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

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Four persons were shot in Louisville, Ky., over a dime. At that rate, massacres would come to \$1.50 and a neat little holocaust could be turned out for \$3.75. These, of course, are Kentucky prices.

An Angora Cat fell from the sixth story window of the Perkins hotel at Portland and was unhurt. The Providence which is said to watch over fools and drunken men must have extended its functions to prize felines.

New Jersey is firmly of the opinion that it pays to be the "home of trusts." During the fiscal year, New Jersey has profited to the extent of \$300,000 in fees and taxes from corporations which have received their charters within her boundaries.

After long weeks of suffering, during which there was never any doubt as to the final result of his indisposition, Pope Leo XIII died on Monday morning. The Roman Catholic church loses one of its greatest pontiffs, and the world a statesman and a scholar.

The State appropriation of \$100,000 for the payment of veterans of Indian Wars in Oregon, is about exhausted and there still remains at least \$50,000 of unpaid claims. The next legislature will be asked to appropriate a sufficient amount to make up the shortage.

The State of Oregon and the City of Portland offer rewards for the arrest of the thugs who have been holding up people in Portland. It is to be hoped that the money is in a good, safe place, else the robbers are likely to get that, too. They seem to have things about as they want them.

"The arrival of a new boy in the Grover Cleveland household is a challenge to President Roosevelt that Grover meets Theodore on his own grounds of antirace suicide and makes Grover a formidable candidate for president on the democratic ticket."—Eugene Register.

"The Washington law making gambling a felony does not, it is held, apply to merchandise slot machines. This is excellent, as there is nothing better designed to develop in a youth the passion for gambling, a passion that he must gratify at the risk of a penitentiary sentence."—Portland Oregonian.

The telephone girls of Spokane have rebelled against the managers of the company and are trying to bring them to terms by organizing a boycott against the company. They say there are 6,150 telephones in Spokane, and they are canvassing the city to have the people sign pledges to have them taken out of their houses. They expect to have 2,500 people order the phones removed.

FRANK C. BAKER, ex-state printer, has been elected chairman of the Republican state central committee vice W. F. Mathews, resigned. The position is merely a nominal one now and has no political significance outside of Multnomah county politics. If Baker can win out in the primaries in his own county he may be re-elected next year, other wise the chairmanship is something of an empty honor.

EVEN prominent Democratic leaders are compelled to admit the strong personality and ability of President Roosevelt. At the Southern Oregon Chautauqua at Ashland on Wednesday evening Senator Champ Clark

of Missouri, in speaking of American statesmen said: "James G. Blaine and Thomas B. Reed were the greatest statesmen that the United States ever had; but Teddy Roosevelt knows more about more different things than any man in the United States today."

The Willamette valley was first stocked with cattle in 1837. In that year a pool of \$4,600 was subscribed by eleven members of the French settlement between Oregon City and Salem, and several of their number went south to the Sacramento valley, where they purchased 830 head at about five dollars and a half a head, Mexican cattle, of course. They got home with about six-hundred head, pretty good considering the drive of something like five-hundred miles through the wilderness, over mountains and across streams.

A county superintendent of schools in Illinois not long since organized and conducted an excursion for farmers and their families to the Agricultural College of the State. A party of nearly three hundred persons was gathered, nearly one half of them boys. The visitors were enabled to see for themselves the fine specimens of stock, and how they are kept, the experiments in fertilization, cultivation, and the hundred and one other things which make the agricultural colleges so valuable to the country; and in the department of domestic economy the farmers' wives had opportunity to see the best methods of the work which most interests them. The plan is feasible in any county of any state, and deserves to be copied.

The referendum amendment has been declared void by the circuit court of Multnomah county on the ground that it was not legally adopted under the provisions of the constitution. The section under which the decision was made was taken from the Indiana constitution: "It was maintained by the court that the amendment was ineffective because it was acted upon before other amendments, previously proposed, had been acted on finally. The proceedings of the Indiana constitution show that the author of the section covering this point proposed it for the very purpose of preventing what happened in Oregon. The Indiana legislature has repeatedly rejected proposed amendments because other amendments were pending and because the section which Oregon took from Indiana forbade their adoption under such circumstances."

