what has been accomplished elsewhere.

Text Books Selected.

The Oregon State Text Book Commission organized at Salem last Monday by electing H. W. Scott, of Portland, president, and Frank Davy, of Salem, secretary. The work of selecting text books for the next six years will be a difficult task, and considerable time will be consumed in looking over the various books presented by the publishing companies. A large number of sealed bids were presented to the commission by the agents of the publishing companies, who are on hand to look after their respective interests. The members of the commission are H. W. Scott, W. M. Ladd, W. M. Colvill, P. L. Campbell and C. A. Johns. **SALM, July 9.**—Ninety-eight per cent of the common school text-book business was awarded by the commission today. The American Book Company, which has heretofore had the bulk of the business, has thus far been given nothing. The text-books now in use, it is said, can be replaced by others of equal quality, at a saving of from ten to fifteen cents.

The books adopted are here shown by series, the prices being for a set of

the series. Introductory prices are the same as retail in all cases.

Cyr's readers, five books; exchange, \$1.03; retail, \$2.05.
Read & Kellogg's grammar, three books; exchange, 68 cents, retail \$1.35.
Wentworth's arithmetic, two books; exchange, 36 cents, retail 70 cents.
Frye's geography, two books; exchange, 90 cents, retail \$1.80.
Speller, Reed's word lessons, one book; exchange, 10 cents, retail, 22 cents.

Wheeler's primer; exchange 15 cents, retail, 30 cents.
Brooks' mental arithmetic, two now in use, retail, 30 cents.

Newland & Row's vertical writing, eight books; 6 cents straight.
Thomas' primary history; exchange, 30 cents, retail, 60 cents.

Thomas' United States history, grammar grade; exchange 50 cents, retail \$1.
Physiology, civil government, music and drawing are yet to be passed upon in the common branches, but they represent but a small percentage of the text-book business. All the high school branches also remain.

The adoption of the vertical system of writing is one of the most radical changes made by the commission.

Pays Claims Promptly.

MEDFORD, Ore., July 8, 1901.
BLAIR I. SCOTT, Esq.
Gen. Mgr. Washington Life Ins. Co., Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your check for one thousand dollars, in full payment of policy carried by my husband. Permit me to thank you for the prompt manner in which the same has been given, and also the pleasant way in which the entire transaction has been conducted.

My husband was induced to insure his life by your agent, Mr. Geo. L. Kelly, and just one week after receiving his policy he was accidentally shot, as you know. Under the circumstances no one can appreciate better than I the good done by an institution like the Washington Life. I was informed that your company did not contest claims, not having a contest in the past decade. I feel sure that I can testify to that fact, and also compliment you on your method of paying claims on sight.

Yours respectfully,
CLARA J. DAVIS.

The Washington Life is one of the strongest and best of all the great life insurance corporations. Its assets aggregate nearly \$17,000,000; claims paid, over \$36,000,000. No other company in the world offers larger guaranteed cash returns at maturity than those contained in the Washington Life policies. This company's \$5,000,000 office building in New York City is one of the world's finest structures.

Geo. L. Kelly, Gen. Agt., Medford, Ore.

County Commissioners' Court.

The semi-annual statements of clerk and treasurer were examined, and it was found that the treasurer has in his hands the following amounts: General fund, \$20,286.84; school fund, \$5,128.02; special fund, \$5,284.58.

Monthly reports of sheriff, treasurer, clerk and recorder were examined and approved.

Ordered that a part of the old Indian road, beginning at the southeast corner of Sec 24, T. 38 S., R. 2 E., be vacated, said survey being on record in road record volume, and it was further ordered that the new road as shown on said survey be established.

Max Muller, county treasurer, having filed in the office of the clerk a new bond, with good and sufficient sureties, which bond was approved by the court, and the said Max Muller, having at the commencement of his term as treasurer given a bond, with the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co as sureties, which bond was given for the period of one year from date of commencement of term as treasurer, and said Max Muller having prayed for the exoneration of said Guaranty Co from any liability for future official acts of said treasurer, and the report of said treasurer showing that he has on hand public funds amounting to \$30,699, it was ordered that said company be released as surety on said bond.

