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MAN WAS BORN TO MUSTLE. He is of few days; but quite a plenty. SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 PER YEAR

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Glendale is to have a bank. E. E. and W. H. Redfield, formerly of Medford, are among the prime owners in the enterprise.

The two automobiles racing across the continent are way behind the record. They haven't succeeded in running over even a dog yet.

Medford is the only city in Oregon, for the purpose of stopping at which, the itinerary of the Nebraska Lumbermen's excursion was changed. Appreciation of the fact should be shown.

The secretary of the interior has set aside \$1,000,000 to be used in connection with the Klamath irrigation project in California and Oregon. It is estimated that 250,000 acres of land will be reclaimed by the project.

The value of German toys exported to foreign countries last year was close to \$13,700,000, of which the United States is the principal customer, took \$4,000,000 worth. Sonenberg is the chief center of the industry.

The Medford Mail, ever enterprising and up-to-date, has added to its equipment a new Cottrell press. Brother Bliton is giving Medford a good paper and Medford is wise enough to show its appreciation in the form of liberal advertising patronage.—Eugene Register.

This is an age of education. The railroad corporations have started a "campaign education" on the question of rates, and propose to educate the people in this regard. It will take a whole lot of "education" to convince people in some communities that rates are entirely fair.

The young man who choked a mad dog to death in Chicago, to prevent the animal from biting some school children, is of the material of which heroes are made. An ordinary dog on the warpath is a pretty hard proposition to handle; but a big Newfoundland with the rabies is many times worse.

It was the "man behind the gun" that won Japan's naval fights. At first it was said that American gunners were employed on Japanese vessels. From the way the Japs have been shooting lately in the next war the successful nation will be accused of employing Japanese behind the guns.

At the meeting of the Portland city council last week the question of revoking licenses issued to saloons

near the Exposition grounds was to be taken up; but it was found that five councilmen—known to be opposed to revoking the license—just enough to break the quorum, failed to appear, and they could not be found by the police. As a consequence no business could be transacted.

Secretary Hitchcock says he won't; and Senator Fulton says he won't. In the meantime the interests of the people are suffering greatly, owing to the closing of the Roseburg land office. Better turn the whole matter over to President Roosevelt. His choice would be satisfactory to the people, if not to the politicians.

June 9th has been mentioned in Ashland and Grants Pass as "Ashland Day" and "Grants Pass Day" at the Exposition. There hasn't been anything said about "Medford Day," but it is safe to say that this burg will show up on June 9th, "Southern Oregon Day," with as good a representation, both in people and exhibits, as any other city in Southern Oregon.

Once more America takes the lead in yacht racing. The American yacht "Atlantic" in the great international race across the ocean came in several hours before the people on the other side expected her. The rest of them were among the "also rans." The United States now possesses two of the greatest yachting trophies—the "American cup," which has never left this side, and the "Kaiser's cup," which was won Monday by the "Atlantic."

Already numerous candidates are appearing to fill the place held by the late Chas. B. Bellinger, as U. S. district judge. The names mentioned are those of some of the most noted jurists of Oregon, and perhaps the selection will eventually be made from among their number, but is quite likely that Judge Bellinger's successor will not be named until the land fraud cases are settled, so that the new appointee, whoever he may be, will start with a clean slate and will not be embarrassed by trying cases, in which old friends and associates are deeply concerned.

The battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets is said to be the greatest since Trafalgar. Yet exploits equal in results, through on a smaller scale, have been accomplished by the American navy. Witness Perry's victory in the battle of Lake Champlain; Paul Jones' exploits in the revolution; Farragut's storming of Mobile and Dewey's and Schley's battles in Manila bay and Santiago, all are great feats of arms; but in the number of men and ships engaged are not equal to the battle in the Korean straits.

The flags which decorated almost every city, village and hamlet in the United States Tuesday were indicative of a different sentiment than prompts their display on any other occasion. They were not displayed to commemorate a triumph over a foe, nor to foster a warlike spirit toward another nation. The folds of the stars and stripes, as they fluttered on the breeze that day, wafted the spirit of Americanism throughout the land.

The banner of the free now floats over a united nation and beneath its folds north and south unite to honor their soldier dead. The bitterness engendered by the four long years of the civil war has passed away. Believing they were right, each side fought, as only Americans can or will. Now the scars of battle have healed over and the American flag floats, as Daniel Webster, in his immortal speech would have it: "Over the land and over the sea, in every wind under the heavens, not a stripe erased nor polluted, nor a single star obscured." Let us honor our dead, and let us at the same time remember that we have a duty in the keeping of the flag in the proud position where their hands have placed it.

