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Lieutenant Governor, G. W. McBride, Eugene, Ore.
Secretary of State, W. L. McCrackin, Salem, Ore.
Comptroller, W. L. McCrackin, Salem, Ore.
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MORROW COUNTY.
County Judge, J. A. Thompson, Heppner, Ore.
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SECRET SOCIETIES.
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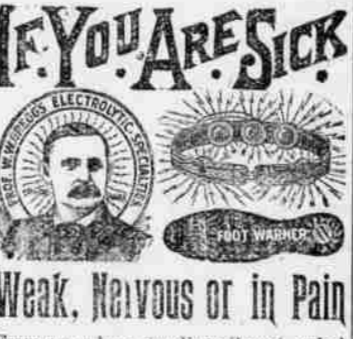
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A cure is sure to follow the persistent use of this medicine.
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S. B. Headache & Liver Cure
It works on a new principle, cleansing the liver and kidneys; acts as a mild physic without causing pain or sickness; does not stop you from eating and working.
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Drop Your Bucket Where You Are
[S. W. Foss, in the Yankee Blade]
"Oh, ship ahoy!" rang out the cry: "Give us water or we die!"
A voice came o'er the waters far, "Just drop your bucket where you are, And then they dipped and drank their fill Of water fresh from mead and hill; And then they knew they acted upon The broad mouth of the Amazon."
O'er tossing waves we sail and cry, "Oh, give us water or we die!"
On high, relentless waves we roll Through arid climates for the soul: "Neath pitiless skies we pant for breath, South with the thirst that drags to death, And fall, while faint for fountains far, To drop our buckets where we are."
Oh, ship ahoy! you're sailing on The broad mouth of the Amazon, Whose mighty current flows and sings Of mountain streams and inland springs, Of night-kissed morning's dewy beam, And then they knew they acted upon The broad mouth of the Amazon."
Seek not for fountains afar, Just drop your bucket where you are; And while the ship right onward leaps, Pave not your life with dewy drops, The stream of hope flows every where. So under every sky and on every sea, Just drop your bucket where you are.

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WITH MALICE PREPENSE
An exasperating freak of malevolence was perpetrated on the lodge rooms of the K. of P. at Pendleton recently, by one Harry Woods, who is now languishing in jail for his malfeasance. Some two weeks ago, preparatory to a meeting of the lodge, a member had opened and lighted the hall, when he left it for a few minutes, unlocked, not thinking it would be disturbed. During his absence the aforesaid Woods entered and with truly diabolical glee proceeded to despoil the furnishings of the room to the value of \$175. Armed with a knife and a spirit of atrocity the imp succeeded in cutting half the leaves from a costly bible, sitting in two and ruining Damon Lodge's handsome banner, costing \$75; destroying a plush cushion in the commander's chair; carving a long gash in a new Brussels carpet; mutilating an album, upsetting the organ, tables and chairs, and importing chaos generally. Having wreaked his vengeance on everything in sight the culprit proceeded to supply himself with a pair of pantaloons and uniform vest, with which he was just walking off when an officer of the lodge entered, captured him and turned him over to a civil officer who escorted him to jail. When the brothers arrived that evening and noted the damage done, unguarded expressions of disapprobation were heard to escape their lips, and when that evening's session was over, they walked in a body to the city prison to see the malefactor. The young man said he was a printer and went to the lodge room in hunting for the Tribune office. It looks as though he meant to make pi of that paper. He claims to have been drunk at the time and did not remember about cutting things to pieces. On being arraigned, he pleaded guilty to the charge and was held to appear before the court. The Knights have suggested that the authorities turn the young scapegrace over to them. They would like to put him through the Oriental degree, guaranteeing not to kill him but give him a fund of reminiscences.

