

MAN - BORN TO FIGHT. It is a few days, but quite a plenty. SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 PER YEAR

Taft sees hope of peace in Cuba, says a dispatch. United States war vessels with their big guns are wonderful peace makers.

Mr. Bryan reserves the right of all great minds to change, and beats previous records by turning a double-back somersault in changing.

The Standard Oil Co. stands liable for \$147,000,000 in fines for violation of the law. Why not put the job of collecting the amount in Henry's hands?

S. A. D. Pater's forthcoming book will be among the "six best sellers" if there is anything in free advertising—and here is where he gets some more.

When the President commences intervening in Cuba with General Funston an intervenor there will be sudden and complete cessation of revolutionary talk and action.

Doublets Bro. Watterson wishes he had kept still about Bryan when he started home from Europe. Unsayings things one has said is always more or less embarrassing.

It is announced from Portland that "factionalism" in the Republican party is dead. Yep. Must be so, but better put a heavy weight on the corpse. It might rise again.

Ashland must be easy. Why Grants Pass, the only town in the valley that will stand for a merry-go-round more than three times in a season, fell to the forger, who fooled merchants and a real estate man of the grants city and got away with it, and jalled him right away.

The confirmed inebriate had been duly admonished and the saloonmen warned not to allow him to enter their places of business. "Spouse its raining, and a fellow ain't got no place to go," said the C. I. "Better get soaked outside than inside," replied the judge.

The undertakers will endeavor to have a law passed forbidding a man to remarry until he has paid the funeral expenses of his former mate. Entirely unnecessary. Just publish the fact. No woman is going to take chances on having to put up for burying her predecessor.

Marie Orelli would have us understand that she doesn't like Americans because we are given to chasing the dollar. It is just like this, Marie, we are obliged to chase the dollar, and the obligation will probably persist until some scheme is devised that will induce the dollar to chase us.

An exchange gives this illustration of the practical working of the new system of spelling: An editor decided to try "fonetic" spelling in his paper and the experiment seemed a success until he got the following: "Dore Sir—I have tuk yore paper fur levez yeres, butt if yew kant spel eny better than hev bin doin' fer last to muntis yew ma jest stoppit."

Did you notice it? When Mr. Bryan emits an utterance that causes the "interfered" to throw up its collective hat and howl itself hoarse, that is the leader speaking the voice of the party. When he says something that brings forth a groan of disapproval, that is Mr. Bryan, private citizen, speaking and hasn't anything to do with party policy. Great scheme, isn't it? It catches them where the darkey's wap couldn't carry bait.

Wouldn't establishing a protectorate over Cuba be a blessing to Billy Bryan. It would attract attention from his government ownership gymnastics, and for political purposes would be equal to the Filipino question. The poor, liberty-loving Cuban patriot, deprived of the privilege of sneaking around in the brush, coming out occasionally to burn a farm house or take a pot shot at his neighbors. Just think of the opportunity to spout ringing sentences about "sacred liberty," etc. The crown of glory, cross of gold speech wouldn't be in it at all.

Senator Bailey has the system. As a private citizen and a lawyer his services are open for engagement, monopoly business preferred. As a United States senator his services are dedicated to the people and monopoly practices condemned. Quite a convenient arrangement. The monopoly lawyer knows just when the anti-monopoly senator is going to lead for the ribs or swing for the jaw in time to sidestep, and vice versa, the senator can always talk when the pie counter is open for business in time to get a front seat. But suppose the opposing elements should get mixed in their dates and the senator should and one of those terrific oratorical blows get around after the good things has all been served. Perhaps the thought. It is too painful to be considered.

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To Insure Water Supply.

In order to secure an ample supply of water for use in the several irrigation projects now under way and contemplated, the Jackson County Improvement Co. has matters under way looking toward the use of the waters of Four Mile lake for that purpose.

Four Mile lake lies in the Cascade forest reserve, just over the summit of the range and north of Mt. McLaughlin, and the permission of the government is necessary in order that the water should be appropriated. Steps have already been taken to secure permission and as the use to which the water is to be put is in line with the reclamation idea, such permission will doubtless be granted.

