 ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY MORNING
 \$1.00 Per Year in Advance thursdar, Novemabr 17, ison. The Graphic has rounded out sixteen years and with this issue For fifteen years it has been under the present ownership.
An exchange prints a story o organized bodies of thieves awa off in China which thrive on fees. If on following the criminal news in some of the Portland papers one reads between the lines, he comes to the conclusion that the setting of the story need not have
far from home.
The best thing Josh Billings knew was a "first rate wife" and he observed that the next best thing was a "second rate one." But many a harrassed man would amend Josh's.observation to read that about the worst move a man ever made was to take unto himself the second rate wife. She's a jewel she's horrid.
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To be able to quote aptly from the book of Holy Writ is an accomplishment never to be despised. The editor of the Ore gon Irrigator, published at Irrigon, in the country which is being developed by irrigation, carries this verse at the masthead or his maper this valley full of ditches. Ye shall not see rain yet that valley shall be filled yet that valley shall ber
with water."

The Graphic extends fraternal
greetings to the Milton Eagle greetings to the Milton Eagle which made such a brave, vigor-
ous and determined fight for prohibition and which so ably refuted the silly attacks of some
of its thirsty contemporaries. There are at least three or four papers in this state which are not afraid to fight the saloon straight from the shoulder, and the Eagle is always one of them. Saloon men who have sought to invade Milton have found its eye piercing and its talons not to be despised.
This optimistic post-election view is taken by the Vancouver
Columbian: "Never before has so much individual voting been done and so many ballots scratched. This is a good sign of betterment in politics. It shows that the voters are thinking and voting more for men and principles that partisanship. When this is being done it is a sure sign that the country is safe. The day of the political grafter is over, and good sense It is evident that the election went the Columbian's way. Here's to Sheriff Tom Word of Portland who doesn't know any more than to believe that
the law should be entorced and who is acting accordingly. Attorney Manning has proven himself to be a timeserver and
all the emore credit belongs to all the gore credit belongs to
the doughty democratic sheriff the doughty democratic sherift who is giving the gamblers the hottest time they have ever had absolute necessity for the life of a city," says Word and he intends to prove it. The plea that the law can't be enforced, is puer-
ile and un-American. Give us more Tom Words and we don't care a rap what party they belong to.
The average American abhors a lord in theory, the poet to the contrary notwithstanding. But he cherishes a small titular sys$t \in m$ of his own, contendsa valley editor. Colonel is rather out of form at present. Professor is the worst misused title of the lot. A young man gets a teacher's certificate and directs the des.
tinies of a "little red school"
 country press. So it goes. And and responsibility, began to his wife is Mrs. Prof. So and So. to gamble, home'ties were brok, So and So. And even the patient oelpmeet to the minister is des helpmeet to the minister is des- dissipation does its work of gnated too in print, Mrs. the sequel does its work, an Rev. So and So, All of which To the pushing throng he is ends to call back the wa=derer nothing but a battered wreck in careless paths of speech to cast on the sands by the surf, better habits of expression, pro- but to some one the ruined life vided bad examples have to do has meant disappointment, at all with reform measures.
The following way of getting id of stumps is reccommended by the Scientific American. In the inches in diameter, according to he girth of the stump, vertically in the center of the latter, and about eighteen inches deep. Put into it one or two ounces of salt peter, fill up the hole with water and plug up close. In the ensuing spring take out.the plug and pour in about one-half gallon of kerosene oil and ignite it. The stump will smoulder away without blazing, to the very extremities of the roots, leaving nothing but ashes. The above method than that practiced by a Wash han that practiced by a Washwho used dynamite and went with the stump.
The Woodburn Independent deplores the presence of so many bums and crooks in Woodburn and makes an urgent demand or extra police force to protect the citizens and their property. It deelares that the city council, saloon license money, must give the community a suitable and sufficient guard. Hete's your illustration of how saloons help pay taxes etc. It's better than the most fervid and convincing oratory. Two or three years ing prohibition town, but wanting the aid of the saloon in paying taxes, the citizens let down he bars. As a result a lawless conditions heen attracted and conditions are so deplorable that the town paper makes an urgent public call for an adeand property. The indictment against the saloon could not have been made stronger.
"Suicide of an unknown above a paragraph in a valley paper, which told in a few short
sentences of the death, self-inlicted, of a wandering, homeless man, without friends and without name. The item of hardly nough importance to chronicle, of little interest to anybody. cumberer of the earth has gone and that the world he leaves is that much better off. Yet probably in some thriving hamlet a half century ago, the birth of a and a great joy and glaaness The village paper announced with pleasure the arrival, and happy congratulations were
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