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

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COLONEL BRYAN has gone to Europe to study sociology. We are sorry for the people across the ocean, but really it wasn't our fault.

FORTY warships for the United States are under construction in thirteen different yards. The President and Congress are of one mind in keeping the navy up to date.

The people of Pennsylvania will learn with relief that Quay will retire from politics in 1905. He wants revenge on Hanna first, though, and a good many people all over the country wouldn't mind seeing him accomplish his object.

TRADE has followed the flag to the island possessions of this country. Our country now almost monopolizes the commercial business of Porto Rico, the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands. Our trade with these places is eight times as large as it was two years ago.

EX-CHIEF OF POLICE AMES, of Minneapolis, Minn., has commenced a term of six years imprisonment. This is gratifying, and shows that while the people have been trying to "turn the rascals out" for many years, it sometimes happens that they "put some of them in"—the penitentiary.

SOME idea of the volume of business done in the various land offices of Oregon during the past year, may be gathered from an estimate of the amount of money received at the Roseburg land office during that time. The total exceeds \$714,000, and is doubtless more than the receipts of any other land office in the United States.

It has been developed that several of the recent train wrecks in California have been deliberately planned. Pieces of steel rails were fastened to the track in such a way that the derailment of a passing train was almost inevitable. There is no punishment adequate to such a crime, but hanging a few train wreckers might stop the operations of the rest of them.

A ROUGH canvas of the Colombian Senate seems to show that only one-fourth of the members are favorable to the Hay-Herran canal treaty, without amendments, says a Herald's dispatch from Bogota. The Colombian government has not officially assumed responsibility for the treaty. Serious debating will begin Tuesday. Dr. Rico, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has sent a message to Congress on the treaty, following the same lines as was sent to the United States Senate by President Roosevelt.

JUDGE BREWER, associate justice of the U. S. supreme court, says that any person participating in the lynching or burning of a negro is guilty of murder. Technically Judge Brewer is right, but the crime which brings about these lynchings is one which should be punished with death, be the offender of whatever race or color, and as long as the imperfection of the law gives such wretches a loop hole for escape from the consequences of their crime, just so long will these lynchings occur.

THE Oregon Supreme court has handed down a decision, which is of considerable interest to insurance orders, as follows:

L. J. Patterson by J. P. Finley, guardian, respondent, vs. United Artisans, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; Hon. M. C. George, Judge, affirmed. Opinion by Justice Bean. This was an action to recover insurance upon the life of the respondent, Patterson. The opinion of the court holds that according to the by-laws of the defendant corporation, the

committing of suicide by one of its members does not release the corporation from the payment of the policy.

THE report of Supt. James of the state penitentiary for the quarter ending June 30, 1903, shows a decrease of eleven in the number of prisoners, as compared with the preceding quarter—when there were 317 prisoners—leaving 306 prisoners. There were thirty-two prisoners received during the quarter, forty were discharged, one escaped, one died and one was transferred to the insane asylum. The receipts for the past month were \$360. The expenses were \$5140.09.

SENATOR J. P. DOLLIVER, of Iowa, who was in Portland this week, had numerous questions to ask. He couldn't see the connection between such a beautiful valley as Rogue river valley and its name; nor could he imagine what our Oregon pine needle was. When informed on the latter point—that Oregon pine needles were used to make mattresses, he remarked: "Well, that is a new one on me. I guess we must have overlooked that article in making up the tariff." He also asked Senator Fulton if Astoria was a religious town, and that gentleman gravely and truthfully told him that it was. With the Senators capacity for asking questions, he will go back to Iowa with a fearful and wonderful stock of miscellaneous information.

THE action of officials of the O. R. & N. Co., which has just come to light, in a way disproves the assertion that "corporations have no souls," or rather it proves that men connected with them have hearts, and big ones at that. J. M. Kernan, station agent at Heppner, lost his life during the great disaster, because he persisted in remaining at his post, trying to warn the people below of the flood. His wife perished with him. Their three children were saved, but left with out other relatives. The O. R. & N. people took charge of the homeless ones and placed the two boys in a Spokane school, while the girl has been sent to an Iowa institution. The children will receive all the educational advantages that money can procure. The matter was kept very quiet and has only just leaked out.

