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BOOK AGENTS BEWARE!**Applegate Farmers Wrought up.
Biographical History Cause.**

Any book agent, especially if he deals in biographies, desirous of vending his wares in the Applegate country and also Jacksonville at the present time, would do well to equip himself with an armor plate costume, a paid-up life insurance policy and ample facilities for a quick get-away, as recent developments have led many residents of that section to regard such an agent as little better than a wolf in sheep's clothing and a trap for the feet of the unwary.

Some months ago a solicitor appeared in the valley for the purpose of gathering biographical sketches to be published in a four volume centennial history of Oregon. Bosworth, the solicitor, would write data for a biography in a note book and induce the biographee to attach his signature. In many cases it is alleged that artfully folded beneath the data was a contract and note calling for payment of from \$25 to \$75, according to the extent of the write-up, which the interested party signed, thinking he was signing his biography.

This week the volumes were delivered and many of the subscribers accepted them and paid the price without demur, others refused the history and in two or three instances indignant biographees ran the agents of their places, threatening to muss-up their personal appearance with various farm implements.

A representative of J. G. Clark Co., which published the history, who made the rounds this week, states that the fault is entirely with the solicitor, and that his company has discharged the man on account of his alleged crooked methods.

3 MEX. PRESIDENTS IN HOUR**Ex-President Madero to be
Exiled. Brother Executed.**

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—General Huerta was selected provisional president by congress at a special secret session tonight.

Huerta, took the oath of office just before midnight, succeeding Pedro Lascurian. Prior to the naming of Huerta, Lascurian, who had been named temporary president to succeed Madero, had named Huerta minister of interior. The law is that a president be elected from the cabinet ministers.

Lascurian's incumbency of the presidency lasted twenty-six minutes, thus within an hour Mexico had three presidents.

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—Francisco I. Madero, deposed from the presidency yesterday, will be exiled. Arrangements have been made for his departure tonight from the capital for Vera Cruz. From there he will sail for some European port. Madero will be accompanied by his wife and perhaps by his father and other members of his family.

The execution of Gustavo Madero, a brother of the deposed president, was the most tragic occurrence of the day. He was subjected to the "fugitive law" and shot to death by his guards.

Members of the cabinet and most of the other prisoners were released this morning. With Francisco Madero were Jose Pino Suarez, vice president, and Frederico G. Garza, who were the only important prisoners held.

General Huerta, who has assumed the post of governor general, and General Diaz had extended the conference, after which it was announced they were in complete accord. Later Huerta was in conference with Ambassador Wilson.

County's Assessed Valuation.

The total assessed valuation of Jackson county property, realty, personal corporate, is \$36,662,124, according to the tax rolls for 1912, just completed by County Clerk Gardner. Of this amount, \$32,041,655.01 is assessed to personal and realty property, and \$4,620,469 to holdings of corporations. The value as assessed was \$36,735,074, and equalized by the county board of equalizers at \$36,662,124.

The total tax levied is \$706,012.61, with a total apportionment of 29.9 mills for the different departments.

The amounts follow:
State and county tax, \$311,630.27.
School tax, \$176,985.47.
Road and highway tax, \$73,126.30.
City tax, \$144,267.57.

The city tax levies are: Ashland, 14 mills; Medford, 9.9 mills; Jacksonville, 13 mills; Central Point, 17 mills; Gold Hill, 5 mills; Phoenix 8 mills; Talent, 15 mills; Eagle Point, 10 mills; Rogue River, 15 mills; Butte Falls, 15 mills.

According to the tax rolls, the levy on real estate in Jackson county is \$518,766.43; personal property, \$109,234.93. The operative property of corporations is assessed at \$78,011.25.

In 1911 the total tax in round numbers was \$762,000, about \$56,000 greater than the present levy.