SENATOR DOLLIVER made a great speech at the Chautauqua at Ashland on Friday night last. He can always be depended upon to make a good one; but what he said concerning Binger Hermann is peculiarly applicable in view of some of the things that were said about our congressman during the late campaign. Here it is: "Your election occurred in June, and therefore it will not be indelicate in me to say that the best defender of her interests that Oregon has ever had in the House of Representatives is old Binger Hermann. I have been associated in every larceny for Oregon with Binger Hermann." Binger Hermann's larcenies (?) for Oregon have been confined to appropriations he has secured for our rivers and harbors, and we hope that as long as Dolliver and Hermann are in Congress they will be pals in just such steals (?).

THERE is promise of a midsummer attraction of extraordinary proportions in the comet now departing in the heavens and apparently equipped with two tails. The astronomers hesitate to announce the vision as a duplex celestial curiosity as the width of the tail is disclosed only on photographic plate. The celestial visitor is said to be much nearer the earth than any other object in the sky except the moon. It is a matter of only twenty million miles away, less than one-fourth the distance of the earth from the sun. While it may not come any nearer

the earth, it will increase in brightness as it approaches the sun, to which all comets that enter the solar system must pay their respects, going around the big luminary at a respectful distance. It will increase in brightness, reaching its greatest luminosity near the end of August, at which time it promises to be the most conspicuous comet that has visited this part of the solar system within the past ten years.

POPE LEO XIII IS DEAD.

Rome, July 20—Pope Leo XIII, is dead. The last flicker of life expired at four minutes past 4 o'clock this afternoon and the pontiff now lies at rest. The period of over two weeks that Pope Leo passed in the shadow of death was no more wonderful than his life. His splendid battle against disease was watched the world over with sympathetic admiration and ended after tremendous efforts to conquer the weakness of his aged frame by the marvelous power of his mind. Pleuro pneumonia with which His Holiness had been suffering was scarcely responsible for his death as the inevitable decay of tissue which ensues upon 93 years of life. The tested steel which had bent so often before human ills was bound to break at last.

Tonight the emaciated and lifeless frame lies on a bed in the Vatican. A red damask coverlet rests over the body, a cardinal's scarlet cape is about the shoulders, while on his head has been placed the papal hood of velvet, while a silk handkerchief is bound about his chin and in the hands that have blessed so many thousands has been placed a crucifix. So the pope will remain until tomorrow, watched by uniformed officers of the Noble Guard and the rough-clad Franciscan penitentiaries, who will keep ceaseless vigil until the burial.

Tomorrow the sacred college of cardinals will assemble for the official duty of pronouncing the pope dead. After this sad function has been performed the body will be taken to the small throne room adjoining the death chamber, where it will be embalmed. Funeral ceremonies will extend over nine days the remains being removed to St. Peter's, where they will lie in state. Ultimate resting place of the dead pontiff will be the magnificent Basilica of St. John Lateran.

His was no easy death. An hour before he died, turning to Dr. Lapponia and his devoted valet, P. O. Centra, he murmured: "The pain I suffer is most terrible." Yet, his parting words were not of the physical anguish he suffered, but were whispered benedictions upon cardinals and his nephews, who knelt at the bedside and the last look of his almost sightless eyes was toward the great ivory crucifix hanging in the death chamber.

Smashed the Stairway.

From Grants Pass Observer.
While a heavy safe, the property of Geo. H. Durham, was being moved up the stairs to his law office in the Masonic building Wednesday afternoon, it escaped from its handlers and rolled down the stairway, causing some damage and considerable excitement. It was being pulled up with a block and tackle and the anchorage gave way just as the safe was nearly landed at the head of the stairs. Six inches more and it would have been secure. It slid on a plank about a third of the way down the stairs, narrowly missing two of the men who were working with it. It struck about twice on the stairway, smashing some of the steps, jumped and slid clear across the cement sidewalk and landed in the driveway where it had been taken. One of the wheels of the safe was broken, but otherwise it did not seem to be injured.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing by and between F. R. Bellinger and O. L. McPherson, under the firm name and style of Bellinger & McPherson, as orchard operators, is, by mutual consent, this day dissolved. F. R. Bellinger retiring. All accounts owed by the firm will be paid by O. L. McPherson and all accounts due the firm are payable to him.

