

The legal fraternity of Grants Pass is to be congratulated.

The people of Grants Pass pay out \$100 each month to their marshal and street commissioner and in return do not get service in our judgment, equal to \$10 in value.

The Fine Needle Factory will double its start up before a great while. The company now has a man of business ability who is looking after its affairs, and we are assured that all will be well ere long. This company has had considerable trouble lately, but the fault was in the poor management of former foremen.

The Corcoran under its present management has acquired a reputation for being conservative upon all subjects of which it sees fit to treat. We are satisfied with this reputation, for it is our desire to treat all subjects fairly and to exaggerate none. No man will receive abuse at our hands, but false principles and bad conduct before the public, must receive attention. And to those who think we do not speak as often and as loud as we should, we would say, that it requires more moral stamina and backbone under some circumstances to keep still than it does to speak out.

Captain General Romeo Blanco who was governor-general of the Philippine Islands from 1895 will succeed butler Weyler in Cuba. Weyler giving up his post in Cuba is a death struggle in which he is going to die hard but in time has come, for Sagasta infers him that a change of policy is necessary and with it a change of officials that the authorities may be one with the ministry. Weyler has made money on a large scale in Cuba, though it is not supposed for a moment that he made it honestly. General Blanco will bring with him to Cuba 20,000 recruits for the army, but it is thought that he will be instructed to treat with the insurgents. Blanco is represented as a man of a tender heart while Weyler is known to have a heart of stone.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Last Monday morning about 9 o'clock one John A. Walters, who keeps the corner saloon in this city, committed assault and battery upon the person of Rev. Robert McLean, pastor of the Presbyterian church, because of an article which appeared in the columns of the News, an amateur paper published by Rev. McLean's son. The article in question mentioned no name but Walters could not help but know from the manner in which he is now conducting himself that the shoe fitted him to perfection, and hence he betook himself to such a course as is the outgrowth of such conduct. Were the article not true in substance, he should have appealed to the law for redress, but he must have realized that there was no hope for him in that direction, and therefore he grossly violated the law that as a citizen it is his duty to uphold.

It is not a question, as some few would like to make it, of McLean against Walters personally, but it is a question wherein law, order and principle are involved; it is not a question, as perhaps some few would like to make it, of the church against the saloon, but it has become a question of whether the law abiding, decent and respectable people of this town are going to rule, or whether the gross immorality, which has taken deep root in the city and is daily flouted in the face of public decency, is to be the monarch on the throne.

If Mr. Walters by his conduct lately has not made himself a subject for newspaper criticism, we fail to see why not, when one of the functions of a respectable sheet is to uphold public decency and denounce everything that corrupts us at home and gives us a bad name abroad. Has any man in this town, or in any other town, who has a wife and children living in the community, the right to associate publicly, whenever and wherever he sees fit, with a woman who has the reputation of being immoral, and has the editor of a paper, or any one else who wishes to do so, no right to publicly tell the community what is going on? A pretty Pass it would be indeed were all men in the town to follow such an example and not even a feeble voice to say stop. The Corcoran editor has no personal grudge in the matter, but there is a sacred principle involved, and in order to foster this principle and to lend a hand in overthrowing the opposite principle, he feels compelled at this moment to speak the truth plainly that the gravity of the case may be known. And if the editor in this, what he believes to be his painful duty, should violate any law in the city or state, then he should suffer the penalty before the law. The fact that the statutory law and city ordinances have been repeatedly violated in this town, no one can truthfully deny; the fact that the city council has repeatedly instructed the marshal to enforce the laws, and yet the laws have not been properly enforced, no one can truthfully deny, and further, the fact that Grants Pass, unless there is a change from the present downward tendency, will get a very bad reputation abroad, no one can deny. Men and women, loyal citizens, need we give you a detailed, itemized account of the corruption you can not help but see? No, we have heard the voice of many of the best citizens in this town and they have spoken in words that mean something, and we must our guess if there is not a radical change in a short time. You have laws, see to it that they are strictly enforced or else turn out every official who will not do his duty.

Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic is a perfect Malarial Liver Tonic and Blood purifier. Removes Bitterness without purging. As pleasant as Lemon Syrup. It is as large as any Dollar tonic and retails for 50c. To get the genuine ask for Grove's!

