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### THE PERPETUAL PRESIDENT.

Porfirio Diaz, "perpetual president" of Mexico, this week celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday. Born of an Indian mother in 1830, educated for the priesthood, the dictator has led an active and adventurous career. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the war against the United States and until his first election as president thirty years later, participated in every war and revolution that devastated his distracted country. With his rise to power came Mexico's rise to national prosperity, and now in his eightieth year, Diaz' fame is secure as one of the great men of his time.

Diaz' achievements may be briefly summarized as follows: Peace, harmony and commercial development have succeeded factional disturbance, political unrest and bloodshed; home industries have been encouraged, foreign capital enlisted, railroads, telegraphs and roads constructed, agricultural and mining resources developed, an efficient public school system established, and religious toleration insured; national bankruptcy has been supplanted by a surplus of twenty millions.

Diaz' rule has been that of the beneficent tyrant, but it is doubtful if his country was ripe for other government. A strong hand was needed to establish order out of chaos and Diaz, Indian though he be, is the man of destiny, the Cromwell of his nation.

Diaz' career is another illustration of the adage that where there is a will there is a way, and the man who does things is the man who rises superior to circumstances. Diaz never belonged to the "Can't Do It" club, to the "Wet Blanket Brigade" or to the "Anvil Chorus." He did not set out, a poor, half educated Indian, to become the ruler of his nation and recreate it by saying: "It Can't Be Done," but he did it, though it took him many years.

Hard work, persistence, energy and brains can accomplish almost anything. They are needed not only in fashioning the career of the individual, but also the destiny of a city or nation. Medford owes her prominence among the cities of southern Oregon to these attributes and Medford can become a large city if her citizens so will it.

### BUILDING BRICK IS SAID TO CONTAIN GOLD

Peter Henslee, proprietor of a brick yard and lime kiln at Jacksonville, is a maker of gold brick. The metal has been discovered in the clay which is used in the making of

the building material, and it is safe to say that the brick he puts out contains the precious ore.

A nugget weighing about four dollars was found by Henslee's son. Mr. Henslee cannot fill all orders for this brick, which is not surprising. The kiln is situated up on Jackson creek.

## WHAT IRRIGATION DOES FOR VALLEY

Wonderful Growth Shown by Trees in City Limits of Central Point.

Four years ago G. W. Jeffers, whose home is at the corner of Fourth and Pine streets, this city, says the Central Point Herald, sprouted some peach trees and planted the tiny treelets in his garden. He watered and tended them carefully and today the trees are 15 feet or more high, a mass of luxuriant foliage and literally loaded with fine fruit. Mr. Jeffers' garden is a veritable oasis in the surrounding dry granite soil. The first two or three years after he started his trees and commenced cultivating vegetables he pumped water by hand sufficient to water the plot, which is about 50x100 feet in extent, but last season he installed a small gasoline pumping plant, which furnishes plenty of water. The rank growth of his trees and all kinds of berries and vegetables show something of the wonderful fertility of this dry, decomposed granite soil when once placed under irrigation. There are thousands of acres of similar land scattered throughout the valley, which only needs the same treatment to become wonderfully productive and the sooner the people begin to appreciate this fact to the extent of encouraging the extension of present irrigation projects and the promotion of new ones the sooner will the valley begin to arrive at the stage of development and productivity of which it is capable.

### HOG CHOLERA COSTS THE FARMERS FORTY MILLION

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Hog cholera costs farmers of the United States \$40,000,000 annually, according to estimates yesterday at the closing session of the International Association of State Boards of Livestock Commissioners. It was urged that larger appropriations be asked of the legislatures of the various states where cholera is most prevalent to help in the work of exterminating the disease. It would require \$200,000,000, Dr. M. T. Reynolds said, to stamp out the disease. Among the vice-presidents elected is Dr. C. B. Nelson of Spokane, Wash.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

All ladies of southern Oregon are cordially invited to attend the Rundlett Sisters' millinery opening on Saturday, September 18, at No. 103 N. Central avenue. Latest styles in fall millinery.

## GOOD ROADS NOW NEAR CENTRAL POINT

Roads Have Been Graded and Plowed in Much Better Condition.

The members of the county court are to be congratulated on the excellent showing being made this summer in the Central Point section, says the Herald. That section of the road on the north of the Snowy Butte orchard, which was almost impassable last winter, has been graded and graveled and is now in excellent condition and will be a fine road during the coming rainy season. Some good work has also been done west of town and in fact in almost every direction permanent improvements have been made and are now being made.

This section of the county has for years been sadly neglected by the county authorities, and it gives the Herald great pleasure to be able to commend where formerly only criticism was due. Good roads are indispensable to the development of this valley and it is well for the county as a whole that the present board are able to see the need of road work in all parts of the county.

### OLD SOLDIERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

The veterans at their reunion in Jacksonville Thursday decided to hold their next annual reunion in Gold Hill next September. The following officers were elected:

Colonel, J. W. Hicks of Central Point; lieutenant colonel, I. Woolf of Medford; major, James Holman of Grants Pass; quartermaster, A. J. T. Smith of Gold Hill; chaplain, Rev. Robert McLain of Grants Pass; adjutant, to be appointed by the colonel.

## FIERO ADDS TO HIS HOLDINGS IN THE VALLEY

A. Conro Fiero left Wednesday night for Portland, accompanying his mother, Mrs. A. W. Fiero and Miss Fiero, who have been visiting him for the past few weeks. They will visit the Seattle fair before returning. Mr. Fiero, who recently purchased the Myers' tract near Central Point for \$1,000 an acre, and

afterwards the adjoining twenty acres of young pears at \$500 an acre, Tuesday bought nine acres adjoining from Emmet Neeland, which will be used for pasturage. Mr. Fiero has christened his orchard "Woodlawn."

Are you particular? If so, it will pay you to figure with Cook, the nurseryman, before placing your order for trees or shrubbery. 50\*

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**BASEBALL**  
HILT vs GRANTS PASS  
At Medford  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th  
Game Called at 1:00 p. m.  
This game will decide the championship of southern Oregon and northern California. Each team now having won two games. The teams agreeing to play off the deciding game on neutral grounds at Medford. Each team has strengthened for the struggle for supremacy, and there is no doubt but what the fans will see a great game. So don't miss it, and kick yourself afterward.  
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