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

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The honest American citizen doesn't stand in slippery places. He usually falls down or gets off them.

The Porto Rico legislature has rejected a bill providing for independence under an American protectorate. Those people know when they are well off.

If the salary of General Miles were to be somewhat reduced, according to present suggestions, that officer would still have a very attractive income, possibly fully as much as he offers return for.

Richard Croker is no longer the first favorite of His Royal Highness, Edward of England. Richard had the audacity to bid against the king for yarding rapers, and was promptly ruled off the royal training course. "Sic semper McGinnisi!" Croker will move to Ireland.

Once more the Warner Valley Stock company has scored a victory in its protracted fight to establish title against settlers on some valuable lands in Lake county. Judge H. L. Benson has rendered a decision in favor of the company in the suit instituted by the attorney-general of the state, at the request of Governor Chamberlain, who has made a strong effort to establish the settlers' claims. Appeal will doubtless be taken to the supreme court.

The selection of Hon. W. I. Vawter as chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the house by Speaker Mills is one that will meet the approval of the people of Oregon. This is the most important committee of legislative bodies and its chairmanship is considered an honor only second to that of the speakership itself. Mr. Vawter, by training and experience and natural ability, is fully capable of discharging the important duties of the chairmanship of this committee, and his appointment is a fitting recognition of his ability and public services.

The time has apparently come when a revision of the tariff is necessary. The duties on some articles have become unequitable through the development of the resources of the country. The principal object is to encourage and build up, not to restrict manufacturing and trade, and whenever it has the latter effect there should be an adjustment of duties such as will bring about the desired result. Some of the big protected interests are opposing any revision of duties upon articles of their production, but Congress should work for the greatest good to the greatest number. The majority of public opinion seems to favor revision upon conservative lines.

We often read of invincible fortresses. In ancient times there were many of them. Babylon with immense walls sixty feet high was intended to be invincible, but it could not resist determined enemies. In

modern times, Gibraltar perhaps comes nearest to being invincible, but the Spaniards lost it by assault. "Invincible" Quebec was captured by Gen. Wolf, and in our civil war Gen. Grant carried "Invincible" Vicksburg. In recent years the Russians fortified the naturally strong position of Port Arthur in China and made it "invincible" but it could not stand before the resolute persistence of the Japanese enemy, and after a long siege and numerous terrible assaults, the great fortress was obliged to surrender. Often very strong forts are captured through the cowardice of treachery of defenders, but in the case of Port Arthur it appears to have been a straight result of capacity and reckless bravery on the part of the Japs.

Poor Advertisement.

The Mail wants to read a lesson in advertising values to our hotel keepers, a most worthy class, but one which hardly realizes the value of first impressions on the new-comer seeking investment in this valley. The old adage that "the shoemaker always goes alaphod" is unfortunately applicable to a fruit country, and here in the Rogue river valley, the cream of the apple culture country of the northwest, it is most unfortunate that the casual visitor to Medford and the intending investor is sure to find on all our hotel tables, nothing but cull apples, and usually the poorest kind of culls. It is a notorious fact, and has been for years, and the attention of The Mail has been called to the conditions by the adverse criticism from a visitor from Portland, who is connected with the real estate business there and knows that we are standing in our own light by the course we are pursuing in this matter. As there are really but few apples consumed at the table by the average guest, and even where the consumption is large the cost is not prohibitive. We hope that our hotel managers can see their way clear at once to buying the best to be had and giving visitors a chance to at least see our best four-tier apples, even if they do not care to eat. It may appear to be not an important matter, but it really is, and it behoves interested parties to see to it that good apples are provided at once on every table at which guests are entertained in Medford, in order that the statements of our fruit growers concerning the best fruit country on the face of the globe, may be corroborated by the best possible means. Fruit growers, hotel keepers themselves, all who are interested in the sale of property, even every business man who knows how much depends on the prosperity of our fruit growing element, are vitally concerned in this matter, and we hope that in future the visitor here may not go away under the impression that all he has read of our glorious fruit is false and that the whole proposition is a fake, owing to apparent ocular demonstration at out hotel tables.