The following bills were allowed:
Office salaries..... \$1165 62
Judgments..... 50 00
Coroner's expenses..... 49 40
Stock inspectors..... 50 14
Roads and bridges..... 149 07
Maudslays..... 30 00
Savoy's compensations..... 762 76
Printing and blanks..... 12 50
Books and stationery..... 14 50
Court house supplies..... 75 40
Mileage per diem of county commissioners..... 17 00
Rebate on road taxes..... 4 00

Lucky Mrs. West.

TO THE EDITOR:—Monday, July 8th, at 5 p. m. I arrived in Medford and put myself under Dr. Darrin's treatment for almost total deafness of long standing in one ear and partial deafness in the other accompanied with ringing noises. In less time than it takes me to write this card I was cured so I can hear a watch tick or a whisper across the room, something I could not do for a long time. My hearing is perfect now. I live in Ashland, at the depot restaurant, and will gladly impart all I know of this almost miraculous cure by electricity. I am a daughter of Wm. Bush, of Ashland.

MRS. HATTIE WEST.

Announcement to the Public.

I wish to announce to the people of Medford and vicinity that I have opened a blacksmith shop in my new building on B street, just north of the Medford bank, and opposite the brick store of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co. The shop is fitted with latest and best tools and stock and all work will be guaranteed. Norway, iron will be used in all repair work.

M. PURDIN.

DON'T WAIT.
If you know how SCOTT'S EMULSION will build you up, increase your weight, strengthen your weak throat and lungs and put you in condition for next winter, you would begin to take it now.
Send for free sample, and try it.
SCOTT'S EMULSION, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York. 50c. and \$1.00, all druggists.

A Nine Thousand Dollar Fire.

The most destructive fire which has happened in Medford for several years occurred Wednesday morning about one o'clock, when J. A. Perry's large warehouse, situated near the Southern Pacific railroad water tank, was completely destroyed, together with about 14,000 bushels of wheat. While the origin of the fire is somewhat of a mystery, it is believed to be the work of an incendiary. Dr. Pickel, who was returning from Ashland at the time of the fire, was one of the first to discover it, and he states that the flames were inside the building. It is thought by some that the fire may have started from the sparks of the engine on the 12 o'clock passenger train, and the train was about thirty minutes late, therefore it is not impossible that such was the case, although this theory is not given much consideration. The warehouse has been a rendezvous for hobos and it is not at all improbable that they may be responsible for the fire. It is stated that a couple of them were seen near the building about dark Wednesday evening. The lumber in the building was mostly dry pine, and while the fire department responded promptly to the alarm and worked diligently to control the flames, their services were of no avail.

The entire loss in the building and contents is not far from \$9000. The loss in the building is about \$1500, on which there is \$650 insurance Mr. Perry had within the last month spent over \$300 in building wheat bins and making other improvements preparatory to handling the fall business. It is impossible to secure a full list of those who had wheat stored in the building, but among the losers are John Cox, who had about 3500 bushels, partially insured; C. A. Pruitt, 2000 bushels, also insured; C. C. Beckman, of Jacksonville, 1800 bushels, and Mrs. S. E. Ish, 1200 bushels. There is no way of ascertaining the amount of insurance carried on the wheat, but it is thought that only a small percentage was insured.

The loss to Mr. Perry is a heavy one, particularly at this time when the fall crop of wheat will soon be in. He states that if it is possible to do so in time to handle the coming crop he will rebuild. He had but recently purchased the interest of his former partner in the business, D. T. Cox.

Going Like Hot Cakes.

