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There's something wrong. For fifteen days of the open season for deer has passed and in all Oregon nobody has been mistaken for a deer. We are falling behind the record.

The Federal grand jury has indicted Claud Thayer, of Tillamook, for complicity in attempting to defraud the government out of timber lands. The indictment was returned just in time to come within the limit set by the statute of limitations.

Russian peasants have a pleasant habit of burying people alive occasionally, in order to appease some malignant spirit. They usually pick out a priest for this purpose, which custom in times of distress has a discouraging effect on the clergy.

An autopsy held on a Chinaman in Manila, who had been afflicted with leprosy and had been treated by the X-ray process, is claimed by the physicians making it that there were no traces of the disease in the Mongolian's system. He is dead, nevertheless.

Eugene is excited over the appearance of a party of surveyors, who registered at the hotel as belonging to the "Oregon Eastern" railroad and refused to divulge anything further as to their intentions. The supposition is that they are to survey a line across the Cascades east from Eugene.

The latest big discovery in Southern Josephine was made while the flinders were chasing a wounded bear, the famous Briggs discovery came about through a wounded deer. It's likely now that every time a hunter cripples game in that section, he will have one eye out for a mine and the other for the game.

The crew of the battleship Missouri have asked permission to use a genuine Missouri mule for a mascot. The proposition is worth thinking about. In time of battle for instance the mule could be turned loose on deck and its dollars to doughnuts that no boarding party would ever secure a foothold there.

A number of New York capitalists have subscribed \$3,000,000 to establish a new life insurance company. As a means of getting "easy money" a life insurance company has three card monte, the shell game, or a "brace" farro game beaten a mill and those New Yorkers know it. There's nothing like it.

It is strongly suspected that when Mr. Wu, of China, was in this country asking all sorts of apparently innocent questions, he was looking for Uncle Samuel's most sensitive and fluting out how to get it. And from the howling going up about the Chinese boycott it looks as if he had found what he was looking for.

Cuba is prospering under a government which does not seek to squeeze the last cent possible out of the people. The many resources of the island are being developed and the receipts of the government are increasing very rapidly. Public improvements are being made and the debts of the government are being paid, and it will be but a few years until the "Pearl of the Antilles" will be happy, prosperous and out of debt.

The organization of men in New York for the purpose of marrying many women seems to have been successful enough in both a matrimonial and financial way until somebody gave it away. The only trouble about it was that the manipulators didn't get the money fast enough. If they had adopted the methods of the Equitable or the Amalgamated copper people they would have been rated as high financiers instead of ordinary swindlers.

With two railroads coming that way, government irrigation assured and everything pointing to a prosperous year, Klamath county is surely coming to the front. Time was when the vast Klamath basin was considered good for nothing except the raising of long-horned, half-wild cattle, taken care of by men as wild as the cattle themselves. Now it is a country dotted with prosperous farms. Fields of grain have taken the place of wastes of sagebrush, the long-horned "Texan" has given way to smaller herds of well-bred, gentle cattle and the cowboy with his jingling spurs

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and silver mounted "rig" is almost a thing of the past. If Capt. Jack, the Modoc chief, could come back from the grave and see the "Illahoe" he fought so heroically for, he would receive such a strong impression of the might of the "Boston" man that the hatchet would be buried then and there forever.

This thing of wrangling over a few little official appointments makes a fellow tired. Good men have been recommended for both the register and receiver at the Roseburg land office and for the vacant Federal judgeship. It's about time the president was making a choice of the candidates submitted to him, regardless of whether he steps on any one's political toes or not. The people have been inconvenienced long enough by the quarrels of a lot of small fry politicians.

The battleship Iowa, leading the North Atlantic squadron, came near running down the lightship off Newport in a fog the other day. The fleet, which was bound for the open sea for target practice, got off its course and was heading straight for a dangerous reef when the Iowa fouled the light ship. This occurrence coupled with the loss of life on the Bennington and the cruiser Chicago running ashore in San Francisco harbor, makes one wonder whether the U. S. navy is all it is cracked up to be or not.

