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Mining Items.

L. E. Smith, who has been over to the O. & C. Co.'s mining property helping to do the assessment work, reports quite a little work going on over there.

The new steam suction pump, located at the suspension bridge, is about ready to go to work, only waiting for better weather.

Burleson, Booth & Prince, have it seems, struck it rich on the "Indian Girl" formely owned by I. C. Burleson. It is reported by those who have examined it that there is more than $30,000 in sight and good prospects of a big thing, as the dirt around the rich seams of quartz is rich and goes from twenty-five cents to twenty-five dollars to the pan and can easily be taken to the river in chutes. Some years ago a good many thousand dollars was taken from the "Indian Girl" by I. C. Burleson and others. Mr. Smith says that they have their mine in good shape and only need a small amount of capital to put it on a paying basis.

A rich strike has been made by a pioneer lady of Siskiyou county. Mrs. N. E. Hilt of Cole's station, came to Yreka in 1852. For several years she and her husband have lived on Cottonwood creek and they now own a lovely mountain ranch on the west branch of the creek, five miles by wagon road west of Cole's station. Mrs. Hilt has ideas of her own regarding mining and she determined to do some prospecting work lower on the mountain than where their mine of high grade ore is located and after driving a tunnel 30 feet into the hill, struck a good ledge of ore 13 feet thick. Passing through this ledge, she directed the men to continue the tunnel into the mountain, and when 70 feet from starting encountered another ledge, upon which they have already gone 28 feet on a crosscut and are not yet through. These immense bodies of ore assay as high as $22 per ton and all average $10 per ton, the lowest assays running $5.25 per ton. Mrs. Hilt named her mine the "North Star." By extending the tunnel about 200 feet further she will strike the ledge of high grade ore before mentioned at a depth of 240 feet. This ore has milled $70 per ton and is a good strong vein, varying from two to four feet in width. Mrs. Hilt certainly has a big mine and she is planning some extensive improvements to be made on the property in the spring.—Yreka News.

John Lewis has just finished a fine bridge, costing $2 500 across Wolf creek near its juncture with Grave creek, and a 30-inch pipe crosses this structure to carry water to the ditch on the south side of Wolf creek, which is to furnish water to the placers to be opened up there. Teams can also cross on the bridge which is in the course of a proposed county road.

Taylor & Crow last week pounded out some $600 in two days with a hand mortar at their ledge down Rogue river. They are preparing to send another craload of ore to Ashland. The ore has to be packed on mule back 10 miles and hauled by wagon 6, but all they have sent to Ashland thus far has netted over $100 per ton.

The Hampton Lewis mine or Columbia placer on Upper Grave creek will be running four giants night and day pretty soon. These diggings are known to be rich and the outlook will probably equal that of any placer mines in Southern Oregon.—Grants Pass Courier.

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MARRIED.

HOYT—HOWLETT—At the home of the bride's parents, near Eagle Point, Dec. 9, 1896, by Rev. A. C. Howlett, Miss Millie Howlett and Edward Hoyt.

SIMPKINS—BUTLER—At Merlin, Dec. 2, 1896, by Justice Ladd, Geo. A. Simpkins and Edith Butler.

FORCE—REYNOLDS—In Grants Pass, Dec. 6, 1896, A. L. Force of Eugene and Miss A. Reynolds of Grants Pass.

DUNKLEY—VAN MATRE—In Jacksonville, Dec. 8, 1896, by Hon. W. S. Crowell, county judge, L. P. Dunkey and H. M. Van Matre.

DIED.

ROBINSON—On Foots creek, Dec. 4, 1896, Mrs. F. R. Robinson, aged 46 years.

WHITE—In Medford, Dec. 8, 1896, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White.

CLIFT—In Eden precinct, Dec. 7, 1896, of la grippe, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo Clift.

BORN.

REYNOLDS—In Ashland precinct, Dec. 12, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Reynolds, a son.

SCHRIMPF—On Applegate, Dec. 5, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Schrimpf, a son.

FITZGERALD—In Medford, Dec. 5, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fitzgerald, a daughter.

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PRESSED BRICKS.

Dr. Barr, Dentist, I. O. O. F. Block.

Mrs. Laura Edwards is in San Francisco.

Conductor Geo. White and wife are visiting San Francisco.

