

JOSEPHINE COUNTY ITEMS.

John Fernoll, the Applegate merchant, has in Grant's Pass one day last week.

Mrs. Mollie Leach of Meritt has had a two-story boarding-house built on G street, Grant's Pass.

H. E. Ankeny of Jackson county was in Grant's Pass a few days ago, feeling the political pulse.

E. D. Thompson, the clever Wimer merchant, visited his many friends in Grant's Pass one day last week.

Postmaster Harmon and L. L. Jennings attended the Kink's initiation ceremony at Roseburg last Thursday.

Thorpe Bros., who lately arrived from Ohio, are visiting in Albion district, where they moved nearly 30 years ago.

Willie Kramer of Myrtle creek, who is developing several mines in Southern Oregon, is looking after his properties in this county.

Mrs. D. John of Williams and her daughter, Mrs. Stratton of Spokane, have been visiting with Mrs. J. W. Howard of Grant's Pass.

Geo. P. Jester, the clever R. P. agent at Grant's Pass, has returned from his trip to Puget Sound. His wife is at Portland for medical treatment.

C. L. Mangum, one of the owners of the noted Granite Hill mines, while in Grant's Pass one day last week engaged the services of several miners.

Wm. E. Mallory, formerly of Grant's Pass, is now organizing councils of the Order of Pendo in the state of Washington, and meets with much success.

W. R. Nipper, the well-known manufacturer of lumber, was in Jacksonville Saturday. He does a good business in that section, as well as in this.

The Grant's Pass Board of Trade is arranging for a farmers' institute, to be held here in the near future, by professors of the Oregon Agricultural College. A first-class idea.

Head Consul Falkenberg of the Woodmen of the World will make Grant's Pass camp an official visit this week. A grand hall will be given in his honor this (Thursday) night.

Thos. F. Bourke, after a visit with his family at Grant's Pass, has returned to his mines, situated in Democrat gulch district, which are now being run on full time with excellent prospects.

A Lichter has purchased the stock of jewelry watches, etc., belonging to the estate of the late Jos. Kessler, which is being administered on by H. T. Kessler. He will continue to do business at the old stand.

Roy Bartlett, our genial county clerk, who is a thorough sportsman, killed a wild cat in Grant's Pass, at the residence of C. H. Deppuy one day last week, shooting it four times with the revolver Frank McCann used on D. Halliday. He finally had to dispatch it with a club.

N. Van Brunt, an investor of mines from New York who is operating in Siskiyou county, Calif., and is not known in Josephine county, has been playing the races at Oakland, Calif., strongly. He made a big winning one day, cashing a combination on Kentucky, Scripps and Euronio, and yet \$1,500 on Euronio in the last, besides beating the scorpion race well.

Last Saturday an interesting, well-attended, local teachers' institute was held at Grant's Pass. The following programme was observed: Opening song by the assembly; Civil Government, Nora Sydow; Reading in Multi-grade Schools, Mrs. G. A. Syvage; Principles of Education, Prof. F. E. Young; Writing, Hattie Heston; Song; Value of School Exercises, May Sutton; Physiology, Myrtle Renshaw; Geography in 3d and 4th Grade Work, Lillian Hogan; Pictures and their Value in Primary Work, Florence Akin; Grammar, Graded Lessons, Stella Paddock.

A board of trade was formed at Grant's Pass last week, with the following officers: President, R. L. Coe; vice president, H. C. Bouzine; treasurer, H. L. Glick; secretary, Dennis H. Howell; board of directors, J. O. Booth, J. S. Moore and Geo. P. Cramer. The immediate work before the organization is the erection of a building for a permanent mining exhibit, which will be located in Railroad Park. This will be a constant advertisement of the mining and other resources of Josephine county. Nearly \$600 has been raised for this enterprise. On completion the Southern Pacific Co. will allow its trains to stop long enough at the station, so that passengers may inspect the exhibits. Work on the structure will be commenced as soon as plans can be drawn up.

