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MAN WAS BORN TO MUSTLE.
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In Italy a beggar has to have a license in order to ply his vocation legally. That might be a good law in this country and if strictly enforced at legislative sessions the license fees would come pretty near paying the salaries of the law makers.

An esteemed Democratic contemporary wants to know who stole the bill putting the state printer on a salary. Very likely it was the same fellow who swiped the "flat salary" plank from the Democratic platform. The latter article hasn't been heard of since Chamberlain's election.

By the action of the supreme court in denying a motion for rehearing in the case of the State vs. B. F. Durphy, charged with bigamy, the case is closed, and Durphy is freed from the charge. Durphy is well known in Southern Oregon, where he operated as a mining promoter several years ago.

There is a bill before the legislature of Virginia to make it a misdemeanor for a person willfully and knowingly to furnish false information to a newspaper. It ought to become a law. Then there ought to be a law suppressing a newspaper which willfully furnishes false information to its readers. The suppression of this class of papers would give us truthful fellows a much wider field.

Several distinguished gentlemen undertook to defeat certain legislation during the last hours of congress by talking against time, and the president retaliated by calling an extra session to convene immediately after the adjournment of the old body. Some of the garrulous old gentlemen who occupy seats in the U. S. senate chamber remind one very much of a lot of school boys—if they can't go swimming they won't play ball—but chances are they'll have to play ball before they get out of Washington this season.

New postmasters are to be appointed at Oregon City, Eugene and Ashland, and Senators Mitchell and Fulton have been in consultation lately over the recommendations they should make. There were no recommendations made by the late Congressman Tongue for persons to fill the vacancies. Postmaster Engle, of Ashland, has served a year over his term of four years and indications are that he will not be re-appointed. A numerously signed petition for the appointment of J. R. Casey has been on file for several months.

ALEXANDER McDOWELL, clerk of the House of Representatives, today made public an official compilation made by Tally Clerk Wakefield showing the work done by the House during the 57th congress. It shows that the longest day of the session lasted, with recesses, 144 hours, during which 80

rollcalls were taken. The number of bills and resolutions introduced in the House during the two sessions of the Congress was 18,420, and reports were made on 2810 bills and resolutions. The Senate sent to the House 1830 Senate bills and resolutions. The House disposed of 2412 of the measures originating with it and of 1012 of the Senate bills and resolutions, making a total of 3430 bills and resolutions acted on. Congress left on its calendars 405 House and 188 Senate bills and resolutions. Fifteen of the members of the House died during the Congress, seven resigned and Messrs. Rhea (Ky.) and Butler (Mo.) were unseated, the latter twice.

THE Marshfield Coast Mail below attacks an abuse which has been the cause of no little "black-sliding" from ways of grace, and more or less profanity among the graceless. It says: "Why doesn't some one start a match factory on Coos Bay, to make the common sulphur match of commerce? Here we are paying tribute to match-makers who are so infinitely small that they rob us even on the count, to say nothing of the goods. If there is a small sulphur match on the market in Marshfield which is of good quality and packed 1000 in a package, as it is supposed to be, then the Coast Mail man hasn't been able to find it. People don't mind being robbed on a large scale, but they do hate a sneak thief who puts eighty-one matches in a bunch, instead of 100, especially if they have to strike twenty-seven before they get a light. We are probably no worse off than people in other places; and the moral is that a match factory here that would make good, reliable matches and pack in full count packages could find a practically unlimited market for its product."

CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION JUNE 1

Governor Chamberlain has issued the following writ ordering a special election for the purpose of choosing a successor to the late Thos. H. Tongue: "Whereas, by the reason of the death of the Hon. Thomas H. Tongue, Representative in Congress of the United States, for the First Congressional District of the State of Oregon, a vacancy has occurred in the office of Representative in Congress for said District: "Now, therefore, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the State of Oregon, I do order that the date hereinafter named, a special election be held in the First Congressional District in the State of Oregon to fill said vacancy, and you, the said sheriffs of the counties composing the said district, and each of you, are hereby commanded to forthwith notify the several judges of election in each and all of the several election precincts in your respective counties to hold a special election in each of said counties and precincts on Monday, the first day of June, A. D. 1903, in manner and form as general elections are held, and pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, for the purpose of filling the vacancy aforesaid caused by the death of the Hon. Thos. H. Tongue, and for his unexpired term.

