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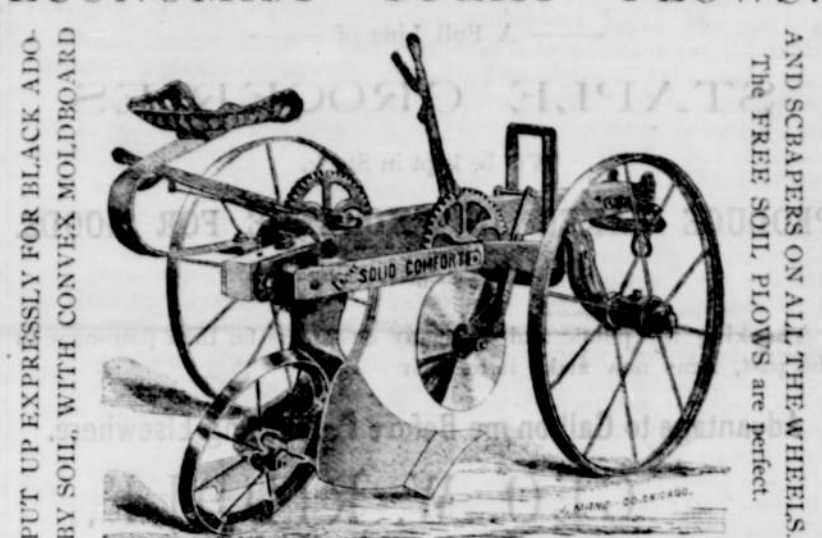
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They've named this county Josephine. 'Tis a pleasant place as may be seen, Though many hills and mountains high Will quickly greet the travelers eye.

Here 'mongst the pleasant vales and hills Are found cool springs and sparkling rills; And quarts leads in the hills abound, And here are mines where gold is found.

The red man fished and hunted here And killed full of the frightened deer. Here did he build his hut of bark, And left his squaw to do the work.

To cook his soup early and late, And watch him, hungry, while he ate, And that for which he had no use, She ate, or gave to their papoose.

But they are gone, the white man came, And then his quiet gentle dame, The warrior's whoop no more does sound, And peace and plenty here abound.

Though years ago in large pack trains, The weary traveler crossed the plains, Now their rapidly growing need Is well supplied by the iron steed.

And now of churches we can boast, And other blessings quite a host, Through the county schools are taught, And eagerly is learning sought.

Please let me have your kin I'll mention, And of two schools I'll make brief mention, The Eureka High School near Wilderville Embosomed in the pine-clad hills.

Prof. Ross Robin on you'll find Prepared to instruct the youthful mind, He and his estimable wife, To doing good devote their life.

It's just the place your tasks to learn, So hitherward your footsteps turn.

And in Grants Pass, a growing town, There is a school of some renown, Professor Benson, late from Drain, And three assistants, o'er it reign.

This gives the town a charming feature, He being an experienced teacher.

Yet tall pine trees, four years ago, On this same spot waved to and fro, And now this town, with well laid street, Has come to be our county seat.

With good hotels where travelers stop, And stores and many kinds of shops, Where those who go with cash in hand, Are surely met with smiles so bland.

And inquiries about your health? Thoughts not of you, but of your But I'm wandering from my theme, I'd talk alone of Josephine.

Its beauties and improvements grand, Its handsome streams by bridges spanned, Its factories and quartz mills too, And other things both old and new, Of which I'd speak, had I the time And could I but command the rhyme.

Wherever in this world we stray, As time shall bear us on our way, Our hearts will fondly turn, I ween, To our own lovely Josephine.

An Honorable Roll.

