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

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THE Portland teams in both leagues remind one of the oft repeated story of the farmer and the automobile. It was the first time the farmer had ever seen a horseless carriage. He was informed on inquiry that it was an automobile. The city automobilist was unfamiliar with agricultural machinery and asked the farmer what kind of a machine it was that he was tinkering with. "Well," responded the tiller of the soil, "it ought to mow hay, but the durned thing don't." On paper the Portland teams auto-playball, but they don't.

THE death of Mrs. Robert A. Miller removes from the stage of action, one of the most brilliant and well known Native Daughters of Oregon. Mrs. Miller was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Griffith, and was born in the Waldo Hills, in Marion county, in August, 1859. She was first married to Quincy A. Grubbe, who died in 1885, and in 1893 married Col. R. A. Miller. She was the first state president of the Native Daughters of Oregon, and has always taken an active interest in the order. Mrs. Miller was known all over the state as a close student and a leader in educational work.

THE everlasting pluck of the American people is shown in the determination of the citizens of Heppner to rebuild their city. Many of them, it is true, those who have lost part or all of their families in the terrible disaster, feeling that the Heppner hills and the water of Willow creek would be a perpetual reminder of their loss, which they could not endure, have moved away; others will follow. But a majority have resolved to stay and rebuild their little city, and when time has healed the scars on human hearts and effaced the traces of the flood along the valley of Willow creek, Heppner will become once more the happy, prosperous center of a progressive community it was before death rode on the storm on that eventful Sunday evening. In the meantime the generous hearted people of the state are responding nobly to the cry of distress from their fellow citizens, and aid is being sent in amount commensurate with the greatness of the need.

THE return of several Modoc families from their exile of nearly thirty years in Indian territory to their old hunting grounds on the Klamath reservation marks the beginning of the end of one of the bravest and fiercest Indian tribes of the Pacific coast. It means that they are no longer to be feared. Thirty years of exile has resulted in the death of most of the old warriors, and those surviving—aged and decrepit—have but one request, to be allowed to come back and pass their few remaining years beneath the sky upon which their infant eyes first gazed. Their children have been born and reared in a foreign land, and the old traditions do not appeal to them as they do to their fathers. Another object of the Modocs in wishing to come back is to secure for their children an apportionment in the allotment of the lands of the Klamath reservation. In order to secure an allotment in severally tribal relations must cease, that is, the Indian is amenable to the laws of the state in all things and abandons his tribal form of government—so that when the sons of the Modocs who held the lava beds against an overwhelming force of whites, accept their lands, the Modoc nation—as a nation—will cease to exist.

PORTLAND has concluded to forego a celebration of the Fourth of July, and will donate the money

collected—\$2500—to the relief fund for those injured in the Heppner disaster. Quite a number of other cities and towns in the state have resolved to do likewise, so there will be comparatively few formal celebrations of our Nation's natal day in Oregon this year. Come to think of it, this isn't a bad way to celebrate, though an occasion like the present one, it is to be hoped, will never arise again, and we are not certain that the ideas of the patriots, who signed the Declaration of Independence, are not as well exemplified to the rising generation by generous aid to our stricken countrymen, as in glittering pageants and noisy rejoicing. That the love of country and veneration of the heroic deeds of our forefathers should be instilled in the heart of every young American is true; but the average youngster usually gets two ideas about things he could get along without knowing, at the usual celebration in either large or small cities, where he gets one about patriotism. The day has come to be regarded as an occasion for all sorts of sports and dissipation, and the real significance of the holiday is very often lost sight of entirely.

CANNOT CROSS BYBEE BRIDGE.

Bridge Carpenter Perham commenced the work of replacing the approach to the Bybee bridge, over Rogue river, Wednesday afternoon. The work will not be completed before Sunday and no team can cross the bridge before that time, but it is thought it will be open for travel by Sunday.

This information is given The Mail by Mr. J. C. Pendleton, and is authentic and is here given in the hope of preventing people from traveling that way and meeting with disappointment.

Married—King-Sutton.

The wedding of Geo. F. King, of Medford, and Miss E. Gertrude Sutton, of Ashland, occurred at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Sutton, in Ashland, on Wednesday, June 24th, at 10 o'clock a. m., Rev. J. T. Abbott, of Ashland, officiating. Mrs. Rose DeGroot and Miss Grace Amann, of Medford, were among the guests present, together with other intimate friends and the immediate families of the contracting parties.