Capt. Alex. McLean, more or less celebrated in several late sensational novels, on account of his quasi-piratical exploits in seal poaching, is skulking around in the northern seas, skinning seals and dodging the little tubs this government calls revenue cutters. Some of these days Capt. Alex will become so awed by the sense of his own importance that it will be necessary to suppress him, and some hard-headed naval officer without any romance about him will cause this picturesque figure to come to a very unpicturesque end.

The Lebanon "Social and Athletic Club" was raided by the sheriff of Linn county a few days ago, and a number of prominent citizens of the town were placed under arrest. The social part of the club seemed to be all right, inasmuch as the members were found engaged in partaking of foaming beverages, prohibited by the local option law voted by the citizens of Lebanon last June, but found nothing to implicate the gentlemen on a charge of doing anything more athletic than the piloting of loaded "schooners" to their proper anchorage. The arrested men were released on \$100 bail.

A plan is to be submitted to congress by the war department next winter for organization of a "National reserve," composed of discharged soldiers and members of the National Guard of the several states, to be paid at the rate of \$3 a month—not to be drawn away from their civil duties yet kept in touch throughout the year with the department. In case of emergency these men could render service at once. The whole force might be 100,000 men, or more. It is doubtful, however, whether congress will approve. It will be said we shall have no war, and the expense of this organization would be several millions a year. But we have had wars, and doubtless shall again; and the cost of this preparation might be nothing to the cost of unpreparedness.

The assessor of Josephine county has completed the field work of making up the assessment roll for that county and it is estimated that the total will foot up to \$4,000,000, as against \$2,034,000 last year. Farm lands are assessed at their value and timber lands at \$7 per acre. Railroad lands are rated from \$1.50 to \$2.50 an acre to \$3 and \$6. The assessment on the Southern Pacific roadbed is \$12,000 per mile as against \$6,000 in former years. The rolling stock of the railroad company is raised from \$400 to \$1,000 per mile. The Western Union paid on \$3,945 for its lines and office equipment last year, but the present assessment is \$10,000. The Postal Telegraph Co. is assessed \$7500 instead of \$1,020. Instead of \$4,570, as assessed last year, the Pacific States Telephone Co. will be called upon for taxes on property valued at \$13,500.

Once in a while, but not very often, one hears a complaint from someone that they are unable to see

employment. Investigation shows in nine cases out of ten that the complainant wouldn't work if he had a chance, and if somebody does hire him he will work just long enough to earn enough money either to travel to some other place where work is not so plentiful or try a bout with John Barleycorn. Fact is that just at the present time the man who wants to work and will work can secure employment at some kind of labor almost anywhere in the valley, and at wages that, while not at the top notch, are enough to keep him until he can do better. A man may not secure work at his particular trade at once, but if he is the right kind of a man he will work at something else until an opportunity to follow his craft arises.

Free Lecture at Christian Church.

Thursday night, August 31st, Dr. J. Von Uplik, the famous lecturer, delivered his lecture on the subject: "Home or Hell?" illustrated by stereoscopic pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Webb, the singing evangelists, were on the program for several numbers. Dr. Uplik's lectures have been drawing constantly increasing audiences every night. Friday night "A Trip Around the World in Eighty Minutes" will be given, illustrated profusely. The illustrations consist of moving pictures.

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Was Intimate with Kribs.

Intimacy with Frederick A. Kribs, the Oregon land operator, who was "good to Senator Mitchell," has cost Special Agent George F. Wilson his job in the general land office. Wilson has been on duty in Oregon for some time and, while here, formed the acquaintance of Kribs. The two became quite friendly and in time Wilson borrowed \$250 from the land operator for some object unknown. Kribs had confidence that Wilson would return the money, but in this he appears to have been mistaken, for, although the loan was made many months ago, Wilson has not yet, so far as the department can learn, returned the \$250. Fearing his money was gone, Kribs complained to the department and an investigation was made which satisfied the land office that Wilson had borrowed the money and had not returned it.