The idea is to build a dam at the eastern extremity of the lake, the surplus waters of which ordinarily flow into Klamath lake for a few weeks in the spring, at other times the outlet is dry—which will raise the surface of the water twenty-five feet. The water is then carried by ditch to a low gap in the divide and turned loose on the western slope of the range from which point it flows through natural channels into Fish lake, the present head of the irrigation system being inaugurated by

School Notes.

Under the direction of Supt. Signs and Prof. Snedcor, of the science department, steps are being taken to work up a geological and mineral cabinet for the use of the high school science classes. Any one in the city having interesting or typical specimens which they would like to contribute to such a collection will find such contribution deeply appreciated by the pupils and teachers of the high school. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Gunnell, of the Opp mine, have kindly offered their services.

Owing to the great expense to which the school board and the district will be put during the coming year, it has seemed advisable to the school board not to pay for a piano at this time. Since an instrument is necessary to a high school such as Medford possesses, the pupils and teachers have taken it upon themselves to pay for one by turning the proceeds of the lecture course in that direction. If two hundred season tickets can be sold a sufficiently large payment can be made to insure the piano, in addition to which a splendid series of entertainments will benefit the city. Every family should have at least one ticket. Any member can use it. We have boasted many things, including development leagues and shooting tournaments. Suppose we all boost the piano fund for the high school. Tickets \$2.50 for eight numbers. (See list in this issue.) Pupils' tickets \$1 for the season. Reserved seats, 25 cents.

JACKSON COUNTY.

Asbland is troubled by the deprecations of bo bandits, who seem to have a penchant for swiping large quantities of fruit.

The work of the Gold Hill Canal Co. has been suspended for a time, pending the settlement of the injunction suit filed by the Condon Water & Power Co.

The team driven by the Gold Hill-Draper rail carrier ran away last week, but did no damage further than to give the driver and passengers a good shaking up.

The reservoir project for the northern end of the valley, which includes the damming of Bear creek a short distance this side of Ashland, thus creating an artificial lake, is beginning to look like a possibility. Surveyors are now at work laying out lines for the dam.

The stockmen of the upper valley have delivered their beef to J. C. Mitchell, who shipped the stock south. The price paid was not up to the average, being 2 3/4 for prime steers, 2 1/2 for cows and 2 1/2 for spayed heifers.

E. C. Wells, yesterday, sold his meat market, in this city, to Frank Caldwell, of Medford, and C. C. Gilchrist, of Sams Valley. The new firm will assume charge of the business on December 1st. Mr. Wells has purchased a meat market in Portland and will move his family to that city about January 1st. We regret to see Mr. Wells leave this community, as he has for several years been a leading and enterprising citizen of Gold Hill—Gold Hill News.

A rural mail route, which will embrace a considerable area of country has just been established, service on which will commence November 15th. It begins at Central Point, runs as far south as A. C. Taylor's place, on Bear creek, less than two miles from Medford, on the west includes a large portion of Willow Springs precinct and runs to within a short distance of Gold Hill to Rogue river on the east. Agate and Tolo postoffice will be abolished and the patrons thereof will be served by this route. The services of two carriers will be necessary, as the scope of country to be traversed and the number of people to be served are large.

Probate Court.

Estate of Peter Wilson, deceased. Order appointing John Rockland, Henry Dunn and John Wyatt appraisers of said estate in Benton county. Inventory and appraisal filed showing property valued at \$1740. Order for sale of personal property. Estate of Lizzie Davis, deceased. Ordered that John J. Murphy be appointed administrator and G. S. Butler, L. A. Neil and Geo. T. Owen appraised appraisers. Estate of Samuel B. Edmali, deceased. Order appointing Frank B. Netherland administrator. Estate of D. Polk Mathews, deceased. Inventory and appraisal filed, showing property valued at \$677.25. Order made to sell property. Estate of Hattie Lubock. Order made confirming sale of real property.

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Rogue River Fruit Keeps.