The ardent, enthusiastic courage of Logan, and his pugnacious temper, he probably inherited from his Irish father. Beginning with Sheridan the names of men of Irish blood are thick on the roll of honor of our Union armies. Gen. Tom Sweeney lost an arm at Shiloh. Gen. Mulligan was killed at Winchester. Gen. Smythe fell at Farmville, Va., in the last battle of the Army of the Potomac; Gen. McConihe fell at Cold Harbor; Col. Mallon at Bristow Station. Gen. Mike Lawler carried the confederate entrenchments at the battle of the Big Black in the Vicksburg campaign. Gen. McMahon was chief of Sheddicks' staff, and his brother, Col. McMahou, fell at Cold Harbor. Gen. Nugent led his Irish brigade nearer the terrible "Stone wall" at Fredericksburg than any troops that followed him, until he fell severely wounded. In this charge Hancock's division lost 2016 men out of 5006, and the Irish brigade lost 545 out of 1315, while the leading regiment, the Sixty ninth New York, lost 128 out of 238, including 16 officers out of 19. Pickett's charge at Gettysburg did not equal the desperate, hopeless, heroic valor of this charge at Fredericksburg. Nugent served in all the subsequent battles of the Army of the Potomac, until he sheathed his sword at Appomattox. Gens. Donahue, Guiney, Jardine, Jourdan, Reilly, Kelly, Burke, Sewell, Gorman, Brady, Sullivan, Boyle, Conner, Mulholland, Gowan and McLaughlin are all names of gallant Irishmen who rose to distinction in the war for the Union. The Irish race maintained its ancient fame as a fighting people. —[Oregonian.]

Germany sent more people to the United States during the year 1886 than any other country. Her total was nearly 90,000. England was next, with about 60,000; then Ireland with 55,000; then Russia with over 30,000, and then Italy with nearly 30,000. Scotland sent about 15,000. Ireland used to send many more than England and Scotland together; but now England and Scotland together send 50 per cent more than Ireland. And besides, of English and Scotch, many more come into the United States from Canada or through Canada.

Mr. Norris who is working the Whiskey creek mines, owned by Shere & Johnson of Grants Pass, came out on Monday, bringing with him some beautiful specimens of gold which aggregated \$500 in value, one piece weighing \$47. Work on the Abraham ledge was suspended, in consequence of the illness of Mr. Hansbro. —[Cor. Plaindealer.]

Our merchants now obtain goods from below at any time, at a cost of not more than a cent a pound from the railroad, while last winter we had to pay 3 cents from Delta, the terminus at that time, and about the same from Ashland. —[Yreaka Journal.]

If Gov. Penneyer's message has met with some criticism from legal gentlemen and other town folks, it has struck "pay gravel" among the farmers and producers. —[Es.]

Correspondence.

EAST PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 17.

ED. COURIER:—Upon mailing my last letter to you, I received from the office the COURIER of the 17th and was much pleased with your criticism on the loose manner in which crime is dealt with in our courts of today, the faulty system of drawing juries, etc. Until the press of the land lifts a more nearly united voice which shall be heard above the "jingle" of money and the cheap clap-trap sophistry of those charlatans (altogether too numerous in the legal (?) fraternity of to-day) who seem to regard success as equally commendable, whether attained through stultification and subordination of jurors or by strictly honorable and legal methods, we may not hope for a return of the times when, in this country, the honest, though poor man could go before the courts feeling assured that his cause would be faithfully and impartially weighed and justice meted out.

What an utterly absurd theory is this advanced and acted upon in our criminal courts, that the competent juror is the man who knows nothing of the case, has not read anything relating to the same (all the better if he is unable to read) has not formed or expressed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the party accused, &c. In these days, and in our country where the newspaper is found on every doorstep, in every hotel, bar-room, way-side Inn and business house, it is pretty safe to say that the man who does not read enough to keep moderately well posted in what is going on about him is not a fit party to sit and listen to evidence and apply law in matters of vital importance to citizens. And the man that reads must, if he is possessed of ordinary mentality, form conclusions as he reads, based upon the evidence before him. It is the reading, thinking, reasoning man who's opinion is of weight and always based upon the evidence and the law in any given case, after all the evidence is in. The opinion formed yesterday, based upon street rumor or newspaper reports, is changed to-day (with the reading intelligent man,) if facts as brought out upon a full investigation proves his first opinion to have been founded in error. Not so the non-reading incapable of forming an opinion, stupid who is so popular with the kind of lawyer mentioned above.

It is patent to every observing man who is at all familiar with the course of procedure before our courts, that the most strenuous efforts are made by a certain class of so-called lawyers, not to bring to light all the facts which will unequivocally establish the guilt or innocence of the accused; but rather to suppress such facts, or distort them to the prejudice of the law and the interest of the community, if by so doing the pockets of the advocate are added to in filthy lucre, or his reputation as a successful lawyer widened.

