

## JOHN W. OPP IS DEFENDENT

### Suit for \$15,000 Damages Is Soon to be Tried in the Circuit Court.

John W. Opp, formerly of this city, who recently sold his interests in the Braden mine at Gold Hill, has been made the defendant in a \$15,000 suit for damages. The plaintiff is James Robbins of Gold Hill.

On November 27th of last year an explosion occurred at the mine. The giant powder thawer, which was established at the mouth of the main tunnel and within a few feet of the blacksmith shop, was a very flimsy affair. Pieces of tallow candles were put in and about the powder and just under it to thaw the sticks of dynamite. The workmen were in the habit of removing such portions of the powder as were required, and some portions usually remained which in time would drip, and on November 27 these caught fire.

The foreman, coming out of the tunnel at the time was warned by one of the men. He ran to the thawer and uncovered the burning mass, which was covered with some light fabric. Then he started to run into the tunnel, but was caught within a few feet of safety. James Robbins, who was blacksmith, in company with several others who were in the shop, and Carol Darling, his assistant, received notice of the danger and started to run to a place of safety, but were also caught by the explosion.

Foreman Dawson received the principal injury on the back. Carol Darling received the charge in his face. During the run he, with the others, looked over his shoulder. He lost an eye and received severe injuries about the face. Robbins' face was cut so severely that none of his friends could recognize him. One eardrum was ruptured, pieces of rock entered both eyes and gases extended across the face in several places.

Two others received injuries of less severity and were soon about, but these three were in a critical condition for some weeks.

Several months after the accident Opp tendered \$100 to Robbins, which he refused.

Within the past few weeks Robbins has employed Attorney Elanchar of Grants Pass, and he in return has employed Colvig and Durham of Grants Pass and Medford.

Opp is reported to be worth about \$200,000.

Able attorneys are lined up on both sides, and it is expected that several years will elapse before the case is settled, as it may go to the highest legal tribunal.

### Fishing Business Ruined.

We regret to chronicle the fact that it will be useless for any of Jacksonville's people to contemplate a fishing trip anywhere within a radius of a hundred or two miles, for Roy Ulrich and Dan McQuade have returned with all the fish there were. It is to be regretted, we say, because a whole lot of poor people in this vicinity needed a rest and a few thousand trout, but they will have to worry along here at home for a few years now until George Neuber stocks some more of the streams. There ought to be a law regulating this matter; there ought to be an article in the fish law prohibiting the depopulating of all the streams. Both the above named gentlemen are friends of the writer and we hope they will understand that this is not a personal matter, but for

the general good of the country in which we live and have our being we must emphatically state that this has got to be stopped. People who overheard them, a day or two previous to their departure to the mountains, say that they started out with the intention of ruining the fishing business in Jackson County. So it was not an accident, but the clever, villainous scheming of those two arch-conspirators. The proof is strong against them, as the Post has been working on the case for several days. Last Monday the writer succeeded in witnessing the catch; in fact it was brought into this office in a paper sack. In order to ascertain whether or not it was the genuine article or just an empty sack, we put a powerful microscope on the fish and discovered that it was no exaggeration. The horrible truth was only too plain. There it lay, a beautiful specimen of a frog pond minnow, almost hidden between the folds of the sack. But it was there! As soon as Francis J. Heney has finished prosecuting the San Francisco grafters an effort will be made to secure his services here in Jacksonville. He is badly needed during the fishing season.

### Late Legal Decisions.

Synopses of Land and Mineral Decisions, Furnished the Post by Woodford D. Harlan, Land Attorney, Washington, D. C.

**COAL:** Failure to file declaratory statement within sixty days after date of actual possession, and make payment within one year from expiration of the time for filing, renders the land subject to the entry of another who has complied with the law.

**FINAL PROOF:** Final proof taken without authority or notice is void.

False swearing in making final proof, is punishable under the law.

Final proof though technically complete, is not always received.

Ready-made proof, submitted before the attesting officer without proper cross-examination should not be accepted.

**MINERAL:** Land chiefly valuable

Land containing guano may be entered as mineral land.

### The Weather.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Weather Observer E. Britt; for Jacksonville, for month of June, Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. west; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. north.

DATE	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	PRECIPITATION	CHARACTER OF DAY
1	84	59		Clear
2	84	46		"
3	87	48		"
4	80	57		"
5	77	52		Part Cloudy
6	67	52	.02	Cloudy
7	65	47	.12	Cloudy
8	79	42		Clear
9	75	49		Clear
10	63	51	.16	Cloudy
11	69	47	.29	"
12	58	36	.06	"
13	58	40	.06	"
14	66	55	.01	"
15	65	44		"
16	75	48		Clear
17	88	48		"
18	91	53		"
19	88	57		"
20	81	52		"
21	71	48		Part Cloudy
22	71	45		"
23	71	42		Clear
24	83	49		"
25	90	57		"
26	95	53		"
27	93	57		"
28	82	52		"
29	82	46		"
30	79	49		"

Temperature—mean max. 77.16; mean min. 48.83; mean 62.99. Max. 95 on 26 min. 35, on 14; greatest range 40.

Precipitation—Total for month, .67 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, .24 inches on 11th.

7 days precipitation, 19 days clear, 3 days partly cloudy and 8 days cloudy.

### Business Pointers.

Fresh bread at the Boss.

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Send your orders for sheet music to Singler's Music Store, Medford.

There is comfort even in hot weather by using one of Conklin's hammocks. All prices from \$2 up.

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Perhaps you need a bracer something that will give you energy, life and ambition. A suggestion—try I. W. HARPER whiskey. Sold by E. H. HELMS.

A \$25.00 phonograph and 10 records for \$21.25 at the Singler Music Store.

FOUND—Lady's purse, containing small sum of money and trinkets. Call at Schulz & Co., describe property and pay for this notice.

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