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SINCE President Roosevelt deplored the lack of children in American families he has received a photograph from Bucyrus, Ohio, showing a sturdy-looking couple surrounded by their twelve children.

THERE is one good provision in the Washington State Constitution that the Constitution of Oregon lacks. That is the one authorizing the Governor to veto any one or more items of a general appropriation bill.

THERE recently died in Canada, in abject poverty, Samuel Napier, the man who discovered the largest nugget of gold the world has ever seen.

FROM all appearances the referendum will be invoked in Oregon in three cases: The Lewis and Clark exposition and portage railroad appropriations, and the corporation license law.

THE State Military Board has decided to make no change for the present in the organization of the Oregon National Guard.

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JAMES J. HILL is planning to invade California, by way of the north, with lines of the Great Northern Railway.

MANY well-informed people on both sides of the border believe that Mexico is on the verge of a great financial panic.

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Disturbances of strikers are not nearly so grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by ulcer colitis.

Children's Coughs and Colds. Mrs. J. C. McGrath, 327 E. 1st St., Hutchinson, Kan., writes: "I have given Ballard's Kidney and Bladder Pills to my children for coughs and colds for the past four years, and find it the best medicine I ever used."

ACKER'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS cure dyspepsia and all disorders arising from indigestion. Endorsed by physicians every where. Sold by all druggists. No cure, no pay. Each package free by return mail. W. H. ROGERS & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

UNIQUE ENTERPRISE FOR SOUTHERN OREGON

Prof. Armstrong Proposes to Grow Pheasants Here—Also Rare Animals.

Prof. A. P. Armstrong of Portland is to manage the largest pheasantery in the State of Oregon. This enterprise, which will include the preparation of all the hardier varieties of these strange and once wild birds, is to be carried out on the mammoth poultry farm of Prof. Armstrong, now in operation not far from Medford, Jacksonville and Central Point.

Homer Davenport, the celebrated cartoonist, owns the largest pheasantery in the world, located near East Orange, N. J. It is from Mr. Davenport's farm that Professor Armstrong is to obtain by far the larger portion of his birds, although some have been ordered direct from Asia through a Portland firm.

ONLY FOR BREEDING PURPOSES. Eggs and birds will be placed on sale, and it is the intention of Mr. Armstrong to make his farm the general western depot for these fowls.

Asked what varieties of pheasants had been ordered from Asia, Mr. Armstrong said: "Golden Pheasants and Silver Pines have been ordered from Japan and are expected to arrive shortly. It will be some little time before the birds, which are to be supplied by Mr. Davenport, are sent West. I cannot name each variety. There are many, all hardy and capable of propagation in the Oregon climate."

In addition to the poultry there will be a section of my farm devoted to Angoras, Japanese spinnets and ferrets. I do not know just what numbers these will be handled, but I will endeavor to supply the Western market at least, and all orders coming from no matter what source will be honored. This is a portion of the business I do not care to discuss at length."

WEAK AND LOW-SPRITED. A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience.

"I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, headache, drowsiness, nervousness with distressing mental depressions and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation, for cases such as mine, for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless medicines when Herbine is procurable, and so cheap." 50c. a bottle at City Drug Store.

A Mysterious Case. Although the roads and trails have been diligently searched, no trace has been found of the mysterious individual who left his clothing and papers in the timber near Ashland. The man, who has now been positively identified through the efforts of the Portland Journal as Charles H. McCarty, left no clue to his intentions or destination when he deposited the clothing and other things in the woods.

A Novel Case. W. O. and C. P. Danielson have commenced an action against P. B. O'Neil and W. B. Roberts, to recover \$7000 they allege that in 1895 they found in a cave while digging in an outbuilding on the Stone farm, located near Phoenix, then owned by the defendants, and which money they turned over to them.

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An Engagement Announced.

The Guard gives this account of an interesting event which took place in Eugene March 12th, that principally concerns a couple well and favorably known in Jackson county:

"The swirl of social functions for this week has been gay despite the Lenten sobriety which pervades the atmosphere. Yesterday afternoon one of Eugene's most popular matrons, Mrs. Emma Thompson, entertained at her home on Lincoln street. The party was given in honor of Miss Doc Ankeny, whose engagement to John S. Orth, clerk of Jackson county, was announced by the hostess. The wedding will take place soon after Easter. The amusement of the afternoon was appropriately selected. 'Hearts' occupied the attention, and at the end of the fascinating game Miss Louise Yorau was declared the winner of first prize, a look of selected 'pinks.' The second trophy went to Miss Belle Brown. It was the famous 'Chilly Cupid.' Refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Misses Stella Pitt, Dorris, Dollie Ankeny, Rosalie Friendly and Ruby Hendricks. Following is a list of the guests: Mrs. H. E. Ankeny, Mrs. G. B. Dorris, Mrs. F. N. McAlister, Mrs. G. D. Linn, Mrs. Claire Wiloughby, Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. P. E. Snowgrass, Mrs. C. H. Park, Mrs. L. L. Whitson, Mrs. C. M. Young, Misses Dee Ankeny, Dollie Ankeny, Sue Duris, Cecile Dorris, Bennetta Dorris, Ada Hendricks, Belle Brown, Lulu Reushaw, Carrie Paine, Libbie Yorau, Louise Yorau, Bessie Kelly, Laura Miller, Carrie Hovey, Ethel Hoffman, Rose Moyer, Issie McCully, Stella Robinson."