On Monday morning of this week the oil stock of the Rogue River Valley Oil Company was put on the market and on Wednesday nearly 1000 shares had been disposed of and still the canvassing work has scarcely commenced. The people want the stock. Some want it because they believe the investment is a good speculation; others want it because of their desire to know if oil exists in this locality—they want it because they realize the good the boring a well will be for their business; they want it because they know that if oil is found in the valley it must be found near Medford to enable our town to hold the position it must, and surely will have—that of being the center of the great oil belt of Southern Oregon; they want to buy this stock because they are enterprising and are desirous of building up the resources of the country.

Intending purchasers should make their investments at once. This advice is given for two reasons:—The first one being that the sooner a sufficient amount of stock is sold to put down a well the sooner the actual boring will commence. Another reason is that just as soon as a well is started just so soon will the purchase price of stock be advanced.

Foster-Burnett.

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Sears, at half past ten o'clock Wednesday morning, it being the marriage of her daughter, Charlotte Grace Foster, to Dr. Robert T. Burnett, of Ashland. Invitations were not sent out, and the affair was quite informal. There were present, besides the bride and groom, Rev. Strange, the officiating minister, the mother and brother of the bride, and three of her most intimate girl friends, Misses Frances Barnes, Frances Haakins and Jessie Workman.

The pleasant home of the bride was beautifully decorated for the occasion with a profusion of English Ivy, choice roses, fragrant sweet peas, dainty jasmine and delicate ferns.

The bride looked lovely, gowned in clinging white crepe de chine, on train, trimmed with point lace, her veil being held in place with sprays of jasmine, while in her hand she carried a shower bouquet of bride roses.

Immediately after the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Burnett entered their carriage and drove to Ashland, their future home.

For Sale—

Twenty acres of land; good house; half mile from town; well improved; title perfect; price reasonable and terms easy. Enquire at Main office.

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

Pertinent Suggestions
For the Harvest season you will probably need
HAY FORKS, ROPE, PULLEYS, MACHINE OIL
And numerous other articles not necessary to mention. Everything in this line can be found at my store
Corner 7th and B Sts
Meeker's Old Stand
H. G. Nicholson

PRUNES EVAPORATED
On a Peerless machine command the top price on the market. Maximum quality and quantity at minimum cost. Simple, cheap and durable. Machines to suit any sized orchard. Burns wood or coal. Evaporates all kinds of fruits and vegetables in large or small quantities. No experiment, proven in actual test to be superior to all other methods. Catalogues, testimonials and full information of
B. CUNNINGHAM, Liberty, Oregon

Death of Mrs. Electa Barneburg.

Mrs. Electa Barneburg, wife of our respected townsman, Mr. Fred Barneburg, died at the family residence last Sunday at 11:15 p. m., after a painful and lingering illness. About a year ago Mrs. Barneburg had a severe fall from a table upon which she was standing, and it is thought that she injured herself internally at the time. Something like a tumor or cancer developed, and a specialist treated her for this disease, but last week other symptoms developed, and Mrs. Barneburg was too weak to sustain the added drain upon her already exhausted system, and she succumbed after several hours of unconsciousness.

Mrs. Barneburg was a native of Ohio. She was sixty-one years, seven months and twenty-one days old at the time of her death. Besides her husband she leaves six children, three sons and three daughters, all grown up, to mourn her departure. Mrs. Barneburg was a faithful and loving wife and mother. She was very much attached to her home and family—she was in fact a home body, caring well for her home and loved ones. She has been for several years a member of the Presbyterian Church and lived a quiet, reserved and unassuming Christian life.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, at her late residence, on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A large number of friends and neighbors gathered at the house and followed the remains to their last resting place in the Old Fellows cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Goss, of Medford, and Mrs. J. W. Robinson and John E. Miller, of Jacksonville, rendered several sacred and appropriate selections at the services, both at the house and at the grave. The floral offerings were numerous, and several pieces were elaborate and artistic, especially so were a large cross, a snowy white pillow, an anchor and a gathered sheaf. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. Barneburg and his family.