Another reason why crime is, (in our cities at least) growing more and more bold, frequent and flagrant, is the fact that its perpetrators have become a powerful political factor in our municipalities and actually place their friends in positions of trust and honor, as the ostensible guardians of the peace and safety of the community. This is notorious, true, in a large measure, of Portland and East Portland to-day.

At our last municipal elections, combinations were formed between the unprincipled, hungry office seekers of either political party, and the law-defying element, including every grade of criminals from the vilest cut-throat murderers up to the genteel Sunday whiskey seller, whereby it was understood that the former, in consideration for the support of the latter, should wink at all manner of violations of law on the part of the latter, and at all times should an outraged public force action to be taken against them, the former to use every effort to screen the offenders from punishment. If thistles are planted, we cannot expect to harvest figs.

What is the remedy? Many will say, "let us take the law into our own hands and see to it that offenders are punished." Well, this is the inevitable tendency of an outraged public sentiment; but, if matters come to this point, let an outraged public sentiment with the procurers, abettors and shielders of crime; first making examples of them.

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Southern Oregon Mines.

Charles W. Cornelius, writing to a friend in this city: "I am now one-third owner in the Gold hill quartz mill, and also have contracts on three ledges, two of which are considered as good as any in Oregon. The mill is a first-class ten-stamp mill and is running night and day. The ore that we are milling is low grade but pays a handsome margin and could be made a bonanza by putting in more stamps. What makes the ledge so valuable is the large body of ore and the cheapness of working it. But for richness of ore the Dardanelles or Knott ledge stands second to none in Southern Oregon. I washed \$3.60 from one pan of the decomposed rock and there has been as high as \$7.50 taken from one pan. It is not uncommon to wash \$2 from one pan of rock, but it will be impossible to mill any of this ore until the roads are settled. John Swinden owns two-thirds of this ledge and your humble servant the other third. —[Oregonian.]

J. J. Parker and William Crossley, two old Black Hill miners, who have recently arrived at Gold Hill from Coeur d'Alene, speak very encouragingly of that locality, and say that Southern Oregon mines are the worst underated mines in the United States, and that it is only a matter of a short time until Gold Hill is a great mining camp. All that is wanted are practical miners and capital to open the mines, and in a short time the prejudice that now exists against Southern Oregon mines as pocket ledges will be removed. There are fifty ledges within a radius of five miles of Gold Hill that will pay to work, and not a prospect hole twenty feet deep in any of them. —[Cor. News.]

True Progress.

We have gained last year in population and in wealth, in commerce and manufactures, and in resources of every kind. We have increased our crops, mined more coal and iron, built more railroads, extended our great cities, cleared the forest, broken up the prairie, turned the waste land into farms, are richer in stocks and bonds and money and in all measures of value.

These are gratifying evidences of growth. They indicate that a free Republic, which is the best form of government, is conducive to the general welfare, and that the people prosper under a government of the people.

It is a gain to increase in numbers, but it is a higher gain to increase in virtue and patriotism. A gain in wealth may be a loss if it only makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. Increased production of coal and iron is chiefly valuable if it benefits the producers. The new railroads are a gain if they serve the public welfare, not if they corrupt political power and build up monopolies.

Let us rejoice over the material progress and not lose sight of the higher progress. Let us look to it that we advance in statesmanship as we increase in numbers; that patriotism grows with our growth and is strengthened with our strength; that our political and social life is purified and elevated; that justice is more firmly secured to all; that equality is enforced; that rights are respected, and that true reform keeps pace with the advance of time. This is true progress. —[N. Y. World.]

Laborer's Examiner.

This wind factory wants cash in exchange for accounts. Don't think that because your debt is small that the amount is not needed. Newspapers live on small amounts added together.

The Oregon legislature is now in session. We know this to be a fact, not from hearsay or any reports from Salem, but from observing that the laws of Oregon require the legislature to meet every second year about this time. In the course of a few weeks we will probably learn by the papers that the governor has delivered his message. This county has about equal mail facilities with Alaska, and should be cut off by itself, adopt a new name and be classed as one of the outlying districts where English is not spoken, and there is no need of letters and newspapers.

There is not much change in the condition of Judge Fitts. At this writing he seems better. J. H. Evans is very sick and requires the constant attention of watchers. His complaint pertains to the brain and he is not conscious at all times. A. W. Goos is still confined to his room, with a slight improvement.

