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ONE thing must be very gratifying to President Roosevelt in relation to his message to congress, and that is the universal approval it receives from the Republican press and the equally universal disapproval of the Democratic papers. Whatever doesn't suit one's opponents is usually a good thing for one's self.

THOMAS NAST, the famous cartoonist, died at Guayaquil, Ecuador, on December 7th, after an illness of three days from yellow fever. At the time of his death Mr. Nast was U. S. consul-general at that point. Mr. Nast commenced drawing for newspapers when he was fourteen years old, and in 1862 commenced work for Harper's Weekly, on which journal he gained his greatest fame, and was recognized as the greatest cartoonist in the country, until in the Blaine campaign of 1884, when the course the paper took in the campaign caused both it and the artist to lose much of their former popularity, and a few years afterward Nast retired.

JOHN BARRETT is to receive the appointment as Minister to Japan, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Minister Buck. For some time the president has had Barrett's name under consideration in connection with the diplomatic service of the Orient, although Barrett has aspired to the Chinese mission and had filed many indentments for



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that place. The president is familiar with Barrett's record as Minister to Siam and appreciates his familiarity with Oriental countries and conditions, and for this reason more than anything else has chosen him for the important Japanese post. The salary of this office is \$12,000 a year, which is the same as the Minister to China receives.

WITH the death of Thomas Brackett Reed, another is added to the long list of our honored dead. The history of his long public career stands high in the annals of American statesmanship and is distinguished for its rugged honesty of purpose and hatred of humbug and pretense. Neither as speaker of the house—when he revolutionized the rules, which raised a commotion at the time and gained for him the sobriquet of "Czar Reed," but his common sense rules for the government of that body are regarded as practical now and will endure for all time—nor as a private citizen would he indorse any proposition in which he did not believe, and this characteristic and his habit of expressing his opinion freely and fully about doubtful propositions, was one factor which kept him from the goal of his ambition and placed him in the same class with Clay, Webster and Blaine—admittedly among the greatest of Americans, but who missed the presidency because they were too great to be adroit politicians. Mr. Reed was born in Portland, Me., on October 18, 1839, and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1860; in 1863 he came to California, but returned to Maine the following year. From April 1864 to August 1865 he served in the navy, and after his discharge entered into the practice of law in his native city. In 1876 he was elected to Congress and was re-elected ten times, the last time in 1896. In 1889 he was elected speaker of the house and again in 1895 and 1897, and could have been still there but for his voluntary retirement in 1899.

## Bond Case on Trial.

The Neilon bond case brought from Lake County on change of venue is on trial in the circuit court at Jacksonville this week. The case is Lake County vs. A. J. Neilon and his bondsmen for the recovery of \$8000, which Neilon was alleged to be short in his accounts to a sheriff of that county. Neilon was convicted of embezzlement before Judge Benson at Lakeview last spring, but the bondsmen have been fighting the case of the county against them to recover the amount of the defalcation, and have been successful in securing a change of venue to Judge Hanna's court. Sheriff Dunlap and quite a number of Lakeview people are in Jacksonville as witnesses in the case.

—Murray & Mack, Pickings from Puck, Dec. 12.

—For work or goods in human hair go to Mrs. L. L. Reame, Medford, Ore.

## "The Medford" Opening.

The first business place to open its doors to the public in the new Palm-Bodge block was "The Medford," Young & Hall proprietors. This saloon is undoubtedly one of the finest fitted up of any business place of the kind in the state south of Portland, and there are few in that city which excel it. The bar is of solid mahogany, eighteen feet long, and the back bar contains three large plate glass mirrors, the center one being 8x5 feet and the two end ones 3x4 feet in size. The partition between the barroom and the cardroom in the rear is also of mahogany and strictly up-to-date in style and finish. The walls are papered with heavy paper of artistic design and color, and several handsome pictures help out the general effect. The rooms are lighted with electricity throughout. In the center back bar is a handsome chandelier and a corresponding one in the center of the room. At each end of the back bar are frosted globes, giving a soft, mellow light, and other lights placed at convenient intervals. The windows are screened with heavy portieres of a rich style. The floor of the barroom is of tile, inlaid in a handsome pattern, while the cardroom floor is covered with linoleum.