To Horse Men.

The undersigned has opened a training and sale stable in Medford. Young horses broke, single or double, or to saddle, and gaited to any desired gait. If you have a good, saleable horse that you wish to dispose of, place him on our list, or if you wish to buy come and see us. We have for sale a span of fine Hambletonian mares—youth, good size and can step a mile better than four minutes double, and are good single drivers. If you have a horse whose teeth need "fixing" bring him in and get them repaired, and give him a new lease on life. Offices with Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.

J. W. LAWTON.

OREGON LEGISLATURE

Speaker Mills on Monday announced his appointments of standing committees. Each of Jackson county's representatives gets a chairmanship, beside membership on other committees. Following are the committees.

Ways and Means—Vawter, Graham, Huntley, Hermann.
Judiciary—Linthicum, Vawter, Smith, of Josephine, Jayne, Muir.
Railways and Transportation—Sonnemann, Mears, Blakeley, Graham, Cooper, Lincoln.
Elections—Killingsworth, Edwards, Kuney, Sherman, Laws, Smith, of Baker.
Education—Gray, Fawk, Settlemier, Cole, Bailey.
Engrossed Bills—Hudson, Carter, Mayor.
Enrolled Bills—Graham, Bramball, Bailey.
Assessment and Taxation—Huntley, Colwell, Chamberlain, Kay, Sitz.
Claims—Colwell, Richie, Fawk.
Military Affairs—Capron, Richie, Mankers.
Roads and Highways—Hermann, Cornett, Jagger, Flint, Hudson.
Printing—Bailey, Donnelly, Sherman Steiner.
Indian Affairs—Richie, Capron.
Corporations—Holcomb, Cornett.
Cities and Towns—Jagger, Hermann, Shook.

Commerce—Crag, Burns, Edwards, Miles, Kuney, Sherman.
Counties—Henderson, Jayne, Von der Hellen, Burgess, Blakeley.
Federal Relations—Flint, Griffin, Cavender.

Mining—Smith, of Baker, Bingham, Capron, Smith, of Josephine, Jackson.
Public Lands—Bingham, Miles, Henderson, Smith of Baker, Laws.

Internal Improvements—Cornett, Killingsworth, McLeod.

Agriculture—Von der Hellen, Settlemier, Holcomb.
Alcoholic Traffic—Welch, Kay, Burgess.

Manufactures—Mears, Gray, Edwards.

Medicine and Pharmacy—Steiner, Grant, Cole, Calvert.
Banking and Insurance—Cooper, Settlemier, Henderson.

Horticulture—Burns, Holcomb, Dobbin.

Health and Public Morals—Calvert, Mankers, West.

Rules and Joint Rules—Carter, West, Burns.

Salaries and Mileage—Jackson, Sonnemann, Kuney.

Public Library—Newell, Jackson, Caldwell.

Fisheries—Mayer, Colwell, McLeod, Jagger, Jayne.

Labor and Industries—Miles, Welch, Griffin.

Penal, Reformatory and Charitable Institutions—Dobbin, Killingsworth, Griffin.

Capitol Buildings and Grounds—Bramhall, Cavender, Sonnemann.

Statistics and Immigration—Barnes, Bramhall, Crag.

Irrigation—Cole, Sitz, Steiner, Von der Hellen, Dobbin, Shook, McLeod.

Food and Dairy Products—Sitz, Gray, Newell.

Salary of State and County Officers—Kay, Mears, Burgess.

Revision of Laws—Muir, Burns, Vawter.

Game—Doonnelly, Muir, Chamberlain, Carter.

President Kykendall appointed the following committees:

Agriculture and Forestry—McDonald, Laycock, Avery.