JORDAN FORK'S DOINGS
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Soon the dreaded work of hauling wood from the mountains will begin. A few have broken the way already, and report pretty rough roads.
District No. 14 met last Saturday and voted \$800 bonds for the purpose of building and furnishing a school house, something they have long needed.
Our little neighborhood has been unusually quiet for some time, with the exception of hard winds, gritty dust, and occasionally a book agent or meat wagon.
A large crowd congregates at the Shiloh school house every Sunday to attend the exercises held there, which consist of Sunday-school, in connection with church services twice a month.
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Mrs. Kate Parsell and daughter Maggie, have been rustating in this vicinity this week. Mrs. Parsell has been visiting houses, while her daughter is attempting to organize a music club. Success to them both.
As this is my first attempt at "writing" for a paper, and knowing "T. K. R.," "X. Y. Z." and "Crack" will want to do their worst or best before they stop, I will not crowd your valuable space this time, hoping the election may put every body in a good humor.
I am very respectfully,
A NEW HAND,
JORDAN FORK, JUNE 2, '92.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.
The collection of World's Fair exhibits in Montana is facilitated by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads, having generously agreed to carry them free between local points.
The women of Belgium will be represented at the exposition by an exhibit. A woman's committee, with the queen as patroness, has been selected to have charge of the matter.
The California Bee Keepers' Association is preparing a notable exhibit for the fair. Besides honey and bees, the exhibit will include pressed flowers of all the different honey flora, specimens of the birds and insects which are the enemies of bees, models and photographs of apiaries, and novelties in the shape of production distinctive to California, especially in the line of beeswax and foundation.
The magnitude of the French exhibit at the Exposition can be surmised from the fact that in the calculations as to its transportation to Chicago it is estimated that it will aggregate fully 3,000 tons. The exhibit, it is unnecessary to explain, will consist chiefly of works of art and manufactures of the finer and lighter description, and will include very little in the way of heavy articles, such as machinery.
In response to the thousands of invitations to distinguished persons to attend the Exposition dedicatory ceremonies next October, the acceptance thus far has been almost unanimous. Among those who will be present are the President and his entire cabinet, the members of the supreme court, nearly every foreign minister at Washington, the governors of the different states, members of congress and special representatives of many foreign nations.
In lighting the World's Fair, 92,622 incandescent lamps, of 16-candle power each will be used, according to present estimates. The contract for furnishing and maintaining these lights has just been let to George Westinghouse, Jr., for \$339,000. This is more than \$1,300,000 less than the Edison-Thomson-Houston electrical combine, or trust, first asked for the work. This immense saving was effected by rejecting the bids and re-advertising. Mr. Westinghouse is required to file a bond for \$1,000,000 by June 10

To guarantee the faithful execution of his contract. In addition to the incandescent lamps, about 5,000 are lights of 2,000 candle-power each will be used. The contract for these was let some time ago at \$20 per lamp.
The Exposition is deriving quite a revenue from the visitors whose curiosity prompts them to see the grounds and the wonderful buildings now approaching completion. An admission of twenty-five cents is charged, and on single days the number of visitors has exceeded 14,000. With warmer and more pleasant weather, it is believed, the visitors will be much more numerous. Without exception all are enthusiastic in their admiration and wonder at the magnificent spectacle.
A. B. de Guerville, who was commissioned to go around the world and give illustrated lectures on the Exposition, has written from Japan that so great is the interest in the fair that he rarely fails to talk to full houses. He was cordially received by the Emperor and Empress of Japan, and delivered his lecture before the court. The Emperor expressed enthusiasm and delight over the magnificence of the Exposition buildings which were shown by film screen views during the lecture.
The German government is willing to loan a magnificent collection of its works of art to the World's Fair, but the loan of such articles must be from the German government to the government of the United States. The German government proposes to deliver every article to the United States Consul General in Berlin as the official representative of this government, and will look to it for the careful transportation, safe protection and certain return of every such article. It is believed that there will be no trouble in inducing the United States to comply with the condition specified.

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Blaine has withdrawn from Harrison's cabinet. The East Oregonian's dispatches tell the story. He is now free to accept the nomination of his party as a candidate for the presidency. We believe he will receive the nomination. Blaine has many admirers and a strong support—even stronger than eight years ago, when he was defeated by Cleveland.

But there is also a greater force ready to array itself against him, and his defeat, if nominated, is likely—indeed, it is probable.
Yet, if he is elected, the country would not be worse off for it. We have no great objection to seeing one "brilliant, magnetic statesman" in the presidential chair. Webster wanted the honor, but was unable to secure it; Clay worked for it for years, yet failed signally; Blaine, the only Blaine, the equal of either Webster or Clay, longs for the prize and why not let him have it—if he can get it with the consent and approval of the people—his fellow countrymen?—East Oregonian.

CANDIDATES AND CONVENTION.
Hudson, Dewey, Platt and Clarkson, with Henderson acting as proxy, are the four gentlemen who turned the tide and gave the nomination to Harrison instead of Sherman four years ago. Three of them now want to defeat Harrison for re-nomination, but Chauncey doesn't enter the combination. He seems inclined to stick to Harrison. "If Blaine wants to be a candidate, why didn't he tell me so?" he significantly asks. Mr. Dewey is going to be careful about the company he gets into this time.—Telegram.

