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

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"BILL DEVERY and "Bill" Bryan are both now 'out of active politics,' not voluntarily so, however.

The foot ball season has commenced. Nobody has been killed yet, but the outlook is hopeful.

In Coxey's army was to start for Washington now, it would have more trouble getting there than it did before. It wouldn't get very far until the whole army would have a job.

The story that the Duke Boris, brother of the Czar, filled a Chicago chorus girl's slipper with wine and then drank the beverage therefrom looks a little improbable. If true his highness has a remarkable capacity.

An American firm has received orders from South Africa for 18,000 plows. A combination of an American plow with the Missouri mules that survived the war, will soon restore the Transvaal to its former prosperity.

The "bee cure" is the latest discovery in the way of cures for certain diseases, such as rheumatism. There is one thing certain, a bee sting is pretty sure to cause one to see interest in another pain he might have—temporarily at least.

Prof. Robert Fitzsimmons will soon take charge of the "physical culture" chair of an eastern school, and will instruct the students thereof in latest and most up-to-date style of spoiling the other fellow's facial beauty and disarranging the position of his short ribs.

Oregon should do something handsome in the way of a testimonial to Admiral Clark. He is entitled to it. He is about the only officer who participated in the battle of Santiago, who has not mixed up more or less in the controversies since. Like a true American sailor he did his duty when the occasion arose, and left it to the other fellows to quarrel about it afterward.

J. Pierpont Morgan says that President Roosevelt must not be re-elected, and proposes to run Grover Cleveland against him. As Grover when he was president displayed quite a predilection for having his own way, J. Pierpont might find himself not bettered by a change—let alone what the people would think about the matter. The memory of several years of Democratic administration in the early '90s has not yet been eradicated.—It is now said that Morgan's alleged decision to defeat the President for re-nomination if possible had its origin when Mr. Roosevelt was Governor of New York State. At that time a bill taxing franchises was passed by the Legislature at the Governor's urgent suggestion. Of course, the corporations were all against it, and Mr. Morgan made a personal appeal to Roosevelt on the subject. It was the great financier's first personal effort to influence legislation, and he was emphatically turned

down, the Governor paying no more attention to his request than if it had been preferred by a broker. The bill went through and is now on the statute-books, and his defeat has rankled in Mr. Morgan's mind ever since.

A STRANGE bit of money reached the hands of a conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway the other day. It was a prosperous-looking five-dollar bill, a little the worse for wear, and across its face was written: "Last of a \$50,000 inheritance. Wine women and cards caused it all." How easy it is for a man to dump his failures onto other shoulders, to mistake moral weakness for evident misfortune. Wine and women of the kind that are generally associated with reckless drinking and riotous living and cards, can do very little harm in this world alone. There always has to be a fool to be plucked; a plunger, who lacks the sand and courage to do right; an individual who pays a high price for sorry pleasure. The text on the five dollar bill doesn't inspire much sympathy. The man who can burn up \$50,000 in self-gratification is selfish, ignorant, unfair to himself and to those who are dependent on him, and has wasted not only dollars, but days and nights, and weeks and months, and a chance to be useful and honorable and decent. Don't waste a heart throb on the man who wrote that farewell to his fortune. Rather should he have written: "Last of a \$50,000 inheritance, wasted by one who could not withstand temptation and who lacked the courage to be a man."

THE October report of the financial condition of the county shows the present indebtedness thereof to be \$101,692.76, an increase of some \$5,300 in the past six months. It will be remembered that during the last political campaign the April statement of County Clerk Newbury was denounced from the stump and by Democratic newspapers as false and misleading, and it was vociferously denied that any such reduction in the county debt had been made and that the net debt was considerably more than \$96,359 as shown in that statement. Also it was predicted that the county clerk would find the debt \$120,000 when he came to make his October report; but this statement of County Clerk Orth seems to confirm that of Mr. Newbury and instead of an increase of \$24,000, we have one of \$5,300, and \$4,000 of this is accounted for in the warrants drawn for payment of work on the Bear creek bridge at Medford. It is a gratifying showing, and the April report should show a substantial decrease.

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**Commits Suicide.**  
Nina E. Robinson, formerly of Woodville, committed suicide at Redding, Calif., on Saturday last. The cause given in letters left by the girl was disappointment in love.  
Miss Robinson had made former attempts at suicide. At one time she tried to drown herself, but was prevented from doing so by W. T. Hiatt, father of Robert Hiatt. A second attempt proved unsuccessful, as she took an overdose of strychnine. Once she drank gasoline in the belief that it was a poison.  
Among the letters left by the girl were ones addressed to Miss Diessa Robinson, Woodville, Oregon; Howard Robinson, Grants Pass; Mrs. S. Ball, Redding; Phillip H. Robinson, Woodville, Oregon. Howard Robinson her brother is a locomotive fireman at Grants Pass.