On Saturday the house was thrown open for business, and, during the day and night, an appetizing luncheon was served the many patrons who came in to assist Young & Hall in their housewarming.

Young & Hall have been at great expense to fit up this place to make it second to none between Portland and San Francisco, and to give Medford a first-class saloon in every sense of the word.

They will handle nothing but staple goods and have taken great pains in selecting, so as to have nothing but the very best to serve their patrons. Their

stock of glassware is the handsomest and most up-to-date selection in Southern Oregon, and all the latest devices for serving liquors are at hand. Their beer is kept in a cellar built especially for that purpose, and the newest things in drawing and keeping it are employed.

The attendants will be in keeping with the place, none but the very best men in the business will be employed. B. I. Stoner will officiate as chief day mixologist, and J. Court Hall will attend to the night shift. Mr. Hall will look after the Medford business, while his partner takes care of the Gold Hill end of the line.

## Death of Mrs. A. K. Boyd.

No pen or human tongue can do justice to the virtues of a good mother, nor can words express the sorrow of her children when such a mother passes away. Still the grief of the moment is tempered with the thought that one who has made life's pilgrimage, tasting all of joy and of sorrow—that it may entail weary of the long journey and content in the knowledge that her sojourn here on earth has not been in vain, has entered into that undiscovered country and upon the new life which we all trust is waiting for us beyond that mystic curtain which no man may pass, until the spirit which makes us reasoning beings leaves this frail tenement of clay and returns to the hand omnipotent which gave it. Such a death was that of Mrs. Margaret Boyd, who passed away at the residence of A. S. Bliton on Wednesday morning, December 10, 1902.

Mrs. Boyd had come from her North Dakota home about two months ago to spend the winter in Medford, and had enjoyed as good health as usual during her stay here. On Tuesday evening she was in apparently perfect health, cheerful and bright. About one o'clock her daughter, Mrs. York, who, with her husband, is occupying the Bliton residence during Mrs. Bliton's absence in San Diego, heard her cough and at once went to her room and administered the medicines which usually gave relief when these sick spells came on, as they had done upon former occasions, but no relief was noticeable at this time and a physician was summoned, but when he arrived life was nearly extinct and he could do nothing to restore vitality and in less than hour from the time of the first attack she was no more on earth.

The cause of death was a complication of heart trouble and acute gastritis.

Mrs. Boyd was born at Paris, Ontario, and was sixty-five years old at the time of her death. She moved with her husband, A. K. Boyd, to North Dakota in 1879, where the latter died, after a lingering illness, in 1887. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom are now living, namely: Mrs. W. T. York and Mrs. A. S. Bliton, of this city; Mrs. John Hay, Absaraka, N. D.; Mrs. F. W. Fowlson, America, N. D.; Hon. Robt. B. Boyd, Wheatland, N. D.; John Boyd, Loomis, Wash.; Mrs. Alex. Campbell, Los Angeles, Calif.; H. E. Boyd, San Jose, Calif.

Mrs. Boyd was a Christian woman from girlhood, a member of the Episcopal Church in Ontario and afterward of the Presbyterian Church in North Dakota, and in thought, word and deed throughout her whole life, was a perfect example of God's crowning creation—a pure and noble woman.

Short prayer service was conducted at the residence Thursday afternoon by Rev. Idleman, after which the remains were taken to the depot and sent on the evening train to Wheatland, North Dakota, where funeral services will be conducted and interment made beside the remains of her husband.

—Wanted—Second girl in private family. Inquire at Mrs. E. J. DeHart's residence, Oakdale avenue.

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H. G. Nicholson

—Milton Maule, an old and respected resident of this city, died at home in Southeast Medford on Sunday, December 7, 1902, aged fifty years, ten months and twenty-four days. The funeral services were held at the late residence on Monday, December 8th, Rev. W. B. Moore officiating, and the interment was made in Odd Fellows' cemetery. Mr. Maule was a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and came to Medford in 1883, and went into business as a painter and paper-hanger, which occupation he has followed successfully ever since, and leaves his family well equipped in this world's goods. On October 25th, 1885, he was married to Miss Ella Murray, and the result of the union was five children—three boys and two girls—all of whom survive him.