Colonel Ingersoll having said, rashly, as he usually speaks, that "Everybody admits Blaine's great ability," an Eastern exchange disagrees with him in these terms:
On the contrary, very few men of sound judgment admit Mr. Blaine's great ability. Mr. Blaine is probably the most superficial public character that the republic has ever known. His wisdom is the foolishness of past generations. His discoveries are the exploded follies and crimes of his predecessors. He is a circus man, a fakir. Among the blind the one-eyed man is king. The ignorant, bigoted and unthinking masses that now comprise the main body of the republican party believe him to be smart because he fools them, and because to their dull wits his tricks are not easily understandable. He never has contributed an idea to government; he never has drawn a measure that anybody remembers, but strikes at the seat of the disease at once by using the greatest of all known remedies, the celebrated Oregon Kidney Tea. Pleasant to take, purely vegetable. Satisfaction every time.

NICARAGUA CANAL CONVENTION.
Many of the present generation of Americans who have been kept in expectancy of practical results from a trans-American water-way from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, have doubtless become skeptical of living to see the great enterprise consummated. But when it is remembered that every enterprise of world wide moment has had its season of being weighed in the balance, years often of doubt and despair, as may be instanced in Fulton's steamboat, Morse's electric telegraph, Field's submarine cable, the first three great transcontinental railroads, and the utilization of electricity to lighting and motive purposes, no one has just cause to disparage the completion of the Nicaragua canal, even within the limits of the present century. A deep, popular conviction is now abroad in this land that the great work can and must be done.
Quietly and unobtrusively a convention met in St. Louis on the 2d inst, with delegates from 25 states, strengthened by the representatives of vast commercial interests, to discuss and lend endorsement to every feasible policy for promoting this stupendous work.
The practicality of the canal and its construction by the Nicaragua route has been settled. The paramount issue today is the question of its control. Every loyal American ought to insist the Monroe doctrine settled that question 70 years ago. The convention endorsed the doctrine that the American people should build the canal and the American government control it. It is assured that \$75,000,000 will cover the cost. The advantages to accrue from this water-way are manifold: quick communication in time of war, ten thousand miles saved in rounding the Horn; expediting and cheapening the carriage of produce, furnishing a means of communication westward for an interchange of the products of the great Mississippi valley. With these and other possibilities clearly defined, the construction of the Nicaragua canal is one of the events of this century, worthy of the profoundest legislative consideration.

EDITORIAL.
POPE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
It will be remembered by the friends of education that archbishop Ireland, about a year ago, consented that two parochial schools at Fairbairn and Stillwater, Minn., be turned over to the management of the board of public education for one year, to be used as the board might determine best for all concerned. This was an experiment. If it did not prove satisfactory after a year's trial, the schools were to revert to the original management.
The object of this transfer was to relieve the parishes of the excessive taxation necessary to maintain two parochial and public schools. The text books were not to contain matter derogatory to the Catholic church. The church was to have no control over the appointment of teachers, yet when teachers were chosen, Catholics were employed, upon their merit as teachers, not because they were Catholics. Religious instruction was given thirty minutes each day outside of school hours. Such was the plan pursued.
The enemies of the archbishop and partisans of parochial schools, of course, strenuously objected. The matter was taken to Rome and argued before the propaganda, and now comes the reply that the plan has received the indorsement of the pope. While it may not have been the intention originally to make this sweeping change through all the parochial schools of the great cities, the vatican decision implies that this plan may be adopted in any school district. It is a hopeful portent of an amicable adjustment of the school question between the friends of popular education and the partisans of parochial schools. It is a compromise and concession to patriotism, for it involves a canonical surrender by the Catholic church of what has hitherto been an essential principle in its plan of education.
This decision, coming from the supreme authority of the church, may be interpreted to mean that there shall be no further valid objection to our schools. The great archbishop, by this bold move, has signally declared himself for the glory of American institutions and the liberalizing force of free popular education. The new regime will tend to assimilate to the American people, their language and institutions, the foreign masses, who seek a home in America, and who are mostly of the Catholic faith. Whereas, only about one-fifth of the Catholic children of the United States, have, to date, been patrons of the public schools. This new decree from Rome will tend rapidly to break down former prejudices to the public schools and all religious scruples of the church, hostile to universal free public education.