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Unless a business enterprise is "beyond hope," a quick resort to the "advertising treatment" will pull it through. Many "marvelous cures" are accredited to newspaper advertising.

Grants Pass is producing some mighty fine athletic timber these days, as the football and basketball aggregations at Ashland and Medford are finding out. Our girls can play ball, too, and both boys and girls are winning fame for our fair city.

We are glad to have our friends hand us articles from eastern papers, bearing upon topics now before the people of our section. This shows us conclusively that they want to aid us and we heartily appreciate the motives which actuate them in so doing.

If, as some well informed people declare, State Treasurer Steele has been derelict in his duty, with reference to caring for the state funds, then he should suffer the consequence, as he most likely will have to do. There are no times to be showing favors in the matter of letting law breakers off easy. The masses will not countenance any such proceeding.

The daily papers last week had reports of four persons who were so afraid of the banks that they drew their money from savings banks only to lose it. One was robbed on his way home. Another was robbed after he got home. A third lost his pocket-book, and a fourth put his money in an old shoe, which his wife burned up with some rubbish. In the meantime the banks they were afraid of are paying all depositors' checks on sight.

The Medford Commercial Club has evidently "seen a light," for it is out with resolutions, telling the outside world that it is perfectly content with the train service which the Southern Pacific is giving that locality, in common with what we are all getting in this neck of the woods. Guess they are wanting to ask some special favors of the Harriman crowd and take this means of "standing in."

Marion county is going some undesirable fame on account of the 13

unpunished murders which have occurred there during the past year. Here in Josephine county we are so law abiding that we have not had a single murder for about three years. But we much prefer to boast of such conditions and of the fact that our county jail has been empty for three months past.

If the close finances did nothing more than to start out the small army of prospectors into the hills and mountains to delve into mother earth and bring forth the hidden riches, it will not have been vain. This means, if it means anything, that we may expect a big revival in the mining industry here in Josephine county this season.

Slowly, but surely are the signs of the recent financial depression passing away. About the only remnant to be found is the croaker element, which is to be found in any community and which seems to thrive best, when the locality is passing through such stringent times. But, inasmuch as it takes all kinds of people to make a world, we presume the Almighty must have had some object in view, when he brought them into existence.

If an editor makes a mistake he has to apologize for it, but if a doctor makes a mistake he buries it. If an editor makes one there is a lawsuit, swearing and the smell of sulphur, but if a doctor makes one there is a funeral, but flowers and a smell of varnish. A doctor can use a word a yard long without knowing what it means, but if an editor uses it he has to spell it. Any old college can make a doctor. You can't make an editor; he has to be born.—Success Magazine.

Newcomers in our midst were greatly pleased with the sample of weather which we provided for Thanksgiving day. Back, beyond the Rockies, they would have encountered some decidedly ugly weather about this time of year, but here we had sunshine and it was more like a spring day than anything else. The flowers are in bloom, birds singing, strawberries and other small fruits in evidence and humanity enjoying the life that is to be found only in Oregon.

If the woman's clubs of Southern California have their way 18 years will soon cease to be the proud age of independence of females. The other day the Los Angeles District Federation resolved to petition the Legislature to make the legal age 21 years. Leaders say it is a new method toward securing equality of the sexes, as a vital necessity to solve the problem of girlhood.

Again would we respectfully ask of our aggressive Commercial Club what the prospects are for our having a permanent exhibit building on the depot ground? Ashland and Medford have found this a most effective way in which to show to the passing throngs, as they go through on the

overland trains, what this rich belt is capable of producing, as the travelers get no adequate idea of our capabilities from the train. Now even Roseburg is to have such building and it would seem as though the people of the Pass ought to see and realize the importance of such a move.

With the Bradley scandal in the daily paper, and the Kleinschmidt case looming up in the very near future to say nothing of the threat that we are soon to have the Thaw case again aired in the courts, we might ask, in the words of the poet: "Where are we at?" In other words, when will this stuff end? Are the members of the rising generation to read this unreadable slush? It is high time that an outraged public sentiment should rise up in righteous indignation and put a stop to this unholy practice the "Yellow" press has of dishing up the offscourings of the earth.

As an additional indication that the Administration has no intention of letting up in its prosecution of Harriman and the Harriman roads, B. D. Townsend, assistant United States attorney for North Dakota, arrived in Washington yesterday to report to the Attorney-General for special duty. The significance of this lies in the fact that during the past five months Townsend has been in Oregon preparing the Government case against the Southern Pacific in the matters of the proposed forfeiture of about \$50,000,000 worth of land granted to the Harriman road during the past 40 years. The claim will be advanced by the Government that the terms of the grant have not been complied with in various respects.

