

IMITATORS of the outlaw, Tracy, are springing up all over the country, but so far they have either been "removed" or landed in prison with dispatch.

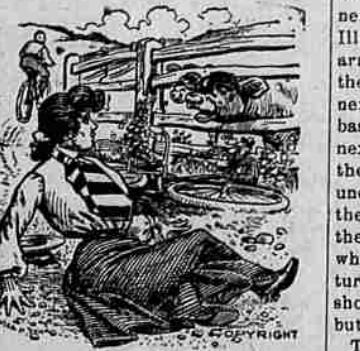
THERE are two fusion parties in Kansas. The Democrats and Populists have made a fusion with each other, and the Republicans have joined with their old friend "General Prosperity," and with the assistance of big crops throughout the state will give the Demo-Pops considerable trouble. The calamity howler is out of a job in Kansas this year.

THE relatives of Mrs. Chas. Fair say that they will be satisfied with her estate, and will make no fight for a share in that of her husband. They may mean that now, but the possession of riches almost invariably breeds the desire for more and it may be that they will change their minds when they find themselves in possession of wealth, with chances to get more.

OUR own Binger Hermann is with us again. It rejoices our souls no less than his that in Oregon meet the pillars of a fame that reach up even to the Nation's high councils. These were humble beginnings here in Oregon, and we feel all the humbler when he deigns to move among us. It gratifies us also that we can be to him the means of higher greatness.—Portland Oregonian.

THE Universal Peace Union at Mystic, Conn., denounces the Army and Navy maneuvers as "increasing the military spirit and fastening dependence on carnal weapons." The respectable old parties who compose the Peace Union may be right in theory, but, until the millennium comes, in practice they are away off. So far the process of the "lamb lying down with the lion" has only been accomplished with the lamb inside the lion, and a nation without military spirit and knowledge of "carnal weapons" would be in these days very much like the aforesaid lamb—vide China.

THE naval maneuvers on the New England coast, engaged in by two squadrons of the U. S. navy, one seeking to effect a landing and the other to prevent it, resulted in the capture of the attacking force, thus demonstrating, theoretically, the feasibility of protecting that coast. But one cannot help thinking that a squadron of fleet vessels commanded by almost any of our prominent naval officers could, in time of war, make things decidedly interesting for some of the coast cities which have not adequate defenses in spite of a protecting fleet. Theory and practice are sometimes at wide variance in war. Spain's fleet on paper was equal, if not superior, to ours in 1898, but before the close of the year had ceased to exist.



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The Inauguration of a Scheme Which, Completed, Will Mean Much for Southern Oregon.

The dedicatory exercises of the dam of the Condor Water & Power Co., at Tolo, which will take place on Monday, September 1st, bids fair to make a new era in the development of Southern Oregon, if the enterprise as planned reaches completion.

The dam which will be dedicated crosses Rogue river and is designed primarily to create a lake covering low ground above, comprising some 800 acres. By means of a ditch leading from this dam the company expects to develop immense power. It is estimated that 6000 horse-power could be had if needed. To start with the company will put in a plant capable of developing 1000 horse-power for immediate use. From this plant electric light and power can be furnished to every town in the valley at probably less expense than it is now furnished.

Besides this it is intended to erect a large box factory and sawmill which is likely to become the main part of the enterprise. Combining the nearest railway point to the vast timber belt of upper Rogue river with the immense power capable of being generated by the waters of that stream, which will also be made to furnish transportation for the logs, the project looks like a feasible one, if sufficient capital is behind it to make it a success. It is claimed that the company has all the funds necessary. They have no stock for sale and are asking no local assistance.

The formal dedication of the dam is held merely to allow the people to be acquainted with the magnitude of the undertaking.

Every preparation has been made for the comfort and enjoyment of those attending, and as the day is Labor Day and a state holiday every one who possibly can should attend.

Origin of the Rogue River War.

Luther Hasbrouck, who was among those to first discover gold in Southern Oregon, gives an interesting account of the origin of the Rogue River war in the Oregonian of August 24th. His party consisted of himself, Nathan Giles, Moses Dusenbury, George Wells, Henry Lawrence, John Collins, John Twentyman and Capt. Jennings. After prospecting in Jackson County, Oregon, and afterward on the Klamath, in Siskiyou County, Calif., the party re-crossed the Siskiyou and followed the Illinois river (which stream they named) to its junction with Josephine creek, where they found good diggings and did the first mining in Josephine County and were the first white men in the Illinois valley. Soon after four of the party made a trip to Shasta City, Calif., for provisions. They were gone twenty-one days and when they returned found a thriving mining camp, where they had left their partners. There were probably 2000 people in the valley at that time. Mr. Hasbrouck says the Indians were troublesome at all times and tells of the commencement of the war as follows:

"I presume there are some of the old settlers still living in Oregon that have a remembrance of the Rogue River Indian war, but probably few know the cause of this war, that led many brave pioneers of the Golden West to shed their blood for home, family and protection. In the fall of 1850, Luther Hasbrouck went into partnership with Samuel Grubbe, John Twist and Ad Miller in the general merchandise and butchering business. The partnership continued for nearly two years, and the business was sold out to Mr. Derbysheer, who continued it. Just before selling out to Derbysheer, the company had some cattle stolen by the Illinois Valley Indians, and they were caught with the meat in baskets, going to Deer creek. On being overtaken, the Indians left their baskets and ran. Sam Grubbe went over to Deer creek the next day and saw old Chief John, of the Illinois Valley Indians, and tried to arrange a settlement. Chief John and the braves promised to come over the next day to the store and get their baskets and make things right. The next day sixteen bucks came over on the ridge near the store. Sam Grubbe undertook to approach them and give them some blankets that were left with the baskets containing the stolen meat, when all at once the sixteen Indians turned loose and shot at Grubbe. They shot through his clothes and blankets, but did not wound him.

The Indians then fled back to Deer creek. Sam Grubbe was a very angry man after this occurrence, and swore he would have revenge. The next morning he insisted that four of the party should go over to Deer creek and have a talk with Chief John. The rest of the company said no, as it was a dangerous trip and refused, and he went alone. Old John, the chief, prom-

ised to come over and make peace. Next morning the Indians came over and prepared for a fight, and, discovering they were on the warpath with guns and bows and arrows all drawn ready to shoot, "Ad" Miller and Sam Grubbe shot two Indians. The rest of the band retreated to Deer creek. This was in the fall of 1852, the time of the killing the first Indians by whites in the Illinois valley. This trouble was the commencement and cause of the Rogue River Indian war.

Going to Have a Business College.

It will be remembered that a few weeks since Prof. Sweet, president of the Santa Rosa Business College, visited Medford with a view to the establishment of a business college here. His observations about our town convinced him that there was a fine opening for an institution of that kind and he at once decided to recommend the location to a friend of his and a graduate of his college. He did so recommend and the college is to be established. The following letter to THE MAIL, from Prof. Sweet is self-explanatory:

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Aug. 21, 1902. MR. A. S. BLITON, Medford, Ore.

DEAR SIR:—I had an interview with Mr. Jas. A. Peoples, the young man of whom I spoke in regard to the matter of taking hold of a business college proposition at Medford. He had some other business arrangements that he had to dispose of before he could give a definite answer. I have just received a telephone message from him in regard to the matter and he thinks that he will accept the proposition and be with you as early as possible this fall. I have advised him to write to you in regard to the matter.

All that I can do is to speak a good word for the young man. Mr. Peoples is the gentleman whom I recommended to you when I saw you in Medford. He has had considerable experience, is a married man and is considered level-headed. His integrity and moral character are above question. I think that the Medford people will be highly pleased to have a young man of his sterling character come to settle among them. If I can do anything to promote the project in any way, command me. Sincerely Yours, J. S. SWEET.

While it is true that this college will not in any way be connected with the Santa Rosa college, it is quite as true that Prof. Sweet has taken an interest in the matter and it is not improbable that this eminent educator will, to some extent, have a hand in the guidance and management of the Medford college.

THE MAIL fully realizes the importance of the establishment of an institution of this nature in our city as well as its necessity in the community, and these columns will put forth every possible effort to make the project a success, and we ask of every friend of the city and business education to lend their heartiest support to the college.

We do not understand that any subsidy is asked for.

A letter received yesterday from Prof. Peoples states that he has about decided to take up the matter here. He wants to rent a cottage in Medford for himself and family, and the general tone of his letter seems to indicate that he means business and intends to establish a good school here.

To Pension Old Employees.

THE MAIL is informed on good authority that Mr. Harriman, manager of the western lines, is just now considering a proposition much in vogue with eastern railroads, namely the pensioning off of veteran employes who have turned gray in their service. This would mean that the grizzled employes whether at the throttle or prying over the agent's desk or conducting a train, will on reaching the age of 60 years after long and faithful service be placed on the retired list and draw half pay for the remainder of his days. On many of the eastern roads this plan has been in vogue for many years.

This brings to mind the fact that Medford has a veteran employe of the Southern Pacific in the person of W. V. Lippincott, who has been in the employ of the Southern Pacific Co. for twenty-three years. While he is not now within reach of the sixty year retiring limit by ten years it is not improbable that he will reach the sixty year mark—and still be in the employ of the company and entitled to honorable retirement on the half pay basis. Mr. Lippincott has served as agent in Medford for eleven years. When he was first assigned to his position here himself and one assistant did all the work required of them and had time to go fishing nights and Sundays. Now there are five employes at the depot and they are all working overtime.