After the marriage ceremony was concluded the company sat down to an elaborate wedding breakfast, after which the bride and groom took the noon train for the Yosemite Valley to spend their honeymoon. On their return they will make their home in Medford.

The groom came to Medford two years ago from Grand Rapids, Mich., and has followed the business of timber locator and cruiser. Recently he purchased the Medford Book Store of O. W. Whitman. Mr. King can count his friends in Medford and Jackson county by the hundreds. Upright in his dealings and genial in disposition, everyone who comes in personal contact with George is attracted by him.

His bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Sutton, of Ashland, and has a host of friends in this city, where she has filled the position of vice-principal of the Medford High School for the past three years. Her womanly graces and charming personality, which have won her a high place in the esteem of this community, will help to smooth the rough places which are bound to come in every matrimonial journey, and make her a helpmeet, whom any man might be proud to win.

The MAIL hopes that the beauty and grandeur of Yosemite, where they spend their first weeks of wedded life, may be reflected in their future pathway and that their happiness will be as everlasting as the mountains which surround their future home here.

Aid Came in Time.

The following letter was received by Acting Mayor Wilson in response to his communication accompanying Medford's contribution to the Heppner sufferers:

HEPPNER, Ore., June 18, 1903.
MR. J. R. WILSON, Acting Mayor,
Medford, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—
Your favor of 17th received, and we appreciate your prompt response to the cry of distress. While we are at present unable to prosecute the work of relief of those living and searching for the dead, your contribution will be acceptable as it will be necessary in the immediate future to expend quite a sum in assisting those who have suffered so severely by the loss of all of their property and many of their families and friends.

Very respectfully,
FRANK GILLIAM,
Mayor.

STREET ECHOES.

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens— —Serious and Otherwise

A Citizen:—"When I see a man get in and perform some act that is for the general good of the community I always feel that I want to say to him that he's doing a good job and one that will be appreciated by the people at large. I never thought it harmed a man, if he did a good deed, to give to him a little deserved credit—and he'll never know that you feel that way if you don't say so. In this connection I want to say that I fully appreciate the good act did by Landlord Halley in connecting the drainage from the public pump, in front of his block, with the sewer. This did away with the scum-covered pool of water which has heretofore been unpleasantly noticeable thereabouts. I want to say further that Mr. Halley is entitled to a whole lot of credit for having furnished this well of excellent water for the free use of townspeople who care to partake thereof. Many do not appreciate this and treat the pump in a manner which would seem to indicate that Mr. Halley, instead of being the benefactor that he is, was guilty of a crime in having made it possible for them to thus easily and freely quench their thirst."

Horace Nicholson—"No, I am not trying to put on city airs by having the streets marked on the corner of my place of business; but I have so many inquiries as to the name and numbers of streets that I thought I would fix it so people wouldn't have to ask about these two streets at this particular corner anyway. Seriously, though, the marking of the names of the streets at each corner is something that should be done. This man's town has grown beyond the village stage, and we are beginning to need some way of designating our residences and places of business, beside the old way of saying we live so many blocks from the school house or the depot as the case may be. If you tell a stranger you live so far beyond the big yellow house with green trimmings, on the street that runs by the water tank, you are liable to confuse him; but if you direct him to 10th Street between H and I, and the street corners are marked, he can find the place without having to remember a dozen different marks, most of which may be wrong."

Dr. J. H. Messner—"I have had quite a little business in the line of stock inspection lately. On Friday I inspected 842 head of sheep at Ashland, shipped by Hon. J. W. Merritt, of Central Point, to Martin Bros., of Oakland, Calif. These were the sheep sold by Mr. Merritt several months ago, and under the Oregon law must be inspected before they leave the state. I want to say that I never have seen a finer lot of sheep than these were. They were a credit to their breeder and to the state. On Saturday I inspected a train load of seventeen cars of sheep from Idaho, going to Southern California as feeders. There were 5,840 head in the train load, and although they were very fair stock sheep, they didn't compare with the Merritt bunch."

A Citizen—"Say, did you see the narrow escape Tom Becket's boy had on Friday? He was riding his wheel just behind a wagon crossing the railroad track. At the same moment Slover came along from the opposite side with the street sprinkler. Just before he crossed the track he turned the water loose. Now, the horses that were coming from the other way were from the country and had never seen anything like that before. They reared up on their hind legs and commenced to back and before the boy could get out of the way had backed the wagon onto his wheel and he just managed to get out of the way himself. It was a near thing, and it looked for a minute as though someone was going to be hurt."

