

PRESSED BRICKS.

Stas Kilgore has gone to his fangell valley ranch.

Miss Mollie Cunningham has been visiting Medford friends.

The Arizona legislature has passed a women's suffrage bill.

Chas. Oltman is putting out 8000 berry plants at his place in Tolo.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Jordan at Talent Feb. 27th.

Radan's Microbe killer is now kept for sale in Resner's block, Ashland.

Mrs. A. Millap and her sister, Miss Mame, have returned to Wisconsin.

We do not advertise low prices on goods now in stock—McCormick's Winter.

John Veit and Noah Allen were elected directors and clerk of Wagner creek school district.

Mrs. J. B. Ebbels and daughter Fannie have been visiting Mrs. L. L. Hamilton at Medford.

The recent storms have wiped out the fish traps that rustling fisher, E. Ray, of Gold Hill.

G. F. Schmittling and Wm. V. Jones have been chosen director and clerk of the Woodville district.

Another carload of Chinamen from Cow creek were attached to Sunday's train for San Francisco.

Wesley Lewis and another gentleman from New York is visiting his brother, A. Lewis, of The Meadows.

W. J. Wimer, of Oakland, Cal., has been at Grants Pass the last week on his lawsuit against Walleigh.

John B. Wisley has been appointed a special agent of the general land office, to go to the state of Washington.

Are you Married? If not, send your address to The American Corresponding Club, P. O. Box 583, Clarkston, Va.

Mrs. Turpin arrived from the East Friday on a visit to relatives in the valley, being the guest of Mrs. H. F. Barrow.

Miss Laura Harrison is now ticket agent at Jacksonville for branch railroads, besides operator for the Western Union.

The Old Fellows of Jacksonville will give a grand ball on April 24th, for the benefit of the Oldmans' Home. It will be well attended.

Frank Mitchell, C. M. Casler, R. M. Donovan and about fifteen other well-known drummers have journeyed in Ashland the past week.

P. W. Oswell and M. P. Koppelle were elected director and clerk at Central Point, so Prof. Raymond, who was up Saturday, informs us.

A. A. Forbes and J. C. Coker, of Los Angeles, the latter formerly of Jackson county, are the proprietors of the Claradon hotel at Medford.

The late rains have proven a great aid to the mining industry in Jackson and Josephine counties, the mining and piping has been in full blast.

S. H. Hill has traded his property on the corner of Front and Eighth street to W. A. Forbes, of the Clarendon hotel, for Los Angeles property.—Medford Mail.

The sudden death of Senator Will last week, brings the number of deaths in the fifty-first congress up to thirteen, the number so much dreaded by superstitious people.

The legislature passed a law which requires that liquor licenses must be taken out for a year, instead of for any other term. It does not apply to incorporated towns, however.

The legislature did justice to woman when it enacted a law providing that the mother, a widow, could appoint a guardian of her children by will. Heretofore that right was denied her.

It is reported that J. B. Welch, the enterprising aviator of The Meadows, will move his mill to a point on the line of the railroad in the spring, having a contract to furnish the company with a large lot of ties.

I. W. Berry, one of Jackson county's prominent young men and a staunch democrat, has been promoted to the position of first watchman of the Oregon penitentiary, vice J. D. McKinnon, resigned.

The timber-culture and pre-emption laws were repealed by the late congress, and Recorder John H. Shure and Recorder A. M. Crawford of the Roseburg office have received official notification to allow no further entries to be initiated.

We guarantee every article as represented or will return money.—McCormick & Winter.

Linman S. B. Whittle has put in an office at Jacksonville for the Postal Telegraph Co. Will L. Miller, who is also the Medford Mail's representative at the county seat, is the operator. The office is in one of Col. Miller's law-office rooms.

They are going to have a millionaire's club in New York in a membership of Crosses is already assured. There is probably no other city in the world where a flourishing club of this sort would be so successful as New York is the shrine of the American nabobs.

Wm. Ulrick, who had been in California putting the Merchants' and Farmers' Insurance Co. on record with the state authorities, returned from Sacramento Saturday. He says the current reports about the "boondoggling" in the California legislature are not at all exaggerated.

Newman Fisher for over thirty years a prominent and honorable citizen and a leading merchant of Jacksonville, and a resident there and again as county treasurer of Jackson county on the democratic ticket, has closed his store in Jacksonville and moved to Centralia, Wash., where he is in business with Jos. Solomon.

