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The secretary of the treasury has issued a circular letter to employees which is full of good common sense. The letter provides that clerks who receive stated salaries must pay debts contracted for the necessary support of themselves and families, or else give a good reason for not doing so, failing to do which they will be discharged.

The Chetco feud is unlike one that occurred in the state of Louisiana not long ago. In that state there were four persons engaged in a trouble and when it was over four graves were needed instead of lawyers, judges and juries, while at Chetco many were engaged in the feud, but only one of them killed. In the latter case there will be much work for the legal fraternity and for the courts, but the people will have to pay the taxes to support this drama.

The Morning Tribune of Portland says: "Of course Portland's new federal building must be built of first-class stone, and it is for the government experts to say, after a thorough and fair examination, whether Oregon has sufficiently good stone." Carloads of good building stone from Southern Oregon have been shipped to Portland and there are plenty of it left. It is our opinion that the government would better inspect some of our building stone before the contract is let for that federal building.

Technicalities in the law have stayed the execution of Theodore Durrant thus far, but the delay of justice by such means may rebound upon some criminal in the future, who will be compelled to forfeit his life at the hands of an angry mob. Such proceedings lay the foundation for mob violence, which may be stayed by the speedy enforcement of the laws. It is a sad thing for the state to take even the life of a murderer who has been found guilty by courts and juries, but much sadder that an individual takes the lives of innocent girls.

The educational centers of Oregon and California seem to be more interested over the science or art of football than over the science of philosophy. Both states have just had match games in which there was great interest taken. A game of football for exercise and for sport is very interesting for the players and those who are looking on. It is usually a rough and tumble game in which there may be more or less science, but those who come out of a well played game without being hurt, have their clothes torn, faces and hands dirty, and

looking as though they had passed through a Kansas cyclone. President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University, characterizes this as being elevating, refining. A system of sport for school children and college students is necessary, for 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,' but when professor and students are so deeply engrossed in amusement, that they neglect the important work of the school, then they have gone too far in their sports.

The Mining Journal came out in a new dress suit of type last week which adds to its appearance.

It is estimated that 500,000 people will cross the Rocky mountains coming west in the spring. Many of these will be bound for the Klondike but a great many of them will find homes on the Pacific slope, while a great many more of them will sooner or later return to the land from whence they came. The advance guard must have started sometime ago as Grants Pass has received quite a number already. Let them come, the more the merrier.

Americanized and native born Chinese are going to appeal to congress at this session, asking that the law of 1882 be repealed and that they be granted the right of suffrage. The leading Chinese in Chicago are especially prominent in the work. They have organized the "Chinese Equal Rights League of America." Wong Chin Foo, the president said: "We want Illinois, the place that Lincoln, Grant and Logan called their home, to do for the Chinese what the North did for the Negro. Why should we have a voice in municipal and national affairs like other foreigners? Those who wish to become voters have been living in this city from 10 to 40 years. Their financial and social interests are all here and they have learned to love America better than they did the old country. They have acquired American habits, which have rendered their residence in China almost impossible. The situation has now come to a stage where we must ask for our rights."

Superstition, ignorance and, in part, maliciousness, has gotten poor China into trouble again. Scarcely have they settled one trouble until another arises. This time two Roman Catholic missionaries were killed by a mob incited to violence by Li Ping Hing, governor of the province of Shantung. Li Ping Hing had received an appointment by his government to another province, but before leaving Shantung he evidenced his hatred for the missionaries by provoking his countrymen to violence. In the other case the German minister to China and the captain of a gunboat had been assaulted by a mob at Wuchang in the province of Hoopoe. The German government on receipt of the news dispatched her nearest vessels of war to demand redress, which will be forthcoming. China cannot well avoid these mobs by her ignorant subjects, and therefore she will have the pleasure of constantly settling indemnities demanded by other governments.

MARK'S ELECTION UNCERTAIN.

In the recent campaign in Ohio it was understood by the Republicans that Mark Hanna would be their choice for the United States senate in case they had a majority in the state legislature. From present indications it would appear that Mark is going to have the same difficulty to contend with that caused John H. Mitchell some sleepless nights in this state last winter. If the legislature of Ohio should organize and take a joint ballot for senator, there is little doubt but what Hanna would be the choice of the Republican party, which has a majority on joint ballot.

The program on foot is a scheme to beat Hanna by refusing to organize the legislature, i.e., the senate branch of the legislature. It was a disgrace to the state of Oregon, long to be remembered, that the people were compelled to behold such a drama as occurred at Salem last winter.