The Penn Mutual.

The 54th annual report of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, covering the business for the year 1901, is certainly a wonderful showing.

The Penn Mutual paid to policy holders during the year \$5,098,184 and that without one resisted claim, a record unsurpassed by any other life insurance company.

The sum of \$1,017,953.96 was set aside for dividends to policyholders, the largest sum ever so divided.

26,249 new policies were issued for \$62,153,057, an amount greatly in excess of any previous year.

The Penn Mutual in Oregon and Washington, under management of Sherman & Harmon, general agents, Portland, Oregon, still maintains its position in the lead of all competitors.

It Dazzles the World.

Nodiscovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Its severest tests have been on hopeless victims of consumption, pneumonia, hemorrhage, pleurisy and bronchitis, thousands of whom it has restored to perfect health. For coughs, colds, asthma, croup, hay fever, hoarseness and whooping cough it is the quickest, surest cure in the world. It is sold by City Drug Store, who guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Large bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

MINING NEWS.

H. A. Reed, E. H. March and C. C. Daniels have incorporated the Crystal Springs Mining Co., of Grant's Pass, with a capital of \$20,000.

Notices for the location of placer and quartz mines, etc., up-to-date and complete, for sale at THE TEXAS office.

The placer miners are now having their shovels, the late rains having made an abundance of water. All are working on full time now.

The American Mining Code, standard authority on all subjects pertaining to mining, water-rights, etc., is kept on hand at THE TEXAS office.

The Deep Gravel Mining Co. is operating a grizzly with success at the mines located near Waldo. A good report may be expected from them this season.

For sale: 225 feet of 74-inch pipe, 12-inch taper, 2 elbows, No. 1 giant, with nozzles. All in good order and used but little. Enquire at THE TEXAS office.

George Smith has sold his claims, situated on Whiskey creek, near the mouth of Rogue river, to Orl. Paris of Santa Ana, Calif., who is now at the property, accompanied by Mrs. Flood of Los Angeles.

Meers, Plamann and Riggs, the well-known prospectors and pocket-hunters, have made a rich discovery in Grave creek district, in northern Josephine county. They have uncovered a 20-foot ledge, tests of the ore from which show it to carry values of from \$220 to \$950 per ton, mostly in free gold.

I. N. Haley and his partner have sold their half interest in the Powell creek mines to E. G. Holman and S. S. Moore of Grant's Pass, who have already taken possession and commenced work. The other half is owned by Sharp Bros. These are among the best placer mines in Southern Oregon, and will doubtless give a good account of themselves this season.

Mining organizations in the West are manifesting much interest in a bill introduced by Representative Wade of California, creating a department of mining under a cabinet officer. Agriculture is already represented in the Government, commerce soon will be; and there is no reason why the mining industry, which is an important one should be longer overlooked.

A Grant's Pass dispatch says that what has long supposed to have been lead, or some other comparatively worthless metal, and which has been found in quantities in the Myrtle creek placers and thrown away by the miners, is found to be native silver. Nuggets of the metal tested in Grant's Pass were found to be worth \$8 per ounce. Many thousand dollars worth of these nuggets, worth from \$2 to \$10 each, have been thrown away in years past.

C. D. Crane and J. A. McKay, who have been promoting the sale of the Lucky Queen group of mines, situated in Jump-off-Joe district and belonging to B. Rush & Son and H. A. Corlies, have sold them to Arthur Dunphy of Spokane for a snaz sum. The property has had an eventful history, and many thousands of dollars were lost in its development in many of its earlier days.

The new owner will install machinery and commence extensive operations soon.

Prevalency of Kidney Trouble.

So prevalent and deceptive is kidney trouble that it very often becomes well advanced before it is even suspected; therefore it behooves all to be on the lookout. Should you be ill, or are not feeling well, it would be wise to first pay attention to the kidneys and ascertain if they are the cause of your trouble.