Miss Lizzie Reuter has returned to Jacksonville from Portland.

J. N. Hockersmith was at Medford this week having his eye operated on.

The Dixon murder trial in Roseburg resulted in the young man being acquitted.

Only eight divorce cases ornament the calenders of the circuit court for this term.

T. J. Kenney of Jacksonville and John F. Kelly of Grants Pass, spent Sunday in Ashland.

Mrs. Engwicht, wife of Conductor Geo. Engwicht, is paying her parents at Edgewood a visit.

Senator Holt has been appointed a member of the state board of agriculture to succeed himself.

Jackson Hockersmith has been confined to his bed for some weeks with jaundice and has been in a critical condition.

Mrs. E. B. Christian has gone to Sacramento, accompanied by her father. She will work in one of the stores there.

W. J. Virgin paid the county seat a visit Tuesday and gave the officials some spec ial instructions in regard to the behavior such as his name partakes of.

The miners of Wagner creek have organized an association with G. W. West president and Harry Gendars secretary. They meet again on the 23d to further perfect the orgaization.

L. L. Burtenshaw, Esq., a prominent attorney at Myrtle Point, Coos county, and a son of B. Burtenshaw, is visiting his parents here. He is on his way to the supreme court at Salem. Mr. Burtenshaw is accompanied by his wife.—Albany Democrat.

John Wells, one of the solid men of the Illinois valley, was in this city last Saturday in company with his son Roy, who went to Ashland to attend school for the winter. Miss Della Wells also went to Ashland to spend a few weeks.—Grants Pass Courier.

The Ager stages have been getting in very late the past week, being all the way from four to twelve hours late. The warm weather has left the roads in a very bad condition, and the frost each night crusts them over, making them particularly hard to travel.—Klamath Falls Express.

Sear Face Charley, of Modoc Indian war fame, died last week of consumption on the reservation in Indian territory. He was one of the fiends that assisted Captain Jack in the massacre of Canby and Meacham under a flag of truce, but his life was saved on the tichnicality of being only a private.

Granite Tent No. 4, K. O. T. M. have elected the following officers: P. C., E. A. Hildreth, Jr.; C., G. W. Crowson; L. C., E. P. Spencer; R. K., C. H. Gillette; F. K., C. D. Hevener; Chap., W. S. Kelley; Sarct. Chas. Lindsay; M. at A., T. E. Ahlstrom; 1st M. of G., A. L. Helman; 2d M. of G., Wm. Fox; Sentinel J. W. Bish; Picket, L. M. Godwin.

Talent had a very damaging fire Friday morning in the destruction of the Klum storage building and contents, a total loss amounting to about $800. R. S. Barclay & Son were the principal losers having $400 worth of cured pork in the building. Tom Bell lost about $100 worth of stored potatoes and corn. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from the fire used in smoking the meat.

Medford's bad whiskey caused a shooting affair on the De Roboam farm in Jacksonville precinct Saturday night. Mrs. De Roboam and two sons and the farm hand, S. Hammond, had returned from a visit in Medford and her son John, a young man aged 18 years, was in a very quarrelsome mood, and after abusing his brother Will commenced his attacks on Hammond, finally winding up by shooting Hammond in the right arm between the elbow and wrist with a 22 calibre revolver. Young De Roboam was put in the Jacksonville jail to await the action of the grand jury this week.

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Probate Court.

In the matter of the care and support of Homer and Royce Dunn, orphans. J. F. Dunn given care of former and Ed Dunn of the latter.

Estate of J. N. Woody. Order made for sale of personal property.

Estate of Jacob Neathammer. Will admitted to probate and Joshua Neathammer appointed executor and Ben Haymond, D. Richard and G. F. Schmidtlein appraisers.

Estate of O. Vincent. Report of commission on admeasurement of dower of Mrs. M. A. Vincent approved.

Estate of Eliza J. Hamlin. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of Chris Wintjen. Same order as above.

Estate of Isaac Constant. Sale of real property confirmed.

New Edition of Mining Laws.

