

CORRESPONDENCE. We invite correspondence from all sections on subjects of local and other interests. With each letter the name and address of the sender is required, especially if sent for publication.

MINING IN OREGON. The late decision of Judge Sawyer of the United States court granting a perpetual injunction against working hydraulic mines on the rivers and tributaries emptying into the Bay of San Francisco, has compelled capital to look for new fields. Hydraulic mining has always proved profitable and the idle capital must find employment. There has of late been a disposition on the part of hydraulic miners, to examine and expert the placer deposits of Southern Oregon. These placer diggings have, for the past 30 years, been worked in an unsystematic and unscientific way, and even with crude appliances and unskillful management, have yielded handsome fortunes. This has at last been acknowledged by the California miners, and Southern Oregon will shortly commence on an unprecedented era of prosperity.

The past few days, a couple of mining experts have been thoroughly doing this section of the country; have prospected the gravel banks thoroughly with pan and rocker, and although very careful and guarded in their expressions, we have gleaned sufficient to know that they are thoroughly pleased with their visit.

The natural advantages, such as large volumes of water, and the immense timber tracts of this section, have thoroughly aroused them. They say, and say it knowingly, that with the advantage of such water privileges, ground could have been worked in California that would have yielded five cents per car, and made to pay a handsome profit at that. The hydraulic miners of California had obstacles to contend with that would have paralyzed the stoutest heart: bringing water 50 and 60 miles through flumes and ditches through an unbroken wilderness, land and snow-slides to contend with, natural laws and obstacles to overcome. They developed an energy and perseverance that has not been equalled in any other trade or profession, or by any type of men. They have invented and perfected gold-saving appliances until no further improvement is possible. The engineering necessary to the successful working of placer mines, to them easy, appalls some of the best foreign engineers. Southern Oregon should hail the advent of such men with delight. They will be able to make the most of the many natural advantages of this section, and the immense gravel banks will melt away before their well directed streams, and yield their golden harvest which will swell the taxable property of Josephine county, furnish thousands of its citizens employment, and result in the country being thickly settled up.

As our late visitors remarked, hydraulic and quartz mining is a sealed book to most of our citizens. We don't know the extent of our gravel banks, or anything regarding their golden contents. The old river channels buried beneath rim rocks and debris, cannot be found or located by novices. It requires perseverance and a knowledge born of experience to find them. But sufficient work has been done on many of our gravel banks to make a showing of what may be reasonably expected; and the experts lately here, who were the guests of Kerby M. & Co., and were kindly and hospitably entertained by our genial friend, Mr. Wm. Coker, visited the extensive properties of this company situated on the west side of the Illinois river, and after thoroughly testing the gravel, expressed great surprise that sufficient water was not procured to work all year round, as the outlay required for this purpose was fully warranted by the richness and extent of the gravel deposits. On being informed by Mr. Coker that the company owned extensive water privileges on Sucker creek, they visited the creek to determine on its supply, and were still more surprised to find that an unlimited supply could be procured

by a short ditch of 10 miles. In addition to furnishing the mines with an abundant supply of water, a ditch can be made to irrigate thousands of acres of land that only requires irrigation to make it as productive as any land in the eastern states. The equibleness of the climate and the deep rich soil of this neighborhood, are a sufficient guarantee that any and all fruits and grasses yield unflinching crops.

After inspecting the mines of the Kerby Mining & Milling Co., the experts crossed over to the east side of the Illinois river where our friend Mr. N. Delamatter's mines are situated. Although these experts subjected this ground to the severest test, taking gravel from the most unlikely spots and places, they were unable to find a pan that did not give from one to fifty colors. Leaving the camp to inspect Sucker creek, they went to Kerbyville, and at the urgent solicitation of Mr. Delamatter, enjoyed the hospitality of his house and home. The drive and exercise gave zest to their appetites, and they did full justice to the sumptuous meal set before them by Mrs. Delamatter. The gentlemen from California were profuse in their thanks, impressed with the future of the country and with the citizens who provided and entertained them so royally, they were loth to leave, and promised a speedy return.

Josephine county possesses the best marble on the Pacific coast. We have here within a few miles of Grants Pass, several grades of rock ranging from white to black marble. Claims have recently been located on Williams creek where superior white marble has been found. At Chaney creek, claims have been located on green and black marble ledges. In a very short time these quarries will be worked, and we believe, will prove a great benefit to the county. Every industry started up, means the employment of so many men. Every man employed here, means so many dollars to the grocer, the tailor, the dry-goods man, etc. Grants Pass must reap a benefit from every acre of land taken up and every claim located.

