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The best way to boom a town is to first make it a place fit for decent people to live in.

Naturally the rural mail carriers object to country roads out of which the bottoms have dropped.

The territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma will make another effort to "join the union."

It is now impossible to tell whether a miniature hatchet is a souvenir of Carrie Nation or George Washington.

The assets of the \$12,000,000 National Salt company have been sold for \$337,000. Evidently the salt mines were salted.

The football season is over and a survey of the field reveals nineteen lives lost and a large number of cripples for life as a direct result of the game.

The past year's tax roll in Lane county amounted to \$196,328.75. Of this large sum the delinquent list now being published by the Sheriff, Fred Fisk, amounts to but \$1252.

Members of Congress are allowed 20 cents a mile for their journey to and from Washington, and most of them have free passes. The Hawaiian delegate will receive \$14,774 mileage in one term.

Men never get to the front in any trade or calling who start into their work feeling that their employer is their enemy; they never reach promotion; they seldom own shops of their own, because one element of

Ex-Governor William P. Lord, who served 12 years on the Supreme Bench in Oregon, has filed a brief in the initiative and referendum case, in which he supports the contention that the referendum amendment was not legally adopted, is not a part of the constitution, and is in violation of that part of the federal constitution which guarantees to every state a republican form of government.

That the world "do move" is proven by the following article: "The campaign of 1904 will be a unique one in several ways, quite different from all previous ones. Party leaders are planning to use the phonograph in connection with the megaphone trumpet to spell-blind the people. Orators of the two big parties cannot reach every town and hamlet and it would cost too much even if they could. So the scheme is to have those speakers talk into a machine in care of good, responsible parties to the small towns and villages where they will be set agoing to the edification of the people."

In view of the fact that the holiday season will soon be here at which time many visitors arrive in our city to spend the season with relatives and friends, it behooves our citizens to clean up their premises and make the town present as neat and attractive an appearance as possible. With this object in view the city council is doing excellent work on Main street, having removed all the mud from the surface of the street, washed it thoroughly with the fire hose and have removed all the loose and coarse rock therefrom, leaving this main traveled street in fine condition, for which the council is entitled to hearty congratulations and a vote of thanks from the citizens of the town. Now let the builders and property owners do their part and the town will be in a very presentable condition for the holidays.

Fire

Don't neglect that house any longer, but call at the express office and have Tom Awbrey write you up a policy; in either the Etna Insurance Co. or the Oregon Fire Relief Association, of McMinnville, Oregon

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Ice Cream, Ice Cream The Wave will be prepared to furnish patrons with ice cream on Christmas day.

THE HUMBERT TRIAL

DOUBT AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE PROSECUTION.

How Mme. Therese Engineered the Greatest of Swindles—Capitalized a Fraud For Over \$100,000,000—Her Rise and Fall.

Mme. Humbert, head and front of the most marvelous swindle ever devised, is again a subject of discussion in Paris by reason of the trial of herself and family. For twenty years the Humberts fooled the French courts, and there are those who think they may yet escape punishment.

Mme. Therese is generally given credit for being the brains of the Humbert family. She it was who devised and carried out the fraud. It is said that in twenty years she floated paper to the face value of \$140,000,000 and that her present actual indebtedness is not less than \$12,000,000. She capitalized a dream and from the proceeds lived at the rate of \$600,000 a year for nearly a quarter of a century.

Mlle. Therese d'Aurignac was born on a farm near Toulouse nearly fifty years ago. She was not exactly a peasant, but her social position was little above that condition. In 1878 she married Frederick Humbert, son of Gustave Humbert, who subsequently became a member of the French senate and a minister of justice in De Freycinet's cabinet.

The position of the elder Humbert gave the family standing in Paris, and soon stories began to be heard of an immense fortune to be inherited by Mme. Humbert from an old relative of the D'Aurignacs. This story seems not to have been accepted by the Parisians, and then came the story of the Crawford millions.

According to this story, there died at Nice in 1877 a rich American named Robert Henry Crawford, who left Therese Humbert his entire fortune of \$20,000,000 in recognition of the fact that some years before she had saved his life. The fortune was said to be in French bonds. But something had then to be done to raise money on the mythical legacy.

Thereupon Mme. Humbert introduced to the game another will and a



MME. THERESE HUMBERT.

couple of nephews of the dead American. The will is still in the courts, but the nephews are not est. As a matter of fact there was no such person as Robert Henry Crawford, and the nephews were also inventions.

This second will was produced by one of the nephews, who gave to a Havre lawyer power to act as his attorney. This lawyer never saw his client, but he received over 5,000 letters from him as well as large fees. Mme. Humbert undoubtedly managed this correspondence.

Then began a series of suits to determine the ownership of the bonds. The \$20,000,000 worth of bonds comprising the estate was by agreement placed in a safe in the Humbert mansion and sealed. It was not to be opened until all the parties to the contest were present and a final agreement was reached.

Of course with such security Mme. Humbert's credit was good for almost any amount, and the swindle was in full swing. For sixteen years this continued, one kind of litigation or another being employed to keep the case unsettled. Various efforts were made to recover large loans from the Humberts, but these were nearly always unsuccessful. Then the cry of fraud was raised, and the bubble was pricked. The Humberts fled and were arrested in Madrid. The safe was opened. It contained nothing, of course. Now comes the last chapter, the trial.

But even this may come to naught. Politics may stand in the way of their punishment. M. Humbert was at one time deputy, and Mme. Humbert received at her home some of the most eminent of French statesmen. Premier Waldeck-Rousseau, however, does not seem to have been on their visiting list. He denounced them at a trial against them in 1897 in which he appeared as counsel for the plaintiffs. During his three years of power, however, he took no active steps against them, and this fact has been commented on by the Parisian newspapers.

Only a few weeks ago it was openly charged in the French chamber of deputies that the Humberts were being protected by the authorities and that they would never be convicted. Some of the creditors, seeing that nothing will be realized, will doubtless remain silent rather than proclaim themselves dupes. Others, however, are eager for revenge and will push the case. Mme. Humbert, it is believed, has plenty of money to secure the best legal talent and will fight to the bitter end.

CONTEST NOTICE

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Oct. 7, 1903.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Peter J. Haginor, contestant against Homestead entry No. 11,350, made March 12, 1902, for w¹/₄ sec. 4, sw¹/₄ sec. 4, sec. 4, T. 20 S., R. 2 W., by Henry Haverkamp, contestee, in which it is alleged that Henry Haverkamp has not established his residence on the said land, that he has made no effort to improve or cultivate the same, and that more than six months have elapsed since making said H. E. No. 11,350. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Dec. 2, 1903, before J. S. Medley, notary public, Cottage Grove, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on Dec. 28, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon.
Said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Sept. 16, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
J. H. BOOTH, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Nov. 19, 1903.
Noticed is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. J. Walton, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on Jan. 15, 1904, viz: Nicholas Hostettler on H. E. No. 5967, for the e¹/₂ sec. 4, sw¹/₄ sec. 4, sec. 18, T. 20 S., R. 2 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Hostettler and Christ Hostettler, of Saginaw, Oregon, Charles Sears and C. H. Jones, of Cottage Grove, Or. (N27)
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Nov. 23, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Jan. 4, 1904, viz: James A. Thomas on H. E. No. 5942, for the w¹/₄ sec. 4, sec. 6, Township 22 S., Range 3. W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles Winecoff, G. W. Kelly, Henry Whitlock and A. A. Kelley, all of Cottage Grove, Or. (D4)
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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