One of the causes which contributed largely to the excellent reputation our fruit has in the markets of the world and the high prices realized therefor is its keeping qualities. Rogue river Bartlett's stand shipment across the continent and even across the ocean, arriving in perfect condition, something this variety of fruit from other sections will not do. The same is true of cherries, plums, berries and other fruits. Nor is this quality confined to fruits alone. Other products share it. In the exhibit building are some very fine Trophy tomatoes grown by P. S. McDonald & Son, of Phoenix, which were placed there six days before the opening of the state fair—over three weeks ago—and they are in fairly good condition still. They have had no special care, and would have stood shipment to London. Last year the two monster squashes on exhibition kept in good condition until the 15th of June, simply lying on the floor of the building. This year an effort will be made for a record in the squash line, both in size and keeping qualities. Anyone having an extra large squash would confer a favor by bringing it in. It will be an advertisement for both the country and the grower.

Each Thought Other Dead.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Sept. 24.—After having mourned each other as dead for nearly five months, each believing that the other had been killed in the San Francisco earthquake, James Turner and Miss Mabel Porter, his sweetheart, met face to face on a train here yesterday and were married almost immediately. They were living and working in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake and had been lover and sweetheart for several years. The marriage had been set for a day in June. The evening before the earthquake the couple had spent at the theater and when about midnight they kissed good bye, not a cloud appeared upon the horizon of their lives. The horrible disaster came and flames destroyed the home of his sweetheart and unable to locate her Turner went to Oakland. A few weeks ago he came to his uncle's ranch in South Dakota. The family with whom the girl had made her home in San Francisco were all killed and believing that Turner had met a like fate she came to Nebraska, her former home, to live with her aunt. The happy couple will return to San Francisco and make it their home.

Card of Thanks.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and assistance at the time of our bereavement. J. E. GAUNYAW and FAMILY. —Fruit Jars at Monroe & Miller's.

PURELY PERSONAL.

R. B. Dow made Ashland a business trip Saturday.

Mrs. A. Z. Sears visited Grants Pass friends Sunday.

Mr. John F. White visited Ashland friends this week.

Benton Bowers was in town from Ashland Monday.

Ed. Jones, of Sterling, was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Sheriff D. H. Jackson was down from Jacksonville Sunday.

Jap O'Hara, of Central Point, was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Keene left Friday for Portland, on a visit.

Wm. Bybee, of Jacksonville, spent a few hours in Medford Sunday.

Miss Edith King, of Ashland, visited friends in Medford Sunday.

Wm. von der Hellen, of Wellen, was in this city Monday on business.

E. C. Gaddis returned Saturday from a business trip to Roseburg.

James Grieve, of Central Point, was in Medford Saturday on business.

Miss Ella Hoover has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Texas.

S. W. McClendon was up from Gold Hill Saturday to attend the big shoot.

F. W. Carnahan was in from the Elliott creek copper mines last week.

W. H. Stooker and J. H. Cochran made a business trip to Ashland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stoddard were up from Gold Hill Friday and Saturday.

A. J. Percival left Monday for Northern California on a business trip.

Antone Rose, of Applegate, was in Medford on business one day this week.

Ex-Mayor Gilkey, of Grants Pass, was a Medford visitor one day this week.

Jas. Kelso, Jr., son of Rev. Jas. Kelso, of Fairfield, Neb., is here on a visit.

Meedames Pickett, Hutchison and Lumsden made Ashland friends a visit Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Howard has returned from Santa Cruz, Calif., where she has been visiting relatives.

Merchant and Mrs. J. P. Roberts are at Portland this week, upon a business and pleasure trip.

Jas. O'Brien and Jas. Buckley, of Applegate, did business with Medford merchants Monday.

George Lynch, of Trail, was a Medford visitor Tuesday and made The Mall a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Talent, of Sams Valley, were among Medford friends last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hutton departed Sunday for Nevada City, Calif., where they will locate.

J. D. Olwell left Tuesday evening for Chicago, on a business trip, to be gone a couple of weeks.

G. P. Wagner, of Applegate, was in

See Us for Fruit Jars, both Mason and Economy Jars Monroe & Miller The Popular Grocers

make Jackson county his future home.

Judge Hanna and District Attorney Reames left Sunday evening for Grants Pass to attend the Josephine circuit court.

Mrs. M. L. Duckwith, of Vallejo, Calif., is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. P. Wood. She will remain here all winter.

J. H. McArthur returned Saturday from a month's visit to numerous relatives and friends in Washington and Northern Oregon.

