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MAN BORN TO HUSTLE.
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THINGS are coming to a hopeful pass when a New York alderman refuses a \$5000 bribe and tells of it.

LATE advices from Pekin are to the effect that the empress dowager once more has her authority on straight.

DOUBTLESS some of the North Dakota divorce lawyers have already sent their business cards to Queen Wilhelmina.

ALTHOUGH King Edward's coronation is to take place in June the confident expectation is that it will be an august ceremony.

IN HER lecture on "Mere Man," Sarah Grand, advising the wives, said of the husband, "Feed him and flatter him." O, Divine Sarah!

THE description given of the costumes worn at the diplomatic receptions indicate that an Oriental circus is wintering near Washington.

THE United States is now the world's fourth nation in point of population. When you consider quality instead of quantity it is easily first.

MELBOURNE has pledged undying sympathy with the mother country in its troubles. England should at once dispatch this sympathy to the front and try it on the Boers.

A BROOKLYN jury has awarded \$8,500 to a woman who incurred a stiff finger as the result of a railway collision. The company ought to be thankful her whole hand wasn't stiffened.

SIR ROBERT BALL'S prediction that another glacial period will come, when a great field of ice will sweep across the hemispheres, crushing, grinding, benumbing all things for hundreds of thousands of years, and in its nature worse than famine, flood and pestilence, is safe enough. It isn't due, he adds, for several thousand years.

AT NASHVILLE, Tenn., the other day Admiral Schley was addressing the students of the Fisk color d university. He had spoken at some length and was warming up to his subject when Mrs. Schley, sitting behind him spoke to him in an audible tone. Schley then faced the audience and said: "The woman behind the man behind the gun says cease talking, and I shall have to bid you good day." It is evident that the admiral will not fall into the habit of asking too much as some of our other great soldiers and sailors have done, as long as he keeps his wife at his elbow.

THE plan for a penal colony for anarchists seems to meet the anarchist situation the most thoroughly; besides there is a poetical side to the idea of letting the anarchists work out their theories on themselves. A fertile island, capable of yielding its inhabitants a bountiful living with an average amount of labor, should be chosen, and the anarchists should be deported there and left to themselves and their theories. In order that no doubts might be raised as to their having a fair show, the government might support them for a year or two and supply them with all the implements of industry and the comforts of a high civilization. After such a period, let them work out their own destiny, the government only taking care that no one should escape from the island. It is a safe conjecture that under such conditions the anarchists would have the r theories changed by close experience with practical affairs.

AN UNWARRANTED attack was made last week in the Enquirer upon Governor Geer. A parallel was made of the fact that the

governor pardoned Smith, the Jackson County murderer, and did not pardon Wade and Dalton, the Portland murderers. The case were in no ways similar. Smith was convicted on circumstantial evidence while it was a confession of the crime that convicted Wade and Dalton. In the case of Smith petitions of great length were circulated in the county and were signed by hundreds of people asking that he be pardoned—and THE MAIL will wager that three fourths of those signing the pardon were democrats. Medford has a great many citizens who are warm, steady friends of Governor Geer who do not believe this rot about his playing favorites for re-election, and while this is true it is just as well true that these same friends of the governor and the entire republican party are giving but a lukewarm support to their declared, and tried and true principals when they drop their dollars into the Enquirer's coffers, thus enabling that blasphemous rag to insult their very best friends and the principles which they have fought for four years.

INJUNCTION FILED.

The Sunset Telephone Company has filed an Injunction Restraining Medford City Authorities From Enforcing Ordinance.

From the Oregonian.

By a temporary injunction, granted yesterday in United States District Court, the entire city government of the town of Medford, in Jackson County, was restrained from taking any action toward the removal from the streets of that town of the telephone and telegraph lines of the Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company. April 8 is set as the date for a hearing in the matter, if the authorities of Medford desire to show why the injunction should not be made perpetual.

