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

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Oregon will have to hurry some this exposition year if she beats that 173, journal Washington baby.

Its about time those of our citizens who feared a drought begin predicting that crops will be ruined by too much rain.

Russia's private soldiers are paid three kopecks, or less than two cents, a day. As they are getting very little glory, it seems that Ivan Ivanovitch makes a bad bargain for his life.

Movements are on foot in many Oregon towns for cleaner and more brightly streets. Although Medford is out as bad off in this respect as some of her sister towns, there is still room for improvement. Even a good condition may be improved. Let's do it.

The Russian Bear is snarling a little at the American Eagle. The "eagle bird" isn't worrying much about that. His talons and beak are pretty sharp, and, besides he is several thousand miles out of reach of the "bear's" blunted claws.

The Colorado farce has been concluded by the seating of Peabody, who is to resign. If there is any justice in that we fail to see where it comes in. If Peabody was elected he is entitled to hold the office. If he wasn't he has no right to the seat for an instant.

At last Missouri has a Republican United States senator, the deadlock having been broken on the last day of the legislative session with the election of Major Wm. Warner, of Kansas City. It was a hard—and in some respects—nasty fight which came near landing a Democrat for the place.

Over in Palouse county, Washington, they don't waste time much in preliminaries when it comes to launching electric railroad enterprises. This time there was some lively talk, but it was followed by taking of stock and now a contract is to be let next week for construction of thirty-three miles of road from Spokane to Waverly. Medford is doing something in that line herself.

Southern Oregon Mines.

From Grants Pass Courier.
Another dividend, the second in 1905, has been declared by the Galice Consolidated Mines Co. This property is making a remarkably good showing, especially in consideration of the extreme dryness of the winter. The present energies of the company are directed towards the completion of the big flume which will open the bed of Galice creek.

Some very handsome specimens of copper ore were received at the mining exhibit this week from the Little Grayback copper mines owned by W. L. Brobeck of Althouse and located on Grayback mountain near the headwaters of Deer creek. The ore carries copper at the rate of 17½ per cent and \$3 per ton in gold. The ledge shows a width of fifteen feet and upwards. The property is under development and has the most favorable indications for becoming a valuable and productive mine when fully opened up and equipped.

The Golden Drift Mining Co., completed the laying of their pipe line last week and on Monday a trial run was made with one giant operated under the force generated by the big pump. The test was very satisfactory and the work of the pump was of character to indicate it has all the power and capacity claimed for it by the manufacturers. At the present place of working the water is lifted about 150 feet above the river and then has a drop of about fifty feet to the giants. The lifting capacity of the pump gives abundant pressure. Several days will be consumed in trial runs and in testing and adjusting various portions of the machinery before the mine will settle down to steady operation. Four giants will be used. The completion of this plant marks the consummation of one of the biggest placer enterprises ever attempted in Southern Oregon.

A railroad to the Blue Ledge Cop-property, on upper Applegate, is again being talked of, and the property is being investigated and examined with a view to a purchase, by Spokane parties. The railroad would have an easy grade up the Applegate, a distance of about thirty-five miles from Jacksonville to the property and its construction will be begun at an early day if the sale is consummated. The property is at present owned largely by Spokane parties with Dr. J. F. Reddy, of Medford, as manager. Dr. Reddy has been engaged in the work of development very steadily ever since the bond, taken on it by Patrick Clark and others some two years ago, was surrendered. The parties who are examining the mine with a view to buying it, are old and experienced miners who have been

engaged in the development of some of the oldest copper properties in the west. The Blue Ledge group is composed of some 350 locations or claims.

American Apples in England.

From U. S. Crop Reporter.
Some interesting information relative to American apples in England appears in a report made by United States Consul Albert W. Swalm, of Southampton, England, dated January 25, 1905. He states that the reports from the local markets as to the condition of the pack of American apples put on the English market are exceedingly creditable to the packers, and that it is seldom that the standard varieties popular in the English market have turned out so much in favor and to the taste of the buyers, the fruit being of that firm mold and solid condition generally required in the English market.

In 1903 the enormous amount of 11,000,000 bushels of American and Canadian apples were sold in the English market, and from present appearances that record will be nearly if not quite equaled from the crop of 1904. He quotes from an English authority, who says: "The American fruit grower knows how to attract the purchaser by uniformity in size and quality in a way which English growers have hardly begun to learn. And so, in the big towns, the English product hardly finds one purchaser at four cents a pound, where the American fruit finds ten at double the price." (Chances are the apples mentioned are Oregon apples.—Ed.)

W. C. T. U. Items.

The Union opened on time at the Christian church, March 10th, with scripture reading by the president, prayer by Mrs. Fielder, song, "Jesus Lover of my Soul." The minutes of last meeting read and approved. Committee showed several visits made to the sick. A number of letters were read by Mrs. Hammond, corresponding secretary. One was from Mrs. Addition, stating that the national conference with our national president, M. N. Stevens, and first vice-president, Anna Gordon, with the state president, Mrs. Addition, will be in Medford, May 17th to 18th. It being "Suffrage Day," Mrs. Hammond presided. Some good thoughts were presented. The Union sang, "Just as I Am," and was dismissed by Mrs. Hubbard, to meet at the Christian church, March 23d. All members requested to come. Visitors made welcome.

School Teacher Wanted.

The directors of school district No. 55, upper Trail creek, want to engage a teacher for the spring term of school. Will pay \$35 per month. Address, C. T. Skryman, Trail, Oregon.