The voters of the state elected legislators whose duty it was when the proper time came, to organize and proceed to business, but this was not done by the lower House, and the charge may be justly laid at the door of members of the three political parties, for members of each party refused to organize and enter upon their work as the people expected they would do if elected.

Republicans, Democrats and Populists seem to find satisfaction in condemning each other, when the real truth of the business is, all three of them are more or less to blame.

In our opinion, Mitchell was not the man to represent the people of Oregon in the United States senate, but if a majority of the legislature in joint session had said by their votes that they wanted him, then the minority should have submitted, however distasteful the dose may have been.

It is reported that the Democratic legislators in Ohio are going to prevent their organization of the senate, and thereby prevent the election of Hanna. Hanna may be very distasteful to them, doubtless, but that cannot justify a refusal to organize, and the political party that will work upon such a basis, deserves defeat in that particular instance. It is blocking legislation; it is the minority practically ruling by preventing the majority from accomplishing anything; it is contrary to Democratic principles, so sacred to the American people, that a minority should rule. Precedents of this kind, unless there is a change, will be many in a few years. It reminds us of the story of the man, who, when his son was about starting west, gave him this advice: My son, when you are out west, make money, make it honestly if you can, but if you cannot make it honestly, make money. The same principle seems to prevail between parties. Beat the other side, do it fairly if you can, but if you cannot do it fairly, beat the other side anyway, regardless of the principle involved.

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DAVID.

There was a sound of joy the other night when the Grants Pass young people had gathered then. Her beauty and her chivalry, and bright The light shone o'er fair women and brave men.

But hush! hark! A sharp sound strikes like a fired gun. Did you not hear it? No, 'twas but the shooting of pistols on the street.

On with the dance, let joy be unconfined. It is said that when David heard the report of the guns in the direction of the mine factory, he went stalking forth from the saloon corner, not with a sling and pebbles, but with a pistol, to the corner where he last three innocent men.

He demanded of them: "Where is the ————?" I will shoot the ————. The three gentlemen were considerably excited to see David act thus, but on investigation they found to their satisfaction that David, instead of having put pebbles into his sling, had filled his bread basket with liquor, which was causing a hallucination in his mind. If the three gentlemen had applied the X Ray they could have seen the liquor, perhaps, but seeing is not always sufficient evidence in court, tasting would be proof, but there now we will be compelled to wait until Edison or someone else invents a telegraphoscope instrument and then the Law and Order League will make David's throne to tremble and his followers to say, "Oh David! David! Why wast thou caught?"

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Get Ready to Laugh. Every body will be delighted to learn that Alva Heywood, the prince of comedians, whose marvelous ability to impersonate, whose funny topical songs, bright witty sayings and sweet singing have established as a prime favorite with amusement seekers, will appear here at the opera house, December 1, 1897.

Hoe Cake wrappers are worth a cent apiece in valuable articles—B. & M.

The Courier Man at Pleasant Creek. "Hello! Hello! Hax! What's the matter with you fellows? Come out and give a man a lift." That's what Lee Calvert was calling in his biggest voice, about six o'clock last Wednesday evening.

He was unitching his horse just outside the bunkhouse of the Pleasant Creek Mining Co., near the head of Pleasant creek.

There was a rush for the door, and all hands, except the cook, began helping unhitch. Somebody brought a lantern, and "the boys" made a run for the bunkhouse to see what Lee had brought, when "Jim" discovered a wire mattress and a feather bed. That was where the trouble began.

Taking a wire mattress and a feather bed into a mining camp is a serious matter, and apt to cause trouble, especially when it's the only one in camp. Of course every man in camp, including

Lee, felt that he was entitled to the new bunk. So, after debating, the all important question till all were sleepy enough to "turn in" the Couriers man, who had arrived in camp only a short time ahead of Lee, was appointed a committee of one, to decide who should occupy the couch of honor, which he did, and never slept better in his life.

The next morning, Messrs. J. D. Stevens and Lee Calvert showed the U. M. over the property of the new Pleasant Creek Company.

The mine is a consolidation of the mines formerly owned by Messrs. J. D. Stevens and J. C. Calvert, and the ground adjoining it on the south, known as the George Leeson mine.

The former consists of ninety acres of red porphyry lying on the west side of Pleasant creek. The gravel in this mine is principally a decomposed wash, ranging in depth from eight to twenty-five feet. This dirt carries "gold from the grass roots." The gold is coarse quartz gold, nuggets varying in weight from twenty-five cents to twenty dollars, are found, and the finest of the gold is so coarse as to be easily saved.

