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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite plenty.

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A BALTIMORE company has been organized to make whiskey from watermelons. Yet we are trying to uplift the colored race!

FARMERS living along the line of the proposed Paris-Vienna automobile race are already safeguarding against flying wheels, lynchpins and fragments of humanity.

It has been judicially decided that it is against the law to open a theater in New Jersey on Sunday. And yet you can get a charter in New Jersey to do almost anything.

THE Georgia people have a great deal of respect for the Union. They used to send watermelons to Mr. Cleveland, and are keeping Mr. Roosevelt supplied with persimmons.

A BROWN university professor has succeeded in extracting light from beefsteak. Average mankind will fall down and worship him if he will show how to extract credit beefsteak from the butcher.

ONE-SEVENTH of the people of this country are engaged in the railroad business. The others are busy wondering how to get free transportation in the future without first becoming attorneys or physicians for the road.

THERE is always room at the top when you climb with a knife in your teeth; sometimes when you climb with a flower in your button-hole; but never when you stop to apologize for treading on the other fellow's knuckles.

AMONG one day's records of suicides we find that one man took his life because he shot another; one dropped out because he had too much luxury, and another because he was poor. Evidently the cause for suicide is of small moment.

WE ARE told that 3000 Americans attended the opening of the bull fight season in Mexico. Unfortunately, this prevents us saying a few warm things which we usually keep on tap for such cruel exhibitions. Consistency forces silence.

WHEN a man marries a second time every woman of his acquaintance says: "I knew it. That's just like a man." When a woman marries a second time her women acquaintances commend her for her good sense and express the hope that she will be happier than she was with her first husband.

IN ORDER to grasp the full idiocy of royalty one has only to read the rules and regulations concerning dress at the coming coronation of King Edward VII. The mantles, robes and coronets, in all their multiple variations of design and color to distinguish rank and exalt the aristocracy, take one back past the Tudors and the Plantagenets in automobile time. That the ceremony is to be a very exclusive affair is made plain by the curt announcement that widows of peers who have remarried beneath their rank in the peerage are "not entitled to a summons to attend the coronation." That excludes Lady Randolph Churchill like a stone wall.

Among the Churches.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. S. H. Jones, of Jacksonville, will preach at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The first quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church will be held December 29th. Rev. D. T. Summerville, presiding elder, will conduct the service at 7:30 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor.

For Sale or Exchange.

Two and one-half acres land near Los Angeles, Calif.; well improved; for sale or exchange for property in Jackson County. Inquire of

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TO RESIGN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Edward S. Maclay, author of the history in which he commented on the actions of Admiral Schley, declined today to comply with President Roosevelt's request for his resignation. He formally notified Rear-Admiral Walker at the navy yard of this decision. Maclay, who is employed as a special laborer, said he was protected by the civil service law and that he knew of no reason why he should resign.

Later:—President Roosevelt has dismissed Maclay from the government service.

MYSTERY OF THE MAINE.

Years have elapsed since the Tacoma Ledger, since the Maine on a mission of peace, at rest in Havana harbor, was blown to instant destruction. With the ship, there was lost a total of 266 men and officers. It was this event that precipitated a war, the results of which have been stupendous. There was no restraining the outburst of fury, and Spain was driven from the western continent, its prestige broken, while the United States assumed a place among nations as a power. Incidental to the war was the extension of its possessions, the increase of its army and the strengthening of its navy. Some of the old traditions of exclusiveness were shattered along with the fate of Maine. A new era was given sudden birth. That for this country and for the nations of the globe, this will be a blessing, there is no reason to question. On this continent there has been built a type of civilization the spread of which would be a benison.

Yet the exact cause of the wreck will never be known. Some will believe that it was sent to the bottom by the Spanish, some that the Cubans themselves did it so as to impel the Americans to aid them. Others will hold to the theory of accident, either an internal explosion or interference with torpedoes placed in the waters for protection and fired without human design. In all history the episode will continue a mystery. If an explosion occurred on board, it killed all who might have told about it. If it was caused deliberately, the wretched guilt of the awful deed will keep sealed their lips.