The business of the railroad company at this place has increased from that of a small unimportant station to that of a place with city pretensions—and the business is still growing. The next eleven years will show a far greater increase in all business of the city than the past eleven have. There is no questioning Medford's importance as a commercial city—it is of no small importance now and each twelve months marks an increase in the volume of business transactions. This die has been cast—and Medford is the star business center of the great Rogue river valley.

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PRESIDENT WILL VISIT THE COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—United States Senator A. G. Foster, of Washington, who is in this city, is authority for the statement that President Roosevelt will visit this coast next fall. The Chief Executive will be accompanied by his wife and family, and will remain it is said, in San Francisco for at least three days. Senator Foster is on his way to Honolulu, where he will meet other members of a committee appointed to look into affairs of the crown lands. He expects the arrival of Senator Mitchell today.

In speaking of the intended visit of President Roosevelt to San Francisco and the Pacific Coast in general, Senator Foster stated that affairs are at present being arranged for the proposed trip. The President will visit, during his tour, all cities by the way of Washington and Montana, and will return via the Union Pacific.

The new first-class battle-ship Maine had a successful trial trip on the 23d, making an average speed of 18.3 knots an hour. This speed gives her the distinction of being the fastest as well as one of the most powerful ships in the Navy, and if the necessity should arise will cause her opponent to remember the Maine.

CONSIDERABLE is being said about this or that candidate's chance for success for election to the U. S. senate by the legislature which meets in January, but so far nobody seems to be interested in legislation for the good of the community, which it will be the duty of that body to enact. Everything is subordinated to the personal ambition of the men who seek to represent Oregon in the national senate, and, of course, success or failure of bills introduced will depend upon the outcome of the senatorial fight. The time of the men elected by the people to transact the business of the state will be taken up in the performance of a duty which should be done by the people at the polls. There is no stronger argument in favor of the election of senators by direct vote of the people, than the useless frittering away of time and money when a senatorial contest is on hand, even when it does not result in a deadlock and a hold-up of the legislature, as is frequently the case.

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VALUE OF OREGON TIMBER. Hon. Thomas H. Tongue Tells of the Present and Prospective Value of the Timber Lands of This State. "There is one thing I want to impress upon the people of Oregon," says the Hon. Thomas H. Tongue, "and that is for them to be careful not to throw away their timber lands. They are fast becoming of great value, and the day is not far distant when their owners will be as independent as the millionaires. That day will be when the lumbering men are knocking at their door, ready and willing to pay any price for their timber. "Do you know that here in the Northwest are the virgin forests of the country; here is practically the only place in the United States where can be found timber untouched by the woodmen. Nearly every other section has been cut over, and now the crop is what might be called second growth. "In Wisconsin they are paying \$10 or \$15 per thousand for stumpage. Do you know what that means here? Why one-half that price is a fortune to the man who holds a 100-acre claim. If he has that claim fifteen years hence, I honestly believe that he will not have to worry about his future life. "Now in these states that are called lumbering states the timber is small and we here would not use it for firewood. Some time ago while in the East, I read an account of a lumber mill being burned, and the newspapers laid great stress upon the destruction of a piece of lumber twenty-seven inches broad and two inches thick. Trees yielding lumber over eighteen inches broad had almost entirely disappeared. Now what do we in Oregon think of a thing of that kind. We can get scrub pine that will yield larger lumber than that. There is no use talking, I do not like to see our people throw away grand opportunities like this. "Another thing, I think there is an unwarranted waste of lumber around the mill yards. Some day that same refuse they throw away will be as valuable as the great timbers they are now turning out. I wish there could be something done to prevent this thoughtless waste."

Southern Oregon State Normal. The Southern Oregon State Normal School is making thorough preparation for the coming year's work. The buildings are being remodeled and repaired, and extensive additions to the chemical and physical departments are being made. The faculty is composed of strong teachers consecrated to the work, and each department is in the hands of a specialist. A year's course in Latin and in Economics has been added to further prepare teachers for high school work. The training department will be especially strong. A man of splendid education and wide experience will be at the head of this department. Much attention will be given to oratory, and athletics will be made prominent. The citizens of Ashland have guaranteed some \$200 as prizes for excellence in these lines. The City Library of 2000 volumes is thrown open to students of the institution. Board and lodging can be had at from \$2.50 per week to \$4. Climate healthy. Course of study practical and exhaustive. For catalogue of announcements, write B. F. Muirkey, President, or Clifford Thomas, Secretary, Ashland, Oregon. For Rent—Farm containing 284 acres—215 under plow; water piped to house; two good barns; good house. Situated near Talent. Inquire of E. E. Miner, Gold Hill, Oregon. For Sale. Steam power shingle mill plant, all complete, 20 per day. Write quickly, if you want it. HARRY TAYLOR, Box 11, Woodville, Oregon.

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