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**"THE RUSTLER LEADS."**

The Rustler man ought to get a new boy. A boy in a printing office who is so careless as to overlook "over thirty names" of subscribers, in an important matter in which the county official paper is to be named by the County Court, ought to be taken out and kicked to death. However, this Rustler "boy" is an enterprising lad and deserves some praise for the zeal he displays in behalf of his employer, for, in copying the Rustler list of subscribers in Lake county, he did not fail to copy a GOOD MANY THIRTY NAMES of people in this county who are not Rustler subscribers. Had the "boy" taken time by the forelock and been given full sway, doubtless he would have found sufficient names in the county to have "snowed under" the Examiner by several hundred. However, as the Rustler man did not expect to get the county printing, and only wanted to "make a showing," there is no harm done. Probably this is also the reason he did not swear to his list of "580" subscribers in Lake county. A good many people are, no doubt, thankful to the Rustler man for a free copy of that paper on January 10th. "The Rustler leads," but it is strange it cannot lead far enough to be called the official paper.

We agree with the Oregon Statesman that the bill prepared under the instructions and advice of State Superintendent Ackerman for the purpose of establishing school libraries is a step in the right direction. This bill was introduced in the House. The intention is to levy and raise in each county a tax equal to 10 cents for every child of school age and apportion it among the school districts proportionately. This money is to be spent by the school directors under the advice of the County Superintendent for the purchase of books from the list prepared by the State Board of Education. Except when the school is in session the school clerk is to be librarian, unless the directors elect some other person. During the school term the library shall be in the school-house and the teacher shall be responsible, the books to be loaned out in accordance with such rules as may be established. There is no better aid to the young mind than the perusal of good books, nor is there a surer way to make life at home, in the country districts, pleasant for the rising generation than to provide them with a supply of good, enjoyable literature. With the district school library, civilization and comfort and advanced modes of life will pierce the most distant country regions, giving a charm to rural life that will keep the young folks at home and relieve them from the feverish desire for city residence.

Miss Ruth Bryan is something of a joker. Starting to school the other day she made a desperate run for a street-car, and finally succeeded in catching it. As she took her seat she gasped, "Well, I am one of the family that can run for something and get it."—Minneapolis Journal.

The bill introduced by Senator Williamson, requiring peddlers to procure licenses in the counties in which they may offer their goods for sale, should become a law, as the law supposed to cover this ground is inadequate.

An exchange propounds the question: Why is a newspaper like a wife, then answers it? Because every man should have one of his own and not be running around after his neighbor's.

Some scientist propounds the question, "What color was Adam?" Most people don't care Adam what color he was, says the Statesman.

**BILL TO REDISTRRICT.**

Senator Steiwer, joint Senator from Gilliam, Grant, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties, has introduced a bill providing for the redistricting of the state into Senatorial and Representative districts, to take the place of the Williamson bill, enacted by the Legislature of 1899. The proposed bill does not increase nor diminish the representation in either of the houses, the changes in the representation affecting principally the Eastern Oregon counties. It increases the number of representative districts by the creation of three additional districts, but does not increase the number of Representatives. If this bill becomes a law Klamath, Lake, Harney and Malheur will comprise the Ninth Senatorial district, with one Senator, instead of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Wasco, as now. Klamath and Lake will comprise the Twenty-first Representative district, with one member, instead of Wasco, Crook, Klamath and Lake with three.

The bill provides that in the year 1902 Senators should be elected in fourteen districts, and this district is not included.

The bill will, doubtless, be relegated to the bottom of a box with a tight cover on it.

The Governor's message to the Oregon Legislature is a carefully prepared state paper. Governor Geer recognizes that the most important question that presents itself in the state to day is the one involving the formation and passage of a measure which will secure the uniform assessment and taxation of the property of the state. He shows the evils that have grown under the present system until the valuation of the property of the state has been reduced over fifty million dollars in six years, in a period, too, of known increase in wealth and population. The Governor suggests as the easiest way out of the difficulties in the path of equitable assessments, that the Legislature "devise some system by which the state can assess a certain amount against each county, for state purposes, in proportion to its wealth and population." He thinks "this would at once and effectually destroy the incentive to undervaluation," and would also do away with the necessity for a State Board of Equalization. He thinks the new law should provide for the taxation of incorporations and their business, where they have little or no property that can be reached.

Miss Mae Brimmer's judgment of \$375 damages against R. W. Boeger for forcibly hugging and kissing her at Leon, Iowa, was affirmed by the supreme court of the state in an opinion in which the court declares that there was no reason why she should not receive this amount, as the hugging and kissing were forcible and against her will. One of the reasons given by Boeger's lawyers why judgment should not be affirmed was that the young woman led Boeger to think that the kisses would not be unacceptable.

Governor Geer suggests that the obligations incurred by reason of the establishment of the Scalp Bounty law be paid out of the general fund. The Governor is pretty level-headed, and believes, as is proper and just, that the state should pay all its obligations.

Natural gas has been discovered near Colfax, Wash. There are indications of it in many places in Eastern Oregon. One day oil and gas will be struck east of the Cascades—then look out for one of the biggest booms Eastern Oregon ever dreamed of.—Salem Sentinel.