F. R. BELLINGER,
O. L. MCPHERSON.

Dated at Medford, July 7, 1903. 28-31

MONDAY NIGHT'S LECTURE.

Those who attended the lecture given under the auspices of the Ministerial Association, by Hon. C. B. Watson, of Ashland, on Monday evening, were amply repaid and carried away with them much information and food for reflection, while those who did not attend missed something.

The subject, "Geology," was treated principally as regards the geological formation of the Pacific coast, its origin, etc. Geology is regarded by many as a study as dry as the rocks to be studied, but as handled by Mr. Watson, the subject was interesting and entertaining.

Commencing with the time when the earth was a ball of molten matter Mr. Watson explained the successive changes by which it assumed its present form. "As the outside of this molten mass cooled gradually, there came a time when the shell was larger than the inside mass, and as a result the thin outer shell fell in, forming the wrinkles on the face of the earth, which are now its hills and valleys. When you realize that from the bottom of the deepest part of the ocean to the summit of the highest mountains is a distance of over ten miles you can form some idea of the magnitude of those wrinkles and the great age necessary to produce them."

"The two sides of the Rogue river valley show formations differing vastly in character and point of age. On one side is found sandstone in three separate layers, filled with marine shells, while between these layers are found stream washed pebbles, showing at three separate times it had been submerged by ocean water."

"When the Cascade range was formed on the same principle as one would, after making an indentation on one side of a soft rubber ball, press the other side until there was a corresponding fullness on the other side—Mt. Hood, Mt. Ranier, St. Helens, Shasta and Crater Lake mountain, were a chain of mighty volcanoes along its course. Probably the pressure that was causing the mountain chain to rise became too great, the surface cracked, the sea rushed in and the great cataclysm occurred that formed Crater lake, destroyed the animal life, the bones of which form the great fossil deposits of eastern Oregon, and scattered its volcanic ashes for many miles around."

The speaker advanced the theory that much of the same thing caused the recent eruption of Mt. Pelee, and suggested that the great mass of debris deposited at the mouth of the Mississippi had created a pressure on the thinner parts of the earth's crust which had opened a chasm into which the sea had rushed and caused the awful disaster on the island of Martinique."

Finally, all forms of organic life have for their base the inorganic. Take the lower forms of life, the algae which forms in all still pools of water and the starfish of the ocean beach, lay them in the sun until the water is evaporated from their organisms and you will have a deposit of silica and other inorganic matter. So with all forms of animal and vegetable life. Its base is inorganic matter. "The earth is our mother, and back to the earth our bodies return, and it is meet and fit that we should study our mother and try to know her better."

Next Monday evening Attorney Martin G. Hoge will lecture at the Presbyterian church, his subject being "History."

A Peculiar Cloud

From the Yreka Journal.
Old pioneer residents of this place, who have lived at Klamath Falls, Ore., say the story is a fake yarn about the spaw of toads deposited in Upper Klamath lake, and on hatching out by the millions, start by instinct to home birth. The little toads come down from the clouds in rain storms, and little fishes have also come down in showers, which our informants claim to have witnessed. An old Shikyou settler claims to have seen such a shower at one time on Shasta river in this county, and it is a fact also that worms have covered the ground in Yreka after a heavy warm rain shower.

Of all the remarkable stories told of this toad migration the above is a little the most remarkable. It is a well-known fact that these toads only appear in great numbers along the margin of Lake Ewana below Klamath Falls, and that they do not fall from the clouds on dry land, but come up out of the lake. Therefore, if the Journal is right the cloud which deposits these toads is built especially for the purpose and unloads its burden on this particular sheet of water, less than a mile in length the longest way, and never by any chance does it ever spill one of them upon the shore.

Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. M. Boyd and C. W. Conklin, under the firm name of Boyd & Conklin, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts should be paid to J. M. Boyd and all accounts owed by the firm will be paid by him.

J. M. BOYD,
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Medford July 6, 1903. 29-31



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NEWS OF THE STATE.

Of the 3010 children of school age in Astoria, 1544 are boys and 1466 girls. This is an unusual division, but among the total number of children are 73 Chinese, and of these only four are girls; at least that is the way their parents announced them to the enumerators.

Friday afternoon, while a crowd of youngsters were in swimming at Lafayette, one of the boys dived under Chester Simmons. The lad was frightened until he floundered into deep water, and being unable to swim, would have drowned had not one of the larger boys gone to his assistance after he had already sunk twice.

Lakeview Examiner: "Probably no heavier snow storm occurred last winter than was witnessed Monday morning July 6th. It came down in large flakes and soon covered the ground to a depth of three-quarters of an inch. Trees were bent to the ground with the heavy load, and many were broken down."

John Knapp, a bachelor of Grants Pass, who wooed a girl and did not meet with the encouragement that he desired, got into trouble with the girl's mother and drew a gun without any just provocation, was yesterday given a hearing in the Josephine Circuit Court. The charge against Knapp was that of assault. He was found guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

A horrible case of suicide has been brought to light at the Mount Tabor Sanitarium. The victim was Miss Berta Calligan, of Seaside, who was an inmate of the insane ward at that institution. She burned herself to death Sunday afternoon July 5th, by setting fire to a bundle of old paper and prostrating herself thereon. The remains were sent to the parents of the unfortunate woman, at Seaside, where the interment took place.

The County Court of Douglas county at an adjourned session called to consider the project of leasing the North Umpqua river above Winchester for the Oregon Boom & Timber Company, for the purpose of floating logs and timbers, passed a resolution declaring the North Umpqua river navigable. The court decided to grant the application of the Oregon Boom & Timber Company. A contract for using the stream will be prepared immediately and the terms being satisfactory, it will be signed by both parties.

The early hay crop is being sold in La Grande at \$11 to \$13 per ton, which is about \$4 per ton above the price in former years. The hay is late in maturing and the yield is light, promising a scarcity this winter. Owing to the high price of hay and poor quality of grain, much grain will be cut for hay. Beets are expected to yield about two-thirds of the net tonnage of last year. Owing to light early rains some beets were plowed up, but those left are making excellent growth.

Here is another Heppner story: when the flood struck "Old Man" Mallory's house, it lifted the structure entire and without in any way smashing it, carried it down the block and around the corner into Main street, gently depositing it against the curb in front of Robert's Hall. It is said that the old gentleman sat quietly in his chair all the while. Looking out, he noticed the building passing, and imagined his own home to be stationary. He was greatly puzzled, however, to account for the movement of Robert's stone block,

which seemed to him to be gently floating toward him. It is reported that he remarked: "That stone building is liable to smash us all up if it doesn't come to anchor."

Harry Belden, a miner, employed at the Bonanza mine, had a very miraculous escape from death early Saturday morning. As it is, he is lying at the Sumner Hospital with a dislocated shoulder. He and his working mate, A. E. Howell, were ascending an up-ramp at the 1000 level. Belden was on the ladder and had almost reached the top when the ladder turned and he lost his footing. The distance from where he started to fall to the bottom was 150 feet, and he had dropped about eight feet of the distance when he threw out his hands and fortunately caught on some lagging. This checked his fall, but the force was enough to dislocate his shoulder. Although suffering great pain, the man held on pluckily until he was rescued. He was brought to town a short while later and is now under the care of Drs. Pearce and Anderson. His death would have been certain but for his presence of mind in clutching at the first projection at hand.

The Women Know Best.

Much comment has been caused by the official reports of the United States and Canadian governments, in which are presented the evidences of the superior strength, purity and wholesomeness of the Royal Baking Powder.

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