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

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IT SEEMS almost incredible when we read that \$79,486,815 in coin was put out by the United States mints last year that so much of it got by us.

IT LOOKS like an awful waste of "gray matter" when the publisher of a paper figuratively flays his opponent alive in the columns of his sheet and then realizes that his circulation is principally "sample copies"—and not many of them.

ONE of the prominent figures about the state house at Salem last week was F. X. Matthieu, the only surviving pioneer of 1842 and one of the few participants in the convention which established a provisional government in Oregon who are yet alive. Mr. Matthieu was born in Canada in 1818 and settled on French Prairie, near Gervais, nearly sixty-one years ago, and he still resides on the old homestead.

THERE has been entirely too much fuss about this Venezuelan matter. If the allies are acting within their rights, the United States has no cause to interfere; but if, as it appears, they are bulldozing Venezuela, just because they are big enough to do it, it is time for the United States to notify them to take their hands off and enforce the command if necessary. There has been more printer's ink wasted and blank cartridges fired already than the whole thing amounts to.

YOUR UNCLE SAM continues to prosper. During January he paid off \$3,222,116 of his indebtedness. He now owes, less cash in his pocket to meet possible demands for money, \$943,943,933. Of this total he pays interest on \$914,541,330. The old gentleman has given his notes of hand, payable on demand, without interest, to the amount of \$395,166,186. As no one appears to want either the principal or interest on these notes, Uncle Sam does not walk the floor. Neither do the people he owes. They know he can pay at any time.

RUSSIA and Austria are pressing the Sultan of Turkey for the inauguration of administrative reforms in Macedonia, and the descendant of Mahomet has ordered the immediate mobilization of 240,000 troops. Whatever may be the faults of the "unspeakable Turk"—and he has many—he is, without a first rate fighting man, and his troops are the equal, individually, of any in Europe. With its whole fighting force in the field, the Ottoman empire would prove no mean antagonist. Turkey is a pretty tough old bird, and it would be well for the bear to sharpen his claws and the black eagle to see that his talons are in good working order before they commence the banquet.

It looks to a "man up a tree" as if those German sailors down in



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STRANG'S DRUG STORE,

Venezuela would rather have a scrap than really collect the money they are ostensibly there to get. Your Uncle Samuel is not wearing chips on his shoulder, but there is a man named Dewey down in that section of the country, with whom some of the German navy officers are slightly acquainted, and who is noted for the forceful and complete manner that he goes at any little job he may have on hand. Germany may be only indulging in a little common practice in South American waters, but some of these fine mornings she might land a shell in Uncle Sam's back yard, which would be bad for Wilhelm.

Now William Jennings Bryan has refused to attend a banquet to which Grover Cleveland was also invited. It is not supposable that William's snub will disturb either Grover's serenity or his appetite, any more than the weight of the fly in the omelette did the ox, on whose horn it had alighted—and Cleveland is as much bigger in every way than Bryan as was the ox bigger than the fly.

CAPTAIN RICHMOND P. HOBSON, the hero of the Merrimac incident at Santiago and also the hero of osculatory encounters without number after his return to the United States, has resigned from the navy on account of weak eyes brought on by construction work in the tropics. At the time of his exploit at Santiago Hobson had a brilliant career before him, but the extravagant adulation he was made a subject of on his return from the war seems to have given him such an acute attack of enlarged oranium that he doesn't feel like working any more. Captain Hobson's eyes may be afflicted; but if his bread and butter depended upon his holding down his job in the navy, chances are we wouldn't hear so much about it.

COLE YOUNGER, the last of the three desperate brothers of that name, has been granted a full pardon in Minnesota, on condition that he leave the state. The two older brothers, Jim and Bob, are dead—due to consumption in the penitentiary and the other by suicide a few months ago. Cole Younger is the last of the famous James brothers gang of bandits, which terrorized the northwest country thirty years ago, and after having spent over half his life in prison, is again restored to citizenship, but barred from the soil of Minnesota. It seems a useless precaution on the part of the authorities of that state to exile this man. Old, broken down by long confinement, the friends and companions of his lawless youth dead by the hands of the officers of the law or by each other, it looks as if there would be little danger to the peace of any community to allow Cole Younger to pass his few remaining days where ever it pleased him. But why, if he is too vicious a man for their own state, turn him loose upon the soil of other states?