HONOR ROLL**Jacksonville Public Schools for
Half-year Ending on Feb-
ruary 7th, 1913.**

Following is a list of pupils whose average grades in all subjects for the half-year are 90% or upwards:

HIGH SCHOOL

11th grade—Ruthetta Ennis, 90.
10th grade—Mabel Reeve, 93; Edith Hoefs, 92; Marion Harrington, 92.
9th grade—Etta Morcom, 92; Dan Bagshaw, 90; Pauline Greaves, 90.

GRADED SCHOOL

8th grade—Anna Niedermeyer, 93.
7th grade—Albert Mitchell, 93; Charles Abbott, 91; Myrtle Pitz, 91; James Francis, 90; Margaret Kasshafer, 90.

6th grade—Elbert Coleman, 91.
5th grade—Van Gall, 91; Russell Coleman, 90.

4th grade—Etta Grieve, 95; Ruth Launspach, 95; Agnes Band, 93.
3rd grade—Katherine Leavenworth, 93; Lucile Abbott, 93; Sarah Greave, 91; Rosina Demmer, 90.

2nd grade—None.
1st grade—(a div.) Josephine Martin, 95; Otto Hackert, 94; Edgar Ensele, 92; Joe Leavenworth, 91; Nora Ensele, 80.

1st grade—(b div.) Lawrence Smith, 93; Ferroll Rock, 93; Elsie Kitto, 91; Marguerite Sparks, 91; John Niedermeyer, 91; John Grieve, 90; Angus Walsh, 90; Bessie Johnston, 10.

Compared with the record for the first half of last year, the above record shows a decided improvement in the school work of all departments.

J. C. F. HARRINGTON, Supt.

Explosion Jars Ice Machinery.

What might have been a very serious explosion occurred at the plant of the Medford Ice and Storage company Monday morning. The explosion was caused by the failure of a pump to work properly. This pump forces brine through coils in a large furnace and when the pump failed the brine was turned into steam too fast and the excess pressure caused the coils to burst.

The furnace was entirely demolished and pieces of pipe and fittings were thrown through the walls of the furnace room and scattered for nearly 100 feet.

Fortunately no one was in the furnace room when the explosion occurred. The fire was extinguished by hard work on the part of Mr. Brown, the engineer of the plant.—Tribune.

CITY PRIMARY HELD**For the Nomination of Two
Councilmen, Recorder and
Treasurer.**

A primary for the purpose of selecting two candidates to serve for two years as councilmen, a city recorder and a treasurer, was held at the city hall Monday evening. A representative crowd was present, including a number of ladies, who took advantage of the occasion to cast their first ballot.

The meeting was called to order by City Recorder Henry G. Dox. R. B. Dow was unanimously elected to preside over the meeting. He appointed T. T. Shaw to act as secretary, and Benj. M. Collins and T. J. Kenney tellers.

W. I. McIntyre, Chauncey Florey, W. J. Bowen, Joseph Wetterer, Chas. Prim and Alex Norris participated in a closely contested race for councilmanic honors. McIntyre and Prim each receiving 44 votes were declared the nominees. Florey was a close third with 43 votes and Bowen but a few votes behind Florey.

Leslie W. Stansell secured the nomination for city recorder over Henry G. Dox, the present incumbent. Stansell receiving 52 votes and Dox 44. James M. Cronemiller was unanimously nominated to fill the office of city treasurer. Our citizens believing they could not select a better man to fill the place.

Chas. Prim, who was chosen as a candidate for councilman refused to accept the nomination, private business preventing his devoting his time to city affairs.

It is understood that Chauncey Florey and Henry G. Dox will make the race for councilman and city recorder, respectively, on an independent ticket.

E. E. Kelly, Probation Officer.

E. E. Kelly, probation officer, and friend of the kiddies.

That's the way it reads now, for the prosecuting attorney has taken up the duties of probation officer for Jackson county and henceforth will devote a great deal of his time in straightening out the careers of the youngsters who run foul of the law. The Oregon law provides for a probation officer and juvenile court, the latter presided over by the county judge, but owing to a lack of funds no probation officer has been appointed. So Mr. Kelly decided to take up the work himself, and he now has six youngsters reporting regularly to him once a week.