Circuit Court. State vs. Henry Smith. Sentence on conviction of assault with a dangerous weapon. State vs. Milton Storm. Sentence on conviction for subornation of perjury. M. M. Clark vs. W. J. Boosey et al; damages. M. Sorenson vs. T. C. Wheeler; action for damages. N. H. Latimer vs. Jos. Morris, et al; injunction. Wm. Bybee vs. Frank Bybee, et al; to recover real estate. Ashland Electric Co. vs. city of Ashland; to quiet title to water rights. H. M. Coss vs. Theresa Bryant; to recover money. C. J. Willitt vs. C. H. Garnett; equity. J. R. Feeland vs. W. B. Feeland; divorce. Mary E. Ashurst vs. Bert Ashurst; divorce.

Death of Vernon Glen Goode. Death visited the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Goode Friday, May 20th, and took away their little son, Vernon Glen, aged one year, five months and twenty-nine days.

The funeral took place on Saturday, May 27th, services being held at the family residence, Rev. J. H. Brown officiating. The bereaved parents and the family have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.

Exhibit Sent to Portland. The exhibit for Jackson county, which Hon. John D. Otwell and D. H. Jackson, have been so diligently gathering, were shipped to Portland Tuesday and Mr. Otwell left also on that evening's train. The agricultural display will not be as full and perfect as it will be a few weeks later, when grains and grasses are more fully matured. The mineral display, however, will rank among the best.

Another Strike in The Opp. Sunday a second body of rich ore was uncovered in the Opp mine, near Jacksonville, and between \$2000 and \$3000 in almost pure gold has already been taken out. The "bunch" while not so large as the one taken out last week indicates a continuation of the rich streak for some distance.

Card of Thanks. We wish to express our thanks to those whose kindness and sympathy served to alleviate our late bereavement. W. E. GOODE and FAMILY.

Will He Succeed? (Continued From Last Week) MR. ADAM JONES. MY DEAR ADAM:—Your ever welcome letter just received and I must say, dear Adam, that I too am getting tired of this suspense. Since you left Medford I have been too lone-

some to live. I know that I thought lots of you as a good, old, substantial friend, but I have learned in the very few months just passed that I love you, you are in my thoughts continually, your old-time smiles haunt me day and night. I sit and wait for your coming, I listen for your footsteps and now I am ready to give in. You are a hero enough for any one and I feel we can make life's pathway blossom as brightly and sail on life's rugged sea as smoothly now as when you had gained honor and distinction. So please, Adam, don't wait for another letter from me, but quit, lay off, beg away from your work that whither soever thou goest there may I go also; thy people shall be my people and I will ever live and be happy in the presence of thy happy smiles. Adam, you can't guess how anxious I am to take you and as one flesh we will go down and make old Slim & Shortie's sleek, for I have a list of articles all picked out and know the prices and if you don't have money enough I will see if I can't dig up some and thereby be a helpmeet unto you at once. Mr. Slover, the dryman, says that Slim & Shortie must be selling lots of goods for they have something in on every day. It is not long in the store. The county people are learning that Slim & Shortie have what they want and at prices far below those elsewhere. The contractors have learned that the prices made on nails, locks, hinges and other furnishings for house construction are much better and fairer than what they have been used to and are buying nails in large quantities, and more and more are the people learning that Health & Milifgan's old, reliable, ready-mixed paint is superior to anything made in the paint line. Oil and lead have gone sky-high, but Slim & Shortie bought long before the heavy raises and are prepared to fix you up in style. One, Mr. Church, lately from Indiana, took one of those nice Toledo ranges home and says it is the best he has ever saw and uses very little wood. That is on account of the way the grate is made. Mr. Geo. Lindley, from Missouri, was very satisfactorily shown that one Toledo range was worth two of any other make, but his biscuits if not promptly looked after ventilate your oven, Bro. Lindley, for you have one on your stove and no other stoves have such improvements and that is the kind for us, Adam. So hurry up, for the gray granite ware is being very hot. That big shipment of fifteen boxes of granite looks like 30 cents at a country picnic. My, how the 1900 washers do move. Now, Adam, don't wait please, but come at once and let us have a good time. Remember Slim & Shortie, ever ever remember Slim & Shortie, Roberts & Garnett and now await old boys come home quick to your Allies. Hurry Adam. Your loving, ALICE.