There is ample dump, and a good water right. A mile and a half of ditch, carrying five hundred inches of water, with a pressure of a hundred and fifty feet, gives plenty of water to run one No. 2 giant with an eleven-inch pipe.

This mine was first worked in 1894, by Messrs. Call & Hyde, who ground sliced the first winter. The following winter they put on an eight-inch pipe, and a No. 1 giant, and with this equipment, worked the mine profitably, until the fall of '96, when Mr. Hyde sold his interest to J. C. Calvert, of Grants Pass, who with Mr. Call worked the mine last winter. Last June J. D. Stevens, of Jacksonville, bought Mr. Call's interest and he and Mr. Calvert fitted the mine up with an eleven-inch pipe and No. 2 giant. They also enlarged the ditches and built a large reservoir, and were ready for winter rains.

About this time Messrs. Ed Lister and Lee Calvert bought the George Leeson mine, consisting of a hundred and ten acres which joins the above property on the south. Their purchase was consolidated with the property of Stevens & Calvert forming the Pleasant Creek Mining Company.

The gravel in the Leeson mine, is a heavy channel wash, carrying heavy smoo-gold, which is not so coarse as that in the other mine, but has been spoken of as "the prettiest gold in Jackson county."

These properties will probably be worked this winter with one giant, although water could be had to run two.

The ditches are all complete, and pipping will begin with the next rain.

Mr. Stevens informs the Courier man that the one thing lacking about the mine is a cook, but there is where we disagree with him, for Mr. S. "slings grub that is simply out of sight in a very short time." The C. M. hopes to have the pleasure of accepting a very cordial invitation to repeat his visit in the near future.

Immediately adjoining the Pleasant Creek Co. is the 20 acre claim of Smith Bros. The owners are preparing to work the claim this winter with a small giant.

Down the creek a quarter of a mile is the hydraulic mine of Chaney & Reilly. There are 200 acres of ground in this mine and the owners believe they have a good mine. The gravel is heavy, smooth channel wash, carrying smooth, coarse gold.

The present owners have had the property for three years, working it the first two seasons with a ground-slice. Last year they put on a pipe and giant, and made a very satisfactory run. They have an abundant supply of water, which enables them to run from the first of November till the first of July, and occasionally as late as August. The ditch carries 1,000 inches of water, which could be increased to 1,500 inches if water were needed. The mine has been running for about three weeks.

Half a mile below Chaney & Reilly on the west side of the creek, is the 60-acre claim of Richard Collins. The character of this ground is similar to that of the Stevens & Calvert claim, the channel was struck about 200 yards back from the creek at a point where there is a good dump of about 40 feet. Mr. Collins and Simon Simpkins will work the mine this winter with a No. 1 giant.

At the head of Pleasant creek four miles from the end of the wagon road, are the quartz claims of Messrs. Al. Hughes, S. A. Williams, W. B. Borden, E. Z. Baird, and Hamilton & Houston. These claims were located in September 1896, and in April of this year, Messrs. Hughes and Williams began development work on their property.

Mr. Hughes informs me that they have a 21 foot vein of quartz, which, at a depth of fifteen feet runs into a rose quartz. Four assays have been made of this rock averaging about \$150 per ton. These gentlemen intend to work their claims this winter, and will probably put on a few men in the spring to open up the mine.

There should be good quartz in this vicinity, as the quartz wash below is very rich. Messrs. Hughes & Williams are confident that they have the ledge which feeds the rich Pleasant Creek mines.

Pleasant creek, while it is almost unknown to the majority of mining men in Southern Oregon, has been marked for the last 40 or 50 years.

Most of the work was done in the early days, with pick and shovel and rocker. Provisions as well as labor were high in those days, so the ground must have been very rich, or but little of it would have been marked.

That a good deal of work was done, the piles of rock excavations, old ditches etc are there to prove, and that all the rich ground was not worked, is shown by the rich prospects that can be found all along the creek.

Our prediction is that Southern Oregon will hear from Pleasant creek, and that in the near future.

County Court Proceedings.

When the county court last convened the following bills were audited and allowed:

Circuit Court.
Lister & Calvert, taking jury to Coyote creek, \$16.25
G. W. Kearns, dinner for jurymen, 5.75
Jurymen, September term, 601.80
Witnesses, September term, 742.00

Prisoners.
W. H. Fallon, for board, 96.32
Dr. Will Jackson, extracting tooth, 1.50
Mrs. A. R. Garretson, washing, 4.00
W. H. Fallon, guarding jail, 48.00

Bridges and Roads.
G. P. Lumber Co., lumber, 115.04
W. W. Smith, hauling lumber, 4.50
Booth & Kelly, lumber, 46.70
J. M. Chiles, freight on car of lumber, 27.48
W. M. Turner, lumber, Deer creek, 112.63
J. M. Chiles, mds and cash, 5.42
Joseph Wolfe, bolts and spikes, 24.45

Road Viewers.
Joseph Pollock, 3.60
H. C. McIntosh, 3.40
Joseph Nuley, 3.40
Contract to repair Rogue river bridge awarded to Frank L. Smith, \$170.