W. A. Clark, the Montana millionaire succeeds Mr. Carter in the United States Senate. Doubtless the friends of Mr. Daly are glad that he is dead, rather than have him lived to see the day when his most bitter enemy takes his seat in the Senate.

Matt Quay was elected to the United States Senate, and had three votes to spare. This is certainly a vindication of Quay and a bitter pill for his political enemies.

**MORE TRUTH  
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There's an old saying "You can't believe anything you hear and only half what you see." This hits modern advertising pretty hard. Many advertisements are either willfully or ignorantly deceptive, and most bargains are not what they seem. The success of this store has been won in a great measure by advertising our goods exactly as they are, and never offering anything for sale that could not be backed up by the reputation of this firm.

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**McCarthy's Frolic**

MY DEAR EXAMINER MAN:—It seems to me that you are rather previous in your criticisms of my last contribution to your effervescent columns. When you hear the circumstances under which I sent you that scrawl you will say, "it is well."

Having been employed for some time by Bill Barry, Judge of the High Table Bench, for whom I have to work hard as an animal-culturist, the thought struck me that it was a duty long neglected to send The Examiner a few items of interest from this bumping, buzzing, bubbling little city. I had plenty of clean legal cap, three bottles of ink and a newly made goosequill and seated to write you when that terrible wind storm set in and upset my calculations, as well as my ink. The gale was so fierce that I should have dated my letter from Kansas, so much was it like Kansas weather, were it not for the absence of grasshoppers and crickets; everything seemed to give way before the wind.

The house where His Tulesship had his office and held court, and which stood on the bar of Warner Lake, was blown over like a tin bucket. The three bottles of ink were upset and the papers and everything in the office took fire—even the law volumes belonging to the Judge were destroyed, and left him with only a copy of Ayres Almanac from which he might get information in deciding cases in his court. The fury of the wind lasted one day and night. It blew most of the water out of Warner Lake and scattered it broadcast on the tules in chunks of ice. Many fishes were also blown out of the lake, some of them landing on the adjacent haystacks from which they were gathered by the townspeople when the wind subsided. Cattle and horses huddled in bunches, and even the broad-faced hoot owl dared not hail the rising moon, but sought shelter in the tall grass.

You don't seem to appreciate any correspondence from this part of the country while other journals of greater note than yours are yearning for the news of this busy borough. The Arizona Kicker, the Drews Valley Recorder, the Chewaucan Post, the Oral Pointer, and even the Lake County kicking rustler would gladly receive our contributions, and would cheerfully correct the spelling of long words which we occasionally manufacture to suit our fancy. The great journalists I mention know their business well.

Plush is commencing to boom. You boast about Bieber's Good Goods, Geo. Jammerthal's Jesse Moore, and Post & King's El Comandante cigars, but you just come to Plush and call on Daniel Boone or G. W. Wise and you will see goods and note prices that will astonish you. You talk about your Lakeview balls and parties, but we have had and continue to have balls in Plush that

cannot be outclassed.

We expect a broad-gauge railroad to be built through this valley in the near future which will carry our beef, mutton, tules, wild game and old maids to the market. Lakeview won't be so many then.

William Potree, of "Home of the Weary," is experimenting in building an air ship; he has already made a small cannon which works from both ends.

Mails from the South and West are now arriving in Plush on time.

Stock in this valley have been doing splendidly so far this winter; even a couple of bands of sheep, ranged on the back lanes of Plush all winter, have kept fat. How is that for climate, frigid Lakeview? I understand that sheep on the desert are doing well.

Miss Anna Bond has fully recovered from her illness and returned to her home in East Warner.

Jeff Parrish, the genial foreman of the J. J. Ranch, has returned from his holiday outing at Reno and is now superintending the feeding of stock and animalizing on the ranch.

The Warner Valley Stock Raising, Swamp Land, Irrigating and Rimrock Drainage Co., Ltd. is feeding a large number of cattle in the old Heart field this winter.

G. W. Wise is going to give the grandest of all balls that has ever been held within walls, in his hall, surpassing Whitney's, Bradley Martin's and all, in celebrating the anniversary of St. Valentine, February 14, 1901. God willing his ex-Tulness will make things pleasant for all who attend, and a good time is anticipated. McCarthy-Come-Dows, Plush, Jan. 17, 1901.

**Martyr-Like Patriotism.**

The Cedarville Record has the following regarding county printing rates in Modoc. The Record is not a "howler" because it does not get the printing, but registers a "kick" because a contemporary bids it in for almost nothing:

"We understand that in Lassen county the matter of raising the salaries of the county officials will be agitated. Many Modoc people, on the contrary, seem to think that our officers are paid too much and preach economy. In fact, an economical spasm struck one of our newspaper men with such force last week that he went before the Board of

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Supervisors and created the impression that the printers were making too much money by having the printing of the proceedings of the Board cut down one-half. Very few counties in the State have paid as low rates as Modoc for printing the proceedings of the Board during the past several years. For several years it paid 50 cents per square. Now the rate is established at 25 cents per square. Truly Modoc is fortunate in this display of martyr-like patriotism."