We have received the ninth edition (just out) of Copp's Mining Code, published by Henry N. Copp, a lawyer of Washington, D. C., who has given many years to the study of mining laws. It is a book of more than two hundred pages, and will be found of great interest to mine owners and prospectors, as it gives the United States mineral land laws and the official instructions thereunder, the various state and territorial mining laws, miners liens, right of way, etc., numerous forms for use from the location to the patenting, lease and sale of a mine, and also, a large collection of abstracts of courts and land office decisions and rulings. Every enterprising mining man will secure a copy. The San Francisco News Company handles Mr. Copp's publications on the Pacific coast. The book is for sale by principal book store and by the publisher at Washington. D. C. Also at the RECORD office, Ashland. The price is 50 cents.

List of Letters.

Remaining uncalled for in the shland P. O., Dec. 14, 1896.

Barnes, L. H.	Hastings, Jas.
Hartley, Walt N.	Ohurath, Miss J.
Payne, Dick.	Wryley, Mr.
Walter, J W.	

Persons calling for same will please say "advertsied." W H. BRUNK. P. M.

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for five months. In speaking of it, Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by Ashland Drug Co.

More rich gold finds reported, this time in Indian Territory, in the Wichita mountains. But it is a pity the discovery was in Indian Territory, for now the power of the United States government will be required to protect the Indians in their rights.

GENTLEMEN: Having taken one bottle of your Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla I can truly say that it is the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation, headache and general debilitated system. I feel overjoyed by the use of one bottle. I accidently got my ankle sprained a few years ago and I find my leg getting stronger and am feeling better in every way.
WM. J. PERRY.
Superintendent Almshouse,
San Francisco.

Circuit Court In Session.

Circuit court for Jackson county convened Monday, Judge Hanna presiding.

The grand jury organized with Horace Pelton, foreman; F. A. Pell, Thos. R. Stottler, W. F. Bailey, F. C. Minnick, W. J. Boosey and John Sisemore.

The following is the docket;

ACTIONS AT LAW.

W I Vawter vs Tolo Mining Co; to recover money.
Pelton & Nell vs M A Graham; sa me.
E P Geary and E B Pickel vs John Collins, Sr, and John Collins, Jr; same.
Pelton & Neil vs R T Shannon; same.
B F Adkins and J D Whitman vs S H Murray; same.
O & C R R Co vs Geo Engle; same.
T J Kenney vs R V Beall; same.
S T Songer vs J J and Abbie Donohue; same.
R W Sansill & Co vs T K Bolton; same.
Max Muller, administrator estate of John Toepper, deceased, vs P N Ficke; same.
T J Downing vs T F Downing; same.
Alida R Miner vs John D Loucks; same.
Chas Cowles vs L A Schultz and F Wichmann; same.
T K Bolton vs Dan'l C Walker; same.
M E McCall vs vs John McAllister; same
J L Woolridge vs Wm Ulrick, T J Kenney and Hugh Elliott; same.
J H Lame vs W F Radford and S D Radford; same.
E P Geary and E B Pickel vs F C Homes and W B Officer; same.
H Ammerman vs John Murphy, et al; same.
Jackson Mining Co vs O G Shurtleff; to recover personal property.
Martha Wichmann vs A S Barnes sheriff; to recover value of personal property.
Jas Wells vs Levi Morris; appeal from justice court.

EQUITY.

Belinda Barnum vs Alice R and J R Gibson: foreclosure.
Wm Lyttleton and T Noonan vs Wm M Colvig, administrator estate of J C Durkee, deceased; same.
Benj Eggleston vs Harry Barbour; same.
Nat Jones vs T H F Engle; same.
Max Meller vs F M and Nellie Tryer and Frank Vanina; same.
A R Phillips, adm'r, vs Christiana Ewen same.
John Mark vs A C Helms; same.
S P D & L Co vs W S Barnum; action for damages.
W J Virgin, R P Neil & J E Pelton vs E N Corliss, et al; injuction.
Geo T Armstrong vs F Logg & Mark McDonnell; same.
Jacksonville Mining Co vs W O'Thomas and A R Thompson, et al; same.
W Hannum vs Geo Blalock; same.
Hydraulic Mining Co vs Isaac Coffman; same.
J T Layton vs J T Payne & W W Hinton same.
R M Whitside vs J A Whiteside; divorce.
B F Baker vs Hester A Baker; same.
Emma Neathammer vs Joshua Neathammer; same.
Nettie Clark vs P H Clark; same.
Zora Dunlap vs Ira Dunlap; same.
Sarah Neathammer vs Jacob Neathammer; same.
Susie Allen vs David Allen: same.
Daisy Dungan vs Thos Dungan; same.
W I Vawter, administrator estate of S D Garrison, vs E G and Hilda Salstrom; suit in equity.
Z A Moody and R E Saltmarsh vs M A Graham, E N Corliss and R T Shannon; to cancel agreement and appointment of receiver.
Catherine Noland vs S J Day; cancelation of deed.

