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His full name is John Dustin Archbold, with the accent on the Dustin.

Mr. Hearst is not a candidate, but he is having more fun than either Taft or Bryan.

Pittsburg, Pa., is 150 years old, but it does not appear to have yet reached the age of discretion.

When New Mexico and Arizona come in they should be careful to leave their Haskell's outside.

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All countries have unpleasant things to worry them. Russia has the cholera and we have the campaign.

It might be well for persons who pray for rain to specify whether they prefer it with or without strong wind.

Mr. Taft believes humor is a good thing. Bryan, also, seems to believe in humor—he runs a joke page in his paper.

The air ship may one day become a joy forever, but up to date the kind that is a thing of beauty has not been built.

Archbold says those letters were stolen. This goes to confirm the general belief that they were not written for publication.

Debs is quoted as saying that he is not fitted for the presidency, and sometimes he talks like a man who doesn't know anybody who is.

Singular how theater patrons will pay money to see 'A Poor Relation,' when almost every one has any number they'd pay money not to see.

Sales of special one way tickets from all points in the United States to all points in Oregon begins Sept. 1st, and continues until Oct. 31st. See adv.

The Countess of Yarmouth's title cost her considerable money, but she has thrown it on the scrap heap and henceforth will be known as Mrs. Copley Thaw.

One of the actresses says she can see nothing remarkable in the presentation of a \$7,000 automobile to a lady. Still it cannot be said that such things happen every day.

Rain saved the Adirondack forests and put out the fires in Maine, Pennsylvania, and Canada. When Jupiter Pluvius gets down to work he stands at the head of fire extinguishers.

One of 'my policies' at least found no favor with the Greenwich woman of wealth who has bequeathed the income of \$20,000 to a school teacher, on condition that she remains single.

The Nebraska congressman who has pledged himself, if re-elected, to vote against Cannon for speaker of the next house, cannot be expected much in the way of committee assignments.

The report that Great Britain intends to return to China a portion of the excessive indemnity exacted by agreement of the allied powers after the boxer troubles, proves the force of the example set by Uncle Sam.

The impression gained from the career of John Alexander Dowie, against whose estate claims exceed \$5,000,000 have been filed, is that he gave to Zion city talents which would have shown with great brilliancy in Wall street.

SMUGGLED LANDS OPENED.

Since the government has begun bringing suits against the big stock companies for fencing up government lands, land locators have been getting busy looking up land that has been previously fenced by the Palace Co., and the William Hanley Co., and others doing business in Harney county. Several fine hay ranches have been found during the past 30 days and located by settlers. The land has been under fence for years, and the companies have been putting up hay from it year after year, which led people to believe that the companies had title to the land. In early days big companies would have the men working for them take up homesteads, pre-emptions, timber claims, etc., when one man could acquire 1,100 acres, under the liberal but grossly abused laws; and then buy the selections from the locators for small sums of money. These claims were so situated that when they were fenced the companies would have enclosed large tracts of government lands.

Recent investigation of this method of getting land has been the means of quite a number of people locating fine farms in the large enclosures that had been filed on by big companies who never proved up. The Hanley company has the largest acreage fenced, but it did not do the fencing, as it bought the holdings of the French-Gilman Co., which did the fencing years ago, but they have 300,000 acres under one fence, starting near the lake and ending in the Catlow valley, a distance of 60 miles. Besides, they include large tracts in Happy valley and in Diamond valley. There are large tracts of this land patented by the government under the swamp land act which contain sagebrush. The only swamp land that the Hanley people have is located in Diamond and Blitzen swamps which have never been reclaimed, though the Hanley Co. has had a dredger at work in the swamp for years.

The rain this week was general throughout the Inland Empire, and its value inestimable.

The Madras Pioneer says Chicago served a banquet in a sewer, which shows how anxious the Suckers are to get any old place where they can't see their dirty streets.

Young Theodore Roosevelt is earning \$5 a week making carpets, which is much better than sitting on the back steps of the White House, whittling a pine stick.

Mr. Bryan is quoted in an eastern paper as asserting that 'the stars in their courses' are working for him. What does he claim the 'super-numeraries in their choruses' are doing?

Chairman Hitchcock admits it is 'a lean year' for campaign contributions. It is even doubtful whether a letter from the President to 'My dear Harriman' as a 'practical' man would increase Treasurer Sheldon's fund by so much as 30 cents.

If the Bulgarians wish complete independence of Turkey a war is hardly necessary for the purpose. As they have been practically independent for 30 years and have made magnificent use of their freedom, Turkey is in no shape to coerce them.