Many thanks to our numerous exchanges for their kindly notices of our welcome. Nothing is gained by the prostitution of the columns of newspapers to abuse and mud-slinging. Such a course is not only injurious to the journal indulging in it, but has a vitiating tendency upon the readers. It will be our policy to treat rival newspapers with journalistic courtesy, and we believe our contemporaries will reciprocate. The interests of Southern Oregon demand all our space, and we intend that it shall be devoted to the furtherance of that interest.

Dramatic. It is with much pleasure that we report an entertainment so successful and meritorious as was that of the G. P. dramatic club, which took place on Friday evening of last week. The audience was as large as the hall could accommodate and everyone was pleased and delighted with the performance. The singing of Miss Parish was a rare treat to the people of this city and she richly deserved the applause which greeted her every appearance. The lady has an excellent voice, rare taste in expression and enjoys the advantages which cultivation alone can impart. In her way Miss Scriber was as perfect as her associate and recited with true feeling. She possesses a good voice, speaks in a very distinct enunciation, has an easy and graceful delivery and carries her audience with her from the start. The local quartette sang very acceptably and received well deserved applause.

The play itself was all that had been predicted, and we must congratulate the club on the proficiency its members have attained. Amateur theatricals can rarely compare with such as we witnessed on this occasion. The get-up of the different characters was excellent and the acting true to life. Where all did so well it would be invidious to make distinctions and we shall not attempt to criticize. The ladies however are to be particularly commended for the charming manner in which they filled their roles. The orchestra also deserves praise for the excellent music provided. All taken together, it was the best amateur performance we have ever listened to, and we believe we echo the sentiments of the people when we say: let us have more of these entertainments.

After the entertainment the hall was cleared and the devotees to the terpsichorean art enjoyed a pleasant time tripping the light fantastic to the delightful strains of the orchestra.

Ellensburg Trail. A communication received from Mr. A. N. Crook, of Pistol river, Curry county, urges the appointment of a joint committee of the citizens of Josephine and Curry counties, for the purpose of discussing and arranging for the proposed new road between Grants Pass and Ellensburg. Mr. Crook says: "I have favored this proposition and feel confident that our people will meet you halfway. We are in real need of thoroughfares in this county, and are straining every nerve to open a trail from Port Orford to Chetco on a wagon-road grade, and expect to complete it this season."

He favors establishing a mail route, and seeking state aid for the completion of the road. This proposed road will prove mutually beneficial to Grants Pass and Ellensburg. This would be a most convenient point for Ellensburg shippers to reach the railway, and the road would be another feeder for the business of Grants Pass. We hope our citizens will not let this matter drop until it has been accomplished.

The Polk county Itemizer reports a supposed case of hydrophobia. Some two months since the 9 year old daughter of F. D. Hellery, who resides near Willamina was bitten by a dog, which was immediately killed. Since then the child has been gradually falling off, and she is now afflicted with periodical fits, and Dr. Fields of Sheridan, thinks it is hydrophobia, as all the symptoms of that terrible disease are present.

If you wish to restore the bloom to your wasted cheek, and so improve your health that plumpness and strength will success emanation and debility, purify your blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This remedy will benefit you more surely and speedily than any other.

Notice to the Public. BY Virtue of the Sale of the COURIER Printing plant, all unpaid subscriptions now owing, are payable to Mr. A. A. Worth, also all unpaid advertising from June 1st, 1887. W. J. WIMER.

Music Lessons. PROF. SUTTMER, is now prepared to give Private Lessons upon the FLUTE, VIOLIN, PIANO, ORGAN, Or any Brass Instrument. For particulars, enquire at this office. 17-22-1m

GRANTS PASS BARBER SHOP - AND - BATH ROOMS! Messrs. COBURN & PRESLEY Would announce to the public that they have fitted up in connection with their Tonsorial business

Hot and Cold Baths. PRICES MODERATE, and Satisfaction Guaranteed. 7-22-3m MAIN STREET, next door to Bakery

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Administrator's Notice. In the matter of the Estate of M. A. Chapman, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Josephine County, Oregon, as Administrator of said Estate, and will hold office at the residence of M. A. Chapman, deceased.

