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## PRECIOUS STONES IN 1903

The United States Produces More Precious Stones than is Generally Supposed

Mr George F Kunz is authority for the statement that interest in the production of precious stones increases in the United States from year to year. In a report recently made to the United States Geological Survey, he gives the value of precious stones produced in the United States in 1903 as \$321,400. This production was a little less valuable than that of 1902, which was rated at \$329,450, but was worth considerably more than that of 1901, which was valued at \$289,450.

The total value of the imports of precious stones in 1903 was \$26,522,523, as against \$24,753,586 in 1902, \$22,515,352 in 1901, and \$13,61,568 in 1900.

Mr Kunz's report on precious stones is more attractive than usual this year for it contains a great amount of miscellaneous data about precious stones of other countries as well as those of the United States. The increased interest in this country in the production of precious stones has resulted in bringing together a splendid exhibit of these beautiful products of nature at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St Louis, where thousands of visitors have seen and studied them.

This valuable report is an extract from the Survey's volume entitled "Mineral Resources of the United States, 1903," but it is also published separately, in pamphlet form, and may be obtained on application to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

### Let Them Alone

Bobwhite quail have made their appearance in this vicinity but in what

numbers is not known. These are a very desirable game bird and all sportsmen should avoid killing them to the end that they become very plentiful. They are apparently very tame which shows that they have not been disturbed so far.—Willowa News.

### Still Very Ill

Mrs Thos. Proffit, wife of the well known farmer and stockgrower, is very ill at the family residence on Center street. Mrs Proffit's recovery is a matter of some doubt.—Baker City Herald.

### RISE IN PRICE OF PAPER

Amongst the consequences of the Russo-Japanese war there is one at least which was not expected; it is the rise in the price of paper. Since the commencement of the conflict the American newspapers have increased their editions to such an enormous degree that the paper industry can not meet the demands. Scandinavia, Germany and Finland have parted with all their reserves of pulp to American buyers. The Great Northern Paper Company, which had monopolized all the available stocks of pulp in Canada has been compelled to limit production owing to lack of pulp. The rise in price has also begun to make itself felt in France, and at the last meetings of the "Carole de la Librairie," of Paris were devoted to discussing the measures to be taken in the presence of this unexpected situation.—Commercial Intelligence, London.

### Favor Of Bolton

The case which was up for trial in the U. S. Land office here several weeks ago wherein Bolton of Willowa claimed that a man who had purchased a tract of land as timber and that this was more valuable for agricultural purposes, was decided in favor of Bolton by the officials. The case continued three days and there were ten witnesses.

### BANK ROBBERS

### STILL AT LARGE

Colfax Wash., Nov 7.—Deputy Sheriff

Carter returned this evening from the search for the Endicott bank robbers with no further clue to the escapes outlaw. Joe Butler, captured in the underbrush near Endicott last night, still refuses to talk, but there is no doubt but that he is implicated.

### No School

Owing to the fact that tomorrow, election day, is a legal holiday there will be no public school.

### Street Meeting

Tonight Dr Palmer will speak on the question of the hour, at 7 p m on Adams ave. Good music, good speaking. Come and bring your friends.

### Presbyterian Bazaar

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian Church are planning for a Bazaar to be held Dec. 18 and 17. There will be for sale many and fancy articles suitable for holiday gifts. Watch for further announcements.

### SILVER KING TONIGHT

Owing to the wardrobes not coming from Chicago, the Welderman Company cannot put on Michael Strogoff tomorrow night but will substitute C R Dovers great scenic drama "A Live Wire." The company carries complete scenic production and will introduce the greatest fire sensation, the burning of Jerry the Rag merchant. The play is a very pretty story with sensational pictures and strong dramatic situations. The election returns will be read from the stage between the acts.

### THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING

Do not forget that it isn't necessary to be disagreeable in order to disagree with the other man.

If we took as great pains to say kind things as we do to think unkind ones, life would be one long, metaphorical May.—Success.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. T Hill will be pleased to learn that their little son, who has been quite ill, is much better this afternoon.

## MAY AFFECT MANY

Judge George's Decision May Annul Not a Few Marriages In the State

Between 50 and 100 couples living in the marriage state in Portland have had a cloud cast upon the validity of their marriage by a decision rendered by Judge George yesterday in the circuit court annulling the marriage of L H French of this city and Cora Lyons, a divorced woman from Clarke county, Wash.

When on Sept 1, 1901, Cora E Lyons was divorced in Washington she was bound under the laws of that state for six more months by the marriage tie just the same as if no decree of divorce had been granted. Instead of waiting the six months required by law before she could legally remarry, she came to Portland and, less than two months after the divorce, she married L H French. Judge George, in annulling her marriage with French, says:

"The second marriage was void because the decree of divorce of the first marriage, and it followed that the parties could not marry again until they were fully separated. This is an authoritative construction of the law of Washington, and the Washington decree under this law, and under the national constitution, and the laws of Oregon, and such decree must have such faith and credit given it in Oregon as it has by law or usage in Washington.

"The Washington law determined the status of the woman, and that status followed her wherever she went. The laws of Washington and Oregon regulating the prohibited period for re-marriage differ in one material respect, in that the Washington law makes the six months prohibition mandatory, regardless of any consideration of the right of appeal by the defeated party, or of a decree by default; while in Oregon, should a plaintiff secure a divorce through a default by the defendant, the plaintiff is not compelled to wait at all, but may re-marry at once, and the decree is complete and there is no appeal on a default"—Journal.