CASSIUS M. CLAY, aged, imbecile and eccentric, has been taken in charge by his friends, and hereafter will be under such surveillance as will, it is hoped, keep him out of mischief of the matrimonial order. His foolish marriage with a girl of 14, her subsequent withdrawal from his home with his consent, her divorce and subsequent marriage furnished a sensation a few years ago for the countryside in Kentucky where he had long dwelt. The young woman who posed as the child wife of the whimsical old man for a time and then left him is now a widow, and will, it is said, return and remarry him. His heirs-at-law naturally seek to prevent this, and will, if possible, shield him from the impending folly. Those who remember Cassius M. Clay in his effective years regard with compassion the folly of his second childhood, and will be glad if during his remaining time on earth he can be protected from himself and the matrimonial specter that pursues him. The misfortune that has overtaken him in his age will probably remain with him to the end, but it will not cloud the record of the active, effective years in which his name was a synonym for intelligence and forcefulness.

The Coming Event.

Chautauqua at Ashland, July 15-24, Eleventh year. Great speakers: Senator Dolliver, Congressman Champ Clark, Germaine, the Magician, and others.

Fine schools, better and better.

Reduced rates on R. R. Come and bring "the folks." Write secretary, G. F. BILLINGS.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, Nimrod Chalkley, will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Addie Chalkley, who left my bed and board, without cause or provocation, on the 19th day of June, 1903.

NIMROD CHALKLEY,
Clatsop, Oregon.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

The monthly report of the superintendent of the state insane asylum at Salem for June shows an increase in the number of patients from 1302 to 1324 during the month. The per capita cost of maintenance was \$10.43 per month, or 34 cents a day. The general health of the patients has been good.

A special election was held in Columbia county, Oregon, last Tuesday for the relocation of the county seat. Returns from all but one of the precincts in which votes were cast gave St. Helens 647, Rauler 621, and Clatskanie 452. A second special election to be held August 3d will decide the matter. St. Helens and Rauler will be the towns voted upon. St. Helens is at present the county seat.

The ten-year-old son of I. E. Earnest, who resides near Marcola, Lane county, is dead, as the result of an accident last Friday afternoon. He was running a hay rake with two horses on his father's place and while raking close to a fence ran a wheel into the fence, breaking the tongue and frightening the horses. He endeavored to control them, but with the unwieldy rake jumping, he could do nothing. The horses started to run and the boy was thrown to the ground with the lines entangled about him. He was thus dragged to his death, never regaining consciousness.

The decision of the Secretary of the Interior, that affidavits taken by Deputy County Clerks, away from county seats, are invalid, affects filings made in the Clatskanie country, by residents of Crescent City, who filed before Deputy Clerk McCutchen, at Harbor, Oregon, says the Crescent City "Record." The papers were made out and sworn to before McCutchen, and then forwarded to Gold Beach, to have the clerk put the seal of his office upon them. The Secretary, in the decision on such filings made in the Fall River country, allowed the claimants 30 days in which to correct their filings, by going before the proper officer.

Wisecracks say that J. T. Bridges, Receiver at Roseburg, and J. O. Booth, Register, will undoubtedly be retained and in this they accord with general opinion. Booth is a brother of State Senator R. A. Booth, who is one of the most influential members of the Mitchell-Fulton wing of the party. Bridges is a political partner of State Senator Marsters and Attorney-General Crawford, who control the organization of Douglas county. This organization was faithful to Hermann and secured his nomination at Eugene last April. E. M. Brattain, Register at Lakeview, and Harry Bailey, Receiver, are regarded as likely candidates for reappointment. Hermann wants to have Brattain appointed, and no doubt Bailey also, because the two men are at the head of the organization of Lake county.

Resolutions of Condolence on the Death of Alvin H. Chessmore.

At the regular session of Camp No. 90, Woodmen of the World, the following resolutions of condolence and respect on the death of Alvin H. Chessmore, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas: On the 7th day of July, 1903, in obedience to the will of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, all that was immortal of our late and lamented neighbor, Alvin H. Chessmore, was summoned from earth to eternity; be it

RESOLVED: By Camp No. 90, Woodmen of the World, that while it is our duty to bow to the will of the Most High, in humble submission, we, nevertheless, deplore and mourn the loss of one whose sterling manhood in this community, where he has so long resided, is so fit a subject for emulation; whose many traits of kindness is proverbial; whose attachment to his family was so admired by his neighbors, and one whose presence in our Sessions marked the demeanor of a faithful and loyal Woodman.