Assessment and Taxation—Booth, Holman, Hichel, Loughary, Miller.

Claims—Bowerman, Carter, Miller.

Commerce and Navigation—Holman, Howe, Wheeldon.

Counties—Coe, Hodson, Tuttle.

Education—Coke, Haines, Pierce.

Election and Privileges—Brownell, Smith, Avery.

Engrossed Bills—Sichel, Bowman, Croisan.

Enrolled Bills—Hodson, Holman, Miller.

Federal Relations—Whealdon, Wright, Avery.

Fishing Industries—Tuttle, Brownell, Coke, Coe, McDonald.

Game—Carter, Howe, Wright.

Horticulture—Hobson, Nottingham, Avry.

Insurance and Banking—Loughary, Booth, Carter, Coke, Haines.

Irrigation—Laycock, Rand, Wheeldon, Bowerman, Smith.

Judiciary—Rand, Brownell, Coke, Malarkey, Pierce.

Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry—Coe, Tuttle, Smith.

Military Affairs—Coshow, Malarkey, Howe.

Mining—Booth, Hobson, Coe.

Municipal Corporations—Lughary, Sichel, Stand.

Penal Institutions—Nottingham, Malarkey, Miller.

Printing—Hodson, Holman, Coshow.

Public Buildings and Institutions—Wright, Farrar, Hays.

Public Lands—Howe, Croisan, Nottingham, Wheelson, Smith.

Railroads—Croisan, Brownell, Sichel, Hodson, Wright.

Revision of Law—Malakey, Mays, Bowerman, Rand, Coshow.

Roads and Highways—Haines, Hobson, Tuttle, Laycock, McDonald.

Ways and Means—Farrar, Hodson, Carter, Loughary, Coshow.

That a bill will be introduced providing for an amendment to the local option law is regarded as extremely likely the present week, although who will place the measure before the solons has not so far been ascertained. That the manufacturers of law will be weighed upon heavily by the wholesale liquor interests through petitions, lobbies and otherwise is assured. All ready petitions are being prepared in Portland, and in other towns, asking the legislature to amend the law by striking out the clause providing for grouping of precincts and taking the vote on a basis of county option. These petitions ask that the law be so amended as to provide for pure local option by requiring the vote on the liquor question to be taken on the basis of precincts alone, the rule to be that each precinct is to stand for itself.

Under the provision of this law, if a precinct goes "dry" it will be so ordered, while the rule will apply equally the other way. Under the law as it now stands, if a precinct goes dry and all the rest in the county vote wet, the dry precinct still stands, while if all else go dry and one goes wet, the entire county goes on record as against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

These petitions also ask that 40 per cent of the legal voters in a precinct shall be necessary to call an election, instead of 10 per cent, as now provided.

A bill providing that attorneys practicing before a probate court must possess all the qualifications and requirements of those permitted to appear before the state supreme court, is the purpose of a bill introduced in the house by Representative Vawter, of Jackson. The idea of the measure is to bring the probate court up to the level of any other court of record, and to require the same qualifications on the part of attorneys.

STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

Rev. H. C. Brown:—"The marriage of J. F. Cook and Miss May Bailey at the residence of J. S. Morgan makes the third wedding at which I have officiated in that same room during the fourteen months last past. That's a pretty good record for a room in a private dwelling house. The first wedding was that of Miss Cora Morgan in December, 1901; then came that of Miss Susie Cook in September, 1902, and the last that named above."

I. A. Webb, by letter to W. T. York, from Goldendale, Wash.:—"Have been busy as possible all fall, and now everybody is busy sleighing. They are riding in all kinds of sleds, made of dry goods boxes, boards, logs—anything that will slide. The snow is about eighteen inches deep and the weather fine, the thermometer being 20 to 30 above zero. The snow insures a crop for next year. Folks are all well, including the baby, Edith and Earnest at Baker City."