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## SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1902.

Following is a summary of the assessment roll of Jackson county, Oregon, for the year 1902, as turned in by Assessor J. C. Pendleton:

	NUMBR.	VALUE.
Acres of tillable land	79,606	\$ 758,704
Acres now tillable land	849,242.24	1,107,237.80
Improvements on deeded and patented land		100,000
Town lots		200,052
Improvements on town lots		408,718
Improvements on lands not deeded or patented		5,150
Miles of railroad bed, O. & C.	65.28	339,458
Miles of railroad bed, R. R. V. R. R.	5.30	5,000
Miles of telegraph and telephone lines	212.60	10,495
Miles of telegraph and telephone fixtures		4,215
Rolling stock O. & C. and Pullman Car Co.		34,640
Rolling stock R. R. V. R. R.		1,325
Machinery		127,509
Merchandise		46,580
Farming implements, etc.		104,815
Money		190,705
Notes and accounts		10,495
Shares of stock	1,377	67,355
Household furniture, etc.		78,215
Horses and mules	8,969	69,582
Cattle	10,046	139,725
Sheep and goats	8,965	11,598
Swine	5,056	7,104
Gross value of all property		\$4,033,700.86
Exemptions		194,341
Total value of taxable property as given by assessor		\$3,839,359.86

### Death of Ex-Governor Whiteaker.

Full of years and honors, John Whiteaker, the first governor of the State of Oregon, died at his home in Eugene on the evening of October 24. Governor Whiteaker was born in Indiana in 1820, and came to Oregon in 1853. He was a member of the territorial legislature of 1857, and in 1858 was elected the first governor under the state constitution. He was a member of the state legislature in 1866, 1868 and 1870, being speaker of the house during the latter year. In 1876 he became a member of the state senate and was elected president of that body. In 1878 he was elected representative in congress, serving one term. In 1885 he was made collector of internal revenue at Portland.

The most romantic incident in Governor Whiteaker's life and what brought him most prominently before the country was his famous ride by special train from Oakland, Calif., to Washington. This ride gave opportunity to all the papers in the country for satire and humorous badinage. While elected to the 46th Congress, Mr. Whiteaker did not repair to the scene of his duties in time to join in the organization of the House. In March the Democrats discovered that to effect their ends one more vote was needed and that vote must be ready on the 18th of March. Mr. Whiteaker had already sailed from Portland on the steamer Elder for San Francisco. When the Elder cast anchor off Folsom street at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 12th of March, 1879, the agent of the Central Pacific came out in a white-hall boat and informed Mr. Whiteaker that the National committee had a special train in waiting at Oakland Mole. He left the ship with his hand baggage and was rowed ashore. The ferry-boat had been kept in readiness and thirty minutes later Congressman Whiteaker was speeding eastward in an attempt to overtake the overland train which had twenty-five hours start. After the latest trip across the continent on record at that time he reached the Capitol on the morning of the 18th of March in time to cast the decisive vote for speaker. The cost of this train was over \$1500 and the New York Times of March 24 contained a long and sarcastic article on the expedients of the Democratic party.

Governor Whiteaker was always a supporter of home industry, and many of his official papers advocate very warmly the introduction of a system of manufactures for the working up of Oregon products.

### Married—Howard-Macauley.

On Wednesday evening, October 8th, the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Macauley and Mrs. Mary Howard were gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Macauley to witness the giving of their daughter, Miss M. Jessie Macauley, in marriage to Leon O. Howard.

The room was tastefully decorated with flowers of snowy white and large golden leaved ivy. The bride's dress was a rich cream color.

The golden link that united them for life was skillfully welded by Rev. T. L. Crandall.

Mr. Howard is a most trustworthy and efficient salesman in the firm of Hutchison & Lumsden. The bride graduated from the Medford high school at its last commencement, and is held in high esteem by the wide circle of her acquaintances.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard left for San Francisco Thursday, where they will remain a short time. Returning, they will make Medford their home.