Republicans of Gilliam county had arranged for a grand rally to take place at Condon to-night, incidental to the coming of Hon. C. W. Fulton, who is greatly appreciated where ever he is known. Sherman county is greatly disappointed that it became necessary to cancel their Grass Valley and Moro appointments yesterday.

Two Chinese agitators at Amoy who circulated a report that the American battleship fleet would seize that city as a base of operations in a war against Japan, were arrested by the authorities and given 1,500 blows each. How thankful some of our American Hobsonians for a war with Japan must be that they do not live in Amoy!

And now we have the S. P. Ry. Co. diverting DesChutes river to the Willamette valley, for developing water power, tapping Waldo lake, turning water from the east side of the Cascade mountains to the west side, letting the water eventually to the valley. Under Oregon court decisions a stream may be diverted from one side of a water shed to another, and no one need trouble themselves to object unless they can show that their rights "have been impaired," (not that they may at some subsequent period of time become impaired thereby. What has the Inland Empire to say about it?

PLAY BY MOONSHINERS.

Melodrama Made Out of Events That Sent Them to Prison.

A jail for a theater, the cells for dressing rooms and the corridor for the stage form the equipment that the federal prisoners in the county jail at Frankfort, Ky., practically all of them moonshiners, are using in rehearsing a play that will be staged when they are free again.

The play is called "The Moonshiners" and was written by Sam Shepard, who is accused of selling liquor without a license from the federal government. He conceived the idea of writing the play and rehearsing it to occupy the time until the date of his trial.

The actors have met with such success in their rehearsals that they have determined to put the play on the stage as soon as they are released from jail, says the Washington Post. They are to meet in Corbin on Dec. 1 to have their last rehearsal before the opening of the season in the mountain towns. The courthouses will be used as theaters, and the members of the troupe will not be far from home in case they get stranded.

NEW USES FOR SAWDUST.

It Finds Its Way Into Dynamite and Blotting Paper.

Sawdust is one of the puzzling wastes in lumbering operations. The waste is serious, too, for the kerf—the part cut out by the saw in the mill and transformed into sawdust—always bears a rather high ratio to the boards obtained. In cutting this stuff one-fourth of the log or even more may be kerf.

Efforts to turn sawdust into pulp for the paper mill have usually been unsuccessful on account of mechanical difficulties in general. In several European countries, however, a new way has been found of turning sawdust to account, says the New York Post. The sawdust, chiefly pine and fir, is ground with millstones, exactly as old time mill-stone cornmeal or wheat or rye flour. Expensive machinery is not required, but it is necessary to take special precautions against fires which might start from sparks between the millstones.

Sawdust flour is sold to dynamite factories to be mixed with nitroglycerin and forms the body or absorbent for that high explosive. It is also in demand for the manufacture of cheap blotting papers. The mills in the Harz mountains, in Germany, an important manufacturing center, are kept busy meeting this demand.

The price of the "flour" in Germany ranges from \$7.50 to \$12.50 a ton. It is shipped in bags, like meal, or in bales of about forty cubic feet, made by means of high pressure.

Republican Speaking.

Hon W G Bryant was informed, by telegraph at noon Wednesday, from Portland, that on account of storm the dates for Senator Fulton's speeches at Grass Valley and Moro had to be cancelled. Mr Fulton is weather bound somewhere in Crook county.

Hon L D Mahone, member of the legislature from Multnomah county will give us something worth while at the Court house in Moro at 1 p. m. next Tuesday, October 20th. Everybody come.

Hon J D Lee, of Multnomah Co, one of the Oregon Electoral College, will speak in Wasco on the 20th, and at Kent on the 21st. Be there and Bro Lees talk will do you good.

Political Information.

Registration opened Sept. 20 for Presidential election, and closes on October 20.

All who are 21 years of age and citizens of the United States, are entitled to register, providing they have resided in the state six months. If not a natural born citizen the voter must have been naturalized, must have had his first papers for at least one year.

Electors are voted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Electors meet at the state capitol the second Monday in January and vote by ballot.

The votes are counted by congress the second Wednesday in February.

The president-elect is to be inaugurated on March 4 next.

Yokohama is a blaze of glory this week greeting the American armada assisted by Tokio, Yoto, Osaka and all the Japanese dignitaries—with the Hobsonites and indignities cut out.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural route 2, Empire Ga, Floyd by name, says, "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw, one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage my farm to get it." Only 25c at Moro Pharmacy.

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Notice. There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization, for Sherman county Oregon, at the court house in Moro, on the 3d Monday of October, that being the 19th day of October, 1908, for the purpose of hearing objections, if any there be, to the annual assessment; and attending to other business, at which time all persons interested are invited to attend.

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