Joseph V. Dory, of Wausau, Ill., was troubled with rheumatism and tried a number of different remedies, but says none of them seemed to do him any good. He finally got hold of one that speedily cured him. He was much pleased with it, and felt sure that other sufferers with rheumatism would like to know what the remedy was that cured him. He states for the benefit of the public that the name of the medicine is "Chin Chin" and is sold in 50 cent bottles by our druggists, Chittwood Bros.

The Ole Ole troupe played at the opera house Saturday night, giving much satisfaction. R. L. Sott, who was through here with "Chip of the Old Block," was better in his former character than this one. Marie Heath, the soprano, is the most talented one in the troupe, and Miss St. George Hussey comes next.

An oil store, cooking utensils and a supply of provisions will complete the outfit. Donohue and his fourteen companions expect to start on their journey soon, and anticipate any amount of fun on the trip.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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Hon. W. D. Fenton is a candidate for the new office of attorney general.

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"THE COMING BILLIONAIRE."

Thomas G. Shearman Discusses Him—Starting Figures on Wealth and Taxation—The Poor are Robbed to Make the Billionaire.

The growth of wealth in the hands of a few rich men in the United States, has within the past twenty-five years, resulted in producing fortunes of unusual proportions. The fabulous wealth of Croesus, which was the marvel of the old Greeks, was nothing in comparison with the vast fortunes of our Astors, Goulds and Vanderbilts. When this has been brought about, the question that we are asking ourselves: How rich will our rich men become? Shall we not at some time have a billionaire, and astonish ourselves and all the world besides?

In the January number of The Forum magazine, Thomas G. Shearman, the eminent writer on social and economic questions, has a remarkable discussion on this subject entitled "The Coming Billionaire." When Mr. Shearman's article in the same magazine more than a year ago that half of the wealth of the country is owned by 40,000 families, and that three-fourths of it is owned by 250,000 families, his statements were disputed by many. There was much controversy at the time over a list of some seventy rich men given by Mr. Shearman as worth from \$20,000,000 to \$150,000,000 each. It was claimed by many that the figures were exaggerated, but in the January Forum Mr. Shearman contends that the list was in the main correct.

In discussing "the coming billionaire" Mr. Shearman treats of the creation of wealth as influenced by our present system of indirect taxation, and by indirect taxation he does not mean the tariff tax exclusively, but includes taxes upon banks, bonds, merchandise, lands, capital in manufacturers, railroads, etc., all of which the tax is shifted back to the actual user or consumer. This transferring of taxes brings it to pass that our tax system not only discriminates in favor of the holders of large capital, but it actually puts money into their pockets; that the poorer people not simply pay more than their due share of taxes to the government, but they pay in addition a tax to the rich which makes more than makes up for the taxes which the rich themselves pay.

How this result is brought about Mr. Shearman seeks to show by a series of tables. The total wealth of the country he estimates at about \$28,000,000,000, or nearly \$1,000 per head of the population. The division of this wealth is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Families, Wealth, Total. Rows include Rich, Middle, Working, and Totals.

The production of wealth in 1890 is put at \$10,000,000. After allowing 4 per cent for this year's repairs and replacements the net income is divided as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Families, Average Income, Total Income. Rows include Rich, Middle, Working, and Totals.

These figures become all the more striking when the matter of saving money is considered. If there were no taxes the rich could easily save two-thirds of their incomes, while the other classes could scarcely save one-fifth of theirs. But taxes, especially the tariff taxes, are levied upon the expenses of the people, and thus bear much more heavily upon the poorer classes than upon the rich—touching four-fifths of the income of the average poor man and only one-fourth of that of the rich man. In forms of indirect taxes this levelled upon expenses are supposed by Mr. Shearman to be about 15 per cent. This would therefore take from the two poorer classes \$600,000,000 a year, and from the middle class \$23,000,000. But these two sums represent taxes which go to the government and those which go to individuals. Mr. Shearman estimates that one-third of the taxes paid by both classes are returned to the rich class. This would give the following as last year's saving of the rich and other classes:

Table with 3 columns: Savings of Other Classes, Total. Rows include Natural savings, Deduct taxes, Net savings, and Totals.