The wreck of the Maine was the most important tragedy of the sea. The deaths it caused were numbered by thousands, with the list not complete. It changed the map of two continents and brought under the ray of liberty millions who still blink in the unwonted gleam, and with rude understanding feel that an ill is being done them. In years to come they will know more, and so will know better.

Death of Mrs. J. R. Wilson.

Mrs. Emma Frances Wilson, wife of City Councilman J. R. Wilson, died at her home in Medford on Thursday, December 26, 1901, of Bright's disease, after an illness of several weeks.

Deceased was aged forty-four years, nine months and sixteen days. Funeral services will be held at the family residence today, Friday, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Wilson was a noble woman, a kind and loving wife and mother and bore the highest respect of every person who knew her, and her death has caused a cloud of great sorrow to spread over the entire community. In their hour of deepest sadness the bereaved family is given bountifully of the heartfelt sympathy of a sorrowing people and every act and expression of solace possible is theirs.

The funeral services will be conducted under the auspices of Rebekah Lodge, No. 28, and Medford Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F.

Annual Meeting—Baptist Church.

The annual meeting of the Medford Baptist Church will be held Saturday, January 4th, at 2:30 p. m. It is desirable that the members, so far as possible, will be present.

T. L. CRANDALL, Pastor.

Settle Up Notice.

As I have sold out my business in Medford it becomes necessary that all my book accounts be settled at once. During my absence of a few weeks accounts may be paid at the office of City Recorder York, or to Mr. J. H. Butler, I. A. WEBB.

CRANE DECLINES

THE OFFER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, has declined the treasury portfolio tendered him by President Roosevelt last Friday. It was officially announced at the White House today that he had declined for business and domestic reasons. President Roosevelt is considering Governor Shaw, of Iowa, in connection with the treasury portfolio to succeed Secretary Gage.

Entertainment and Christmas Tree.

Last Friday afternoon the primary room of the Phoenix school was crowded, the occasion being the closing of the school for a vacation during the holidays. The teacher had prepared a program and Christmas tree for the afternoon. The program consisted of songs, recitations and acrobatics. Too much praise cannot be given the teacher, for the excellency with which each little one rendered his part shows much patient training.

The large tree was very tastefully decorated and was heavily loaded. The room was decorated with numerous beautiful mottoes. The large number of older people who were present seemed to enjoy the good time fully as well as the children. It did one good to see how happy the little folks were with their arms filled with candy, nuts, popcorn and presents, as they bade their teacher goodbye. The patrons of the school are proud of having such an earnest worker as Miss Lila Sackett in their school. She left that evening for her home in Medford to spend the week's vacation and was accompanied by her sister, who has been visiting her.

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Elected Officers.

The Fraternal Brotherhood lodge met Friday evening and elected the following officers: H. A. Frenna, Pres.; Eugene Amann, Vice Pres.; W. L. Orr, Sec.; J. F. White, Treas.; Centenna Rothermel, C.; Bertha Davis, S.; Ray Crystal, M. A.; W. S. Edwards, I. D. K.; Press Phillips, O. D. K.; Dr. E. Kirchgesner, M. E.; F. Winkler and B. Robinson, F. C.; D. W. Hazel and J. D. Decondress, T.; Ella Gurnea, M.; C. P. Snell, L. D.

Following is a letter from F. C. Johnston:

"I received \$20 from the Fraternal Brotherhood for an accident claim and I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of this lodge and also to the Supreme lodge."

BERTHA DAVIS, L. G.

Evangelist Coming.

The M. E. Church has engaged Rev. J. J. Walters, D. D., formerly superintendent of Alaskan missions, to conduct a special meeting, which will commence the first of January. He is a preacher of note and successful as an evangelist, and we bespeak for him a successful meeting in Medford. Preparations are being made for his coming already. Let everybody get ready for the meetings.