"There is a vast amount of work to be done here," states Mr. Kelly, "and I feel that it is of the utmost importance. The youngsters often run foul of the law through no malicious reasoning, and their cases, if dealt with in a proper manner, really do not prove serious. Every time a youngster gets in bad now, he is taken before the juvenile court, and committed to my care. I watch him and if there is an inclination on his part to straighten up, I help him, and give him full opportunity. I hope to accomplish much along this line."—Tribune.

JOAQUIN MILLER DEAD**W. H. Known as Poet of Sierras.
Death Due to Paralysis.**

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Joaquin Miller, "The Poet of the Sierras," died this afternoon in Oakland. His daughter, Juanita, and wife were with him.

Miller died in his one-room cabin which he built with his own hands in Piedmont Hills many years ago. Death came slowly to the venerable poet, who became unconscious Thursday after a lingering illness which began two years ago when he was stricken with paralysis.

Miller was one of the most picturesque characters in the literary world of the United States in his day. He was born from Scotch-American parents in the Wabash district of Indiana, November 11, 1842. He was scarcely ten years old when his father emigrated to Oregon, then a wild and sparsely settled country. He received but little education and lived a wild and adventurous life. Three years later Miller, then a boy of 13, left home to try his fortune in California.

After his return to his home in Oregon he began to study law in the office of George H. Williams at Eugene, Or. The following year he became an ex-

press messenger in the gold mining districts of Idaho, which position he resigned to become the editor of the Democratic Register, a weekly newspaper in Eugene, Oregon.

He was well known and had no difficulty in finding papers or magazines eager to print and liberally pay for his prose and poetry. In 1873 he published a volume under the title, "Songs of the Sun Lands," and a prose volume, entitled, "Life Among the Modocs: Unwritten History." Since then he has published more than twenty books, poems, novels, essays and plays. Of the latter, "The Danites" and "49" became quite popular. The last years of his life he spent on his estate, "The Heights," near Diamond, Cal.

MARINES SENT TO CUBA**2000 Americans Sailed This
Week. Precaution Next
to Invasion.**

Washington, Feb. 17.—Two thousand United States marines from various barracks along the Atlantic coast were ordered to Cuba today, there to be held in readiness for possible use in Mexico.

Half will leave tomorrow night from Philadelphia on the transport Meade. The second thousand will start from Norfolk on the Prairie Wednesday.

President Taft is plainly worried because the situation in Mexico shows few signs of becoming less troublesome. The president has no desire to leave Mr. Wilson the settlement of the country's relations with Mexico, though he is decidedly opposed to taking any measures himself unless extreme provocations and wholesale murder of Americans drive him to it.

Further precautionary measures have been taken to safeguard the lives and property of Americans in Mexico, so far as that can be done without actually dispatching a military force to that country.

This problem is more difficult of solution, owing to the action of the Madero government in telegraphing to all parts of the country the news that armed intervention by America is about to occur, which is done with the hope of inducing the malcontents to drop the temporary quarrel with the government to resist foreign invasion.

Good Work by Senate.

The Oregon senate performed splendidly in passing the revolver bill with only two dissenting votes.

If the house will do as well, Oregon will, in one respect, be pit right in the movement for reform of our national blood scandal.

The revolver bill seeks to disarm those who use the revolver as a tool with which to make a living. It disarms no reputable citizens. It will not prevent any decent man from having a revolver if he requires it. What more can anybody ask?

The man who makes a living with a pistol ought to be deprived of it. They maniac should not be allowed to buy or carry one.

Nobody would think of passing loaded revolvers around indiscriminately to the inmates of a lunatic asylum. Yet that is what we almost do with the lunatics outside the asylum.

Oregon is not the only state that is enacting such legislation. The bill at Salem is the same that recently passed the Washington senate unanimously.

New York has an even more drastic law, and in every state in the union there is a strong demand for anti-pistol legislation. When all the states and all the big cities adopt such laws, it will be difficult for every crook, thug, highwayman, burglar and assassin to get revolvers.