What, then, are the prospects for the coming of the billionaire? Mr. Shearman claims that if the billionaire comes he will not be the product of any natural law, but simply the product of indirect taxation—the system, which taxes the many for the benefit of the few. If this system continues the billionaire might reasonably be expected in forty years, and several billionaires in sixty years. The present system, under which landlords and large capitalists as a class pay nothing in taxes, will assuredly produce the billionaire if continued.

But will it be continued? Mr. Shearman thinks it will not. The abolition of the sugar tax and the enormous increase of the permanent expenditures of the government by the Republicans at the last session of congress have brought us to the verge of bankruptcy, and no party will hereafter venture to perpetuate the sugar tax. The people will learn through cheapened sugar, as never before, that the tariff is a tax, and they will not tolerate the sugar tax again. But in teaching the people this lesson the Republicans have unwittingly taught them an invaluable lesson in the nature of a protective tariff itself. In this way free sugar will not only save the people \$20,000,000 a year, but it will help to under-

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FOOTBALL ON THE BOWERY.

In a shop window on the Bowery is a most realistic and exciting representation of the Yale-Princeton football match. The back of the window is covered with a strip of canvas painted to represent a grand stand filled with people, and the floor of the window is spread with green stuff to represent grass. The players are dolls dressed in the appropriate costumes and colors of the players, and a lot of them are massed on top of a small football in the center of the field.

The names of the players and their positions are posted at the side, with the announcement that these two teams have been engaged to play an exhibition game for the delectation of the employees of the firm making the display.

It would be interesting to hear Capt. Pox and H. B. McLing's remarks if they heard they were advertised to play before the cutters and basters of a Bowery clothing store.—New York Evening Sun.

A Monster Tug-Work. While walking along the new elevated tracks of the Manhattan railroad, as a train passed over it at a fair rate of speed, the steel work gave forth a distinct musical sound, as though a great violoncello were stretched from Henderson to Montross streets. There was no tremble or jar, or click at the rail joints. Indeed, the sound did not come from the rails, but from the steel girders and pillars, and continued until the locomotive struck the steel ground six blocks above. The noise is an octave above the deep bass of Niagara falls.

With a long vestibule train the effect will be startling. I venture to predict that the dwellers along the line will not complain of the noise of the passing trains, for, though somewhat loud, it is yet harmoniously musical. Hence it will not disturb anybody.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Hard Punishment. Curt Abel, retired corporal in the Wurttemberg contingent of the German army, has been sentenced to four days' arrest by a court martial in Freiburg. Abel's offense was that he exposed the abuses practiced by German officers on German privates, and enumerated in several German pamphlets cases in which soldiers had been beaten, burned with cigars, and cut with knives by lieutenants in command of them. The ostensible reason of his punishment, however, was that he had observed these abuses without reporting them. Abel's trial and sentence have aroused much indignation in all the German Liberal dailies which consider his treatment a matter of simple pure intimidation.—Berlin Letter.

Marriage at Sight. Robert H. Mitchell, of St. Joseph, Mo., recently advertised for a wife. Miss Alice V. Cammer, of Pennsylvania, a guest of relatives at Clay City, answered. He lost no time in reaching Clay City, and found Miss Cammer young, handsome and of excellent social standing. He had brought with him satisfactory reference. A license was procured, and the two were married at once. They left for their home in St. Joseph, followed by a hundred or more Clay City people, who wished them well. Mr. Mitchell is a school teacher.—Brazil (Ind.) Cor. Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Last of the Hutchinson Family. John W. Hutchinson, of the celebrated Hutchinson family of singers, observed the seventieth anniversary of his birth Monday by a reception from 4 to 10 p. m. at Lyon. Four generations were represented, and many prominent people sent letters of congratulation. Mr. Hutchinson, with his sister, Mrs. Abbie Hutchinson Patton, of New York, the sole survivors of the quartet, received the guests, who included prominent people of Lyon, Boston, Salem and New York.—Boston Journal.

Picture frames made to order at H. S. Emery's. For a number of years I have been subjected to violent attacks of inflammatory rheumatism which generally lasted about two months. On the first of this month I was attacked in the knee and suffered severely for two days, when I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain-Balm, and recovered almost instantly. I therefore most cheerfully recommend it to those who are afflicted in any manner. D. Whitley, Martindale, N. C. Feb. 1888. Mr. Whitley is a very prominent man in the State of North Carolina, and is well known as the sufferer said severe pain. W. N. Houston & Co., Merchants, Martindale, N. C. 50-cent bottles for sale at Chittwood Bros., druggists.

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