His dismissal, however, is not made on account of his failure to return Kribs' \$250, but because he placed himself on intimate terms with a man whose operations he was expected to investigate and the man with whom, above all others, he should enter into no entangling alliances and to whom he should not become obliged.

Asked why he had made this loan, Wilson replied that it was his method of doing good secret service work. He believed if he could get big timber men under obligations to him he could get on intimate terms with them, he could better serve the government than if he was unknown or distant.

The department failed to see things in this light, especially as Wilson had made another big loan back in South Dakota, which he likewise failed to repay, so his services were discontinued.

Wilson was a Rhode Island man. About the time the complaint was made against him by Kribs, he was transferred to New Mexico. The department has no concern over Kribs' money; he must take his own means to recover from Wilson.

Communicated. The following communication has been sent us from Weed, Calif., referring to a former resident of Medford: The grand ball and supper given at the new Weed hall, August 19, 1905, which marked the opening of the restaurant in said building, was a grand success. One hundred and eighty suppers were served, which was claimed by the guests to be the finest and best dance supper ever given in Weed. The dance was conducted in first-class order, every one having a general good time. Supper was served under the management and directions of E. F. Raymond, (formerly of Medford) who deserves much credit for his good work in pleasing the many who enjoyed his magnificent supper.

A New Copper Discovery. From Grants Pass Courier. Another big copper discovery has been made in the Preston Peak district, which adds more proof that that district is one of the largest and richest copper districts in the United States.

PEACE AGREEMENT REACHED

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 29.—Japan and Russia have agreed to sign a treaty of peace as soon as details can be completed. An armistice is to be arranged immediately. The envoys at the meeting this morning arrived at "complete accord" on all questions in dispute. This startling result was foreshadowed in the dispatches this morning, but it had not been expected that the agreement could be reached upon all disputed points before the noon lunch hour. Japan absolutely waived her demand for a cash indemnity. This decision was arrived at by the Japanese cabinet and "elder statesmen" at their extraordinary session Monday. There was never the least doubt but that when the Japanese envoys presented their concessions in complete form unanimous agreement to draw up a treaty of peace would be reached. The following points have been decided upon as the basis of the peace agreement and treaty ending the war. 1. Recognition of Japan's preponderating influence and suzerainty in Korea.

2. Mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria and Russia to relinquish to China all concessions and special privileges. 3. Japanese obligation to restore the sovereignty and administration of China in Manchuria. 4. Mutual obligations to respect the territorial and administrative integrity of China and the principle of the open door. 5. The division of the island Sakhalin, Japan to retain the southern half of the island and to be repaid for the keep of Russian prisoners in Japan. 6. The surrender of the Russian losses to the Liao Tung peninsula, including Port Arthur, Dalny and Hlonk and Elliot islands. 7. The ceding of the Chinese Eastern railroad from Harbin south to China. 8. The retention by Russia of the northern Manchurian railroad, to be policed by China. 9. Fishing rights on the Siberian coast granted Japan from Vladivostok to Bering straits. All of these points have been conceded by Russia, Japan abandoning its claim for indemnity, for the interned Russian ships and for the curtailment of Russian naval power in the far east.

The Southern Oregon State Normal School. The first term of the school year will open September 13, 1905. The citizens of Ashland have furnished the necessary aid to tide the school over the referendum hold-up. The present outlook indicates the largest enrollment of students in the history of this institution. Address Pres. B. F. Mulkey for the new catalogue. 35-24. W. E. Phipps, attorney at law. Offices in Medford Bank building. 28-4f

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"Graustark" Comes Next.