### Married—Van Dyke-Cox.

Speaking of surprises! There was one sprung on Medford people Wednesday when a telegram came from San Francisco to Mr. Rufus Cox announcing the marriage of his daughter, Miss Minnie, to Mr. J. G. Van Dyke, Jr., a member of the J. G. Van Dyke & Co. mercantile firm of this city. While the wedding was a surprise to all it is conclusively evident that it had been prearranged by the parties interested. Some weeks ago the bride left Medford for San Francisco to receive treatment for an imaginary catarrhal trouble. She accompanied Mr. C. B. Williams, of the Fish Lake Ditch Company, and while in the city was a guest at his home, and at whose home the wedding took place. Mr. Van Dyke left Medford Monday evening, ostensibly to purchase goods for his store, and not even did members of his family know of his contemplated matrimonial venture—and the same is true as to the bride's family.

The groom is one of Medford's most successful business men, a man of excellent qualifications, exemplary in social and business circles and a prime favorite with all who know him.

The bride is one of the belles of Medford—a lady of culture and refinement, and possesses the many qualifications which have always made her prominent in all social gatherings of the city.

The friends here are all awaiting their return, which will probably be within ten days or two weeks, to shower upon them their heartiest congratulations—and there will be no one-sided congratulations—they can be, and will be, expressed with equal lavishness to both.

### Clerk's Semi-Annual Report.

Following is County Clerk Orth's semi-annual statement of the financial condition of Jackson County on October 1, 1902:

ITEMIZED EXPENSES.	
County court and commissioners' salaries	759 00
Circuit court expenses	1,429 50
Justice court expenses	345 25
Salary of sheriff and deputy	2,000 00
" of clerk and deputy	1,500 00
" of recorder and deputy	810 00
" of county treasurer	400 00
Coroner's fees and expenses of inquests	140 20
Salary of county superintendent	50 00
Examination of teachers	512 04
Salary of stock inspector	50 00
Of assessor	91 50
Rebate on taxes	23 27
Current expenses	1,118 72
Court house janitor, etc.	129 05
Expenses of jail	238 72
For care of county poor	2,386 87
For examination of insane	61 90
For road and bridges	4,725 64
For election expenses	1,772 00
For scalp bounty	1,172 00
Salary for ferryman, etc.	93 54
Compensation of supervisors	1,020 90
Total expenses for six months	\$ 22,100 19
DEBT OUTSTANDING.	
Warrants outstanding April 1, 1902	\$110,692.44
Warrants issued since April 1, 1902	22,100 19
Total	\$132,792.63
Warrants redeemed since April 1, 1902	\$ 35,153 04
Total warrants outstanding October 1, 1902	\$ 97,639 59
INTEREST STATEMENT.	
Interest outstanding April 1, 1902	\$ 16,407 91
Interest accrued on (\$10,024.41) warrants outstanding since April 1, 1902	3,229 76
Interest accrued on warrants protested since April 1, 1902	307 17
Total	\$ 20,035 84
Interest outstanding April 1, 1902	6,530 42
Total interest outstanding October 1, 1902	\$ 13,505 42
RECAPITULATION.	
Total warrants outstanding October 1, 1902	\$ 97,639 59
Total interest outstanding October 1, 1902	13,505 42
Total principal and interest October 1, 1902	\$111,145 01
NO MONEY.	
Total principal and interest outstanding October 1, 1902	\$111,145 01
Funds in hands of county treasurer applicable to redemption of county warrants	9,459 28
Total outstanding debt October 1, 1902	\$101,692 76



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An alarm clock and a man's conscience soon cease to trouble him.  
Many a man's reputation for wit is due to having been interviewed by a bright reporter.  
Now that oil has been discovered at Pike's Peak a good many people are likely to bust there.  
It has been found that whiskey will not check smallpox. The disease is spreading in Kentucky.  
England shows her scorn for superstitious by having thirteen battleships under construction now.  
When a hen takes it into her head to be stubborn she doesn't care a cent for the law of supply and demand.  
One of the curious freaks of nature is found in the fact that seventeen-year locust matures in about thirty minutes.  
The fact that France is shipping "beef" to England is "a horse on" the latter country, and decidedly tough, too.  
When a doctor runs a dentist the long-suffering public, though it came not by its own, can afford to chuckle in its sleeve.  
Pamphlets concerning the housefly are now being distributed by the Department of Agriculture, probably because the housefly constitutes one of the country's principal products.  
Modern Italians seem to be fully awake to the significance of the example set them by Columbus, their fellow countryman. More than a quarter of a million of them came to America last year.  
**Notice.**  
All parties who are indebted to me for bookkeeping will please call and settle, as I have leased my shop to W. M. Mitchell and will have no share in the business.  
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