CRIMINAL.

State vs Geo E Bloomer; larceny.
State vs A Weigel; practicing medicine without license.
State vs Jas Boland; larceny.
State vs Robt Bond; recognizance.

ASSIGNMENTS.

In re-assignments of W O'Donohue, B R Kingsbury, L G Goodell, Ed Hendricks, Benn & Cox, P J Vanhardenburg, Miller & Kurth, Jones & Otten, R W Gray, Myer & Gregory.

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A Dog Makes Sunday Visits.

A bright terrier dog owned at the American House, Pittsfield, Mass., is known at the Maplewood as Billy. The dog every Sunday morning goes to the Maplewood and stays in the cashier's office, but never goes away from the American on other days unless taken to the Maplewood. Sundays, as regularly as that day comes, in the season, the animal takes up his early march for the other house, remains all day and returns. This he has done for the past few seasons, and so regularly that the guests at the Maplewood have become familiar with him and his peculiarities. Now they are asking how the dog knows the difference between Sunday and other days, as his visits are made before the church bells begin to ring.—Boston Herald.

Noise and Numbers.

A Yankee, upon eating his first meal of frogs' legs, asked the hotel proprietor how he accounted for the high price. He was told it was on account of the scarcity of the product. "Not at all," said the Yankee. "I can get you 1,000,000." "A million?" gasped the boniface. "I should like to engage to find you a profitable market if you can produce them." "Why, I can get them today surely." At night the Yank came back with eight pairs and declared the trick off. "I thought you said you knew where you could get 1,000,000," said boniface. "Well, to tell you the truth," explained the other, "I formed my judgment of the number by the noise."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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BONDS AND BONDAGE.

When will the bond age cease? Bonds! Thirty year bonds—some of our high officials want to make them 50 year bonds, and also that they be payable, interest and principal, in gold and gold only. That means that the wealth producers will be burdened with a debt for at least 80 years, with the principal and interest a growing burden, for gold is constantly appreciating in value (it is said to have increased in value 14 per cent last year). We cannot eat gold, nor will it clothe or shelter us. Yet everything we eat or wear or use in any way is controlled by the gold god. The producer of real wealth, the wealth that satisfies wants and gives us comfort, must give a constantly increasing measure to the greed of the gold god. That is the reason that dollars are harder to get. The farmer gets less for his golden grain and his blushing fruits, yet these gifts of the real God are as good as they ever were. It makes me sick to think of those thousands of bushels of potatoes rotting in the ground in Minnesota because the price does not justify their digging. Yet those potatoes are as good as potatoes ever were, and many hungry mouths want them. But the gold god does not recognize intrinsic goodness nor human need. Neither does the railroad monopoly that stands in the way of these products being marketed at a living price to the producer.

Bond the producing forces of the country, when vast fortunes of millions and millions bear no national burden, contributing not one penny to the government that made those fortunes possible! Even at the death of the present holders the government inherits no part of these fortunes, although it is in sore need of funds. Other countries inherit a part of great private fortunes—they call it an inheritance tax, but it is only rightful inheritance by the government.

Is there one physician who reads this that does not see that he is vitally interested? We work for the peopel directly, for every class, high and low. Our support must come from all. No one can be more interested than the doctor in strict economic justice to every class. When the farmer gets fair prices for his produce, when the laborer and mechanic get steady employment and good wages, when the merchant has a good trade and fair profits, then all of these can employ the doctor when needed and get the requisite medicine and appliances and pay the doctor. But when the price of wheat and cotton goes below cost of production, and potatoes are not worth digging, when the unemployed grow to a vast army, when the merchant sees the values of his goods go down, down, down, through the appreciation of gold and his customers becoming less and less able to purchase from him, when all these things prevail, as they have during the last two or three years, the doctor must suffer. What though a few bondholders gloat over more bonds and trusts and monopolies thrive; the masses of the people suffer, and the rank and file of the medical professions suffer with them.