—Murray & Mack, Pickings from Puck, Dec. 12.

—Henry Jones, who was formerly a resident of Jackson county, has concluded that there is no place in California in which his family can enjoy as good health as they always had in Rogue river valley and as a consequence has purchased the Thomas Taylor place on Evans creek for \$2000 and will make that his future home. It is a pleasure to have this family with us again and it is to be hoped Mrs. Jones will rapidly regain her health, which has not been the best during their residence in California.

—I want to buy turkeys and chickens. Highest market price. Cash. M. B. Clark. 50-21

—There were some changes in the livery business in Medford this week. Fox & Goode have transferred the Union livery stables and the lease of the Nash brick barn to Chas. E. Tull, acting for D. T. Cox, and the latter has sold his interest in the C street stables to James Scott. It is the understanding that Mr. Scott will lease the brick barn on D street and will continue the business of the C street stables at that point, while Mr. Cox will hold forth at the Union stables.

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—Representative John D. Olwell is taking considerable interest in the fishery question as it relates to Rogue river and is trying to get an expression from the people regarding their wishes in the matter. He has been approached by several who have interests at stake but has reached no definite conclusion regarding the method of securing the best results for those most vitally interested.

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—Thaddeus Hillman of Medford has been granted a pension of \$8 per month dating from September 15th, 1800. Several times the old soldier was on the point of giving up his efforts to secure some recognition of his services but for the past twelve years his friends have advised him to persist. The foregoing result is the consequence.

—John Anderson and Alex. Anderson indulged in liquid refreshments Saturday night to an extent that placed them without the pale of orderly citizens and as a result both contributed \$7 cash to

the treasury of the city and promised not to imbibe red liquor again.

J. H. Wetherell, late superintendent of the Maybelle mine in the Blackwell district, came down from Portland Wednesday and proceeded to Jacksonville on business connected with the property now under attachment. He looks for an early settlement of the financial difficulties involving the property, which he believes will result in the mine being operated by the first of the year.

Walter De Varilla, wife and child, of Grants Pass, went to Jacksonville Wednesday. Mr. De Varilla had just returned from Portland, and reports the Willamette thoroughly soaked by the recent rains.

—T. D. Conklin, of Oakland, Cal., who purchased sixteen acres of land in East Medford from Mr. Richardson is anxious to sell the same to some one who wants a good home.

—Bert Miller has taken a position as salesman in D. B. Russell's confectionery store. Lewis Waidenhammer, who formerly held the position, expects to leave soon for other parts.

## Circuit Court Proceedings.

Geo W Canning vs Cordella Canning, divorce; order of default; C W Calkins appointed referee to take testimony in said case.

Wm B Hamilton et al vs John W Chambers et al; demurrer overruled; defendant given ten days in which to file answer.

J R Felton and R P Nell vs H C and B Meesonger; order confirming sheriff's sale on foreclosure.

Olara M Kesterson vs S P Conger; suit dismissed.

Wm Woodham et al vs Ben A Lowell and C H Cannon; dismissed.

State of Oregon vs Ed Booth; assault; dismissed.

State of Oregon vs Jack Martin; larceny; guilty.

Jackson County Bank vs Frank H Mee; dismissed.

Robt A Ferguson vs Chas Ray; taken under advisement.

T J Kenney vs C W Turpin; plaintiff awarded judgment in the sum of \$90 with interest, also costs and disbursements and attorney's fees amounting to \$27.

J H Huffer, Sr, vs John W Opp; action to recover money; suit dismissed and attached property released.

J W Merritt vs M M Obenchain; dismissed.

Ashland Mercantile Co vs John Hunter et al; demurrer sustained; defendants entitled to \$16 costs.

Chas R Ray vs S P Conger; confirmation.

## School Report.

Medford school report for the month ending Dec. 5, 1902: Days taught, 19; holidays, 1; total enrollment, 452; daily attendance, 390; cases corporal punishment, 0; visitors, 40; teachers' meetings, 2.

N. L. NARRAGAN,

Principal.

## Seed Grain.

Good seed wheat, oats and barley, also Willamette valley cheat seed, for sale at J. A. Perry's warehouse, Medford, Ore.