J. W. Baker, of Portland, state game warden, was among those who attended the shooting tournament Friday and Saturday last.

Dr. O. R. Kay and family left Wednesday for morning for Los Angeles, Calif., where the family will remain during the winter.

E. A. Baldwin, one of the leading moneyed men of Portland, was in Medford and vicinity last week, looking over the valley.

Miss Jean Clarke, of Glendale, who has been visiting Medford, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Enyart, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. E. Wolter returned to Phoenix Wednesday evening, after a few days' visit with her son-in-law, Councilman J. L. Demmer, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Oviatt, who have been visiting relatives and friends here and at Ashland, returned to Portland Tuesday evening.

A. W. Ruse, in charge of the force of men organizing the Southern Pacific railroad lands for timber, returned a few days since from a trip to Klamath county.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Morris came in from the Blue Ledge Monday. Mrs. Morris left the same evening for Spokane, Wash., on a visit, while Mr. M. is making a business trip to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner, of Belknap, Washington, arrived in Medford last week and expect to make

in Medford Monday. The reverend gentleman is preparing to leave soon for Dallas, Texas, where he will have the pastorate of a Baptist church, and where his good wife will enter a conservatory of music and complete an unfinished course of music which was nearly completed in Illinois. These people have made a great many steadfast friends in and about Talent and all will regret their departure.

Jas. Lyons, nephew of J. A. Lyons, of Medford, has been visiting him for several days. Mr. Lyons has been in Alaska for several years and is now on his way to Carroll county, Virginia, on a visit. He will return to Medford in a short time and may locate here permanently.

Prof. and Mrs. W. T. Van Sooy, of Ashland, were in Medford last week upon a visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. Van Sooy relates that the Normal School is starting out with a fine membership this season and prospects for a very prosperous and profitable year were never brighter than now.

Dr. B. F. Adkins, R. H. Whitehead and Velney Webster returned Saturday from a two weeks' fishing and hunting trip up at the mouth of Big Butte. They caught plenty of fish and shot all the small game needful to supply the demand. Dr. Adkins landed one fine mountain trout which measured twenty-three inches; Mr. Whitehead saw a large black bear at short range—but didn't have his gun, which was, perhaps, fortunate for Mr. Whitehead, because bears are desperately ugly when there is any unusual noise around.

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Never was such a remarkable offering of novelties, attracting such a tempting array of good things as will be seen at

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Medford this week and was a pleasant caller at this print shop.

Albert Simpson, Southern Pacific freight operator, returned Saturday, accompanied by his bride.

Harvey Richardson, the famous roaddmaker from up Rogue river way, was in Medford Wednesday.

Mrs. Arthur Shively, of Roseburg, is in Medford upon a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ray.

Miss Orth, of Jacksonville, returned Wednesday from Portland and other Willamette valley points.

E. T. Staples, of Ashland, was in Medford Monday, on his way to the Briggs mines, in Josephine county.

Representative-elect Henry D. Kubli, of Applegate, was in Medford Saturday on business for a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McCown are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Eisenhart at their farm in Table Rock district.

this place their future home. Mr. Warner is an old-time friend of our good townsman, J. R. Wilson.

Miss Margaret Kellib, of Salt Lake, who has been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Allen, at Hollywood Orchard, left Monday evening for Seattle, where she will visit a short time before going east.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilkinson returned this week from Portland. Mrs. Wilkinson had the misfortune to lose her right eye on the trip, as the result of a tumor forming back of the eye ball, which necessitated the removal of the member.

C. J. Howard was over from Kerby this week upon business. He has recently sold a farm there for \$3000, but he is not figuring on returning to Medford for some time, as he has another farm of 240 acres under lease and cannot leave there—should he want to do so.

Ward Whiteside left Sunday for Portland, where he will take a course in a business college. The young man is taking quite the correct course in thus preparing himself for the proper handling of whatever may be his chosen pursuit in life. Any young man can better combat and successfully handle any business if he has had a good, thorough business training in some institution which teaches correct and useful methods.

D. F. Hawley, of Central Point, was in Medford Tuesday. He is but recently from Northeastern Oregon, and it is not improbable that he will

Rev. C. H. Terrell, of Talent, was

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES AT HASKINS' DRUG STORE.