It is the revolver that encourages them to ply their trades. It is their working tool. Deprive them of it, and many a crook will quit the game.—Journal.

Buds Indicate Big Crop.

There will be a heavy setting of both apples and pears this spring, according to Professor O'Garra and the fruit inspectors now cleaning up the orchards of the valley. The fruit buds indicate a large crop.

But little infection is found in the orchards. Most of them are clean. Here and there a case of hold-over blight is found, but not many. The inspectors say that three years ago there was more blight in any one out of many orchards than there is now in the entire valley.—Tribune.

AN ALLEGED "FAGIN"**Six Boys Tell Stories Implicating
in H. Lerch.**

A startling story of youthful delinquency concerning a half dozen boys, the oldest 16 and the youngest 11 years, and Henry Lerch, a junk dealer, charged with receiving stolen property, was told in Justice of the Peace Taylor's court Thursday afternoon when Lerch was bound over to the grand jury with bonds at \$300. The evidence, according to the prosecution revealed a "school for crime."

Six boys, all but two in short pants, took the witness stand and without any hesitation told of their alleged dealings with Lerch in disposing of brass articles they stole. Jimmy Collins, aged 15 years, testified that he sold copper wire to the defendant and that he made a proposition to him to go to Gold Ray and steal copper wire, Lerch offering "to furnish a horse and wagon" to bring the plunder to Medford.

Another youth testified that Lerch told him to bring all the copper he could and he would buy it. The youth, according to their testimony, stole and sold wash boilers, faucets, hose nozzles, electric coils, copper wire, stencils—in fact, anything made of brass or copper.

Lerch in his own defense testified that he had always exercised care in buying brass from boys, and denied the main allegations of the boy witness, that he had encouraged them in petty thieving. He also denied that he had told the youths that he would not "squeal" on them if the police came. Orders, purporting to be from the parents, authorizing Lerch to buy articles were introduced. The state objected to this on the grounds that a parent has no right "to license a child to steal."

Russell Hall, aged 15 years, testified that he "made pretty good money selling brass."

The boys implicated in the "Fagin" operations are: Edwin Raymond, age 14; Homer Reynolds, age 11; Jimmy Collins, age 15; Lloyd Wolgamot, age 16; Russell Hall, age 15, and Gilford Roames, age 16.

This is the second time Lerch has been arrested on the same charge, and most of the boys testify against him were witnesses at that time.—Sun.

\$12,000 For Forty Acres.

One of the real estate deals just closed is the purchase through C. D. Roy of a forty acre farm four miles north of Medford by J. D. Berg of Chicago for \$12,000. The place is set to one-year-old trees and is nicely improved, having two bungalows thereon. Mr. Berg likes this valley very much and shows his faith in the same by making investments here. This is the second place he has purchased through Mr. Roy.—Sun.

POLITICAL AUCTION SALE**Such as Might be Held at The
White House on March 4th.**

The following public sale bill has been going the rounds of the press: Public Sale—Having decided to move we will sell at public auction at the front door of the White House in Washington, D. C., on March 4, 1913 at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

One elephant, smooth method, age uncertain, well fed, but looks thin after a strenuous campaign; small scar on right side, having been gored by a bull moose.

One set of golf sticks, slightly worn. One steam roller, good as new, only used one year. One job lot of post office fixtures.

There will also be offered at the same time at Oyster Bay the following described personal property to-wit:

One bull moose, calved in June, 1912, at extra large for its age and imported from Africa. One big stick, slightly worn. Also three socialist planks, good as new.

Free lunch at noon. Bull moose sandwiches will be served.

Terms of Sale—Four years time on approved security, notes bearing three per cent interest from date of sale. Twenty per cent discount for cash. All sums under thirty cents, cash in hand. There will be nothing reserved we positively have to move.—Taft & Roosevelt, Owners. Col. W. J. Bryan, Auctioneer. Woodrow Wilson, Clerk.—Ex.

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