Additional Local.

—Reames Chapter, O. E. S., had a social evening on Wednesday, which was attended by a large number of members and guests. The regular business of the evening included initiations, which extended the session to such an extent that the program was necessarily short. Everyone enjoyed it, however. A program consisting of instrumental duets, by Misses Fern Hutchison and Hazel Davis, and Vernon Vawter and Treve Lamaden, and a select reading by Mrs. E. N. Warner was rendered. The feature of the evening was a sewing and whittling contest. In this the gentlemen were furnished with thread and needles and sundry pieces of silk, from which they were expected to fashion an American flag. The ladies, on the other hand, were equipped with a knife and a stick, out of which they were to whittle a flag staff for the flags of their respective partners—as a consequence some of the participants of both sexes are wearing pieces of court-plaster on their fingers, as a reminder of their encounters with unaccustomed weapons. Chas. King won the prize as the best seamster—would you call it? while Mrs. C. R. Ray carried off the palm for the most artistically whittled staff. Capt. Short was easily first for the consolation prize. Of course there was a lunch, and a nice one, too. The committee in charge was Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hargrave, Mrs. Eugene Orr, Miss Gertrude Weeks and Fred Weeks.

—For Sale:—Good surrey, hills and pole; also single harness. All for \$50. Inquire at Mail office.

—Mrs. Lizzie Haroun has filed a petition for divorce from her husband, Frank S. Haroun, principal of the Eugene Business College. Mr. Haroun was in Medford a little over two years ago, endeavoring to establish a business college here. He soon afterwards located in Eugene. Miss Maud Dieker, instructor in the college, is named in the petition as co-respondent.

—There is a state law requiring that all practicing veterinary surgeons shall pass an examination and secure a license. The next meeting of the examining board will be held in May. There is a penalty attached to the offense of practicing without a license and the state board propose to prosecute all offenders.

—John Pankey, aged eighty years, died at the family home in Sams Valley on Tuesday of this week.

—Band concert next Sunday, March 26th, on railroad plaza.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Carlton, of Brownsboro, were Medford visitors Saturday.

Miss Laura Evans left Wednesday evening for Grants Pass to remain for the next several months.

S. J. Moore and family arrived from Sisson Monday. Mr. Moore is employed in the Iowa Lumber Co.'s factory.

George F. King returned Monday from a several weeks' timber land cruise in Klamath county and in Northern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Wilson came down from the Stewart ranch, on upper Rogue river, this week, for a visit of a few days with Medford friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shively, of Ashland, who have been visiting Mrs. Shively's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ray, of Medford, returned home Friday last.

Dr. E. B. Pickel returned Thursday morning from a trip to Portland, where he attended a meeting of the state board of health, of which body he is a member.

J. S. M. Smith and family, of Kent, Washington, arrived in Medford this week and have taken up their residence here. Mr. Smith was in Medford last fall upon a tour of inspection, and he liked our people and our country—hence his permanent anchorage here at this time.

W. L. Orr returned Wednesday from a several days' attendance at the Grand Lodge meeting of the order of Fraternal Brotherhood, at Los Angeles. He reports a very interesting session, but states that many of the entertaining features were eliminated because of the death of the wife of the president of the assembly,

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which occurred during the season.

E. B. Hall, and F. E. Baker, of Greeley, Colorado, and W. L. Thorn-dyke, of Loveland, Colorado, were in Medford this week, looking over the Fish Lake Ditch proposition, with a possible view to its purchase. From here the party went to Thrall, Calif., where they met other Colorado parties and from there went into Klamath county, where they may interest themselves in real estate.

J. Court Hall left Thursday morning for Roseburg, accompanied by Robt. Christian and Fred Champlin, of Footh creek, Dr. W. L. Cameron, of Medford, and Recorder R. B. Dow, of Jacksonville. The four last-named gentlemen are going thitherward intent upon joining the Roseburg band of Elks, and Mr. Hall is going down to see that no harm overtakes them and that they fall not by the wayside from nervous prostration.

Death of Pioneer Lady.
Mrs. Veturiah C. Hinkle, wife of Dr. J. Hinkle, of Central Point, died at the family residence in that town on Sunday, aged eighty-six years, two months and eight days.
Mrs. Hinkle was a native of Kentucky, and has been a resident of this valley for over twenty-five years.
She was a lady of many estimable qualities and has a host of friends in Southern Oregon who will regret to learn of her death.

CAS. A. Hinkle
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hinkle*

Rural Telephone Line.
When it comes to new enterprises it's a pretty hard matter to head Medford off. This town had the first rural delivery route in Southern Oregon, is going to have a branch railroad and within a few weeks nine of the enterprising citizens east of town will be in communication with each other and the outside world over a rural telephone line. Arrangements have been made with the Sunset Telephone Co., whereby the company furnishes the 'phones, at a monthly rental, and the subscribers on the line the poles and wire. After the line is established the Sunset people see that it is kept in repair. This first line will doubtless result in the establishment of many more, leading out in all directions from Medford. Those interested in this line are J. A. Ward, L. B. Brown, Mitchell & Boeck, Erastus Wilson, Jason Hartman, Ed. Phipps, Dr. Pickel, C. M. Hazelrigge and V. T. McCray.
J. W. Mitchell was in town Thursday after wire—which had been ordered but had not arrived—and took out a load of poles for the line. The line will be connected with the Medford central station.

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