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HEARST'S candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president is announced. William Randolph would better stick to yellow Journalism after Roosevelt gets through.

THE train robbing industry, after having been very dull for some time, appears to be reviving. Several very satisfactory hauls (to the robbers) have been made of late.

THANKSGIVING DAY has been aptly described as the day when "most Americans gorge themselves on turkey and 'rich,' and howl themselves hoarse over a football game."

HERR KRUPP, the great German gun maker, is dead. Krupp guns have probably had as much to do with keeping the peace of the world as any other agency, by making the game too dangerous a pastime to be lightly indulged in.

A CHICAGO professor, who certainly never tried it, says that an American laborer can support a family and lay up money on \$300 a year. It would be an interesting sight to witness the learned gentleman demonstrating practically the truth of his theory.

AN EASTERN prima donna lost her watch and imagined it had been stolen. A few days afterward she was taken suddenly ill and went into convulsions on account of pains in her stomach, and an X-ray examination revealed the watch as the cause of the disturbance. The habit actresses have of being robbed of their diamonds is well known.



AS SOOTHING AS A MOTHER'S TOUCH

Is the effect of our cough syrup upon the tired lungs, the aching breast, it stops the tickling in the throat, the throat, the cough that racks the chest, brings grateful sleep, aids appetite, renews health and vigor. What a benefit for so small a price—25c. Used once, it will always be in the house.

STRANG'S DRUG STORE,

but this is a new one, and the enterprising press agent may be expected to take full advantage of it.

THE Deschutes Echo, started at Bend for the timber land business, is to be tried at The Dalles to establish the fact whether it is a real newspaper with circulation or not. As the last number contains the notices of 268 persons, for which it will receive \$2,680 for ten weeks' service, the question is a very serious one with the publisher of the paper. A number of Albany people have been requested to state whether they are real subscribers or not.

THE Czar's children are all girls, and Grand Duke Michael, the heir apparent to the throne, is old and ill, under which circumstances, and if no boy should come to relieve the situation, it would seem to be the sensible thing for the Czar to abrogate the Salic law of that country, so that his eldest daughter would be in the line of succession. The British empire was long ruled by Queens, and no male monarch could have made a better record than Victoria did, and Elizabeth, with all her faults, was a very able sovereign. Russia herself was long ruled by a woman, whose cruelty and vice would not be imitated in this century by a woman ruler.

YESTERDAY was celebrated as a day of Thanksgiving throughout the length and breadth of the United States, with as much or more reasons for thankfulness, as at any time since the custom was established. Never before in the history of the country has there been such abounding prosperity and a feeling of such general security as that which exists today. The country is progressing by leaps and bounds, and there is nothing to be seen in the immediate future to suggest that that will be in any way checked for long years to come, indeed, indications are that it will be increased rather than retarded. So the average American citizen sat down yesterday to his turkey and cranberry sauce with a feeling of thankfulness that he had been permitted to live part of his allotted span in the grandest century since the world began, a citizen of the greatest country on earth and protected by the most beautiful and glorious flag that floats beneath the heavens. Many were the trials and tribulations of our forefathers out of which grew this mighty nation, which from being a colony of Great Britain 126 years ago, now outstrips the "mother country" in the race of progress and can say with England that the sun never sets on our territory. Little did the Pilgrim Fathers dream that that small, weak settlement at Plymouth should grow into a mighty nation, stretching from ocean to ocean, whose starry flag

waves in every clime and carries with it the message of liberty and equality to all men. Let us then not confine our day of thanksgiving to one time in a year, but rather extend it over the whole time, for every day a patriotic citizen of these United States may find something for which he can be truly thankful.

A Big Mining Deal.

One of the largest mining deals which has occurred in Southern Oregon for many years was closed in this city last Saturday, whereby a corporation of California and Eastern capitalists, among them being F. T. Griffiths and I. B. Hamilton, of Los Angeles, has acquired title to the famous Bowden mine and the Braden mill and water right in the Blackwell mining district, near Gold Hill.

S. W. McClendon, J. J. Houck and L. F. Jordan, of Gold Hill, were the promoters of the sale, and the original owners of the mine were George C. McDonough and J. F. Davis.

New and elaborate machinery for working the mine has been ordered, and the new owners propose to demonstrate the feasibility of deep mining in Southern Oregon. The Yellow Jacket mine, owned by S. W. McClendon and which adjoins the mine sold, will be worked in connection.

The parties interested in the transaction have been very reticent concerning the consideration given, and the purchase price is variously stated, running from \$20,000 to \$150,000, and is very likely somewhere between those figures.

It has always been our opinion that valuable quartz mines would be found in Southern Oregon, whenever the capital necessary to sink to the required depth should become interested. Compared with mines in other countries, those of Southern Oregon are mere "surface diggings" and the presence or absence of gold at greater depths has never been demonstrated here. Therefore, we hope that the company which has hold of the Bowden property now will be successful in their undertaking, and near the place where the fabulously rich Gold Hill pocket was taken out, the first quartz mining ever done in Jackson County will open a new era in mining in this section and demonstrate the fact that the gold is in the mountains of Southern Oregon, if you but go deep enough to find it.

Oregon's Prune Crop.

The prune crop of Oregon for the year 1902, according to men whose business requires them to know the size of the crop, will be in the neighborhood of 13,000,000 pounds. It is estimated that the entire crop sold for an average of 34 per cents per pound, to the grower, or a total of \$4,420,000. In addition to this sum paid the growers, about 7,000,000 pounds of the prunes were packed in boxes, by which means the price was advanced 1/2 cent per pound, this process bringing to the laborers in packing-houses some \$25,000 more, making total proceeds of the prune crop about \$4,445,000.