Cure Scatle Rheumatism. Mrs. A. E. Stinson, 509 Craig St., Knoxville, Tenn., writes, June 10th, 1896: "I have been trying the baths of Hot Springs, Ark., for sciatle rheumatism, but I get no relief. I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment than any medicine or anything I have ever tried. Enclosed find post office order for \$1.00. Send me a large bottle by Southern Express." Sold by City Drug Store.

Becoming Interesting. A staff correspondent of the Portland Journal gives the following bit of news: "Eugene is the storm center of the first congress-ional fight. The Republican convention meets here April 19. The line-up is the Fulton-Booth-Kyudenal people, who are out for Bigler Hermann and have the entire field against them. The candidacy of A. C. Woodcock, the lawyer, has been part of the plan of the Hermann-Fulton fight. Woodcock has the support of the anti-Fulton element."

W. I. Yawter of Medford is a Republican candidate for Congress and has engaged quarters at the Sneed Hotel. It is said that he represents the anti-Fulton element and will be opposed by the supporters of Senator E. V. Carter of Jackson county.

The coming of Yawter indicates a factional fight, since he is so strongly opposed by Carter, who will be the Hermann general in Jackson county. This is the view taken by some of the big politicians. There has been a candidate plea might compel the Carter-Fulton people to avoid a hot fight in Jackson county. Yet the Fulton-Carter-Hermann clique, when faced by this local candidate proposition in Line and several other counties, will endeavor to send Hermann delegate to the Eugene convention."

So Sweet and Pleading in Taste. Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kan., speaking of Herbine, says: "It has never failed to give entire satisfaction, and of all cough remedies it is my favorite. I must confess to my many friends that it will do, and has done, what is claimed for it—to speedily cure a cough or cold; and it is so sweet and so pleasing in taste." 25c. and \$1.00 bottle at City Drug Store.

The Prune Industry. A Frenchman planted a prune tree in California in 1870. It was the only prune tree in the state. All the prunes used in the United States at that time came from France. But now as the result of the prune tree that M. Pellar planted California and Oregon, every year ship enormous quantities of prunes not only to France but to all European countries.

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BRIEF MENTION.

S. R. Coffman spent Thursday in Medford.

John X. Miller of Trail creek did business in Medford Friday.

E. H. Helms of the Table Rock was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

Chas. Briscoe of Beagle and L. Lay of Phoenix were in our midst lately.

Mr. Wilson of Omaha is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Jas. Trask of Phoenix.

Thos. Grigsby has gone to Table Rock, where he will engage in gardening.

District Attorney Reames and his wife left for Portland Wednesday evening.

Jas. Geary came down from the hatchery Wednesday, returning next day.

The weather is beautiful, although the atmosphere is cold at morning and night.

John S. Orth, our clever county clerk, was in Medford Friday, en route to Eugene.

Wm. Martin of Beagle and Hunch Walker of Toke were among our visitors during the week.

Mrs. Chas. Prim, Miss Annela Britt and Mrs. Theo. Cameron made Medford a visit Thursday.

W. J. Plymale has returned from Eugene. He was one of the witnesses in the Lyons murder case.

Mrs. M. M. Cooksey and Mrs. J. H. Gay of Central Point tarried in Medford Thursday afternoon.

Subscriptions for Mr. Bryan's paper, The Commoner, the leading Democratic newspaper in the United States, are taken at The Times office.

S. C. Minnick and J. P. Hoagland of Mound were in Medford a few days ago, accompanied by their wives.

Work on the creamery that C. E. Gaddis and his associates will build in Medford has been commenced.

The spring term of school in Chappard district will be under the management of Miss Florence Reynolds.

V. K. Hendrickson and his family, who have been living in Linn county for sometime past, have returned to Phoenix.

Wheeling is again becoming a popular amusement.

John R. Casey, an old and respected citizen of Ashland, has been appointed postmaster of that city, vice Geo. Engle. We think that this will prove a decided change for the better, as the present incumbent is entirely too cranky and arrogant to occupy such a position.