Road from Leland to Placer ordered. The opened and damages assessed, T. E. Whitaker, \$50; Virginia Asper, \$75. Viewers appointed in accordance with petition of F. G. Burns, Abe Kearns and others, to meet December 1. Sheriff ordered to levy, advertise and sell property of delinquent tax payers of 1896, such advertisement to be given to the lowest bidder; county clerk ordered to issue warrant for such sale to take place January 3, 1898.

PAUPER ACCOUNT.
David Lindsay, boarding and nursing pauper, \$48.25
W. L. Wilkins, nursing pauper, 5.00
J. H. Mellen, supplies for pauper, 6.00
R. L. Coe & Co., goods for pauper, 5.00
Dr. W. E. Kremer, medicine, 35.50
Dr. J. Meyers, dressing Jas Phelps' hand, 2.50

Dr. Meyers, prescription, etc, for P. Kelley, 4.50
T. B. Cornell, mds, 25.00
D. P. Clem & Co., mds, 13.00
Macken Bros, mds, 8.00
G. Karg, board of Peter Van Slack, 39.00
A. Bartlett, mds, 6.00
G. E. Burgess, care of pauper, 12.70
J. W. Hallway, care of pauper, 10.00
E. H. Blackley, care of pauper, 5.25
W. E. Dean, mds, 23.60
Frank L. Smith, mds, 39.00

Dr. J. Meyers, medical attendance on Patrick Kelly, 9.50
Jerome Benson, care of pauper, 284.15
Anno Gremmett, care of pauper, 3.85
Bonzie & Moss, mds, 14.65
Sylvester Ray, burial of pauper Anderson, 20.00
Terrell & Son, burial of three paupers, 36.00
Mrs. H. W. Trefren, provisions, 2.00
Excelsior Livery Stable, teams for jury to poorhouse, 16.75

MISCELLANEOUS.
J. G. Hiatt, stamps, etc, 6.50
J. G. Hiatt, expense to reform school, G. M. Cox, 29.70
Cramer Bros, mds for court house, 2.50
W. H. Freed, work on court house, 1.00
Inquest on body of Ellen Leper, 10.50
Dr. Meyers, coroners fees, 10.00
Remittance of county and school tax disallowed, 5.74
Abe Atwell, fees, State vs Ed Dyles, 10.00

In Meyers, coroners fees, 15.00
Inquest on body of August Labers, 19.50
Lewis Gientner, fees State vs Ed Dyles, 19.50
Jas Holman, justice fees State vs Reymers, 10.00
J. H. Colby, constable fees State vs Reymers, 11.00
Reymers, State vs Reymers, 18.50
Abe Atwell, fees State vs Reymers, 10.00
Constable, fees, State vs Meester, 4.00
Witnesses, State vs Meester, 15.00
Justice fees, G. H. Briggs, 6.75
Justice fees, Orr Brown, State vs Justice fees, 19.25
Justice fees, Jas Holman, State vs Walters, 19.25
Constable fees, J. H. Colby, State vs Walters, 9.75
Witness fees, State vs Walters, 15.50
Abe Atwell, fees, State vs Walters, 5.00
Inquest, H. H. Davis, coroners, 12.00
Dr. J. Meyers, hospital surgeon, 12.00
John Goodell, stamps, etc, 7.50
W. A. Massie, teachers' examinations, 9.00
J. D. Hayes, teachers' examinations, 9.00
J. A. Jeffrey, State vs Foster, supreme court, 29.00
J. H. Hiatt, arrest of E. C. Cornelius, 18.50
T. W. Dillard, arrest and board of E. C. Cornelius, 2.15
B. E. Carter, constable, serving E. C. Cornelius, 18.50
Abe Atwell, State vs G. M. Cox, 2.50
J. G. Hiatt, hire of help on delinquent tax roll, 12.00
Glenn Davis, poor court house and jail, 30.00
T. F. Croxton, salary as commissioner, 12.00
R. P. George, salary as commissioner, 29.00
Guard at the jail dispensed with. Circuit judge requested to call special term of court to re-sentence Foster. Bill of Turner & Hollenbeck, damages to vehicle on county road, disallowed, \$15.

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