That Valentine Social.

The opening program for the "Cobweb Valentine" social to be given Friday night by the Endeavorers at the Christian Church is given below. It is made brief to give time for the "cobweb" feature and other plans for the evening:

Opening song..... Miss Mabel Jones Solo
Reading (selected)..... Fred Day Trio, "Sweet Distant Chimes"
Reading (selected)..... By nine young ladies Solo, "Let Me Dream Again"
Reading (selected)..... Mrs. E. M. Patterson Trio, "Three Maids of Lee"
Reading (selected)..... Miss Kate Angie Trio, "Three Maids of Lee"
Solo..... Mabel Jones, Mrs. Patterson, Lottie Wiley

The Endeavorers are encouraged at the evident sign of interest manifested in the numerous inquiries that come in. They assure us that none need go away without an additional "heart" of his own. Don't fail to come—takes but a dime.

Wanted—

Sixty head of shoats that will weigh from 50 to 100 lbs. See M. Bellinger.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for at the Medford postoffice on Feb. 11, 1903.
Anderson, Earnest
Curtis, W. H.
Dixie, H. E.
Kills, Geo. W.
Lawson, Thomas
Noah, Mrs. M.
Robison, Frank
Weights, Mr.
A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters.
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised."
G. F. MERRIMAN, Postmaster

ADVICE TO ORCHARDISTS

A Timely Letter of Advice to Orchardmen, by Hon. A. H. Carson, Horticultural Commissioner for the Third District

GRANTS PASS, Oregon, Feb. 9, 1903. Editor MAIL:—As your paper is situated in the center of the apple industry of Southern Oregon I feel I would be neglecting a duty to the apple growers as well as all other fruit growers, of the third district if I did not at this time warn them of a great loss if they neglect to spray for the scale this spring. Thus far this winter the season has been very unfavorable for orchard work such as pruning, spraying, etc., as well as for the agriculturist who combines horticulture with his other pursuits.

With the rush of work that will follow good weather I fear many orchard men will work hard to plant, and seed their farms to the neglect of their orchards, thinking possibly the scale in their orchard is so small that they will neglect to spray for it and thereby entail a loss to themselves which they will regret next fall at apple gathering.

The San Jose scale is well established through all of this district, and the only possible way the fruit grower can protect himself from loss through this pest is to spray annually with salt, sulphur and lime compound.

Commercial apple men know this to be a fact and there is no trouble but that they will protect themselves by careful spraying. It is the small growers who are liable to neglect their interests and suffer for it. From a business standpoint—dollars and cents—if you please, every apple grower with five acres in apples can make it pay to use a modern spraying outfit such as is used by Olwell Bros. of Central Point to control the scale and apple worm in his orchard, providing the orchard is bearing.

That the neglect to spray for scale is a serious loss to growers is not to be questioned.

One case I have in mind occurred last fall where a grower with an orchard of sixteen acres lost half of his crop. When the purchaser came to pack his crop he found about half of the apples infested with scale which were thrown among the culls. Had not these apples been infested with scale they would all have gone into the pack as they were four tier and very free from the worm as the grower had carefully sprayed for the worm, but neglected to spray the winter before for the scale. This grower's loss alone approximated \$1500, as he had sold his crop to the packers for \$1.10 per box.

There is every reason at this date to predict a rousing crop of apples for Southern Oregon this year. For the past two years Southern Oregon only produced 65 per cent of a crop. The trees at this date show a profusion of fruit buds. The trees have wintered well. Their vitality has not been weakened the past two years by over bearing. Unless late spring frosts thin the fruit we are liable to incur a loss from over bearing, unless we hand thin them, which should be done, as it pays to grow the best. There is always a demand for the best in all markets. They are never an over production of the best apples, or any other commodity in any of the markets of the world.

That the apple growers of Southern Oregon will have a strong demand for their apples, it matters not how large their crops may be, I am safe in predicting.

During the year 1902, every apple growing section in the United States, except the Pacific Coast, had a record breaking crop.