Chas. Nickell, U. S. Commissioner for the District of Oregon, is fully equipped to receive applications under the timber and stone, also homestead laws. Final proofs taken, and all business connected with U. S. government lands transacted. Office with SOUTHERN OREGONIAN, Medford, Phone 211.

Geo. Hockenoy, a former resident of Jacksonville, who was engaged in business at Portland, lost his stock of merchandise by the fire which consumed the Victoria Dock. His loss was \$1000, but it is fully covered by insurance.

Will Hockenoy was clerking for him at the time.

White & Trowbridge, the real-estate agents, this week took 212 acres of land, situated in Table Rock precinct, and belonging to Mr. Davidson, to W. J. Scott, who recently arrived from Duluth, Minn., and J. F. White. The price was \$8000. The tract formerly belonged to P. Donegan.

Dr. J. B. Olmstead, one of the supreme officers of the United Order of Artisans, made Jacksonville's branch an official visit Thursday evening. He was royally entertained, a most excellent programme having been prepared.

T. B. Walker, who owns many thousands of acres of timber land in Shasta and Siskiyou counties, Calif., also continues to increase his holdings in the southern and western parts of Moloc county. It is believed the assessment roll of the first of March will show a total acreage of very nearly fifty thousand in the name of the Minnesota millionaire.

That a railroad will follow these investments in the near future is considered a certainty.

Acker's Blood Purifier positively cures chronic blood poisoning and all scrofulous affections. At all times a scrofulous system tonic and purifier. Money refunded if you are not satisfied. 50c and \$1.00. A. P. Estabrook, Gold Hill, Oregon. The leading druggist.

Mrs. C. H. Pierce left Monday evening for Portland, to attend the wedding of Miss Gertrude Watson, daughter of Judge E. B. Watson, formerly of Jacksonville, which takes place Easter Sunday.

Miss Watson is a school matron of Rufus Holman, who is the head of one of the departments of the Allen & Lewis mercantile establishment. Mrs. Pierce will spend a month in Portland, Ashland Tribune.

State Board of Horticulture. The Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer have appointed the following as members of the State Board of Horticulture: E. L. Smith, of Hood River, president and member-at-large; R. H. Webber, The Dalles, Fourth District; Judd Geer, Cove, Fifth District. All these members were re-appointed except Mr. Park, who succeeds L. T. Reynolds. At his own request Mr. Reynolds was re-appointed, for the reason that his private affairs take all his time. The other members of the board are W. K. Newell, of Dilley, First District, and A. H. Carson, of Grant's Pass, Third District.

If The Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Acker's Baby's Remedy. It is a safe and reliable remedy for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, and relieves the pain and is the best remedy for colic. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

A Worthy Enterprise. The Portland Telegram says the permanent exhibit at the Union Depot is now assuming an industrial appearance.

C. D. Drake and his assistants have been busily at work for the last few days straightening out the mass of cereals and exhibits sent in by the different counties. Literature is arriving rapidly. Clatsop, Yamhill and Jackson counties have already sent in a big lot, and Hood river has a supply of interesting matter regarding that section. Certain sections are sending in mineral exhibits that will attract the attention of Eastern visitors who are coming here. Already some very fine specimens have arrived and others are expected every day.

For the Information of those legal voters, who are not already advised in the matter, we will state that you are not required to again register for the special election called by Governor Chamberlain to be held June 1, 1903, for the purpose of electing a congressman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thos. H. Tongue.

The law provides for the registration of voters only for general elections once in two years, and not for special elections like the coming one next June. For this the last registration is still in force, and those who have since become legal voters may exercise that right upon the affidavit of six freeholders, as provided by registration blank "A."

You Know What You Are Taking. When you take Groves' Tasteless Chili Tonic, because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing that it is genuine, and that it is a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

COURT DOCKET FOR JACKSON COUNTY

List of Cases Which Will Come Up at the March Term, Beginning Monday, the 23rd.

CRIMINAL. State vs Geo E Blomcr; larceny. State vs T M Howard; larceny. State vs John Doe.

ACTIONS. B B Lee vs Wm H May. Jas Walters vs S T Sanders. J W Prall vs Frank W Wait.

C M Fouts vs Z A Mosley. Honeyman, DeHart & Co vs Mitchell, Denton & Co.

Nick Sorrenson vs Steve Downes. L C Washburn vs R P Neil. Robt A Ferguson vs Chas R Bly.

W B Hamilton vs John J Cambers. The F Chevrolet Co vs T M Reed. Luther Short vs Rogue River Water & Mining Co.

The Risdon Iron & Locomotive Works vs White-Cross Gold Mining Co. Lane & Connelly vs T M Reed.

J G Gore vs South R Pacific Co. J G Ball vs J J Brophy. P B Ivory vs J J Brophy.