John W. Cox:—"Yes, Mrs. Cox and I had a most enjoyable trip. We took our time and tried to see everything there was to be seen. We visited the St. Louis fair twice and then I don't believe we saw all of it, though we were there for several days on each trip. Then we visited around in Indiana, Iowa and Tennessee, where I was raised, finally returning by the southern route through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. We were lucky in timing our trip just right to escape any of the cold weather. I want to tell you that while those Mississippi valley states are all right, have rich soil, raise big crops and all that sort of thing, this Rogue river valley suits me all right. I've got more money to the acre on an average here from our farms and regards than they do, and we don't

Just a few more days, Don't be too late and miss "The Toggery's" Clearance Sale.

A few numbers left viz:
A few lines of \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 hats, both stiff and soft now \$1.00
Heavy wool shirts, regular price \$1.75 now \$1.33
" " " " 1.50 " 1.17
" " " " 1.25 " .83
All stiff-front " " 1.50 " 1.10
" " " " 1.25 " .83
" " " " 1.00 " .74
Ladies keep your husbands home of evenings by buying them a smoking jacket or a house-coat 35 per cent discount on every coat.

We do not Misrepresent, and our goods are all new, (no old junk at our store.)
Every article that comes from our store as represented or your money back.

"Give us a Look" and you will be money ahead.
"The Toggery"
The Largest Glove Dealers in Southern Oregon.

"LOOK"
FRANK B. HARRINGTON JR.
The Cigar Man.
Phipps Building. Seventh St

run any chance of freezing to death either. That's a good country to visit back there for an Oregonian, but it isn't as good as this is to live in."

Additional Local.

The M. C. C. B. team of Medford and the Ashland Normal girls will play a game of basket-ball this (Friday) evening. The two teams had several interesting contests last year, victory, finally falling to Medford. Ashland has been practicing under a coach for sometime and expect to give the Medford girls a hard contest. A dancing party will follow the game.

Guaranteed Forest Reserve scrip for sale in large or small quantities, by Frank E. Alley, upstairs over Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Will place same for non-resident purchasers.

Some one entered the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis last week and secured several dollars belonging to the W. R. C., of which Mrs. Davis is treasurer, overlooking another sum of money in a bureau drawer, however.

Fifty-eight acres of Bear creek bottom. All set to apple trees. Price \$600. White & Trowbridge, real estate agents, Medford, Ore.

Miss Ida Lee Griner, has returned to her home on Evans creek, in the Meadows, from Portland.

For sale or trade cheap Good incubator and brooder, one hundred and twenty egg capacity. Inquire of N. C. Gunn, Medford, Oregon.

Born—At Montague Calif., January 14, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Heald, a daughter.

Just received a carload of sash and doors, and screen doors. J. H. Chamfers, Medford.

For sale—Double Mitchell hack, nearly new, with pole and shafts. Cheap. G. B. Wild, one mile north of Phoenix. 27-1f.

Please your wife, sister, daughter, daughter-in-law or a friend by buying something for all from Elwood's complete line of silver ware.

Remember the goods are right and the price is right of your home-made creamery butter. Ask your grocer for it.

Butler, the watchmaker has anything you want in the way of a Seth Thomas clock or an Elgin or Waltham watch.

Scott & Cockerline Bros., proprietors of the Nash livery table, have two good teams for sale.

See Elwood's complete line of musical instruments.

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One Minute Cough Cure For Coughs, Colds and Croup.

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That does not fall in any point
3 Times the Value Of any Other One-third Faster One-third Easier
Rotary motion and ball bearing. The lightest running Machine in the world. Rapid. Saves about one day in three, sewing that much faster than vibrating machines.

Quiet and Durable Does Not Shake
The Simplest Sewing Machine Made Cannot Start in the Wrong Direction
Best for All Kinds of Sewing. Will sew the lightest goods without puckering them, and on heavy work makes a seam that is elastic, strong and durable.
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A complete line of Fancy box Stationery.
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