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NEWS OF THE STAFE.

The men working on the Grants Pass sewer struck last week for higher wages. They were receiving \$1 50 per day, but wanted \$2, which was refused.

Isaac Rudlock, who was held at Pendleton on the charge of highway robbery in having held up six persons in that city one evening last fall, has been released. The district attorney deeming the evidence against the prisoner insufficient to warrant going to trial, dismissed the charge.

The Albany Herald says that A. L. Weddle has sued J. P. Hahn for \$5500, "damages sustained." The plaintiff was stabbed and out last summer by the defendent, and came near dying from the wounds received. He alleges that he has been unable to work since that time and now seeks to recover damages.

The continued warm weather is causing some alarm amongst fruit growers in Lane County. Col. Henry Dosch of the state board of agriculture says there is nothing to fear from the premature swelling of the buds provided cold rains do not set in or that a cold anap does not occur.-Eugene Register. Ashland is having an interesting

time with the saloon question. A remonstrance against granting any saloon licenses, signed by 214 legal voters and 241 women, was presented at the council meeting on Monday evening of last week. The highest number of votes polled at any city election was 407. Four applications for renewal of license were before the council, but each lacked the requisite number of degal signatures, according to an ordinance previously passed, and the licenses were not granted. The matter was held open for further examination however. Two of the saloons which failed to obtain license have closed and the others keep open, but, it is said, do not sell liquor. If all saloon licenses shall be refused an extra tax levy of 54 mills on property will be necessary. There is a disposition to raise the license fee from \$400 to \$600 or \$00.

The state tax levy has been fixed at 6.3 mills, which upon a valuation of \$120,282,879, will raise \$757,782 13. Last year the tax was 5.7 mills, and upon taxable property valued at \$133,533,577 the sum of \$761,143,39 was raised. The higher levy this year was due to the lower valuation and to several other causes. First, under the act of the last legislature abolishing the fee system, \$55,000 must be paid in salaries to the district attorneys of the districts. Formerly, these officials were paid mostly in fees in the counties. ity was completed recently and last week 30,000 books were placed on its mate made by the old board last year, had to be met. These were: Compensation for rejected Oregon volunteers, \$5000; replacing a building of the agricultural college, which was destroyed by fire, \$25,000; to reimburse the commission which represented Oregon at the Omaha exposition, \$15,900.

Sand stored in a large tank from which it can be sifted automatically to any or all parts of the building in such a manner as to smother a fire effectively, is a new idea to be used in the telephone company's exchange at Indianapolis, Ind. It is thought sand will be less injurious to the electrical apparatus than water or chemicals.

Water is a very good transmitter of sound. A scientist by the name of Calladon made some experiments on Lake Geneva, Switzerland, to demon-strate the power of sound to travel a long way in water. A clock was made to strike under the water and was heard to a distance of 12 miles. In a clock was heard to a distance of 27

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-Spring trucks for spring house-hold moving. Wells & Shearer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED FROM THE WEEK'S DISPATCHES.

Riverside Residence Destroyed by Fire -An Indian Murderer Surrenders-The Ashland Woolen Mills Destroyed

Petaluma is to have a new water

Prospectors for oil at Arroyo Grande, Cal., recently struck a flow of natural gas, which, lighted, bazed up to a height of 12 feet.

Near San Luis Obispo, Cal., along the line of the Southern Pacific coast line, about 2000 workmen are engaged in milroad work.

The jury in the case of John Pendleton, on trial at Redding accused of mur-der after being out 16 hours failed to agree. At the final ballot, as on the first, they stood one for murder in the degree, one in the second degree, five for manslaughter and five for acquital. Pendleton is accused of the murder of W. L. Randle on September 5 last. Self defense is his defense.

Manuel S. Fiahlo, who on Sunday last engaged in a quarrel at Halfmoon bay with one John Avilla, who struck Piohlo on the head with a demijohn, died Friday. The men had been on a debauch together. Both men are well along in years and for the past 25 years have borne unenviable reputations

Prince Poniatowski has brought the San Mateo, Cal., electric light plant and will operate it until the power trans-mission line from the Blue Lakes is completed.

Sunday morning a cavein occurred in a tunnel that is being built at Los Augeles. Eleven men were entombed and it is feared some of them are killed. T. Lambert, an inspector, was struck by falling timbers and received injuries which caused his death.

Special government agents from Washington who have been investigat-ing the doings of government officials in Alaska have made many grave charges against the Alaskans and wholesale removals are looked for.

the many stories told about it by Cornu prompt the officials to make an investi-

Dr. Amos Griswold Warner, for som years past head of the department of economies and sociology in Stanford university, died at Las Ornees, N. M., a tew days ago, where he was visiting hoping to improve his health.

Joe Pete, an Indian who murdered William Dangberg last September at Gardnerville, Nev., surrendered to Wil-liam Johnson in Douglas county a few days ago. Arrangements were made by whereby the latter will receive a fair trial. Rewards to the amount of \$1200 have been offered for the capture. Un-der the stipulation the Indian received \$500 to make his defense with.