The following is the relative height of different points of Oregon above the level of the Pacific ocean, as reported by the signal service officers: Roseburg, 555 ft; Portland, 88; Astoria, 52; Albany, 600; Eola, 500; Umpqua, 8 Dalles, 350; Ashland, 1,940. Lakeview was reported by a government geographical surveying party last Summer, to be 5,060 feet above sea level.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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The New Route.

Linkville people anticipate that the bulk of freighting for this year for Lake county will pass through their town on the road down the Klamath. We hardly think so. It will be a difficult undertaking to turn the stream of travel from an old established road where stations are numerous and feed cheap, to a new road where stations are few, on the last hundred miles, and feed very high. However, it is only a question, when all of our freight, and even the mail, will come via Linkville, as it is the shorter, and most practicable route, when the road once gets settled for heavy teams, and feed stations are established. By this new route freight cars can be landed in Lakeview for two cents per pound, or less, based on calculations made by merchants and freighters of both towns.

The people of Klamath have taken hold of the matter in earnest, and will do all in their power to turn travel through their town as it will undoubtedly be of great benefit to them, directly and indirectly. When we left there Monday, \$1,400 had already been subscribed for working the big hill below Plevea, and it was expected several other subscriptions would be received. —[Examiner.]

Newspaper Difficulties.

A new paper out West has started under difficulties. It tells its own story as follows: "We begin the publication of the Roccay Mountain Cyclone with some phew dipiculties in the way. The type pounders phrom whom we bought our outfit phor this printing, ophphice phaled to supply us with any ephs or cays, and it will be phore or phive weex bephore we get any. The mistaque was not phound out till a day or two ago. We have ordered the missing letters and will have to get along without them till they come. Wedon't lique the loox over this variety of spelling any better than our readers, but mistax will happen in the best regulated phamaliies, and iph the eph's and e's and x's and q's hold out we shall ceep (sound the c hard) the Cyclone whirling aphter a phasion till the sorts arrive. It is no loque to us—it's a serious apphair."

Dispatch from San Francisco Jan. 12th says: The prevalence of diphtheria is causing much apprehension in this city. During the month of December seventy-six cases of that disease and forty-seven deaths have already been reported this month. Six cases were reported yesterday and ten this morning. That portion of the city south of Market street is especially infected, owing to the sewerage there being defective.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Henry M. Stanley told a reporter to-day that the Emir Bey relief expedition will go by the way of Zanzibar; that the enterprise would cost \$100,000, and that it would leave Zanzibar composed of 1000 men. Of these eight would be English and the rest natives of Zanzibar. Stanley said he expected that news of the expedition would reach Europe by July.

Four men escaped from the county jail on Wednesday afternoon. They are J. E. Jones, brought from The Dalles and held as a witness; Thomas Ryan, same; Ed. Davis held for burglary and Chas. K. Ross, who has some fourteen indictments against him. The sheriff offers a reward of \$25 for each. —[World.]

Gov. Penneyer has appointed Robt. Clow, Dallas, superintendent of the penitentiary, and M. J. McKinnon, of this city, first warden. Both are good men for their respective place, and will make honest and competent officers. —[World.]

The heathen Chinese government sets another good example for this Christian and civilized nation of ours. It has agreed to pay \$25,000 indemnity to the American missionaries for losses suffered by them in the riots at Chung King.

Mr. Bozier Brown, an old and highly respected citizen of Oakland, died at his residence on the evening of the 13th. Mr. Brown has left a numerous family including many grand children, to mourn his loss. —[Phinadealer.]

FREE TRADE.
The reduction of internal revenue and the taking off of revenue stamps from Proprietary Medicines, no doubt has largely benefited the consumers, as well as relieving the burden of house manufacturers. Especially in this case with Green's August Flower and Bocher's Osmos Syrup, as the reduction of thirty-six cents per dozen, has been added to increase the size of the bottles containing these remedies, thereby giving one-fifth more medicine in the 75 cent size. The August Flower for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, and the Osmos Syrup for Cough and Lung troubles, have perhaps, the largest sale of any medicines in the world. The advantage of increased size of the bottles will be greatly appreciated by the sick and afflicted in every town and village in civilized countries. Saveable bottles for 10 cents each, the same size.