W. B. MOORE, Pastor.

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THE LAST HERD OF BUFFALO

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 2.—The only herd of bison of any importance now left in the United States from the millions which a few years ago roamed over the entire country between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains consists of about fifty full blooded buffalo and the same number of mixed bloods, all now the property of James Philip, of Fort Pierre, who is known all over the range country as "Scotty" Philip.

This herd is the product of a hunt twenty years ago, when Frederick Dupree, an old French trapper, foreseeing the early extermination of the species, started for the Little Missouri country to capture a few calves for the purpose of raising a herd. In this hunt he led a band of Indians and halfbreeds, who only accomplished the purpose for which they set out after a long and dangerous search among the few small bunches of buffalo yet known to be roaming in that country. Only half a dozen calves were taken alive, and from these the present herd has grown.

Mr. Dupree, allowed the buffalo to range practically wild on the Cheyenne River, with no further attention than to see that they did not get out of that part of the state, where they were kept until his death. In the settlement of the estate none of the numerous heirs cared to take them as his share of the estate, and they were sold to "Scotty" Philip, after an ineffectual attempt to dispose of them to the general government.

Just what the value of the herd is, is problematic, but as it is the only herd left in the country on which to draw for specimens, this will give it an increasing value as years go by.

Having had practically the same freedom as in their native state, the specimens of the herd are somewhat different from those usually seen in parks and menageries. One bull out of this herd was sold for show purposes about ten years ago for \$1000.

At present the full bloods, consisting of all ages from four-months-old calves to huge bulls, are confined in a pasture of a thousand acres which has been inclosed among the rough lands in a bend of the Missouri River, about eight miles up the stream from Fort Pierre. The fence which restrains them is seven feet high, and with posts five feet apart, and is composed of strong woven wire, over which are numerous strands of barb wire.

The herd is an attraction to visitors from all over the Northwest, as an opportunity of seeing these animals is not so common as in the past.

Amount of Annual Assessment Required.

From the Grants Pass Observer.

There is considerable discussion among mining men here as everywhere else as to the amount of work or improvements that must be done annually to hold a claim. The United States mining law provides that on each claim until a patent shall have been issued therefor, not less than \$100 worth of labor shall be performed, or improvements made

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The annual labor done either as assessment work, or as a basis for a patent, may be upon or beneath the surface, and may be done upon or off the claim, provided that the latter work is for the development of the claim. That it is such is always a question of fact.

Seed Time and Harvest.

A good time to think most serious harvest is seed time. The decision then will determine the value of later. The growing competition in is an increasing temptation to u dealers to make extravagant claim seeds, both in price and product. The wisest farmers are those who at most by what experience has proved and true. Thousands of seed sow the country sow Perry's fa year after year, and have the sat good harvests to justify their cost in the Perry firm. They pay a few at seed time, but realize many doll crops at the harvest. The natural of this confidence is an ever incre new. D. M. Perry & Co. sent out seeds than any other seed house in The 1902 catalogue of this house is and will be found a useful guide the choicest seeds for the farmer, gardener and the flower gardener, free on request. Address D. M. Perry, Detroit, Mich.

Danger In Too Much Learning of Andrew Carnegie speaking of a national at Washington, Von Stradon of the university of Berlin, a patch to the New York Sun, the opinion that America m against the danger of foster education at the expense of intelligence and development spirit.

"Too much learning," said Stradonitz, "if not a danger, is unprofitable. We are suffering in Germany. We are burdened unproductive. We who look herited scorn on those whose has been merely in the art winning. The evil manifests Germany by the existence element which, lacking any cation, serves as the recruiting of the enemies of social order. damental feature of Americ ing, as a preliminary fitting women in life's battles, is a winian principle, and it ind vindication in the strength of lean position in the world to negle's technical school showed that he was fully ing with the American spirit, but proposal I am unable to comm

Henry Kraus, 26 years of Cleveland, strangled his mother in his sleep. He reported that the act was committed was in a dream.



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