A simple method of finding out if your kidneys are at fault has often been called to the attention of our readers through Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, advertised in the columns of this paper, and is now repeated for the benefit of those who may be interested.

Viz: "Fill a bottle with urine and set aside for 24 hours or so, and if it shows a brick-dust sediment or cloudy appearance, or if the urine is scanty or profuse, or if it is found necessary to go often during the day, or get up many times during the night, you may be sure that your kidneys need attention.

After careful inquiry we find that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, is remarkably successful in the quick relief and cure of the diseases for which it is recommended. There is hardly a drug store in the land that does not keep and highly recommend this celebrated preparation for kidney, liver and bladder troubles.

By special arrangement every reader of this paper may have a sample bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, by mail, free, (if they have not already had one) by sending their address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

The Best Prescription for Malaria, Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVER'S TANK-LESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, No pay. Price 50c.

Retail Market Report.

The following quotations were made up this afternoon, and is an impartial report of the prices paid by Jacksonville dealers:

Wheat—75c per bushel.
Flour—\$1.70 (6) \$1.80 per 100 pounds.
Oats—30c per bushel.
Barley—Rolled, \$1.25 per cental.
Hay—Per ton, baled, \$12.
Potatoes—\$1.50 per hundred.
Onions—20c per pound.
Butter—30c @ 50c per roll.
Beans—30c per pound.
Lard—15c per pound.
Eggs—15c @ 16c per dozen.
Sugar—D. G. \$5.75 @ \$6.00 per cwt.
Poultry—\$2.50 to \$3.00 per dozen.
Hams—10c per pound.
Shoulders—12c per pound.
Side Bacon—15c @ 20c per pound.

It Girdles the Globe.

The fame of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, as the best in the world, extends round the earth. It's the only perfect healer of cuts, corns, burns, bruises, sores, scalds, boils, ulcers, feline, aches, pains and all skin eruptions. Only infallible pile cure. 25c a box at City Drug Store.

NEW MAIL CONTRACTS.

WHO WERE THE LUCKY MEN.

The U. S. Government has announced who were the successful bidders for the mail contracts which will begin July 1, 1902. In nearly every instance they were residents of Oregon, and will receive an average advance of about 30 per cent. over previous figures, to-wit:

Grant's Pass, by Murphy and Provost, to Williams, 29 miles, six times a week, C. C. Presley, \$420.

Grant's Pass, by Wilderville, Selma, Kerby, Waldo and Gasquet, to Crescent City, Calif., 87 miles, seven times a week, W. F. Horn, \$600.

Hugo to Wisconsin, 6 miles, 3 times a week, John F. White, \$182.

Kerby, by Albion and Holland, to Brownstown, 14 miles, 6 times a week, W. F. Horn, \$614.

Merrill to Galice, 15 miles, 6 times a week, W. A. Masie, \$390.

Selma to Dryden, 7 miles, 3 times a week, W. T. Kipphart, \$146.

Wald Creek to Golden, 4 miles, 6 times a week, W. F. Horn, \$390.

Applegate, by Kubit, to Davidson, 7 miles, 3 times a week, G. W. Bailey, \$139.

Ashland, by Hunt's, to Pelican, 47 miles, 2 times a week, G. W. Jones, \$296.

Brownstown to Lake Creek, 6 miles, 6 times a week, M. Bidley, \$239.

Central Point, by Agate, Eagle Point and Brownstown, to Big Butte, 22 miles, 6 times a week, I. F. Williams, \$390.

Eagle Point, by Wellen, to Climax, 15 miles, 3 times a week, I. F. Williams, \$390.

Gold Hill to Sam's Valley, 7 miles, 6 times a week, J. B. R. Morlock, \$309.

Jacksonville, by Buncum and Pursell, to Watkins, 30 miles, 2 times a week, J. W. Wilson, \$429.

Jacksonville, by Hunt to Applegate, 15 miles, 6 times a week, Henry Wendt, \$432.

Rock Point to Draper, 8 miles, 2 times a week, John F. White, \$134.

