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HE WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.
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TWO Brooklyn telephone girls have just been married to young men who were charmed by their voices over the wire. Telephone girls everywhere reading this will begin work with new courage.

A CONNECTICUT woman has sued for a divorce from her husband because he is one of triplets and she cannot tell him from his brothers. And how is the poor woman to know which one she is divorced from.

THAT a rose by any other name would smell more sweetly has been demonstrated in the village of Ossining, where the value of real estate has increased greatly since the name of the place was changed from Sing Sing.

THE French tax on street signs "varies with the size of the offense." Last year it added over $700,000 to the public treasury. In the United States vast street signs can shut out the air and the views and overwhelm everything in sight without paying a cent in taxation. The huge nuisance is managed better in France.

"DON'T watch the clock," was Mr. Edison's advice to a young man who recently asked him how to succeed. Profoundly significant is that old joke about the laborer who left his pickax hanging in the air at the stroke of noon. A hanging pickax is the fittest emblem for a confirmed clock-watcher—and the pickax always hanging in the air, never digs out a path for him to advance upon.

THE governor of Minnesota insists on smashing the $400,000,000 railroad combine between the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington routes. He bases his position on the law which prohibits parallel lines from combining in that state. It is to be hoped he will win out but it is very likely congress will have to do some legislating on that subject before such combinations can be effectually knocked out.—Eugene Register.

COMMON sense is quite as necessary a qualification in a lawmaker as is morality, in fact more so, for wellmeaning cranks do more harm than rogues, because society does not see the necessity of being on its guard against them. Law and order ought to go hand in hand but in how many instances is law the foundation of disorder! Ignorant, well-meaning and uncientific legislation is the very foundation head of political coruption.

THE growing tendency to look upon marriage as a temporary bond which can be thrown off or assumed at will is the logical result of loose divorce laws and the increasing tendency to imitate the customs of the fast sets abroad. It is high time for persons of all classes to protest against the general laxity of moral that is seen to exist in present day society. Public sentiment is on the right side, and it is important that the old traditions which once guarded the American home should be revived.

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All Kinds of Questions Are Asked.

People in the east and south are always asking all sorts of questions regarding Oregon. These questions are ofttimes too ridiculous to be taken seriously or answered intelligently. Below is a list received this week by one of our citizens, which we print because of the fact that there are several new ones and someone who may receive this paper in the east may want to add them to their list of foolish inquiry. There are some of the questions, however, which are such as any prospective locator would want to know and these we will endeavor to answer. Here is the list:

"Is the climate mild?" Answer:—Yes. There is probably not a country anywhere with a more even temperature than here. The climate in Southern Oregon is a very agreeable medium between the extreme wet and fog of northern Oregon and Washington and the warm, dry climate of California. Here the weather is neither too hot nor too cold; or neither too dry nor too wet—just right for all purposes.

"What about the winter; is it long or short?" Answer:—We in reality have no winter as the term is understood in the east. From the middle of November to April we have frequent showers of rain—from one to two days each week, with warm sunshine between and some frost at night. Rarely ever any snow in the valley. Unprotected water pipes are rarely ever frozen.

"Are the summers very warm?" Answer:—Yes. Ofttimes the temperature reaches 100 in the shade, but there are never any prostrations from heat. The atmosphere is so dry—never humid during warm weather as it is in the east—that no inconvenience is experienced and all work progresses at the same pace it does with the thermometer at 70. The nights are always cool.

"What would it cost to build a small, comfortable house?" Answer:—A five or six room cottage can be built for from $400 to $700. Price would depend largely upon a person's idea of comfort. A dwelling which will serve all purposes and be comfortable so far as ample protection from the weather is concerned can be built for much less than figures given above.

"What are the wages for a Chinaman servant, a cowboy, a shepherd, a cook, servants and workmen?" Answer:—Few people here employ Chinamen. Servants are an unknown quantity in most Southern Oregon families. The wages of a good farm hand range from $18 to $26 per month and he don't usually care very much whether he herds cattle, stacks alfalfa or sprays fruit trees. The wages of a hired girl are from $2.50 to $4 per week. In most Southern Oregon homes the hired girl is the whole thing—cook, general housekeeper, washerwoman, servant (?) and companion—sometimes. In fact she is it from cellar to garret.

"What is the price of a cow, horse, sheep, mule (this isn't what he called it), pig, poultry?" Answer:—Cows are worth from $20 to $70; horses, from $35 to $125; sheep, from $2.50 to $3.50 per head; mules, about the same as horses; hogs, from $4 to $5 per hundredweight; chickens, from $2 50 to $3.50 per dozen; turkeys, 9 cents per pound; ducks, $3 per dozen; geese, $5 per dozen.