Now that the City election is over, it will be in order for the successful candidates to get in and "make good" for the many promises which their friends made for them. The public eye is upon them and it behooves them to put their best foot forward. That is to say, the people of this city want to see the city's business affairs carried on in a businesslike manner. The city has reached a place where it is of vital importance that no bungling work is done. So we say, with all good will, that our city fathers should put forth their best effort to conduct the affairs of this municipality in the best possible manner. And let us who are private in the ranks uphold them in every good undertaking. Holding a public office, where there is no emolument and lots of complaints, is no sinecure. So, if we find that our solons are striving to do the right thing, we should not be backward in approving their actions.

Representative Payne, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and Representative Dalzell, ranking member of that committee, and the members of the House Committee on Rules, had a conference with President Roosevelt today. Both agreed on leaving the White House that there would be no revision of the tariff at the coming season of Congress. Asked if this statement applied to the schedule on newsprint paper and wood pulp, Payne, with a hearty laugh, remarked: "What does that 15 per cent rate on wood pulp amount to? If it closes up some of the newspapers I think it might be a good thing."

And now the Oregonian has come out and declared that hereafter it will be found in the "Independent" column. It is only seeing that the day for strong partisanship is a thing of the past and that the people are demanding that a man shall be elected purely on his merits and not because he happens to have some political machine backing him up.

The people of Grants Pass will have a rare treat at the New Opera House next Friday evening, when Hon. C. G. Watson delivers his eloquent and interesting address: "The Geology of the Siskiyou Region and the Marble Halls of Oregon," which will be amply illustrated by stereopticon views, taken by Mr. Watson and Joaquin Miller, when they made a personal trip of investigation out that way, last summer. This promises to be a great tourist attraction for the Pacific coast, in the very near future and the travel will come, for the most part, right through Grants Pass and this is a matter in which every public spirited citizen is vitally interested. So, we say, the people of this city and county should turn out and if possible fill the opera house, for we will be well paid for going to hear this eloquent speaker.

Instead of the "tariff reformer," we are now to have the finance tinker, William Jennings Bryan is equal to the emergency and is bobbing up serenely with a panacea for the public ills. He is quoted with having remarked: "The Administration is prepared, so we are informed, to recommend a postal savings bank.

It's Time to Think

ABOUT HEAVIER CLOTHES and WE HAVE PREPARED FOR YOUR WANTS BY LAYING IN A BIG FALL and WINTER STOCK of UNDERWEAR, MEN'S and BOY'S CLOTHING, MEN'S SUITS, something new, from \$5 to \$25, and a COMPLETE LINE of SHOES

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While this would doubtless encourage deposits, and while those deposits could in turn be handed over to the banks, it does not furnish complete relief, because the plan as presented limits deposit and does not contemplate the opening of circulating accounts. The business community, therefore, cannot use the postal savings banks to any great extent, and, besides, it would take some time to inaugurate a postal savings system and secure the necessary number of employees to make the plan effective throughout the country. "I believe it is possible for the Government to give immediate relief by an act of Congress providing for the guarantee by the Government of all deposits in all national banks, the banks thus guarantee to agree to reimburse the Government for any losses incurred and to make this reimbursement in proportion to the deposits."

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County Health Officer, Dr. D. P. Love's report for the month of November presents some interesting statistics. It shows one case of scarlet fever and one of measles, while there were eight deaths, three males and five females. In the same period there were 1111, 19 males and one female.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY.

WANTED—To exchange 118 incubator for a 50 egg incubator. Call at Courier office.

WANTED—To Exchange Penn. Post Card Views for Pacific Coast Views. Ben Flinger, Avondale, Pa. 12-13 3t

APPLES wanted. Have good offer for a car. Charles Moser, Manager Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association. 12-13 1t

FOR SALE.

STRAWBERRY plants for Sale on North 9th St. C. W. Guyton. 11-15 4t

BULL—For sale, 2 years old, grade Swiss, half Herford and Durham. Inquire L. B. Akers, Wilderville, Ore., or box 40, Grants Pass, Ore. 11-8 4t

FOR SALE—Six head full blood Hereford Bulls—R. P. George, Kerby, Ore. 11-1 1t

FOR SALE—I will sell my entire flock of Rhode Island Reds, consisting of about 37 in all. John Chastain. 12-6 2t

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TIMBER BANCH—100 Acres small house, six acres under fence and alfalfa 2,000,000 feet good pine saw timber and large timber for 2000 cords wood; wide creek through

place fine dam and perpetual water a shingle mill and planing mill in full operation driven by a turbine wheel; an ideal place for saw mill fine water power 10,000,000 feet of pine saw timber adjoining this place three miles down haul to railroad and town, Jackson county, Oregon. All goes for \$6500. It's a snap; the water right is worth it, don't miss this. T. H. B. Taylor, & Co. Woodville, Ore. 9-6 1t

LOST.

LOST—Last Friday after noon, a brown leather purse containing a bunch of keys, stamps and between \$27 and \$30 in cash. Finder please return to Grants Pass Music Store and receive reward. 11-29 1t

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