RESOLVED: That this Camp does extend to his afflicted family its loyal and heart-felt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Camp and a copy thereof be transmitted to the widow of the deceased and a copy thereof be sent to each of the Medford newspapers and to the Pacific Woodman for publication.

E. A. HICKS,
FRANK W. WAIT,
J. U. WILLEKE, Com.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sabbath School, 10 a. m., E. Bennett, Supt.; B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m., Leon Howard, Pres. The sermons for a few Sabbath mornings will be studies in Isaiah 52:13-15 and 53. It is suggested that those who are interested read these chapters. Subject next Sabbath at 11 a. m., "The Prospered Servant," subject at 8 p. m., "Happiness in Guarding the Word." A cordial invitation is extended to all the services.

T. L. CRANDALL, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Sunday, July 19th: Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m. The Rev. A. Kingsley Glover, who will be present, will officiate and preach. All are welcome.

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

STREET ECHOES.

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise

Billie Isaacs—"Did you see those new 'silent salesman' showcases I got in this week? They are about the 'swell-est ever.' Yes, I am going to enlarge my stock about the first of August, and introduce a few new lines. I am determined to make 'The Toggery' the best store in my lines outside the big cities."

L. C. Love, by letter from Garfield, Wash.:—"I cannot get my family in the notion of moving and I will probably have to stay in the Palouse country for a while yet. I enclose postoffice order for THE MAIL, which paper I have enjoyed reading very much. Wish I had some of your good alfalfa land up here to grow hay for my cows. Maybe I will get some of it sometime. Best wishes for Southern Oregon."

Hubbard Bros.:—"The season for the sale of farming implements has been rather dull, it is true, on account of the crops being somewhat short in the valley, still we have had a very fair trade. We have sold over fifty mowers. Don't know how many rakes—but a goodly number more than a few—a sawmill or two, and the other day L. D. Minear hauled home a brand-new McCormick blinder. There is always a pretty good trade in this man's town, whether the season be dull or not. It is never bad, but sometimes is better than others."

C. A. Beaver, by letter—"Mr. Bliton: I shall be glad to have you change the address of my paper, which is now Oakville, and send it to Sumner, Wash. We have had quite an enjoyable trip since leaving Medford, having visited all the Sound cities, including Tacoma, where we saw the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple of the Ancient Scottish Rite, by Theodore Roosevelt. This leaves us all well, with best wishes for the future of the MEDFORD MAIL and the good people of Medford generally."

J. D. Fletcher—"You have no idea of the traffic to Alaska this season. I'll tell you something that will help you realize it. I went to Seattle a short time ago with the intention of going north and wished to take with me something like two tons of supplies, etc. I could get passage for myself easily enough; but when it came to shipping my freight I found that it was impossible to do so. The steamers couldn't possibly take it and nobody could tell when it could be delivered. There were over 100 orders booked ahead of mine, so I just quit and came home."

Frank Morine—"I don't seem to get my MAIL regularly but I am satisfied that it is not the fault of you folks. I am living up on Elk creek, a goodly distance from the postoffice and on several occasions it has taken letters from seven to ten days to reach me from Valley points, when I should have received them in at least two days. I am not laying the blame on anyone in particular, but it certainly seems very curious that it would take 'Uncle Sam' longer to get from the railroad to Trail than it would take a man walking three miles a day to make the same trip. Something is evidently wrong along that mail route some where. It can't be possible that you people are late in getting out your paper every week, and the fact that letters are delayed proves this." [In this connection the editor of THE MAIL wishes to say that there have been occasions when THE MAIL packages for the upper river country did not go out on time, but those occasions were few, and far between. We have had numerous notices from our subscribers, whose papers go in packages to post-offices throughout the county, that they do not receive their papers, while others do. An investigation of our mailing list shows that these papers are regularly mailed. There is no doubt about it. It might be possible with the automatic system we use to miss a name once in a while, but it is not probable that the same name would be missed for several consecutive instances. This sort of thing has been reported to us a number of times. We cannot believe that it is entirely our fault. Some cases have been found where the fault was due to this office. The mistakes have been corrected satisfactorily to all concerned, but we are very much of the opinion that there is a considerable amount of carelessness in the handling of mail in some of the offices along the different mail routes in the county. If the rules of the postal department are applied as they should be in the giving out of mail matter the trouble above mentioned would not assume such large proportions. In thinly settled districts it is the custom of people passing the local postoffice to take everybody's mail along the line beyond them. Sometimes they have mail for people who live off the line of the road, but they, 'expect to see him tomorrow.' Perhaps they see him and perhaps they don't. If the latter, the person who is entitled to receive the mail may go to the postoffice the next day. His mail has been given to a man, whom perhaps he has never seen. It may be days, sometimes weeks, before those letters or papers are delivered, and in



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the meantime important business interests might suffer. It is a rule of the postoffice department that persons other than the person to whom the mail matter is addressed or members of his immediate family are not entitled to take it from the office without a written order. If this rule was strictly applied patrons of the various offices would have less trouble in getting their mail.—ED.