The crop was so large in the apple States east of the Rockies that thousands of barrels were allowed to decay for want of barrels to ship and export them. However, with this record breaking crop in the east many fancy four tier apples from the Rogue River Valley sold to New York buyers for the fancy trade at \$1.50 per box, car lot, f. o. b.

It has been observed, and carefully noted that a record breaking crop of apples only occurs once in ten years east of the Rockies, and invariably when it does occur a short crop—not enough for local demand—always follows. If this is true, which statistics will verify, where is the eastern demand for choice apples to come from? I say the Pacific Coast, as it is the only apple producing district in the United States the past year that the vitality of the trees has not been weakened by over production, and consequently we should have an enormous crop this year.

It is a well known fact, and has been noted by all fruit growers, that if during any year a fruit tree over bears, the burden taxes its vitality that the year following it is a shy bearer. It takes a rest to recruit and supply its strength and vitality.

The success of our fruit men this year is to a great extent in their hands.

If they spray carefully and intelligently, for the scale and apple worm, cultivate well, and thin their over burdened trees to the amount of fruit the tree can mature perfectly, they need not fear but that the products of their orchards will command good prices.

A. H. CARSON,
Commissioner, Third District.
Ed. Lyons Captured.

Ed. Lyons, the horse thief, who escaped from Constable Cronmiller between Central Point and Jacksonville last December and on Thursday night a week ago shot and killed Sheriff Withers, of Lane County, was captured Monday morning near Creswell, Lane County, by Deputy Sheriff J. E. Noland and "Butch" Miller. Lyons came to Sherman Mars' house and asked for breakfast, which was served him. While he was finishing his meal, the officers came to Mars' house and thus accidentally stumbled upon their prisoner. Lyons made no resistance. There was great excitement at Eugene when the prisoner arrived, and for a time summary vengeance was threatened; but finally the crowd subsided, and the law will take its course. The cold blooded murder of Sheriff Withers by Lyons puts the finishing touch on his long career of crime. Lyons had served one term in the penitentiary for embezzlement of public funds while acting as deputy for Sheriff Johnson, of Lane County, in 1895, but was pardoned before his term expired. He then came to Jacksonville and was soon mixed up in some shady transactions, and only got out of it by considerable hard swearing. He soon after left the town, and nothing more was heard of him until he was arrested and made his escape from Constable Cronmiller.

According to Sheriff Withers' dying deposition, he had entered the house and placed Lyons under arrest. He then had hold of the prisoner and had all but completed arrangements to leave the house with his man when the three, wife, mother and father of the prisoner, of one accord, jumped forward and took hold of the sheriff. He kept hold of Lyons' coat and fought the four of them for a second. Then, seeing he could not get away by that means, Lyons shot him with a revolver, which he held at his side and pointed up toward Withers' head.

County Commissioners' Court.

The regular monthly term of commissioners' court convened Wednesday, February 4th, with Judge Prim and Commissioners Riley and Patterson present.

Journal for the month of January, 1903, read, compared, corrected and approved.

Reports of the various county officers approved.

Ordered that Charles Prim be allowed the sum of \$25 for stamps for use of county officers.

The treasury was drawn on for the sum of \$196 for the month of January in payment for ninety-six scalps of wild animals presented for state bounty warrants.

In the matter of rebate of taxes to Wealthy C. Evans; ordered that the county treasurer be ordered to refund \$1.27 to Wealthy C. Evans.

In the matter of state scalp bounty fund; whereas there is in the state scalp bounty fund the sum of \$1735.46, and under the existing laws scalp warrants are drawn upon the general county fund, it is ordered that the county treasurer be instructed to transfer said sum of \$1735.46 from the state scalp bounty fund into the general county fund.

Following are the expenses for the month of January:
County court and commissioners..... \$111.00
Circuit court for December and January..... 43.40
Justices' court..... 26.00
Sheriff..... 333.33
Clerk..... 250.00
Recorder..... 140.25
Treasurer..... 66.66
School superintendent..... 81.25
Stock inspector of six months..... 50.00
Assessors..... 128.33
Tax rebate..... 9.90
Current expenses..... 68.60
Court house..... 65.75
Jail..... 51.65
County poor..... 102.00
Towns..... 5.00
Bridges and roads..... 62.20
Scalp bounty..... 192.00
Ferry..... 15.00

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SENATORIAL VOTE.

