

Let'er Boom.

Tell us not in mournful numbers
That this town is full of gloom,
For the men's a crank who slumbers
In these bursting days of boom.

Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
Every dollar that thou turnest
Helps to make the old town roll.

But enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
If you have no money borrow—
Buy a corner lot each day.

Lives of great men all reminds us
We can win immortal fame;
Let us leave the chumps behind us,
And we'll get there just the same.

In this world's broad field of battle—
In the bivouac of life,
Let us make the dry bones rattle—
Buy a corner lot for wife!

Let us then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving still pursuing,
Booming early, booming late.

—Polk County Observer.

Will Enforce Homestead Law.

The following remarks of an official high in the land office department are not calculated to ease the minds of numerous claim holders in the county and city:

"The homestead law provides that a settler shall not be absent from his land longer than six months at any one time. By some people this has been construed to mean that a man may take a sandwich and a blanket and spend one night on his claim every six months and at the end of the prescribed period make proof and acquire title to his land. It has been common in this state for leading business men in a town to have homestead claims 30 and even 100 miles from their places of residence and to make final proof that was accepted by the land office. Such practices are travesties on the home-stead law. Land offices of this part of the United States have been as schools of perjurers."

An examination and general shake up is at hand so it is announced.

MISTAKE OF AN EDITOR.

Horace Mann, the editor of the Enquirer of Medford who is well known in Cottage Grove has got himself into hot water by his remarks concerning President Roosevelt and is the subject of a great deal of indignant comment by the press of the state, irrespective of party and has been memorialized in condemnatory resolutions by a number of organizations in Jackson county. In a recent issue he disclaims any intention of serious offense, explaining that the objectionable remarks were "jocular." The paragraph that drew the thunders upon his head read as follows:

"Roosevelt does not flatter the pictures one sees of him and looks for the world like some of these tough bullet-headed Dutch bartenders one sees in many eastern cities, and when you get a good look at him you don't wonder that he boasts of shooting a Spaniard in the back, or loves the company of a lawless band of cow-boys"

The editor declares that he really intends to say that the president is a better man than he looks. In the meanwhile, he is getting a great deal of advertising though not of the most desirable kind.



Showing tents of the big Carnival Co. to be in Cottage Grove June 24th to 27th inclusive.

An Avaricious Publisher.

H. H. Brookes, the overly enterprising editor of the Plaindealer, evidently believes the people of Douglas county and the officials of the land office department are easily gulled. As near as can be ascertained Mr. Brook has formulated a gigantic scheme his object being to control the greater portion of the government land printing of this and Josephine counties by issuing from the Plaindealer office four small papers purported to be published at Riddle, Leland, Bohemia and Yoncalla. In doing this he is supposed to cut any other paper off from the land printing in the localities mentioned by getting between

the papers now being published and the land to be published. Mr. Brooks may make this scheme work, but should he not, he has simply to discontinue the publication of the little sheets and he is but very little out. Even should he spend good money as the balance of us have and go into town for the town's good and to help to build up the locality, taking his investment for better or for worse; even then he would have to swear that his publication was genuine with a bona fide circulation of a certain stipulated number of actual subscribers and that the said paper is published nearest the land advertised. With all due respect to Mr. Brookes and his enterprise, we would call his at-

tention to the fate of the newspaper which was started up in Eastern Oregon near The Dalles last fall for land printing only and which was not only refused the land printing by the government officials, but had to answer for fraud.—Drain Non-pariel.

The first report of the annual drowning while bathing comes from Salem this season Morris Walker aged fourteen, was drowned in the Willamette Monday while in swimming with chums. It is supposed the cold water caused him to cramp.

Thirteen hundred slot machines were confiscated and publicly burned in Philadelphia last week.

Bargains in Millinery Goods

In order to close out certain lines of my stock I am making such reductions in prices that it will be decidedly to your interest to come and see me. In fact some of the goods are marked down to actual cost, and others at any old figure to make them move. The line consists of many articles of every day necessity, and if you will save money, you'll hunt up my place : : :

Millinery Trimmings and ready-to-wear garments for ladies at greatly reduced prices.

Trimmed hats and trimmings at prices much lower than usual.

A select line of wrappers, skirts and undergarments at prices never before so low in Cottage Grove.

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GOODS**
In summer
patterns

**BOYS
WASH
SUITS**

Not a very large stock to select from, but the mens and boys clothing will be sold at prices regardless of cost.

In mens, ladies and misses shoes you can do not so well anywhere in town.

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