December 17 last the Medford Council passed an ordinance requiring, among other things, that the telephone company should pay into the city treasury an annual license fee of \$100; that the monthly charge for telephone instruments and service should not exceed \$1.50, and that, if the telephone company should fail to comply with the terms of the ordinance by February 1, the city authorities should proceed to cut down and destroy the lines in the city. The ordinance was approved by Mayor Crowell the same day it was passed by the Council. The city has made demand upon the company to comply with the terms of the ordinance, and the company has respectfully declined. To avoid destruction of its property and to get the matter before the courts for adjudication, the telephone company presented its petition for injunction, accompanying it with a long statement of the relations of the company and the town of Medford.

The company recites that it is a California corporation; that it is authorized by the United States Postal Department to transmit Government messages, telephone and telegraphic; that it has for a number of years had its lines in unquestioned operation in the city of Medford, giving the city no trouble and contributing to the convenience of doing business there; that the license fee of \$100 exacted by the ordinance passed last December is unreasonably large and oppressive, and entirely out of proportion to any extra service that might be required by the city government by reason of the presence of the lines in the city; that the monthly charge of \$1.50 authorized by the ordinance is inadequate to the support of so small an exchange, the number of subscribers there being only 60; that the ordinance in question violates the United States Constitution in several particulars, the chief one being that it seeks to impose restrictions on interstate commerce. The petitioner admits that a license fee of \$20 might not be unreasonable.

The injunction order names the Mayor, all the Councilmen, the City Recorder and the City Marshal, and commands all to refrain from molesting or in any wise interfering with the business or property of the Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company.

Papers were served upon all of the above officers last Saturday. It is probable the matter will be attended to in Portland by an attorney employed in that city by the city council of Medford.

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MEDFORD'S POSSIBILITIES.

If present indications count for anything the city of Medford bids fair to increase in wealth and population within the next few years to an extent hitherto unknown in its history. Founded eighteen years ago as a way station on the Southern Pacific, with the old established town of Jacksonville five miles west and Ashland twelve miles south, it has slowly grown principally by its favorable geographical location almost in the center of the valley, until it has become one of the most important shipping points for the products of Jackson County. Very slow was that growth at first, but it has been steady all through. There has never been a boom in Medford, consequently no reaction. Even during the years of the "hard times" the growth of the town was not perceptibly checked. It has now reached the point when, conditions being favorable, it may be expected to expand into the chief city of Southern Oregon within a very few years.

It is the opinion of the writer that those favorable conditions are present, and the reasons for this opinion we will endeavor to set forth below.

The fruit industry, not in its infancy, it is true, but still far from having reached its full development, is one of the foundations of this opinion. Medford lies in the heart of one of the greatest fruit-growing districts in the known world. North, south, east and west for miles the soil is nearly all adapted to the successful growing of fruit. Only a comparatively small acreage of this land has been planted to fruit yet; but more and more is being put out each year, until eventually the central portion of the valley will become almost a solid orchard, interspersed with waving fields of alfalfa or gardens of small fruits. Medford, as said before, lies in the heart of this fruit growing section, and is the natural shipping point for most of the products, and the trading place of nearly all the residents thereof. This reason alone would be sufficient upon which to base an opinion of Medford's future greatness, but there are others.

Eastward, only a short five miles away, the Southern Pacific Company is delving into the earth, seeking a bed of coal, which its geological experts, who have a record of sixteen years, with never a failure, behind them, have declared is there. As soon as the development work proceeds far enough several hundred men will be employed. Medford will naturally be their trading point, and the coal from the mine will all pass through this city, as the nearest point on the main line. Coal near at hand and the favorable situation of the city as regards handling the freight traffic of the valley will unite to make Medford the proper place for the end of a railroad division, with all that means to a young and growing town. Another thing in this connection is the projected straightening and shortening of the Southern Pacific line from Myrtle Creek south. There have been mysterious movements going on in the mountains about the heads of Evans and Cow creeks, and should a railroad line be located through, the end of the first division south of Roseburg would naturally fall here.