STATE TAXES. There are many people who believe if the values are increased this county will be compelled to pay a larger amount of state taxes. This belief is not true. Bellinger and Cotton Code Sec. 3001, Subdivision 4, provides: "By the 15th day of January of each year the county clerk of each county shall in this state shall prepare upon a blank form prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state, a concise tabulated statement of all the EXPENSES of his county for the preceding year, except expenses for roads and highways, which statement shall be certified by him as such county clerk and forwarded to the secretary of state, and a duplicate thereof placed on file in his own office." Sec. 3001, Sub. Div. 4, of Code, provides: "In order to ascertain the proportion of such taxes to be paid by the several counties, on file in the office of the secretary of state, the average amount of EXPENDITURES in each county during a period of five years and each county shall pay such proportion of said state taxes as its average amount of expenditure for said period bears to the total amount of expenditures in all of the counties of the state, such computation to be made by said state officers in January, 1905, and in January of each fifth year thereafter."

After reading the above sections of the laws of this state, it is plain that the amount of taxable property in the county has no relation whatever to the state taxes. It will also be seen that the state tax was apportioned among the several counties last January for a period of five years and will be continued to be so apportioned every five years until the law is repealed. We believe this law will not be repealed soon, for the reason it is the best that has yet been devised. It encourages frugality in county expenditures and encourages road building by excluding such expenditures from the clerks' annual statement of expenditures. We believe it will add to the prosperity of this county if the property is assessed at its cash value as the law directs. The last assessment roll shows property amounting to about four and a half million dollars at the average valuation of 66 and 2/3 per cent less than its actual cash value. We have not less than twelve million dollars of taxable property in this county at the present time. Approximately, it requires one hundred and ten to twenty thousand dollars annually to defray the county expenditures. To raise such amount on an assessment of four millions of dollars it will require a levy of 2 1/2 per cent. If the amount is increased to eight millions it would require only one-third per cent levy to raise the same amount. In the towns and school districts where they levy a tax, the county clerk send them a statement of the amount of taxable property in such town and school district. Upon such statement the tax levy is based. If a low assessment is made the per cent of levy must be increased to raise the required amount of money.

I am anxious to have capitalist come to this county to invest their money. Capitalist before they invest their money inquire what the per cent of taxes are levied in the county and some of our towns would have to answer that they pay about 5 per cent taxes. Such capitalist would not be encouraged to loan his money at 6 per cent and pay 5 per cent taxes. Would it not be better if we could state to such capitalist that our tax levy was 2 1/2 per cent for county, town and school? Would it not be better to let the world know that Jackson county, Oregon, had ten million dollars' worth of property within its boundaries instead of four millions? PETER APPLAGATE, Assessor.

May Feel The Lash. Charles F. McGinty (not the man who went to the bottom of the sea) was held to appear before the grand jury by Police Judge Hogue, of Portland, Friday, on a charge of wife-beating. Mrs. McGinty testified against her husband in the police court. Judge Hogue bound the fellow over to the grand jury in order that he might be tried under the new law passed by the last legislature, providing that the whipping post should be the punishment for the offense he is charged with. McGinty is likely to be the first man to undergo the lash.

TRADE MARK Levi Strauss & Co's overalls made from selected materials

ABOUT THE ASSESSMENT.

Assessor Applagate Explains His Plan of Making the County Assessment, and Gives His Reasons.

TO THE EDITOR MAIL:— At this time the matter of assessing the property in this county is being discussed. Much of this discussion is based on false promises and is misleading. Many taxpayers are opposed to assessing property at its CASH VALUE, believing their taxes would be greatly increased if so assessed. Bellinger and Cotton Code Sec. 3007 provides: "All said lands or town lots SHALL be valued at their true CASH VALUE. True cash value shall be held and taken to mean the amount such property would sell for at a voluntary sale made in the ordinary course of business." Sec. 3071, of the same code, provides: "The assessor shall set down in the assessment roll in separate columns and according to the best information he can obtain, the full CASH VALUE of each parcel of land taxed. Subdivision 5. The full CASH VALUE of all taxable property owned by or to be taxed to such person as provided by law."

The assessor upon entering into his office subscribes to an oath that he will perform the duties of his office according to law. If in the discharge of the duties of his office he fails to obey the law he violates his oath and is liable to criminal prosecution. I am led to believe from hearing the arguments in relation to the assessment of the property of this county that there are many who believe an official oath is a fiction. The president of the United States is now illustrating to the people in the land fraud cases that an oath is a reality. The time may come when the oath of a county official will not be held to be a fiction.

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Strawberries Are now at the best for canning See Our Berries before Buying. L. B. BROWN, the Groceryman.