Small precautions often prevent great mischiefs. The Witt's Little Early Risers are very small pills in size, but are most effective in preventing the most serious forms of liver and stomach troubles. They cure constipation and headache and regulate the bowels—W. F. Kremer

Merlin Happenings.

Bert Davis is reported as being quite sick at his farm near Merlin.

Miss Josie Cross and Miss Mollie Newley visited in our midst last Sunday.

Mr. Kramer, of Myrtle Creek, was a south bound passenger Monday morning.

Mr. Whittington and Miss Addie Robertson drove down to Gold Hill last Sunday.

Xrs Woodard, of Applegate, is visiting with her many friends in our vicinity this week.

School will begin Monday next. Mr. J. D. Hayes and wife will again train the young ideas of Merlin.

Mrs. Alice Rogers came up from California Sunday to visit with her mother, Mrs. Banister, for a time.

Rev. Pace of the Baptist church of Grants Pass, preached at the school house Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Enyart and Mr. Burnett, two of our most enthusiastic fishermen, hooked about fifty pounds last Sunday.

Mr. Edd Jordan left for Cottage Grove last week, where he goes to work this winter. His family will soon join him.

Mr. Cameron returned to his home at Jacksonville last Friday morning, after assisting Mr. Ennis in catching quite a number of fine fish near Galice. Mr. Ennis is still catching 'em.

We are informed that D. W. Mitchell contemplates a visit with his family at Twin Lakes, Calif., along about Thanksgiving. Chas. Lauld will look after his business during his absence.

Williams Items.

Miss Emma Harper is visiting friends on Williams creek.

Grant Topping of Applegate came over to the sawmill last week.

David John attended the dance at Rose's hall last Friday night.

Prof. Savage made a flying trip to Missouri Flat last Friday evening.

Perry Metcalf came down from Medford last week to visit his father.

A. L. Chapman has gone to California, where he has a position secured. Mr. C. is an excellent mechanic.

Henry Pfaff and wife will move to Medford soon to make that their future home.

Fred Rose, who has been at Lakewood for several months, returned to his home last week.

J. F. Sparlin and wife are the proud possessors of a fine new son who arrived some time ago.

C. C. Sumner has gone to Roseburg to visit his sister, whom he has not seen for a number of years.

The funeral sermon of Mrs. O. M. Knox was preached last Sunday at the Baptist church by Rev. Harper.

Jeff Lindsey is moving his household goods to the farm of Henry Pfaff, which he has rented for the coming season.

Rev. Mr. Huff preached at the "Kendy Chapel" last Sunday. Mr. H takes

the place previously occupied by Rev. C. E. Kirk.

Misses Mollie and Gertrude John returned last week from Portland, after having attended the exposition and visited friends.

Dr. DeBar was called to Williams last Monday to see Mr. J. O. Metcalf, who was then quite sick, but is now much improved. Con.

Hugo Items.

Miss Alice Osborne attended the S. P. office at Leland Thursday.

Miss Mary Tripplett has gone to Ashland to attend the Normal school this winter.

Miss Ethel Bolden who is attending school in Grants Pass, visited her parents at Hugo, Saturday.

Miss Carrie Farr returned to her home in Grants Pass last Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Judge Crockett.

Mr. Frank Nida arrived at Hugo Friday night from Grants Pass where he had been attending court the past two weeks.

A young man of this neighborhood was on Thursday's train bound for Grants Pass to consult the county clerk. (she had already given her consent.)

The Hugo school under the management of Miss Carrie Farr of Grants Pass closed a very successful term of ten weeks, last Friday. Miss Farr is one of the best teachers of Josephine county as the parents in this district can testify. Our children learned very rapidly. Parents, we do not visit our school as often as we should. More encouragement to the teacher along this line will be much to our advantage.

Galice Creek Items.

The mining outlook for Galice is brighter than ever.

Galice is getting in on the ground floor in the mining line.

The Green Harmon ditch is almost completed and rich ground will soon be worked.

Al Cousins, of Portland, Or., is here and making preparations to mine his claim, Galice creek.

Miners on Galice creek are meeting with varied success. The largest nugget taken out recently weighed \$50.50.

Messrs. Ennis and Cameron have been getting in full time at angling, letting but few fish, large or small, escape.

Mr. Cope's ditch, four miles in length, will be out at day's work, a number of men being already engaged and others will be put on.