"There is a day of sunny rest,
For every dark and troubled night,
And grief may hide an evening guest,
But joy shall come with nearly light."
"And thou who'er thy loved one's tier
Doest shed the bitter tears like rain,
Hope that a brighter, happier sphere
Will give her to thy arms again."
"For God hath marked each sorrowing day
And numbered every secret tear,
And Heaven's long age of bliss shall pay
For all his children suffer here."
—A. H.

Indorsement for Woodburn Nursery.
The following very flattering indorsement for Messrs. J. H. Settlemier & Sons, proprietors of the Woodburn nursery, has been voluntarily given Mr. L. E. Hoover, local agent for this nursery, by Mr. I. W. Thomas, one of our most enterprising and successful farmers:

MEDFORD, Oregon, July 6, 1901.
This is to certify that I, I. W. Thomas, of Medford, Jackson County, Stat. of Oregon, bought of J. H. Settlemier & Sons, of Woodburn, Oregon, in the fall of 1888; that every tree proved to be true to name as represented by the said J. H. Settlemier, and I never saw trees more thrifty in my life, and I hereby very cheerfully recommend to all in longing purchasers the nursery stock of J. H. Settlemier & Sons.

I, W. THOMAS,
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1901.
C. P. SNELL,
Notary Public within and for Oregon, residing at Medford.

Mr. Hoover is the representative of the above named nurserymen in Southern Oregon and Northern California, and will take orders for the delivery of any kind of nursery stock. He guarantees the price and the prompt delivery of all stock sold, and the above named long established nurserymen guarantee the quality of stock.

Another Testimonial.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—About two months ago I was attacked with neuralgia of the face and head, and for three days and nights I could not sleep and my sufferings were terrible. Mr. A. J. Daley, our magnetic healer, was called and after one treatment, which lasted only about ten minutes, I was as free from pain as I ever was and have been ever since.

MRS. SCOTT POOL,
Eagle Point, July 1, 1901.

Farm for Sale.

All alfalfa land, seventy acres now in alfalfa. Small orchard, good improvements. For sale with above the following: One hundred tons hay, good set blacksmith tools, two span horses and harness, twenty-five head hogs, Kentucky bred Jack, six years old; machinery to work farm. One-third of price to be paid in advance, the remainder in one, two, three or four years, with interest at six per cent. Farm situated one and a half miles below Central Point, about the center of valley. Call on or address
RUFUS COX,
Central Point, Ore.

Malaria Makes Impure Blood.

Groves Tasteless Chilli Tonic cures Malaria. 50c.

Bargains in Farm Machinery.

Below I give a list of farming implements which I will sell at a bargain, as I am going to retire from farming. Will sell any of the articles in the list separately or otherwise.
One 3 1/2 inch low-wheeled wagon.
One 3 1/2 inch low-wheeled wagon.
One top buggy.
Two gang plows.
One walking plow.
Two harrows.
Mower and rake.
Four sets work harness.
One 8-foot disc.
One seed mower.
Header—used twelve days.
Eight head of good work horses.
For terms or particulars call on me at the City Meat Market, Medford, Oregon.
JOHN BARNEBURG.

The Coss Piano House.

The Coss Piano House has opened for business again with an entirely new stock of pianos and organs, which arrived Wednesday morning. Among the makes carried in stock are the noted Steinway, Emerson and A. B. Chas. pianos and the A. H. Chas. organ. I also have in stock the Victor gramophone, and the Singer sewing machine and supplies. Orders taken for any musical instrument made. Call and examine my stock whether you intend to buy or not, at my place of business at the Cox residence on C street, north of Seventh street.
H. M. COSS.

Better for the Blood than Sarsaparilla.

For Those Living in the Malaria Districts
Groves Tasteless Chilli Tonic.

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FRUITS of all Kinds

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Poultry and Farm Produce taken in exchange for goods

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Also carry in stock a full line of

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As a Summer Resort, is one of the best in the country. Parties desiring to camp at the spring can secure good pasturage and hay for their stock; also a stock of groceries will be kept at the spring for the accommodation of our visitors. Camping grounds free.
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