In the next issue of The Mail will appear the opening chapter of "Graustark," one of the most interesting stories which has ever appeared in print. Of the making of books there is no end, but a really good love story or a romance of adventure wherein the interest never lags always commands attention. When both these elements are combined, and skillfully, the result is a story no one can afford to leave unread. Such a romance is "Graustark," the story of a love behind a throne. It contains more than mere love and adventure, although both these elements are treated in such fashion as to hold the reader spellbound from start to finish. It deals with that mixture of pluck and shrewdness which has placed our country in the rank it occupies today. These qualities are combined in the person of Grenfell Lorry, the hero of the story. Where a representative of any but the Yankee race would fail, or would withdraw, hopeless from the contest, this young nephew of Uncle Sam presses on toward his object, past pride, past prejudice, past armed force, to the very steps of a royal throne. The ending of the story, too, is a surprise to even the most seasoned novel reader and is absolutely unique. It would be unfair to even hint in advance at the nature of that termination. There are repeated flashes of quick American wit and many a laugh scattered thickly through the story, relieving the tense and thrilling situation of setting off the beauty of the love incidents. There is not a dull line in it from first to last, and each chapter serves but to whet the reader's appetite for the next. Whether you are fond of the average novel or not, this cannot fail to interest you. It is a story you will remember.

Ashland Light Trouble.

The city council of Ashland, through Mayor H. S. Evans, made application last week to the Condon Water & Power Co., for light and power to be furnished the city. The application was refused on the ground that the company was already under contract with the Ashland Electric Co., to furnish electricity exclusively to that company and Manager Ray did not see how he could grant the application without violating the terms of the previous contract. As soon as the injunction proceedings now pending between the city and the electric company are disposed of, it is believed that steps will be taken to force the issue with the Condon Co., on the ground that it is a common carrier, and therefore bound to supply its products to all persons upon its regular terms. Meantime Ashland is practically in darkness and candles and coal oil at a premium. —Carload of cement and plaster Paris, just received. Am selling at lowest price. J. F. White. 21-1f.

PEACHES AND PEARS Are now in their Prime for Canning. Always a nice supply at L. B. Brown's Grocery.

Sadie, returned Thursday from their extended trip through several eastern states. Fletcher Pentz, of Dunsmuir, was in Medford this week, upon a visit to his father, Attorney S. S. Pentz. Miss Grace Tyler, of Greenville, Calif., is visiting friends in Medford, the guest of Miss Maud McKeever. J. Court Hall, Homer Rothermel and Claud Miles went to Rogue river Wednesday on a fishing expedition. John W. and Frank K. George, of Eugene, are in Medford upon a visit to their sister, Miss Carrie George. Mrs. D. B. Reame left a few days since for Portland on a visit to her son, Robert, who is employed there. Mrs. M. E. King, who has been here for a few weeks, visiting Mr. Lindley's people, returned to her home at Penton, Nebraska, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eppel and Miss Minnie Schaaf, of Woodstock, Illinois, were in Medford Saturday for a days' visit with F. W. Streets and family. Abraham Tinbrook, of Marshfield, Oregon, was in Medford this week, upon a visit to some of the early day settlers, among whom was M. Bellinger.