There has been no change in the situation at Salem this week in the matter of the senatorial election, and it looks very much as if the contest would be prolonged to the end of the session.

Among the Churches.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Sunday, February 15th, Sexagesima—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome.

L. M. IDELEMAN,
Presbyter-in-charge.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.
There will be service in the Catholic Church at Medford Sunday, February 15th, at 10:30 a. m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
The special meetings at the M. E. Church will continue. The interest is very good, and no comment is necessary as to the efficient service of Rev. J. W. McDougall, who is assisting the pastor in the meetings. Contrary to expectation the people will go through the rain to hear the gospel and enjoy a good meeting. The second quarterly meeting of this charge will be held Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Rev. D. T. Summerville will be in attendance.

W. B. MOORE, Pa. tor.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
Rev. Geo. R. Varney, general missionary of the Oregon Baptist State Convention, will preach at the Baptist Church next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. He is one of our brightest young men and never fails to interest his audience.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Jesse M. Hunter, of Ashland, will conduct the services on Sunday, preaching at the regular time in place of the pastor, who will be in Ashland. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Miss Gertrude Johnston, leader. Subject "An evening with Home Missions." All are invited to hear Bro. Hunter.

E. M. PATTERSON,
Pastor.

Land for Sale.

Two tracts of land, 16 and 20 acres each, for sale at a bargain. Land is part of the Harvey ranch, near Talent.

H. D. FINCH, Talent.

—Look out for "The Toggery Man." He will be ready for business in a short time in the Palm-Bodge block with the finest line of everything in correct "logs" for gentlemen.

Homestead Filings Made.

The proprietor of THE MAIL has been appointed a United States Land Commissioner for Oregon. He is empowered by this appointment to prepare homestead and timber land filings, take testimony in homestead and timber land final proof cases, conduct contest cases, and in fact, to do all business for the land office which applies to government land. It is unnecessary for applicants for any land claim, for those having proofs to make to go to Roseburg to make such application or proofs. It can be done right here at home and at much less expense.

Any information relative to the land laws cheerfully given and without cost. If there is any point regarding the land laws which you do not understand clearly drop into the MAIL office when in Medford and we will look the matter up for you.

BOYD & CONKLIN,

Undertakers and Embalmers
Funeral Directors

Mrs. Conklin Assistant in Lady and Children Cases

Escaped Convict Kills Himself.

E. J. White, the convict who escaped from the state penitentiary some weeks ago, taking with him some of Supt. Lee's clothes, was captured near Eddyville, Lincoln county, last week; but not until he had been shot through the body by an officer and had finished the job by shooting himself through the head. White was a trusty in the state prison, and has been mentioned in connection with the Dilley-Cartish embryo at that institution.

Teachers' Examination.

Following are the applicants for state and county papers at the regular examination now being held by the county superintendent, at the court house in Jacksonville.

Applicants for State Papers:—Minnie Gowlan, G. R. Carlock, Mammie McWilliams, Hattie Gleason, Anna Bogue.

Applicants for County Papers:—Josephine Donegan, Ambrosine Murphy, Margaret Porter, Clara Richardson, Corta Masterson, M. Ella Dodge, Anna Beeson, Flossie Briscoe, Florence Reynolds, Martina Thiele, Sarah Holler, Mabel Bell, Lelah Stinson, Ethel Flory Inez Kitchen, Mrs. Lou Norris, Gertrude Richardson.

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.

H. E. HOWARD & Co.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of Oregon, for Jackson County.
L. F. Jordan, Plaintiff,
vs.
Elizabeth J. Jordan, Defendant

To Elizabeth J. Jordan, the above-named defendant: You are hereby required to appear in the above-entitled court and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, filed in said court against you in the above-entitled cause, on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, which time is six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication hereof, said first day of publication being February 15th, 1903, and the date of the last publication will be March 27th, 1903.

And you are notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, as hereby required, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, which is as follows: For a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in the Medford Mail, a newspaper published weekly, in Jackson County, Oregon, and of general circulation therein, by order of the Hon. H. K. Hanna, Judge of the above-entitled Court, made at Jacksonville, Oregon, February 11, 1903.

COLVIG & CANNON,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.