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Brick! Brick!! Brick!!! Cheaper than the Cheapest, - - - D. W. HARDIN'S BRICK YARD. - All kinds of - MASONRY WORK Promptly and neatly executed. 40-1

SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, and for the County of Josephine Lucy Blackwood, Plaintiff, vs. William H. Blackwood, Defendant. Suit in Equity for Divorce. To William H. Blackwood, the above named defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit in the office of the Clerk of said Court, in which Lucy Blackwood is plaintiff, and you, William H. Blackwood, is defendant, on or before the first day of the next term of said Circuit Court, to-wit: the first day of August, 1887. And if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint, default will be taken against you, and for want of an answer, the plaintiff will apply to said Court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: For a decree dissolving the marriage contract heretofore had and existing between the said plaintiff and you, the defendant, and for the custody and care of the children now and hereafter to be born of said plaintiff, and for judgment against you in costs and disbursements (if any) incurred by said plaintiff. Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, this 15th day of July, 1887. By order of the Court, Judge dated 15-21-1

Smith and Wagon Shop - AND - TOWN LOTS FOR SALE IN UGLENIA. Desiring to go to Germany on business, I offer for sale at low rates, my shops, stock on hand, tools or with two lots upon which the shops are located. Also, one acre of ground favorably located for residence. Call on or address MIKE FORMAN, 15-21-1

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Thanking the public and my many customers for their patronage in the past, I can now make it to their Advantage to Call on me Before Purchasing Elsewhere. GEO. W. RIDDLE, TREES! TREES! TREES! Hammon Bros.' Nurseries, PHENIX, Oregon, and OAKLAND, California.

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P. Barry Pear-The best late shipping variety. Muir Peach, (Gwenton), still leads the list. Kelsey's Cling, the exoner's pride. Kelsey's Japan Plum, has no peer. Robo de Sargent Prune, never before offered in Oregon. It is this which, in a dried state, forms the celebrated prune D'Esco. (French Conserve). Berkeley Gooseberry, the most profitable of them all. Langsdorfer, King's, Soft Shell and Paper Shell Almonds. LARGE STOCK SHADE and ORNAMENTAL TREES. Evergreens, shrubs, roses, clematis and flowering plants, small fruits, grape vines, etc., etc. Before purchasing elsewhere, parties intending to plant trees will find it to their interest to come and see our stock and learn our prices. Catalogues mailed gratis upon application. Address all communications to HAMMON BROS., Phenix, Jackson county, Oregon. 31-1

SHERER & JUDSON, DEALERS IN Hard-ware, Stoves and Tin-ware. 6th St., between Main and H, Grants Pass, Or. Have the Largest and most Complete Stock in their line in Southern Oregon, which they will sell AS LOW AS THE LOWEST. AGENTS FOR THE CELEBRATED

Studebaker Farm Wagons, Hacks, Buggies, J. I. Case, and Canton Clipper Riding and Walking Plows. The World Renowned BISSELL Chilled Plows, ACME HARROWS, VICTOR WIND MILLS, Autocrat Wood Force Pumps, And all goods handled by STAYER & WALKER, - Including the EMPIRE MOWERS, REAPERS and BINDERS HYDRAULIC PUMPS and GIANTS Furnished on short notice. We cordially invite you to examine our goods and prices before purchasing.

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BOOTS and SHOES, DRY GOODS, and FANCY GOODS, to be found in a First-Class store, which I will sell VERY LOW FOR CASH, OR MARKETABLE PRODUCE. See me before purchasing elsewhere. L. VANCE.

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Spring and Summer Goods!! CHEAPER THAN EVER! Fancy Goods and kinds, sold at RED-ROCK PRICES. Summer Silks, 55 cts. per yard. Lawns, 55 cts. per yard. Other goods in proportion. I will not be Under Sold. J. W. HOWARD. 6-24-1

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NEW FURNITURE STORE! A. J. SEDGE, Main St., (bet. 4th and 5th) Grants Pass. - Has just opened a New - FURNITURE STORE Where will be kept on hand and for sale all kinds of - Furniture, Bedding, Picture Frames, Brackets, Etc., Etc. Door-Frames, Window-Frames, Brackets Etc., made to order. Special attention given to UNDERTAKING. Repairing and all kinds of work in my line neatly and promptly executed. - ALSO -

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