For Sale.

Choice 20-acre Orchard, 15 years old now in full bearing of winter apples, pears, apricots, prunes and peaches; all the varieties. Good location. I must sell on account of poor health. MRS. G. KAREWSKI, Jacksonville, Oregon.

AFTER TIMBER GRABBERS

The recently discovered timber frauds in Oregon are rather widely exploited in the annual report of Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, and held up as a forcible argument for the immediate revision of the timber laws. Although the Secretary cites facts and figures heretofore published, he is gracious enough to omit from his official report the name of the state in which these frauds were discovered. His comments, nevertheless, are so pointed and so explicit that they cannot be mistaken. After showing the phenomenal increase in entries in Oregon, under the Timber and Stone act, in the last quarter, over those of the preceding three months, the Secretary says:

"Should this rate of entry continue during the entire year in that state, it would mean the acquisition in round numbers of 600,000 acres of timber lands under the Timber and Stone act, and if the same activity in that class of entries were extended to the other public land states, then before the expiration of two years practically every acre of unappropriated public timbered lands would have been absorbed, and the successful operation of the Reclamation act of June 17 last rendered doubtful, if its failure be not absolutely assured, for the reservation of public timbered lands that must of necessity be made to assist in conserving the waters to be impounded by the irrigation systems to be established under that act will be defeated or made so expensive by the purchase of said lands from private owners as to greatly delay the completion of the irrigation systems contemplated by that act.

"The reports of the special agents of this department in the field show that, at some of the local land offices, carloads of entrymen arrive, at a time, every one of whom makes entry under the Timber and Stone act. The cost of 160 acres of land under that act, and the accompanying commissions, is \$415. As many as five members of a family who, it can be readily shown, never had \$2075 in their lives, walk up cheerfully and pay the price of the land and the commissions. Under such circumstances there is only one conclusion to be drawn, and that is that where a whole carload of people make entry under that act, the unanimity of sentiment and the cash to exploit it must have originated in some other source than themselves.

Origin of Forest Fires.

The special forestry agent sent out by the Interior Department to investigate the causes of the fires, which destroyed \$3,910,000 worth of timber in Oregon and \$8,857,000 in Washington, has this to say concerning the origin of the fires:

"The most direct cause was carelessness. This is shown distinctly by the fact that practically no damage was done in the Cascade Forest Reserve, which is patrolled by forest rangers. In many instances the fires smoldered for considerable periods without attracting attention, and this in the face of the fact that the past season has been one particularly favorable to forest fires. Many blazes started from the unextinguished camp fires of berry-pickers or hunters; others resulted from careless burning of slashings; one was known to have originated from locomotive sparks. With the exception of this case, reasonable precaution on the part of individuals would have prevented the loss of millions of dollars. It is the opinion of Mr. Cox, after tracing many of the fires to the origin, that most of them could have been extinguished before they became serious. The lesson taught is that had there been an efficient system of forest patrol in these localities, it is doubtful if any very serious fires would have occurred."

Second Program, Monday.

The program given about two weeks ago by Evangelists Holmes and Webb was a splendid success in spite of the unfavorable weather. The pictures were of the finest order. Several remarked at the time that it was worth double the price, and many have requested a repetition, so much so that a second program will be given on Monday evening next, which will be much improved by the addition of local talent. A complete series of slides will be shown on "Ten Nights in a Barroom," "The Bestitudes" and others, besides a variety of illustrated songs. It is the intention to make this program a distinct improvement on the last. Admission 10 and 20 cents, if tickets are purchased before Saturday night, otherwise 15 and 25 cents. Reserved seat tickets will be placed on sale at Miller's hardware store at 10 cents additional. A limited number only will be offered.

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A Morphine Accident.

J. E. McGarrey, of the firm of Beach & McGarrey, publishers of the Lakeview Examiner, died Tuesday night of last week from the effects of poison administered by Fred Magilton.

Magilton gave the Examiner editor a hypodermic injection of morphine to cause sleep, without murderous intent. Mr. McGarrey was an able writer, well known in Southern Oregon. He is the third editor to die from morphine poisoning within the past couple of weeks in northern California and Southern Oregon.

Fred Magilton, who caused McGarrey's death, is a morphine fiend, aged twenty-six years.

Robbed a Hotel.

Two boys, Byron and Norman Daniels, aged seventeen and fifteen years, were arrested at Ashland last week, on telegraphic instructions from Cottage Grove, charged with having stolen \$7.10 and a Winchester rifle from the Imperial hotel at that place. The boys confessed their guilt, but had spent all the money and thrown the rifle away. They were taken back to Cottage Grove for trial.

Fruit Trees for Sale.

We have a splendid stock of fruit trees for sale at our nursery, one-half mile west from Talent. The apple varieties are Newtown Pippins, Spitzenburgs and Jonathans—these for commercial orchards. We have other varieties for family orchards. We also have a variety of pear trees.

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Settle up Notice.

All persons owing the undersigned are requested to call at the store of Brown & Owen, and settle same at once. All accounts must be settled without delay.

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Suicide in Josephine.

Mrs. Eveline Triplott, a widow with five children, living at Hugo, Josephine County, committed suicide last week by drowning herself in a shallow pool of water near her home. Mrs. Triplott's husband was drowned in Rogue river some seventeen years ago. It is supposed the unfortunate woman was temporarily insane at the time she committed the act, as one of her daughters had been recently sent to the insane asylum, and she had worried over the matter considerably.

Taken Up Notice.

There came into my enclosure in Medford, Oregon, about November 11, 1902, one light sorrel horse; weight about 1000 pounds; about nine years old; white spot in forehead.

W. P. DODGE.

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