Thomas E. Isaacs, of Gellespie, Ill., a cousin of Merchant W. F. Isaacs, visited a few days in Medford this week. Incidentally W. F. took him to Rogue river on a fishing trip, in order to show him how the wary "steelhead" is lured from his native element, and succeeded in "showing him" to the extent of nine big ones. Mrs. W. R. Patton and son, Tilden, of Tolo, will start for Portland next week, where they will visit the fair a few days, after which they will go on to Bloomington, Ill., a few miles from Chicago, to visit Mrs. Patton's aged parents and friends. They will also stop over in Missouri a few days to visit friends and the state fair at St. Louis. F. M. Stewart left Monday morning for Portland. After a couple or three days' stay there he will leave for Denver, Colorado, to attend the National Encampment of the G. A. R., which goes into session there on September 4th. Mr. Stewart goes as aid-de-camp to the commander-in-chief and aid-de-camp and chief of staff of the department of Oregon. E. E. Bagley, connected with the Bagley Improvement Company, of Woodville, left this week for Jaynesville, Illinois, where he will engage in the flour and feed business. Mr. Bagley still has great faith in this country, which is proven by the fact that he did not dispose of his interests at Woodville, and he expects to some day again become a resident of the great Rogue river valley. Lee Watkins was in from Rogue river Monday. He has been very busy this summer, preparing forty acres of his land for putting water onto it another season. He tells that if people will only properly prepare their land for the use of water they will experience no trouble in getting it to go where it will do the most good, but it cannot be expected that water will flow alike upon the high and low spots—the low places must be filled and the high ones leveled. A. C. Lewis, of Holbrook, Arizona, stopped off in Medford last week and enjoyed a couple or three days' visit with his old army comrade, Judge F. M. Stewart. These two were boys together; both enlisted in the army at the same time, were in the same company all through the war, and fought and were wounded in the same battle. They were discharged from the service at the same time, in July, 1865, and since that time have not meet until last week. Mr. Lewis is very favorably impressed with this country and it is not improbable that he will invest some money here and become a resident of our city.

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ADDITIONAL PERSONAL

Mort Lawton was up from the Royal Wednesday. Hon. J. D. Olwell has returned from a business trip to Portland. Mrs. Alta Weston, of Grants Pass, is visiting Medford friends. T. J. Kinney and Chas. Prim returned Thursday from Roseburg. W. C. Dally, of Lake creek, was in Medford Monday, upon business. Mrs. T. W. Beckett is enjoying the sights of the Portland exposition. J. C. Howard returned Friday from a several weeks' stay at Prospect. Mrs. E. N. Warner and children returned Friday from their outing at Coletina. Miss May Phipps returned Monday from a sojourn of several weeks at Newport. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hoover have returned from a visit to the Portland exposition. Mrs. M. S. Damon returned Wednesday from a visit to her son at Orville, Calif. R. L. Ish left Saturday evening for a three or four weeks' stay at the Portland fair. Druggist Leon H. Haskins left Saturday evening for a visit to friends in Oakland, Calif. W. J. Fredenburg and family returned last week from a few weeks' outing on Butte creek. Dr. H. P. Hargrave and Alf. Weeks returned Wednesday from a visit to Portland and the fair. Mrs. Maben returned last week from a several months' visit to relatives and friends in Michigan. Merchant H. U. Lumsden and son, Treva, left Monday morning for a visit to the Portland fair. A. W. Sturgis and daughter, Miss

Mrs. W. A. Stewart returned Thursday from a visit to the fair and relatives in Portland. Miss Lottie Perry returned to Oakland, Calif., yesterday. She was accompanied as far as Ashland by Mrs. Marion Tryer. Mrs. J. T. Talent, of San Francisco, who has been upon a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bellinger, returned home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Judd, of Woodstock, Illinois, were in Medford Saturday. They are old-time acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Streets. Mr. and Mrs. John F. White and daughter, Miss Zela, returned last week from quite a lengthy visit to Portland, San Francisco and Berkeley. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Huthinson, of What Cheer, Iowa, are in Medford upon a visit to relatives. Mr. Huthinson is a brother of F. W. Huthinson and Mrs. E. M. Lumsden, of this city. George C. Haley left Monday night for Nevada City, Calif., to resume his old position with the Georgia Harper Theatrical Co. Mr. Haley has made many friends during his residence in Medford and he carries with him his best wishes for his success. August and A. L. Lawrence and their families, Mrs. N. R. Johnston and daughter, Miss Elma, formed a party which left Monday morning for Pelican bay, Crater lake, Huckleberry mountain and other points for an outing. They expect to be gone several weeks. Theo. Glass, Sr., member of the firm of Glass Bros., threshing machine men, who are having an excellent run in the valley, was trading in Medford Tuesday. He was accompanied by his wife and Misses Alberta Stacey and Mira Glass, two popular young ladies of Hoegle section.

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