Along the slopes of the Cascades stretches a mighty body of the finest timber out of doors, which must be

E. S. Wolfer,

Job Work in PLUMBING and STEEL METAL

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marketed in the not distant future, and again Medford shows up as the natural shipping point for the products and trading point for the men engaged in this industry. The marketing of this timber means either an electric car line for transportation or the extension of the R. R. V. R. R. eastward. Its construction eastward will, as a corollary, be followed by a westward extension toward the coast into the rich valleys of the Applegate and the Illinois and the consequent hauling of their products to the junction with the Southern Pacific line at Medford. This is the entire trade of this productive region will pass through our city, making its future the brightest of any town in this part of the state.

But we cannot sit supinely down and wait for these things to come. The citizens of the town have a great work to perform in this development. However much we may differ in other things, let us have but one cause when it comes to the upbuilding of the city. Let our first thought be how to best advance the interest of the community at large and thus benefit the city and help the cause of progress.

Every new enterprise of merit should receive the hearty encouragement and support of every citizen. Don't throw cold water on a new business in the town. If you can't see anything good in it, keep still.

The resources which will go toward making Medford a handsome and prosperous city of a small size are here, ready and anxious to do their part—only awaiting development. It lies with the people to encourage and foster that development.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

Ottilla Caldwell vs Stewart S Caldwell; divorce; divorce granted; custody of children given to plaintiff.

Wm Ulrich vs G W Hamlin et al; plaintiff has judgment for the sum of \$2138 and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum, also judgment for the sum of \$18 for taxes paid on described premises, and \$150 attorney's fees.

J F Cole vs Isabel Cole; divorce; bonds of matrimony dissolved and plaintiff given care and custody of minor child, Edith A Cole, until further order of the court.

Henry Ammermann, plaintiff, vs J E Randles; judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$402.52 with interest thereon from April 15, 1896, \$50 for attorney's fees and \$10 for cost of action.

N H Lattimer, plaintiff, vs Black Gold Channel Mining Company, a corporation, order of default.

Mandate from the supreme court—liquor cases—Deaton High and W C Sontagton, Jesse Louck & Joseph Dame, V A Lewis and Herman Solomon, appellants vs City of Ashland; ordered and adjudged that the judgment in this cause in the court below rendered on the same hereby is in all things affirmed, and that the respondents recover of appellant its costs and disbursements in this court upon the appeal allowed and taxed and its costs and disbursements in the court below to be there taxed. It is further ordered that the cause be remanded to the said court below, and that a judgment be there entered and docketed in accordance herewith.

In Probate Court.

John Waters admitted and declared to be a citizen of the United States on Feb. 4, 1902.

Estate of Edward Albright; will proven; J L Downing appointed executor; E M McIntire, W A Cordell and W A Patrick appointed appraisers.

Estate of David Dunlap; order to pay claims pro rata.

In the matter of guardianship of Clifford Conrad Hicks, Leroy Vernon Hicks and Vera Anna Hicks; Mrs. M L Hicks appointed guardian.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson, on a judgment rendered in said Circuit Court on the 12th day of April, 1898, wherein C. A. Junker and A. E. Junker, partners as Junker Brothers, plaintiffs, recovered a judgment against S. T. Ronger, Joseph Dame and M. S. McConnell, defendants, for the sum of eight hundred seventy and 24/100 (\$870.24) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 10th day of April, 1898, and the further sum of twenty-two (\$22.00) dollars costs, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the office of the county clerk of said Jackson County, Oregon, on the 12th day of April, 1898, and whereas by virtue of an execution issued out of the clerk's office for said county and state, there was paid on said judgment on August 18, 1899, the sum of three hundred ninety (\$390.00) dollars as appears by the return of said execution, there remains in obedience to the commands of said law named execution dated January 25, 1902, I did on the 25th day of January, 1902, duly levy upon and will sell as the law directs, at the front door of the court house in the town of Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, on

Saturday, March 1, 1902.

At the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots 24, 25 and 26, blk. F. R. R. addition to Ashland, Oregon, together with all appurtenances thereto belonging.

ALEX. ORME, Sheriff.

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