Fire destoyed the house of J. R. John ston at West Riverside recently. The contents were a total loss. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as coal oil was found all over the wood work. The loss is estimated at \$8000; insurance \$6000.

The body of Rafael Castenada was re oently found in a pool of blood on a farm near Oxnard. He had been murdered, and Manuel Gomes is accused of the deed.

John W. Gass one of the best known residents of San Jose, died there a few days ago.

While digging at the roots of an old tree in his garden at Sacramento, William Britt, a cabinet maker uncovered an old coffee pot containing 700 Mexican dollars. All of them were more than 50 years old and are supposed to have been hidden by pioneers

county, have combined together and chartered a steamer to ply between Roberts and San Francisco, in order to get lower transportation rates and bet-

About 400 men are at work on the Everett, Wash., tunnel.

The Seattle, Washington, manufacturers organized last week.

A hundred bills before congress pro pose to obliterate "the trusts." Seattle, Wash., wants \$1,000,000 con-

gressional appropriation for a government building. The war department will send 400

soldiers to Alaska early next spring for service in the Cape Nome district.

The assessed valuation of property in Oregon for 1899 is \$130,287,879. This is this lowest total since 1890. The decrease, since 1893, the year of highest valuations, has been \$47,801,026.

C. A. Canfield will build a machine shop to cost \$50,000 in Bakersfield, Cal., to make and repair well-boring tools, the slant to include a 45-foot lashe that will turn out the stems used. The Yuba, Cal., Electric Power com pany will build a transforming station at Lincoln to reduce the voltage through the main line from Colgate to Sagra-ments, from 24,000 to 2000 volts for the pumper use of incandescent lights.

Somebody remarks that they who speer at golf know nothing about it. But it may also be said that many who know nothing about the game are most enthusiastic in its praise.—Boston

The old reliable—The Weekly Ores

Life is all a Clame of Chance. fritten for THE MEDFORD MAIL

Is life not only a game of chance -but plainly speaking, one great gambling game? If we are all actors on the stage of life, do we not play our natural and acquired talents against the applause of the audience and at the same time think of the receipts?

There can be no transaction in the world without something as an equivalent, even though nothing more than "Good morning, sir," or "Mrs. Blank, how is your sick child this morning?" But the game Royal (that is the game of human hearts) is the miner. Nature hid away the wealth of the world and imparting sufficient knowledge to humanity to enable it to commence the game, makes it harder and harder for prospectors and other players in the game to succeed unless they go systematically at the work and study nature's band. Once in a while we hear of someone who knows as much about mining as a hog does about making soap, striking something of great value, and in contrast, old practical miners have struggled all their lives and made only a bare living and gone to their graves with the thought that they would have struck it rich had they only had more time. It is a noble feeling and a brave speech to say, "I have enriched myself and benefitted the world with this amount which I took from no living person, but by my intellect and labor produced and added to the general circulation." Even the fifty cent and one dollar a day placer miner says at night when he cleans John Cornu, an Italian vineyard up, "My labor is its own reward. laborer is in jail at San Jose, charged with shooting his 4-year-old child. The shooting seemed to be accidental, but wages and who knows perhaps toup, "My labor is its own reward. wages and who knows perhaps tomorrow I may strike a crevice or pot hole and take out a homestake." So it goes from day to day, month to month, year to year, until the time has come when the forty-niners and other old timers are dropping one by one out of the ranks and new methods, new devices and the uses of capital make it possible to conduct large enterprises from some sumptuously furnished office and young men from technical schools do the prospecting backed by a geological comprehension of what

must be done to win the game. Meanwhile, the bent form, topped by a fast whitening head, receives his summons from his oponent.

Old Nature says, "Come, there is one more prospect hole for you-not to sink, but to fill. You have played your game to a finish-I will take you in pawn."

N. B. Who wins the game? S. N. O.

Jacksonville, Jan. 20, 1900.

filning Locations.

Ira Dunlap located Sept 25, the Victory Queer mine in Willow springs district.

Enola R Ray, Frank H Ray, Chas R Ray and E A Woodword located Jan 1, claims in Meadow district.

W H Heaton located July 3, 30 acres Wagner rock district. creek district.

J F Ditsworth located Jan 10, 20 inches of water from Hole in the Ground creek, tp 33, r 2 e.



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DUST LAID BY OIL

New York Central Railroad Tries This Sprinkling Method with Success.

The enormous growth of passenger traffic and the frequency of passenger trains on some of the railroads east and west has rendered necessary the adoption of some method of laying the dust of the roadway. Experiments have been extensively tried within the last two years of sprinkling the roadway with oil. Such an experiment was tried recently on a section of the Hudson River division of the New York Central with a fair degree of success. The material used is one of the byproducts of petroleum distillation, which is spread upon the roadway by means of a sprinkler attached to a flat car, which is pushed along by a locomotive at a speed of about three miles an hour.