### What Is Best?

Is there any one that can answer the above question when it refers to the training of children. There are so many plans offered that it would be useless to try to follow them although each and every one may be good. History repeats itself there has been many times in the history of the world that laws have been passed their object being to compel men and women into temperance. When tobacco was first introduced into England laws were passed and heavy penalties attached against its use but they were ineffective.

This has been repeated so often that it has become a self evident fact that you may educate a person. A boy or a girl into good men and women or you can carelessly let them grow up the opposite or at least with no strength of character, and be in a condition so that they will show a scar for every time that they come in contact with sin. The writer has a foolish notion but still is strongly of that opinion that a boy should be raised just as carefully as a girl. It has been truly said that if a man has a \$50 pup that he is careful of its training. He will by no means allow it to run the street but guards it carefully at home. Would it not be well to give children an equal show with the pups. In regards to the saloons. It seems a crazy and idiotic policy to pay out thousands of dollars to maintain schools and churches to build up and then license saloons to pull down, but a person has at times to make a choice between evils.

As long as strong drink is manufactured it will find its way among the people. While there is a place where it can be sold, the temptation is

less to keep it in cellars and secret places and it is less liable to be thrown in the way of the youth of the land. But I will admit at once that the way saloons are conducted at the present time is monstrous. This is not the fault of the law governing saloons but the way they are allowed to be conducted. Cities and towns are to eager for the revenue that the saloons bring in, and in the place of demanding a good and reliable bond they will accept straw boards and the consequence is that a town is overrun by irresponsible saloon keepers. Revenue should not be considered in a question of this kind. All the revenue a city ever got would not weigh in the balance with the ruin of one individual. But the writer is strongly of the opinion that as long as strong drink is manufactured it is safer for the youth of the country to have it where the law can be enforced against its vendor than to scatter it broad cast over the country and the law should be enforced rigidly. At the same time let no parent imagine that they can so hedge their children around by law that they can sit down give them no thought and their children will be safe. Careful training and eternal vigilance is the price you must pay if you wish your children to become noble men and women. F Kilpatrick

### Os-te-op-a-ty

### Natural Therapeutics

All methods of treatment can be divided into two classes. One consists of the use of means which are abnormal and which if administered to a well person would tend to make him sick; and the other consists of means which are natural and tend toward a healthful equilibrium of the bodily functions.

Osteopathy uses the latter method using the recuperative powers of the body to restore natural activity.

Mr. and Mrs. W H Ferguson, who have been at the Arkansas Hot springs for several months, returned home this morning. Mr. Ferguson's health is much improved.

## MORE SHEEP TROUBLE

Sheep Men Mix Up Near Huntington--One Shot--Two Boys Are Arrested.

Baker City Nov 7.—The information comes from Huntington that a sheep man named Milner of Weiser, Idaho, sent his herders into the range near Mineral City and that they over-lapped the range claimed by other sheep men. A conflict ensued not far from Mineral City on Friday night and two young boys herders of the opposite flock, defended their owner's property. The Weiser men dropped down behind a tree stump and the boys got into a gully. The latter shot Milner's herder through the neck with a 22, and in the shoulder with a 38. As it is reported the boys were arrested and taken to Weiser.

### High School Election

The following is the result of the election which took place at the High school this afternoon.

Republican Electors	38 votes
Democratic Electors	19 "
Prohibition Electors	14 "
Socialist Electors	0 "
Local Option	
For Prohibition	47
Against Prohibition	0

The La Grande Electors Light and Power Company's new offices in the Sommer building are a credit to the company. They are handsomely furnished and elegantly fitted up with all the electrical fixtures to be had.

## Heavy Team Harness

Is our specialty. We know how to make good harness and we make good harness. Call and see the kind we recommend for logging.

ROBES—The finest assortment of winter robes in the county. We carry everything which should be found in a first class harness store

### E. CHRISTOFFERSON

Harness and Saddles  
La Grande, Oregon

## A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years. In that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we know the demands of the people of this town.

### A. T. HILL,

Prescription Druggist La Grande, Or.

## IF YOU SEEK FALL CLOTHING OF CHARACTER and MERIT

combined with style and accurate fit, come direct to our store where you will find an immense stock of smart styles and handsome fabrics from which to make your selection. We are sole agents here for the celebrated

### MICHAELS-STERN FINE CLOTHING

and can vouch for the quality and fashion-correctness of every garment, and guarantee to fit you no matter how you are proportioned. We are particularly proud of our large and magnificent collection of

### Fall and Winter Suits and Overcoats at \$15

which in point of style, quality, tailoring and fit, are every bit as good as to-measure-made suits and overcoats at \$30. In fact you never saw smarter appearing nor better made apparel at other stores for \$18.

Men's Brown Cassimere	at \$ 7 50	worth \$ 9 00
Men's Oxford Gray Cheviot	at 7 50	worth 9 00
Men's Black Clay Worsted	at 8 50	worth 10 00
Men's Gray Mottled Worsted	at 9 00	worth 11 00
Men's Oxford Gray Ch'vt sq. cut	9 50	worth 12 00
Men's Bl'k Diagonal Clay W'st'd	11 00	worth 12 50
Men's Scotch Tweed, beautiful	9 00	worth 11 50
Men's All Wool Cassimere	at 12 00	worth 15 00
Men's Scotch Mottle, very stylish	15 00	worth 18 00
Men's All Wool Cassimere	at 20 00	worth 24 00



## The La Grande Cash Store.