If congress should decide to push the Nicaragua canal to completion, I suppose that would be the signal for more bonds. But why? Why not adopt the sagacious course of the governor of the island of Guernsey some years ago? The story is a simple one. The islanders needed a market house, but had not the money which was thought necessary to build it. But they had plenty of labor and material. The governor issued rent checks. These were used to pay for labor and material, and when the market house was completed were received in payment of rent. I think the building cost $20,000. Every year $2,000 in rent checks was collected for rents. These were burned each year with appropriate ceremonies. At the end of ten years no checks were outstanding. They had the market house, no debt, and all without the use of gold or bonds.

The rent checks not only paid for the stone, etc., and employed the labor for the building, but they circulated as currency, helping to give commercial life to the place, and in every way they were a blessing. If they had been interest bearing bonds, they would have been locked up for the interest, a burden to the islanders perhaps to this day. Why can't we build the Nicaragua canal in the same way—by issuing currency receivable for toll as soon as the canal is opened? Anything but bonds.

We now have many kinds of bonds—national bonds, state bonds, county bonds, city bonds, corporation bonds of all kinds, as railroad bonds, etc., all with their corroding interest to support indolent classes. The bond is a convenient device, a cowardly method of putting off till some time in the future what we should do or pay today and to shirk our duties and place them as a burden upon future generations. The method is so easy—it is easy to shirk—and tempting that this has become an age of bonds—and the result, a bondage. Let us protest against an extension of this policy.—Dr. C. F. Taylor in Medical World.

Through Their Stomachs.

"And the next day it snowed." Realizing that the poor people will have to eat snowballs this winter, the benevolent hand of Providence has already showed its willingness to provide that commodity. The only way to touch some people is through their stomachs. It now remains for the Republicans to do the touching.—St. Louis Journal.

Mark Is Boss.

Mr. McKinley will be saved the trouble of considering the claims of office hunters. Mark Hanna will take the job off his hands.—Silver Knight.

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Smaller Warships.

There is a fine touch of French satire in the remark of an officer at Paris that it was necessary to have a civilian for minister of naval affairs before essential improvements could be made in the building of war vessels. Certain it is that the changes ordered by the French minister of marine affairs, Lockroy, who is Victor Hugo's son-in-law, promise to work a revolution in naval architecture.

Judging by experiments made at Toulon by French naval officers, our own congress will do well to go slow in ordering more huge warships, or even heavy and bulky harbor defenders. The experiments at Toulon show convincingly that a great number of small vessels, traveling at the highest speed and each armed with as large a rapid firing gun as it can carry, is the fighting navy of the future. As the French officer expresses it, here is the problem: "To place the most powerful rifled gun possible upon the smallest possible vessel, the gun firing with full power projectiles carrying large quantities of high explosives, and the vessel being of such small size as to be sighted or struck by the enemy with great difficulty—being, in short, a floating gun carriage."

Six such vessels will cost no more than one of the heavy, slow craft of the old type, and they will be more than twice as effective.

This is the type of warship to which American naval architects now apparently need to turn their attention. The main difficulty will be to make the "floating gun carriage," which is to be the warship of the future, stable enough to permit the gun itself to be aimed with accuracy.

This, the French believe, they have succeeded in doing. They consider the new type of vessel to be the best for coast defense of any ever invented.

No other observer has corroborated the discovery of two comets made by Professor Swift of Lowe observatory, Echo mountain, California. One of the comets Professor Swift says he saw with his unaided eyesight by daylight just as the sun was sinking behind the Sierras. This was certainly a very unusual thing, but when Professor Swift snatched up his glasses to examine the comet he had seen with the naked eye he perceived not only that but another one.

It was a pitiful tale of disaster and bad luck that some castaways had to tell when they were picked up at sea by the British bark Holywell and carried to Galveston. Their ship leaked and was dismasted, the captain and two of the crew died from exposure, scurvy broke out among the rest of them and made them helpless, and they were almost starved besides when the Holywell picked them up. Their ship was named simply Smith.

During our civil war the United States army was greatly hampered by too much Washington in its orders. In the same manner the Spanish army in Cuba is embarrassed by too much Madrid. Madrid will boss the Cuban army if she ruins the Spanish nation.

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