Dr. T. W. Harris, of Eugene, chairman of the Republican congressional committee for this district, has issued a call for the committee to meet in Portland, Thursday, March 12th, for arranging the time and place for holding the Republican congressional convention to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. T. H. Tongue, congressman from this district.

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STOCKMEN TO ORGANIZE.

Nearly one hundred of the prominent stockmen of Jackson county met at the city hall in Medford on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of taking preliminary steps for the organization of a stockmen's association. Temporary organization was effected by the election of Grant Rawlings, of Central Point, as chairman, and Fred Neil, of Ashland, as secretary.

Hon. Richard Scott, of Milwaukee, president of the State Stock Breeder's Association, was in attendance and being called upon outlined some of the benefits which have come to the fine stock breeders of Oregon through the efforts of the association, of which he is president. The organization has been one of the factors in securing a reduction of two-thirds in the rate for the transportation of pure bred stock, and has also been instrumental in raising the standard of breeding in the state, and also in securing better prices for stock belonging to members of the association. Mr. Scott recommended that this association be made broad enough in its scope to take in all classes of stockmen, and not attempt to confine it to cattlemen or horsemen alone, as there is a community of interests between all raisers of stock, which could be mutually advanced by an association taking them all in. One startling statement was made by Mr. Scott, and that was that there had been two carloads of dressed beef shipped into Portland from Kansas City within the past month, and that in the face of the fact that Oregon is a beef country. Mr. Scott declared that Oregon could raise better stock than could be grown in the eastern states, if the same care was taken in breeding, as we have here a greater variety of food and the animal can be kept growing all the time.

Dr. Withycombe, of the State Agricultural college, followed with a short address on the breeding of fine stock. "It costs no more to raise a pure blooded animal than it does to raise a scrub," he said. "You must feed the scrub as much as you do the pure blood, and the result, both in weight of the animal and the quality of the beef, is greatly in favor of the pure blooded animal."

G. W. Bailey, state food and dairy commissioner, followed, talking somewhat on the same lines, and giving some interesting data collected in his travels over the state.

H. E. Lounsbury, traveling freight agent of the Southern Pacific, gave a brief talk on rates on blooded cattle. When formerly an animal other than a calf—that is 500 pounds or over—was charged for at an estimated weight of 2000 pounds, now, an animal over 500 pounds is estimated at 1000; between 1000 and 1500, at 1500; and over 1500 to 2000, at 2000; over that at actual weight, making in this one instance a very material reduction.

The following committee was then elected to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the association: Geo. Owens, W. Beeson, D. H. Jackson, Grant Rawlings, Homer Barron. The committee will meet at Ashland on March 14th to draft the document, which will be presented to the association for approval on March 21st, at Medford.

A vote of thanks was tendered the speakers for their participation and assistance in the organization.

A motion for an adjournment was taken until March 21st, at 10 o'clock a. m.

It was evident from the large attendance and the deep interest manifested, that the stockmen are "in this thing to stay," and why should they not be interested? An association on the lines outlined by Mr. Scott will mean better stock, better beef, better prices, more beef to the given weight of the animal, and consequently more profit to the stockman. Why? First, because, as every American knows, "in union there is strength." A union of the stock interests of the county will enable the stock to be marketed in one lot, and at the time when the market is at the best; it will enable men who have only small bands to have the advantage of the experience and council of those who run larger herds, and find two or three or more members of the association whose herds would singly justify the importation of a thoroughbred sire, can club together and secure not only better rates from the transportation companies, but a lower purchase price on the animal, and at the same time improve the grade of their stock, where otherwise they would be unable to do so. The matter of the recovery of strayed stock belonging to members of the association, and the return of the same to their owners, is an important item in the good results to be realized, and, as shown by the reports of the old association, this feature was one of the main ones of that organization.