Sam's Valley, by Spikenard, to Asbestos, 16 miles, 3 times a week, L. Mitchell, \$234.

Sam's Valley, by Beagle, Etna and Trail, to Prospect, 30 miles, 3 times a week, H. Harvey, \$648.

Woodville to Wimer, 8 miles, 6 times a week, J. F. White, \$290.

Ashland, by Barron, Soda Springs, Shaka, Pokemunga and Keno, to Klamath Falls, 71 miles, 7 times a week, Colonel Dutro, \$390.

Bonanza, to Redfield, 12 miles, 3 times a week, M. L. Van Meter, \$177.

Bonanza, by Lorella and Langell Valley, 42 miles, 6 times a week, J. L. Yaden, \$744.

Bonanza to Yaloxa, 26 miles, 3 times a week, J. L. Yaden, \$394.

Port Klamath to Crystal, 12 miles, 2 times a week, Colonel Dutro, \$280.

Klamath Falls, by Altamont, Merrill and Morton, to Tule Lake, 36 miles, 3 times a week, Colonel Dutro, \$1190.

Klamath Falls, by Altamont, Olene, Dairy, Bonanza, Royston and Bly, to Lakeview, 101 miles, 7 times a week, J. L. Yaden, \$699.

Klamath Falls, by Naylor, Crystal and Klamath Agency, to Port Klamath, 41 miles, 6 times a week, A. Martin, \$1590.

Lorella, by Olete, to Vistillas, 30 miles, 2 times a week, W. W. Smith, \$667.

Port Bidwell, by Warner Lake and Adel, to Plush, 52 miles, 3 times a week, L. K. Katard, \$1550.

Lakeview, by Antler, to Paisley, 41 miles, 6 times a week, A. W. Bryan, \$1833.

Lakeview to Plush, 40 miles, 2 times a week, S. L. Naughton, \$990.

Plush, by Boland, Lava and Bend, to Prineville, 111 miles, 2 times a week, W. A. Booth, \$2990.

Because of unsatisfactory bids the department has re-advertised these routes: Leland, by Grave, to Placer; Applegate to Steamboat; Sam's Valley to Table Rock; Paisley, by Summer Lake, to Silver Lake.

Blown to Atoms.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill, has been exploded, for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulative and powerful to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system, and absolutely cure constipation or sick headache. Only 25c at City Drug Store.

DAVIDSON ITEMS.

The late rains have started up all the placer mines in full force.

Jewell & Hayes are working their claim on Oscar creek, which joins Swinden & Barkholter's.

W. H. Miller made a trip to this section a few days ago, to look after his interests in a mining claim which some parties are trying to jump.

Chas. Barkholter is working on the Oscar creek mining property that he is interested in with Will Swinden. They have some excellent ground and are sure of good pay.

Elijah Davidson, who with his family lately moved here from Bandon, will overtake the Miner's Creek Mining Co.'s property this winter. He is a brother of C. T. and J. E. Davidson, the miners.

It is queer why some people have not the courage to hunt a prospect for themselves, but delight in jumping onto some other more energetic prospector's claim, without inquiring whether or not he was even coming back to get his tools.

J. E. Davidson and Geo. W. Bailey are running a tunnel on the Black Pocket belt, from which they took several hundred dollars a short time ago. The tunnel will tap the ore seam some distance below their shaft, and will reveal more of the yellow metal when completed.

James Ivey and the Shelton Bros., who have been prospecting in this district, have returned to their respective homes near Eugene. They came here to do some work on what is known as the Tiger or Tip-Top ledge, but found it jumped by some parties who had been out here some time about last July, without doing any work on it then or now.

MEMMO, AN INDIAN MAIDEN.

MARIE NICKELL, IN THE PORTLAND SPINSTER.

A little Indian maiden sat alone upon the beach. Her feet were bare, and her long black hair was thrown loosely around her shoulders. Her eyes were black and piercing, and the lashes that veiled them long and glossy.