"What is the price of meat, a bag of flour, a bag of potatoes, of bread?" Answer:—Meat retails at any of Medford's three markets at from 8 to 15 cents a pound; a 50 pound "bag" of flour is worth 85 cents; a "bag" of potatoes—100 pounds—is worth from a cent to a cent and a half a pound; a loaf of bread will cost a five-cent nickel. You can buy six loaves for five nickels.

"How are sold the cattle? Do the people buy on the farm?" Answer:—Cattle are sold almost any old way at from $3 50 to $4.50 per hundredweight. People do not buy ON the farm, but city buyers buy FROM the farmers who have raised cattle ON the farm.

"Do the grazing cattle sell easily?" Answer:—Yes. Ofttimes the buyers are sold, but this is not general, as Southern Oregon beef is a prime article always. The buyer with the longest purse always ships the longest trainloads of cattle.

"How many sheep can a shepherd keep?" Answer:—On the range two herders usually handle from 3000 to 4000.

"How many cows will a cowboy keep?" Answer:—Depends altogether on what he is doing with the cows. Ofttimes four cowboys can keep one cow very satisfactorily, then again and under different conditions 100 cows can be kept headed for the home ranch by one cowboy. Then again the number of cows a cowboy can "keep" depends upon the distinctness of the brands. As a usual thing he will keep all he can and keep himself out of the penitentiary.

"Is Medford a consequent town, and can I find the necessaries for my living and nothing too expensive?" Answer:—Yes, sir. Medford is of more consequence than a bunch lot of all the other towns of the valley—with an apology to Tolo. Medford is a town of 2500 people. Every line of business is represented here. You can buy anything you will need to live on—from a cambric needle to a threshing machine. All household necessities are very reasonable in price in Medford—cheaper in fact than in most coast towns. Prices do not vary much from those of eastern towns, except in cases of local production, where we are undoubtedly cheaper.

"Are the sheep subject to disease; do they all die off at once?" Answer:—No. There is no disease here peculiar to sheep except scab, and this succumbs very readily to treatment. They die off at once when the butcher decides he needs one for the block, or they get caught in a barbed wire fence—and these are sometimes for the block.

"Can I find in Medford the agricultural instruments necessary on a farm, and are they expensive?" Answer:—About the only agricultural "instrument" necessary on a farm is a piano, although many farmers seem happy and prosperous who have only the music of a buck saw, the crow of the family rooster and a threshing machine with which to amuse themselves. Agricultural implements, however, can be bought in Medford from one or all of three dealers and at prices as low as they can be bought for elsewhere.

Athletic Entertainment.

There will be an athletic entertainment given at the Medford opera house on Saturday evening, November 30th. The entertainment will consist of glove contests and wrestling matches and will in no way be like unto a prize fight. It is proposed that an athletic club be organized in Medford and these contests, given publicly, are for the purpose of encouraging athletic sports and incidentally to secure funds with which to so organize. General admission is 50 cents; reserved seats, 75 cents; boys under 15 years, 25 cents. Tickets are now on sale at Howard's grocery.

Following is the program:

Address.... .....Attorney L C Narregan
Five Round Glove Contest.....J J Brophy and H W Jackson.
Five Round Glove Contest .....Dr H N Butler and H B Myers.
Ten Round Glove Contest .....Chas Gannon, of Portland, and Frank Freeman of Spokane
Barrel Boxing Contest.....H W Jackson vs all comers.
Wrestling Contest, two best in three, catch as catch can Linn Rumley, Champion of Rogue River Valley, and Chas Bower, of Talent.

Merchant H. H. Howard will be referee and Landlord I. L. Hamilton will keep the time. Music will be furnished by the Medford band.

Jury List—December Term.

Following is the list of jurors for the December term of circuit court:

H D Kubli, W S Raypholtz, True Cox, W T Kame, J E Pelton, Milton Maule, C C Taylor, J L Grubb, Miles Cantrall, J H Gay, L D Minear, R L Dusenberry, G W Wilcox, S A Parker, J F Shepherd, W M Holmes, J H Norris, Chas Owens, Jacob M Casebeer, N Mitchell, J A Whitman, Wallace Woods, T E Hadfield, Emmett Beeson, J R Wilson, W T York, Geo Smith, S G Van Dyke, C A Dickison, D H Jackson, Carl Phelps.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27:—According to the London representative of the Journal and Advertiser, the Onlooker contains an account of a most remarkable cure of cancer, which medical circles are eagerly discussing. It says the cure was discovered through the case of Lady Margaret Masham, sister of the Earl of Romney. Lady Margaret became so ill that her throat nearly closed, nourishment had to be administered artificially, and her death was expected in about a week, when a friend prescribed the use of fresh green violets.