Marion Veatch will have his ditch completed soon, taking water out of the right fork of Galice creek with which to work Blanchard gulch.

Three expert miners arrived here from British Columbia this week and have been looking over the field with the view of purchasing quartz or placer mines.

A number of our residents contemplate starting for Alaska early in the spring. Several members of the Galice Packers' Association will join the stampede, I

trust.

C. M. TERRELL.

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LEADERS OF LOW PRICES.

I notice that in my last appeared an item extolling De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, which at first glance caused me to think that I had been bewitched when making up my last dose of items. The soreness was taken out of my feelings after reading the local in full.

Jesse Cope, who lately purchased the Nichols and adjoining mining property, arrived from California this week and is busily making arrangements to put water on the ground and otherwise fitting up for the coming season. Mr. Cope is to be congratulated on securing such valuable property.

The Galice Creek Pedro Club, with headquarters at Mr. Towner's, has recently been organized and there will be some red hot games during the coming long, cold nights. Not to be beaten out of this city, will import a police club with which to knock the trumps out of the Pedro club.

A debate as to how full a man is after taking seven straight whiskies took place between two of our residents four days before full moon. One contended that if a man imagined that he was worth \$15,000.00 after imbibing seven straight he was somewhat mixed in his ideas. The other said that when a man in promiscuous the streets after guzzling seven attempted to pick up a knot hole from the sidewalk he was in condition to be laid away in a box stall. The subject in Galice being a dry one the meeting adjourned until the next June election. P.K.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. meet the first Friday in every month at the Baptist church in Grants Pass. Every body is cordially invited to attend. Officers: President, Mrs. Belle Jenkins; recording secretary, Mrs. Clara Brownell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Nina Hart; man, treasurer, Mrs. Alma Terrell. Our motto: "For God and Home and Every Land."

Whose Business Is It? "If a man wants to drink, that is his own business," says the saloon apologist. But a contemporary, in the following combination of actual occurrences, shows that drinking becomes the business of several other persons: When Roy Poland and Coon Parker were drinking in Hedon, Ala., last Saturday night, and in their spree ran a car of the Southern Railroad off the switch and out on the main track down the grade, 'til it stopped on a high trestle, it became the Southern Railroad's "business."

And when a loaded freight train came along and rushed into the car, causing a \$10,000 wreck, destroying the business of a great many merchants and shippers, as well as the railroad.

And when three dead bodies were dug out from under the wreck, it became the business of some wives and orphans.

And when the taxpayers are called upon to support the families whose natural providers have thus been suddenly taken away, it will become the business of several other people.

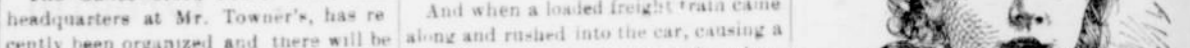
One man's drinking often becomes the business of several hundreds or thousands of people, and the man who cannot perceive this fact ought to be sent at once to an institution for the education of the feeble minded.

They Are Coming. A father started for his office early one morning after a light fall of snow. Turning, he saw his two year old boy endeavoring to put his tiny feet in his own great overalls. The little fellow shouted, "Daddy, I've come in, papa. Use combi' right in ure tracks." He caught the baby darning in his arms and carried him to his mother and started again for his office. His habit had been to keep on the way at a tavern for a glass of liquor. As he stood upon the threshold of the saloon he seemed to hear a sweet voice say, "Go on, I've come in, papa. Use

combi' right in ure tracks." He stopped, he hesitated, he looked the future squarely in the face. "I cannot afford to make any tracks I would be ashamed to have my boy walk in," he said, decisively, and turned away.

Sadie Steward

OF KINGSTON, N. Y. Cured of Spasms by Dr. Miles' Nerve.



Many cases of spasms, St. Vitus' dance and epilepsy that Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve has cured, would alone give this great remedy wide reputation. Mrs. Walter A. Steward, 77 Broadway, Kingston, N. Y., says March 3, 1897: "In 1884, while on a visit to friends our little girl was taken with spasms. We hastened home to our family physician. He did all he could but failed. We called several physicians but the spasms continued, her tongue became partially paralyzed and the doctors said she would never talk again. Night and day she suffered and we watched the poor little sufferer and tried every remedy we saw advertised for such cases but got no relief. We began giving Dr. Miles' Nerve, and after taking four bottles she was running about as well and happy as ever."

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