W. A. Bolton—"I returned last week with my family from our short stay in Klamath county. Mrs. Bolton's health was not good while over there, but it is better now. However, she had planned to go to a sanitarium this fall, but her recent illness has decided her to go there sooner than she expected and she will leave this week for Santa Rosa, Calif., where she will enter a sanitarium. No, I shall not leave Medford myself. I am a special agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and will continue the prosecution of my work here as such representative."

L. F. Lozier—"I wish you would say for me that I will not be able to do any custom work at my fruit dryer this fall. I have leased the Thomas orchard and the fruit from it and my own will be all I can handle. I simply want you, Mr. Bliton, to say this for me so that those for whom I have been doing drying heretofore will not depend upon me this year, and by giving them notice early they will be enabled to arrange with someone else."

Karl Van Antwerp—"I met this week my good, old-time Prospect friend, Mr. McDonald Pardue. Say, do you know, there is truly one of the very best and most honorable men in Southern Oregon. Mother and I stepped up

at Prospect for several months eleven years ago, and many a good time I enjoyed 'neath Mr. Pardue's hospitable roof. He is a bachelor, but I want to say to you that I have seen but few homes, presided over by women, which were better kept than his. Everything is as neat as wax, and everything in its place. He is also a splendid cook, and my mouth right now is watering for a quarter section of his famous strawberry shortcake."

W. H. Riskey—"You can send me the MEDFORD MAIL for three months to Applegate in care of the Missouri Mining Co. Why did we name it the Missouri Mining Co.? Principally because most of us are from Missouri, and have to be shown, and I want to tell you right now that we have been shown enough in that piece of mining country to satisfy us that the proposition is all right."

W. H. Bradshaw—"Yes, everything is dry out our way, but the dry weather has done not nearly so much damage to crops as has the unusually cold weather. There seems to be considerable moisture near the surface of the ground, notwithstanding the fact that we have had but very little rain, but we haven't had enough hot weather to keep the crops growing. My apple crop is going to be a good one this year."

D. H. Miller—"I wish, Mr. Bliton, you would tell the people of this part of Oregon a little something about the new fish law as it applies to the Rogue river. I wish you would say that fishing, except with hook and line, in Rogue river, east from its confluence with the Illinois river, is prohibited between the first day of July and the first day of January."

B. N. Butler, Monday—"I am going out to the Butte creek country for a little outing. I am going out with Medynski, and he was up at my house at five o'clock this morning to tell me to get ready. I will put in a week or so out there visiting around with Maxey and other agriculturists from Medford, who live in that section."

J. F. Ditsworth—"Crops up Rogue river way are about as good as usual. I had a letter a few days ago from Jas. Gordon, who is out at Ft. Klamath. He tells me that the hay crop there is better this season than ever before and that stock is looking fine."

Jack Morris—"I am grandpa today—Monday, June 22. There was born, in Ashland, on the above date, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Milsap as plump and pretty a little baby as ever made its debut in Southern Oregon. Mrs. Milsap is my daughter."

STEVE'S FORK MINING DISTRICT

The store of gold which has been lying for countless years along the bedrock of Steve's Fork, of Steamboat, is to be at last taken from mother earth and will take its place in the circulating medium of the world. The Ore Grande Mining Company, consisting of J. A. Whitman, J. D. Heard and their associates now have forty-five men at work constructing a ditch 240 rods long, which will give a pressure of 250 feet and which they expect to have completed about the 7th or 8th of July.

As soon as the ditch is completed pipping will commence and the majority of the men employed on the ditch will be transferred to similar work for the Missouri Mining Co., consisting of Dr. Shearer, C. J. Lamme, A. M. Scott and W. H. Riskey, whose property adjoins that of the Ore Grande and reaches well up on the slope of the famous Greenback mountain, whose stores of treasure have fed many of the gold bearing streams of Southwestern Oregon and Northern California. Croppings of an extensive quartz ledge have been discovered on the Missouri property, which are rich in free gold and copper. A goodly supply of specimens were brought in Saturday and sent to San Francisco to be assayed. Outside of the quartz proposition, however, the company has a large area of placer ground, and at present the quartz is merely considered a side issue.

The fact that Steve's Fork is rich has been well known, but the immense difficulties to be encountered in getting in and out has heretofore deterred its development. The two companies now working the creek have constructed a good trail thereto at considerable expense, so that now it is comparatively an easy matter to reach the mines. THE MAIL is glad these boys have found such a good thing, and hopes that it will prove to be all that they expect it to be.