The suggestion was followed, relief was immediate. The large, hard external tumor disappeared, and in a week all pain had ceased and the cancerous growth in the nostril disappeared in a fortnight.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for at the Medford postoffice on Nov. 27, 1901.

Ballard, Wm	Parker, Arthur
Camon, Mrs Nannie	Ross, W R
Fidler, Mr A	Roelm, Theo
Hurst, Mrs G O	Shattuck, Linn
Hammond, Alvah	Sloper, Mavis
King, J W	Williams, C B
Mitchell, S U	

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. ROHRMAN, Postmaster

—Real Estate Agent York is offering some bargains in real estate in another column of this paper.

Tomato Culture for Cannery Supply.

INTERVIEW WITH CHAS. H. PIERCE.

At the close of our canning season we can say that we have secured and canned forty-two tons of tomatoes under most trying conditions. We have paid double the price paid by California canners to their local growers, as a result of which extreme prices we have made practically no profit on our tomato pack this year. But we were satisfied merely to get the tomatoes to hold our trade with and to convince dealers and consumers that our tomatoes were superior to any other coast tomato. Another year we can start with the tomatoes well introduced and with an individual reputation to travel on. It is certain that no better tomato is grown in the United States than that grown here, and the yield is above average. Our most experienced growers say that twenty tons per acre can safely be counted on average years, and some growers estimate as high as thirty tons per acre under most favored conditions. Mr. Hicks, of Ashland, admits raising forty-five tons this year on a little less than two and one-half acres, and our good friend, I. A. Merriman, has raised six tons on one-fourth acre of his home ranch north of Medford. Others of the Bear creek tomato growers make similar reports and the least estimate received has been twenty tons per acre. I have been told by growers that the average yield in California is not much in excess of ten tons per acre, and in point of quality we have little to fear from California.

Last summer canned tomatoes from Ogden and Salt Lake were going into Portland quite freely and it would seem as if we could surely meet this competition. But the key to the situation in the Rogue River valley is the price of raw material. The ruling price for tomatoes all over the east has been from $5 to $6 per ton for a generation, and we have known of Southern California canners making contracts as low as $5 per ton. We do not know of a canner north of San Francisco who pays more than $8 per ton for tomatoes, and we know of several who buy for $6 to $7 per ton. Salt Lake canners pay about the same prices as prevail in California. We presume we could develop a very limited business in canned tomatoes by paying $10 per ton, but we know that we never could consume any large quantity at a price above $8 per ton. The only drawback to our valley growers raising tomatoes more cheaply than any where on this coast is the shortness of the season, and some of our best growers think an inexpensive system of frost protection would prolong the season until nearly November 1st, if the one or two equinoctial frosts which usually come about September 20th, can be warded off. This year we received ripe tomatoes November 2d, but of course, we know that was exceptional. If it were possible by the same system to get the tomato vines in the ground two weeks earlier than at present it would make a most decided difference in the yield. Mr. Hicks, with that idea well formed after several years' experience, now proposes to build a first-class hot house at Ashland at a cost of $700, to raise winter vegetables and to produce a tomato plant which shall be far advanced when ready to go into the ground. There is room for much improvement in tomato culture in Rogue River valley, but it now appears as if this industry might be made to grow until it rivals our now famous pear and apple products both in volume and in reputation. By intelligent co-operation the growers and a cannery can now take up the tomato and push it to the limit.

We shall not hesitate to contract 100 tons of tomatoes for next season with the expectation of handling perhaps 150 tons. By so doing we could get two or three carloads of them introduced into Portland and the Puget Sound markets next fall, which would almost immediately determine whether we could safely contract 500 tons the following year, or whether freight rates would compel us to settle down to the local territory. I shall be glad to talk this subject over at any time with any interested growers.

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SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

The recent fighting near Villiersdorp, as to which Lord Kitchener reported nothing beyond the fact that Commandant Buys had been captured after attacking a patrol of 100 railroad pioneers, was really a serious affair. After Grobelaar's command had succeeded in surrounding and capturing the pioneers, Colonel Rimington came up with reinforcements, and, after heavy fighting, compelled the Boers to retire and to release their prisoners. The British losses included Major Fisher killed and three officers wounded.

Lieutenant Colonbranders' column rounded up Byers' and Badenhorst's Boer command, 30 miles northwest of Pretoria. The troops killed three men, wounded three and captured 54, including two field cornets. The column also captured much stock and munitions of war.

A number of ex-burghers are joining the British forces in the field, says a Pretoria correspondent. Several such corps are now doing excellent work.

Another regiment of Canadians will be organized for service in South Africa.

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