The New York Central management is satisfied that sprinkling with oil is a good means of keeping the roadbed free of dust, but this method is regarded by some of the New York Centra operating officers as too expensive to come into general use. Expert engineers have expressed the opinion that a roadbed of crushed stone, although costly, will prove to be cheaper in the end for a railroad. Such a roadbed, it is averred, is free from dust, and consequently, will not require any sprinkling.

In the annual report of the Boston & Maine railroad, just issued, President Lucius Tuttie says that about 400 miles of the track of that system have thus far been sprinkled with oil.

"The first application," he says, "penetrates the surface of the roadway to the depth of about three inches, and its viscous consistency retards its evaporation and gives permanent and satisfactory results in laying and adhering to-gether the dust particles that, under normal conditions, are thrown up clouds by the motion of passing trains."

About 2,000 gallons of the fluid are required for each mile of single track, costing, at the present price of ma-terial, including the patentee's royal-ty, about \$100 a mile. President Tuttle

"Present experience indicates that an additional sprinkling will be necessary in each of the two succeeding years, and that thereafter no further sprinkling will be required for a period of at least five years."

The oil sprinkling system is in vogue upon the Boston & Albany railroad, the Chicago & Alton and half a dozen other western railroads .- N. Y. Times.

FEMININE FRILLS.

Fresh Postures in the Latest Contumes for the Comtag Season.

The most stylish white silk blouses are made perfectly plain, of corded silk, the cords at regular intervals, or in clusters of three running Bayadere fashion around the body and sleeves. Rich waists have the effect of cutwork in white silk over cloth of gold. More gorgeous affairs are made of white satin, upon which are showy patterns of flowers in colors in raised velvet.

A pretty blouse of bright red, worn by a pretty girl, was made perfectly plain, without fullness or yoke, at the top, fitting on the shoulder with a plain seam and gathered a little at the waist while tiny black velvet buttons in groups of three had the appearance of fastening the waist down the front.

Flannel waists with colored figures are pretty, with ties of the flannel to match the figure. A red waist, for in stance, has a green polka dot and a green tie of the same shade.

Gayly flowered silks for evening wear have polka dots of chenille.

Crepe scarfs for neckwear are in creasing in beauty and in softness of coloring. They are pretty and becom-

Handkerchiefs are becoming brilliant. They are embroidered whole flower gardens in the most brilliant of natural colors. One handkerchief has, for instance, in one corner s beautiful yellow nasturtium with a large blue dragon fly hovering over it, and three other dragon flies occupy the other three corners.

Short, pretty and convenient neck furs are merely broad bands of fur fastened with clusters of short tails at the front and with a high ruff of some rich shade of velvet often of a brilliant hue at the back.

Most people consider emeralds must be surrounded with diamonds to bring out their beauty, but a big square emerald owned by one woman who is fond of the rich, green stones is in a per-fectly plain setting, square cut, as em-eralds are, and is beautiful in its soft velvety richness.

The most beautiful ribbons are those that are embroidered. The butterfly is to be found here as everywhere, and is beautiful, whether it appears in brilliant colors or in dull tones on a dull ribbon.—N. Y. Times.

Plum Fritters.

Stew some large red plums with plenty of sugar until they are just tender; they will be useless for fritters if allowed to cook until they are soft enough to break when touched. Put them aside until they are cold, then remove them from the sirup and fully take out the stones. Make a thick batter and coat the plums well with it, and fry them in a bath of boiling fat until they are a golden brown; drain them on paper in front of the fire and will they are a bed dish covered with pile them up on a hot dish covered with a dolly, and scatter some powdered sugar over them. The sirup prepared as follows should be handed with the fritters: Boll the sirup with a clove or two and a few thin strips of lemon peel until it is somewhat reduced, and add more augar if necessary, then strain it, and it will be ready to serve.—Boston

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

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and oyster industries for the year ended March 31 last was \$34,247. There are 88 silk plants in Pennsylvania, and the output of silk ribbon in the state has been doubled in three

In Massachusetts more money is in vested in cotton mills than in any other manufacturing industry, but the making of boots and shoes yields the most

valuable product.

A cyanide leaching vat made of wood which had been in use for years was recently tested as to the percentage of values absorbed. A hole was bored onehalf inch deep in the bottom, and the shavings therefrom assayed \$13 per ton, Thus, says the Mining and Scientific Press, the absorption by wooden tanks is shown not to be as great as has been claimed.

The American coal exhibit at the Paris exposition will be very complete. It will consist largely of small cuber of about four pounds' weight. Views of various coilieries, shipping arrangements, etc., will also be shown. A model of the New York state prison at Sing Sing will be one of the exhibits of the state of New York. The model itself will be used to be stated. will be made of alabaster and is the work of the inmates.

Science meets occasionally with humorous rebuffs. Prof. Helen Campbell, who until a year ago occupied the chair domestic economics university, lectured one evening before town. At the end of the address one of the committee, a tall, gaunt woman, said aloud: "Well! I thought I was sand aloud; well, thought was going to learn something, but it was just a lot of ordinary housekeeping mixed up with long words nobody could understand!"

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