Free Methodist Tent Meeting

The Free Methodists will hold a tent meeting on the city grounds near the school house, beginning June the 28th. District Elder R. H. Dollarhide, from Roseburg, will be in charge of the meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to Pastors and members of all other churches and all others to attend this meeting. Come let us celebrate in Medford.

W. E. Good, Pastor.

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Mrs. Gore's Recital

The piano recital on Tuesday evening by the pupils of Mrs. E. E. Gore, at the Presbyterian church, was largely attended by those interested in the progress of the participants, and the musical people of the town. One of the most interesting features of these recitals is the advancement to be noticed in the musical education of the pupils from one recital to another. Children, who a short time ago, knew nothing of music now play with a precision and expression creditable alike to themselves and their instructress. Following is the program as rendered:

Over Hill and Dale.....Engelmann
Misses Gertrude Fay and Ruth Lumsden.
Waltz of the Forest Sprite.....Krog
Miss Genevieve Wortman.
Sonatina No. 1.....Clementi
Miss Enid Hamilton.
Mazurka.....Engelmann
Eddie Wilkinson.
Rosebud Waltz.....Pierce
Miss Lorraine Milton.
Doll's Polonaise.....Lichner
Miss Zeila White.
Governor March.....Gelbel
Misses Amy and Lottie Walz.
First Grade Pieces.....
(a) Bottle Game, (Waltz).....Orth
Miss Ruth Warner (Primo)
(b) Lovely Moon that Glides, German Song
(c) The Starry Sky.....Folk Song
(d) The Starry Sky.....Folk Song
(e) Duet.....Enckhausen
Miss Frances York (Primo)
(f) Duet.....Enckhausen
Miss Mildred Bliton (Primo)
Rocky Glen March, (Duet).....Streablog
Miss Berna Roberts (Primo)
Mormon's Song from "Oreton".....Weber
Misses Annie Ulrich and Flora Gray.
The Bride's Kiss, (Waltz).....Engelmann
Miss Lottie Walz.
Swiss Scene.....Burgmuller
Sterling Rothermal.
Serenata.....Holmes
Lloyd Elwood.

Polonaise from the Papillons.....Schumann
Miss Flora Gray.
Farewell to the Alps.....Bohm
Vernon Vawter.
Spring Song.....Mendelssohn
Miss Metta Martin.
Serenade in A Major.....Kinkie
Miss Lulu McPherson.
Wandering Jew (Waltz).....Burgmuller
Misses Helen Coss and Flora Gray.
Spinning Song.....Mendelssohn
Miss Venita Hamilton.
Return of the Birds.....Lange
Miss Treve Lumsden.
Second Mazurka.....Godard
Miss Helen Coss.
Valse Brillante.....Russell
Miss Hazel Davis.
March of the Halberdiers (Organ).....J. Wely
Serenata (Piano).....Muskowski
Miss Nellie Warey.
Second Valse.....Godard
Miss Amy Walz.
Galop.....Engelmann
Misses Venita Hamilton and Hazel Davis.

—For sale—Beurre Bosc pear cuttings, for grafting. Inquire at the Clay-Meador orchards, or address them at Phoenix.

Dissolution Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing by and between G. F. Merriman and T. T. Merriman, doing business under the firm name of G. F. Merriman & son, is, by mutual consent, this day dissolved. All accounts due the firm are payable to G. F. Merriman and all accounts owed by the firm will be paid by him. The business will be continued by G. F. Merriman.

G. F. MERRIMAN
T. T. MERRIMAN.

Dated this 13th day of June, 1903.

Obituary.

Clemelia Downing Cooper, a native of Muncie, Ind., was born February 18, 1842 and died in Medford, Oregon, June 15, 1903. She was married to W. K. Cooper, in Unionville, Mo., in 1870. To this union was born four children—Chester, Botta Formiles, of St. Paul, Minn.; Daisy Maxson, of Shellbury, Iowa; and Olive Cooper, of St. Paul, Minn. Her husband died Feb. 22, 1893, after which she made her home with her oldest daughter, Botta Formiles, of St. Paul. November last she came to Medford to visit friends and thinking to regain her health; but steadily grew worse until death relieved her of her suffering.

She was a patient sufferer and bore her sickness with Christian meekness. She united with the M. E. Church when a child and with a devotion characteristic of our Fathers, she loved and served her church. Her funeral took place from the First M. E. Church, her pastor pronouncing a high eulogy on her Christian faith and life. She will long live in the memory of those whose pleasure it was to know her.

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