For Sale.
Some well-rooted, two-year-old Black Melvino grapes, at my vineyard on Jackson creek.
C. D. REED.

THE GOVERNOR'S LITTLE VETO.

Governor Chamberlain has been using the veto power pretty freely since the adjournment of the legislature. Among the bills vetoed was one of the general appropriation bills—House Bill 383—which carried among other things the appropriation of \$14,500 for the purpose of an executive mansion, claims aggregating \$1000 for services rendered in the pursuit of Tracy and Merrill, \$10,000 for the improvement of the state fair grounds, \$34,000 for claims under the scalp bounty act from various counties and sundry other claims, among the latter being the claim of ex-Sheriff Orme for \$112, and of H. G. McCarthy for \$80, for expenses incurred in pursuing fugitives from justice. The governor says in his veto message that many of the items in the bill are meritorious others are not, and in order to kill the preposterous measure he was compelled, under the constitution to veto the whole, basing his reasons thereon on the fact, that the bill includes more than one subject and the subjects are not clearly expressed in the title, both of which are contrary to the constitution. This action on the part of the Governor cuts \$63,000 from the total of appropriations. He also has vetoed the bill creating a bureau of mines, cutting another \$20,000 from the expenses of the state. By his veto of Senate Bill 204 he nipped in the bud a land-grafting scheme which might have meant a loss of \$500,000 to the state. The bill looked harmless enough on the face of it, but upon detail examination the wickedness of the measure is exposed. The purpose of the measure was to "set up" lieu lands that have fallen down by using forest reserve base for that purpose.

As had been many times experienced, the "base" hunters have used invalid base for the selections of lieu lands. They sell their information regarding the base at from 75 cents to \$1.50 per acre. If the base is finally disapproved, the title to the lieu land falls, and the man who paid good money to the base hunters is out. The purchasers of lieu land and the base hunters want the state to use good forest reserve base to set up the fallen lieu land selection. The state is under neither moral nor legal obligations to do this, but has done it to the loss of thousands of dollars to the school fund.

Representative Otwell amendment to the pure food law was also vetoed by the governor, for the reason that he thought the drastic provision of the measure would render it capable of being used to the detriment of the industries of the state in the hands of an unjust or arbitrary commissioner.

New salary scales in Coos and Josephine counties have become laws as follows:

Josephine County—Judge, \$900; Treasurer, \$600; Clerk, \$1700; Sheriff, \$2900; School Superintendent, \$600; Deputy Clerk, \$75 per month; Deputy Sheriff, \$65 per month.

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A Relic of the Civil War.
J. M. Weaver, of this city, has a copy of the "Daily Citizen," published at Vicksburg, Miss., and dated July 2, 1863. This was just the day before that city was captured by the Federal troops under Gen. Grant. Much has been said and written about this paper, which was a single sheet, printed on the blank side of a piece of wall paper, and many fac simile copies are scattered throughout the Union, but this particular copy is alleged to be one of the original papers. When the Union forces entered the city the paper was found all "made up" and ready to "go to press," one item in it speaking of Grant's avowed intention to eat his 4th of July dinner in Vicksburg, intimates that the receipt for cooking a rabbit, is "first catch the rabbit." Among the Union soldiers were plenty of hunters, and to this item they simply added the words, "Gen. Grant has caught the rabbit," and printed the edition. This time was the turning point of the war.

READ IT THROUGH.
"Wouldn't you spell this story to tell it in the headlines."
To use an eighteenth century phrase, this is an "or true tale." Having happened in a small Virginia town in the winter of 1902, it is a story very much of the present. Up to a short time ago Mrs. John E. Harmon, of Nelfa Station, Va., had no personal knowledge of the rare curative properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. "Last January," she says, "my baby took a dreadful cold and at one time I feared she would have pneumonia, but one of my neighbors told me how this remedy had cured her little boy and I began giving it to my baby at once and it soon cured her. I heartily thank the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for placing so great a cure within my reach. I cannot recommend it too highly or say too much in its favor. I hope all who read this will try it and be convinced as I was." For sale by Chas. Strang.

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