Warren J Howard vs F M Floyd. C W Willett et al vs O B Braker. E D Briggs vs City of Ashland.

J S Ball vs Mary Noonan. Nancy Carter vs M S Wakeman. W O and C Danielson vs W B Roberts et al.

A DAVIS vs F H Oviatt. T M Griffiths vs F H Oviatt. E M Haskins vs J H Haskins.

Elmita Moran vs Vol B Morgan. Florence B Reed vs Cornelius Reed. Catherine Wood vs R R Minton.

Stella F White vs David White. Patrick F Swayne vs K Boz et al. G O H Garnett vs S M Willett et al.

Andrew Baker vs Lillian Baker. Jos G Turner vs Abigail Turner. G R Ball vs Sarah Harper.

Frank H Ray vs Scott and Jennie Griffin. C W Kahler vs John Sims.

Albra Wilson vs Henry W Wilson. Geo B Breeding vs N M Breedi g. E E Emerson vs C R Emerson.

Mary E T betts vs Cyrus J T betts. Emma Baker vs Jas H Baker. C J Henry vs Florence Henry.

H C Biss et al vs Henry American Estate. E F Jordan vs Elzabeth J and M. Fannie C Jeffrey vs Albert Jeffrey.

Rose S Wilson vs John E Wilson. Geo A Fisher vs Anna L Fisher. A Lewis et al vs H Eeman et al. F Wm Crump vs Ida Crump. J Walter Powell vs Arcadia E Powell.

The President's Trip.

The following itinerary has been arranged for President Roosevelt during his trip to the Pacific Coast.

Ashland is the only point in Southern Oregon where the presidential party will stop any length of time. Leave Washington, April 1.

In Chicago, April 2. Yellowstone Park, April 18 to 24. Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois, April 25 to 29.

St. Louis, April 30. St. Paul, May 1. Denver, May 4. In San Francisco, May 12 to 14.

Arrive at Ashland, Ore., May 29. In Salem, May 21. Arrive in Portland (afternoon) May 21.

Leave Portland, (morning) May 22. In Tacoma, May 22. Arrive Seattle, May 23. Leave Seattle, May 24.

In Walla Walla, May 25. Spokane, May 26. Salt Lake, May 29. Cheyenne, May 31. Leave Cheyenne on return, June 1.

Arrive in Washington, June 4.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It. How To Find Out. Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours.

There is a sediment or settling which indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. If it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. The frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What to Do. There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, affords relief in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidney, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage.

It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or had effect in following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the night, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery free of charge, if you send a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail.

Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., One of the Standard Medical Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Do You Enjoy What You Eat? You can eat whatever and whenever you like if you take Kodol. By the use of this stomachy disorder and diseased stomachs are so completely restored to health, and the full performance of their functions naturally, that such foods as would be one into a double-brook-not are eaten without even a "rumble" and with a positive pleasure and enjoyment. And what is more—their food are assimilated and transformed into the kind of nutriment that is appropriated by the blood and tissues.

Kodol is the only digestant or combination of digestants that will digest all classes of food. In addition to this, it contains, in assimilative form, the greatest known tonic and reconstructive properties. Kodol cures indigestion, dyspepsia and all disorders arising therefrom.

Kodol Digests What You Eat. Makes the Stomach Sweet. Bottles only. Regular size, \$1.00, holding 2 1/2 times the true size, which sells for 50 cents. Prepared by E. O. DAWITT & CO., Chicago, Ill.

Reduced Rates from the East. Commencing Feb. 15th, and continuing to April 30th, there will be low rates in effect from the East via the Illinois Central R. R. to all Washington, Oregon and Idaho points.

Democratic State Convention. The Democratic State Central Committee met at Portland on the 18th and called a convention to nominate a candidate for congressman in the First District, which will be held at Albany Saturday, April 11th. It will be composed of 108 delegates, of which Jackson county will have nine.

I Coughed. I had a most stubborn cough for many years. It deprived me of sleep and I grew very thin. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was quickly cured. R. N. Mann, Fall Mills, Tenn. Sixty years of cures and such testimony as the above have taught us what Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will do. We know it's the greatest cough remedy ever made. And you will say so, too, after you try it. There's cure in every drop.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS. R. G. GALT, M. D. Office in Orth's building, Hours—2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m. Jacksonville Oregon. A. E. REAMES, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Jacksonville, Oregon. Office in Red Men's Building. ROBT. G. SMITH, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Grant's Pass, Oregon. practices all the courts Office in Haas building up stairs. J. M. KEENE, D. D. S. PRIVATE DENTISTRY A SPECIALTY. Offices in the Atkins Hotel block. Medford, Oregon. P. P. PRIM & SON, ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW. Jacksonville, Oregon. Will practice in all courts of the State. Office in the Court House last door on the river from entrance.

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