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With the approach of spring it becomes a matter for thought as to how to protect the banks of the Ochoco from the current that flows past here. Last spring a great deal of labor was wasted from the reason that it was not properly applied, and wasted labor means wasted money and that is something that interests every taxpayer in the city. The present structure that spans the creek should be changed into a one span bridge so as to remove the obstruction caused by the piling under the center as it now stands. This would give the current an unobstructed passage and would relieve the pressure on the abutments at either end. "An ounce of prevention is equal to a pound of cure."

After all there is small pay attached to heroism. Rear Admiral Schley sunk the Spanish fleet off Santiago for which he receives the munificent sum of \$246 prize money and trial before a court of inquiry and cinched on eleven counts because he didn't sink the fleet according to directions. Admiral Sampson, who was not in the fight, gets \$25,000 prize money and the credit for trying to destroy Schley's military reputation. Why didn't the court of inquiry add the 12th count, namely that the eleven warranted Schley being court-martialed and shot at sunrise.—Eugene Register.

The President has fired MacLay bodily from his position in the navy yard and now he should fire Sampson and a lot of his ilk from their salaried positions and give them to those who have earned them by right of hard labor in the interests of the Nation. If the President is unable to do this then it devolves on Congress to see that it is done and done quickly.

The more the matter is canvassed the more does it become evident that the county High school proposition is a move in the right direction. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and push the matter along and then Crook county can stand before the rest of the state and say that she has as good school facilities as any of her sister counties.

On December 26 passed away Gov. J. R. Rogers, of Washington. The Governor was a man of more than average ability and statesmanship and was twice honored by the highest gift in the power of the people of his state. Lieutenant Gov. McBride was sworn in on the 28 and assumed the duties of the office at once.

W. H. Parker, formerly foreman on the Albany Herald, has purchased a one-half interest in the Crook County JOURNAL. From present indications the JOURNAL, under the control of Messrs. Fogle & Parker, will be one of the best local papers in the interior.—Canyon City Eagle.

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Is This a Fact?

Some three years ago during the smallpox scare, the honorable council of Prineville passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor, and imposing a heavy fine, and in default of payment of the same, imprisonment in the city jail, for any citizen of Wheeler county to enter the sacred precincts of Prineville. The ordinance stands today with as much life and in as full effect as the day the city dads passed it. We do not suppose they would arrest a man because he came from Wheeler county, and because they have such an ordinance, but the officers of that city could do it and if they intend living up to their laws, it is their duty to do so. Prineville had better repeal that ordinance at once, as it looks bad to strangers.—Shaniko Leader.

Numerous plans have been drafted and are being sent broadcast through the land to the end that the press and people will try to influence their members of Congress to favor less stringent tariff laws for Cuba. While it may be for the best to have practically free trade between the two countries we will leave the matter, for the present at least, with those who are more familiar with the conditions existing in that province. It is not our policy to favor tariff tinkering in any sense so long as the country is in a prosperous condition, for we have found by sad experience that the more tinkering the less prosperity. If there is to be any changes in the laws as they now stand let it be in the matter of a reduction of the war tax. When the proper time comes for a reduction of the duties on Cuban imports we fully believe that our Congress will be wise enough to see to it without any suggestion from us.

The Prairie City Miner has again changed hands making about the steenth time the past year. Glenn and Chandler, of the Grant County News have secured it and no doubt will make a very presentable sheet of it. We hope they will send us a copy once in awhile as we have not seen a copy for several months.

This office is in receipt of a copy of the late election laws of Oregon which was kindly furnished us by Secretary of State Dunbar. It should be studied by every voter.

Extension of the Corvallis & Eastern

There are rumors of another railroad aiming for the business of the interior region of Oregon east of the Cascade range, says the Oregonian. This is a revival of the story that the Corvallis & Eastern is making preparations for extending its line across the mountains. It now halts at Detroit, near the crest of the range, but the grade is finished for a considerable distance beyond, and the right of way secured still farther. The activity of the Nevada-California-Oregon people in building northward into Oregon, and the prospect that the Columbia Southern will reach into the Upper Deschutes basin is said to have moved the powers that control the destinies of the Corvallis & Eastern to an appreciation of the fact that it is now or never with them; that to leave the line wavering in the air at the top of the mountain is short-sighted, and the time to go forward is before other roads have occupied the field.

More than three years ago a mortgage was filed in Linn county, securing money for extending the Corvallis & Eastern into Eastern Oregon. It was said that a market had been found for the bonds and

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that the line would be extended at a propitious time. Since then great changes have come into the railroad world, and it may be doubted that the arrangements then made would hold good today. But money is even easier now than it was then, much work has been done toward opening the natural wealth of the region to be penetrated by the proposed extension and it is found to be worthy of financial confidence, and long-headed railroad men say the time is ripe for the Corvallis & Eastern to push on in order to protect its own interests.

At the Christmas drawing at N. A. Tye & Bro. the following were the lucky numbers: 3076, 3786, 3441, 1785. Clarence Ferguson drew first prize, Edward Jones second and Miss Ella Foster fourth. The third is still uncalled for.

There is some talk of a big rabbit hunt in the Haystack-Culver district in the near future.

Died.

At her home in this city at 1:45 a. m. Wednesday morning, January 1, 1902, Mrs. Betty Whitsett, aged 45 years, 6 months and 20 days. Mrs. Whitsett was born in Lafayette county, Missouri, June 11, 1855. The funeral will be conducted from the M. E. church today, Thursday, at 10 o'clock a. m. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family. Obituary next week.

Open for Settlement.

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, December 16, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following described approved township plats have been received at this office, to-wit: Tp. 32 S., R. 27 E.; Tp. 33 S., Rs. 20, 21, 23 and 27 E.; Tp. 34 S., Rs. 22 and 27 E.; Tp. 35 S., R. 27 E.; and will be filed in this office on the 18th day of January, 1902. Applications for the entry of lands in the above described townships will be received at this office and made of record on and after said 18th day of January, 1902. E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

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