Resolutions of Respect

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by Tallman Lodge, No. 31, K. of P., at their meeting on Monday evening.

Whereas, it has pleased the power which presides over the destiny of all things to remove from among us our beloved brother, John G. Van Dyke, and

Whereas, the deceased has ever been a faithful and consistent member of this order and an upright and enterprising citizen of this community, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the members of Tallman Lodge, No. 31, K. of P. that our deepest sympathy is extended to his sorrowing family in their affliction, and that while they have lost one very dear to them, the community and this lodge is deprived of a citizen and brother, whose loss will be long felt and whose place in our hearts it will be impossible to fill, and be it further

RESOLVED, that these resolutions be spread on the records of this lodge and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

W. F. ISAACS,
W. I. VAWTER,
H. U. LUMSDEN, Com.

A Good Sign of Civilization

Dr. J. K. Reader, of Ashland, who is en route to Japan, writes to the Ashland Tidings from Honolulu. The doctor's letter is an interesting one, and gives several incidents of his trip; but, like a woman's letter, the best part is the postscript, as follows:

"P. S.—I forgot to add that the very best sign of civilization was a large transparency with that Gospel sign manual 'Republican Headquarters.' Well, well! The boss had a hard struggle to prevent me turning right in and reporting our Binger's vindication."

Card of Thanks

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to those friends and neighbors, whose sympathy and assistance at the time of the death of my husband was so freely and unselfishly rendered, and which did much to lighten the burden of my grief.

MRS. A. H. CHESMORE.

—Pure elder vinegar, manufactured by the Southern Oregon Elder Vinegar Co., on sale at Warner & Davis. 17

City Council Proceedings.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council held on Saturday evening, the following business was transacted:

Present—Wilson, Willeke, Humason, Elwood. Absent—Mayor Crowell and Pickel.

License to sell liquor for six months was granted to C. C. Ragsdale and A. M. Helms.

The petition of Medford Cold Storage Co., that the company be furnished water through the city ditch, was referred to the committee on light and water.

The matter of raising the city bell tower and building an addition to the fire house to accommodate the fire apparatus was referred to the committee on buildings within the fire limits.

W. T. York was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. G. Van Dyke, councilman from the third ward.

President Wilson appointed Councilman York to fill the positions held by his predecessor on the various committees.

The claims filed by certain persons for work on the town ditch were laid on the table.

Bills aggregating \$801.87 on the various funds were allowed, as follows: General Fund, \$331.96; Light and Water Fund, \$461; Street and Road Fund, \$89.91.

Fletcher Linn's Alarm

From The Portland Oregonian.
"Instead of a fire in his factory, Fletcher Linn, president and manager of the Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Company, found two presents and a death little speech awaiting him when he rushed from the office yesterday afternoon in response to a prolonged alarm of the whistle.

When the whistle blew an ear-piercing blast soon after 1 o'clock, Mr. Linn believed that the factory must be on fire, and the sight of all his employees crowded together did not quiet him.

It was L. D. Freeland, the superintendent, who set Mr. Linn on the right path. As a mark of the esteem of the employees of the factory he presented the astonished manager a cut-glass water set and a handsome gold watch chain. Upon the back of the chain was engraved the following inscription: 'Presented by employees of Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Company, July 11, 1903.' Mr. Linn spoke in a happy vein in response.

The presents were given on account of the uniform kindness of Mr. Linn in raising the wages of the employees in the early spring, as well as allowing them a day off on President Roosevelt's visit and on the Fourth of July with full pay. From June 1 to September 1 the men have a Saturday afternoon holiday after 3 o'clock with full pay."

Mr. Linn is a son of D. Linn, of Jacksonville, the pioneer furniture dealer, and has a host of friends in this county.

—Wood haulers Wanted—Pay \$2 per cord for dry wood. Can make one trip a day. Inquire at once of R. H. Toft, Medford. 28-44-pd