As she sat there on a drift log she looked the very picture of desolation. She was tracing figures in the sand with her toe, and was so intent on her work that she did not notice the little canoe that glided so swiftly over the water. Neater and neater it came to her; still she did not look up. At last the dipping of the paddle reached her ears and she glanced about her with a sudden start. There, standing but a few yards from her, was a tall, graceful Indian boy.

"Good morning," he said; but the greeting was only acknowledged by a lowering of her eyes.

"Ah! Memmo, you do not say 'good morning.' Are you not glad to see me?"

"Yes," came the reply in a frightened voice.

"Then why not greet me?"

"I have greetings for no one this morning. I am sad, I am lonely. Memmo is alone," she sobbed.

"Poor Memmo!" and he sat down beside her. "Come, tell Watto what it is that troubles you."

She entwined her long, slender fingers in his, and told him how her father, the chief, was not pleased with Watto, because he let the Kachishman escape, and had beaten her when she said it was her fault, and had told her to go, and never return to his wigwam—so Memmo was all alone; and she sobbed bitterly.

Watto knew the haughty chief, so said nothing, only patted her little cheek; but he was thinking—thinking how he could have his little Memmo. At last, with a sudden resolve, he said: "Memmo, let us go; let us go away forever."

The girl raised her head, and there was a frightened look in her eyes. "No," she sobbed, "I will stay. I will not go."

"Brave little Memmo; I will go now, but will come back soon."

"Very soon?" she asked.

"Yes, very soon." He stepped into his canoe, and in a minute was skimming over the water.

All day the little Indian girl waited up and down the beach, waiting for Watto; but he came not. It was dark, and she was shivering, for the November air was cold. She did not know where to go for shelter, so threw herself on the beach to think.

At last she fell asleep on the hard, sandy beach, a sleep from which she never awoke for early in the morning, when the tide came in, it took back with it a pretty little Indian maiden and gave her a bed in its blue depths.

And thus it was, when Watto came back from interceding with the chief to claim his Memmo, he could not find her.

All day he wandered up and down the beach, just as she had done the day before; and when night came he went back to his wigwam, desolate and alone.

More Taxes.

The following special tax levies have been made, and will be added to the levy of 25 mills recently made by the board of county commissioners:

SCHOOL.

Dist. No.	Levy Mills.	Valuation.
5 Ashland	10	\$672,380
1 Jacksonville	10	194,706
2	17	
6 Central Point	5	154,826
14	5	
17	5	28,125
22 Talent	64	68,896
26	3	
29	3	
45	12	
49 Medford	10	435,394
53	5	
56 Wagner Creek	10	26,695
57 Gold Hill	15	69,425
59 Prospect	4	61,745
62	6	
70	5	
72 Anderson Creek	19	17,290
73 Boulevard	31	54,280

CITIES.

Ashland	10	545,484
Medford	11	361,836
Jacksonville	4	

Mark Twain's Cousin,

G. C. Clemens, of Topeka, Kan., the noted constitutional lawyer, who bears so striking a resemblance to Mark Twain, (Samuel B. Clemens) that he is frequently taken for the original Mark.

G. C. Clemens, is a man of deep intellect and wide experience. He is considered one of the foremost lawyers in this country. In a recent letter to the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Mr. Clemens says:

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PEACHES, delicious, whole, 25 pounds for \$1.00
RAISINS, case of four dozen one-pound tins for \$1.00
COFFEE, good, fresh, ground, 25-pound box for \$1.00
Lima coffee, roast, in packages Rio stock
Roast coffee, fresh, India, fair but good
TEA, select and splendid dinner, five pounds for \$1.00
RICE, our No. 2 table, very fair, 100 pounds for \$1.00
CHOCOLATE, three pound tins, ground, for \$1.00
COGNAC, 50-lb. tin, 100 pounds for \$1.00
EXTRACT, full quart lemon or vanilla for \$1.00
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