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

Dr. Condon Retires. Dr. Thomas Condon, the last of the original faculty of the University of Oregon, has retired from active duties in the University he has done so much for. Since the opening of the college in 1876 Prof. Condon has been increasing in his labors in its behalf and thousands of his pupils scattered over the world can testify to the genial, open-hearted nature of this "grand old man," and his enthusiastic interest in everything pertaining to his favorite study of geology. In the class room nothing annoyed him so much as inattention, except, possibly, the coaching of some member of the class by another. In any case there was no harsh rebuke, but in the latter instance, Prof. Condon, without naming the culprit, would recount a story of a leaky steam engine, which diffused its power into the air so freely, that it had none left to drive itself.

Dr. Condon possesses the finest private collection of paleontological and geological specimens in the United States. He has refused numerous flattering offers for this collection, but the Condon collection will doubtless eventually become the property of the University. A complete paleontological history of Oregon, grouped according to the successive ages, forms one of the interesting parts of the collection. Although over eighty-four years of age, Prof. Condon is as vigorous mentally as ever, but his physical condition is not good. Although retired from active work, he still retains his interest in the University and favored visitors may still have the pleasure of listening to his graphic explanation of the geological history of the world as shown by the specimens he has collected.

Southern Pacific Reduced Rates. On account of the Lewis and Clark Fair at Portland the Southern Pacific Company will sell tickets to Portland and return, daily, from May 28th to October 15th, 1905, as follows: Individual tickets, limited to 30 days, for one and a third fare—\$12.25. Party tickets, ten or more, (must travel together both ways) one fair for the round trip—\$9.90; limited to ten days. Parties of 100, or more, moving on same date; individual tickets at one fare for round trip—\$9.90; limited to ten days.

Farm for Sale. 100 acres—sixty acres of fine sub-irrigated bottom land under fence and cultivation. A million feet of fine timber. Hundreds of cords of hard wood. Near town and all down grade and a fine road. Good, two-story dwelling with L. well of splendid water at the door. Lots of fruit and berries of all kinds. County road and daily mail at the door. A splendid place for health and a pleasant home. Address Box 117, Woodville, Oregon.

Wanted. Want to buy a good Furbin water wheel for mill purposes; also water pipe for same and other machinery necessary to complete a good saw mill outfit. Anyone having all or any parts of same for sale please write. W. T. KINNEY, Lake Creek, Ore.

AMONG THE CHURCHES. CATHOLIC CHURCH. Rev. Paul Datin, of Grants Pass, will hold services in the Catholic church in Medford, Sunday, June 18th, at 11:30 p. m. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor society at 7 p. m. Tuesday evening, June 6th, is the regular monthly social of the church. All are invited. W. F. SHIELDS, Pastor. FREE METHODIST CHURCH. The Free Methodists will hold quarterly meeting at the M. E. church, South, beginning June 23d, continuing up to Sunday, Rev. W. E. Goode, the newly-elected district elder, will be in charge of the meeting and will be assisted by Rev. F. B. Cruey. A cordial invitation is extended to all. J. H. BROWN, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH. Services at the usual hour next Sunday. Preaching by the resident pastor. An invitation is extended to all to attend any or all of the day and evening services.

—Blue prints of township maps, showing all vacant land, fifty cents each. For reliable information concerning Government land write to Frank E. Alley, Abstractor, Roseburg, Oregon. Massage Parlors in Medford. Miss Sabrey Booker has opened Massage Parlors at the home of Mrs. E. A. Wortman, on Oakdale avenue, where she is prepared to give steam, electric and salt glow baths, face and scalp massage and fine magnetic treatment. Will go to any part of the city and give private treatment. Women and children only. 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Phone 73. Coulter's Paint Shop. I am now located in the Purdin building, opposite Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.'s on North B street. Carriage painting is my specialty, any color or stripe. Work guaranteed. Prices right. G. W. COULTER, 21-1m.

Notice. A meeting of the Medford High School Alumni will be held at the Commercial Club rooms next Wednesday evening, June 7th. All members should be present. Settle up Notice. The firm of Warner & Davis has dissolved partnership. All accounts due the firm ought to now be paid, and if you know yourself to be indebted to them you are asked to call and make settlement at your earliest convenience. WARNER & DAVIS. Lost. A gent's umbrella, buckhorn handle, elk head and antler carved on handle. D. T. LAWTON. Wants to Trade. I have several head of young cattle or cows, which I would like to trade for goats or sheep. W. H. PENNINGER, Tolo, Oregon. 20-1f.

For Sale. Thoroughbred Holstein-Friesian bull, 15 months old. Call upon W. S. Gore, Medford, or address Rural Route No. 1. 20-1f.

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