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We are informed that the Southern Pacific News Agents are selling cigarettes at the train while stopping at the depot, contrary to a city ordinance. If this be true the marshal will look into the matter at once.

Dispatches announce that when McKenna's place in President McKinley's cabinet is made vacant by that gentleman's promotion to the supreme bench, Governor Griggs of New Jersey, will fill the vacancy and thus be the country's legal adviser.

A tin horn gambler and the proprietor of a saloon in Portland fell out last week over funds they had pilfered from a third party. The result is told in a few words: The proprietor shot the tin horn, Portland is growing under the tenuous administration.

President McKinley's mother is suffering from a paralytic stroke at her home in Canton. The president was called to the bedside of his sick mother but could not remain long on account of urgent business at the Nation's capital. Mrs. McKinley's death is expected at any moment.

An incendiary in Portland seems bent on destroying the city. If it lies in his power to do so. November the 27th, he made eight attempts to start fires but they were discovered before any serious damage was done. Last Saturday he made another attempt, this time on the Columbia dock on the Albina water front. The police are apparently indifferent to what is going on. The moral edition of the Oregonian says that gambling of all kinds is being carried on in the city and the police are cognizant of it. Debauchery of the worst kind, from what this paper says, pervades the city from one end to the other. If one half of what is reported be true, Mayor Penneyer and his band of police should be kicked out of office by the people at the earliest possible moment.

Captain Lees, chief of the San Francisco police force, has begun war on the nickel-in-the-slot machine. He lately ordered that they be drawn from the counters of all saloons and cigar stands. There were many dealers who complied with this demand for a time, but they found that some others did not comply and then their machines were brought out again. Chief Lees had one dealer arrested in order to make a test case of it,

believing beyond doubt that the man would be convicted, but to his surprise the case was thrown out of court, whereupon the captain charges the judge with being a jobber. In California there is a state law against the nickel-in-the-slot machine, while in San Francisco the operators obtain a license from the city to do business. Why the city may license what the state forbids is something that Captain Lees cannot comprehend.

It has been suggested, and may be promoted, to erect a monument to the memory of the late Geo. M. Pullman, either in Chicago or in Washington City. It is recommended as a tribute to the energy and success of a life from a business point of view. He made it possible for many men to have employment to make for themselves homes; his inventive genius gave to the world the now famous Pullman palace car. Already a strong sentiment is manifesting itself through some newspapers against the principle of erecting a monument to a man who made his millions, whether he made them honestly or otherwise. While Pullman was denounced by many as having been tyrannical and oppressive, many a man could, if he would, learn valuable lessons from his life. He had his faults, many of them, for which his enemies cannot cease to abuse him, notwithstanding that he now lies silent in his grave.

A desire for settling international troubles by arbitration seems to be spreading. The latest is that China wants to have her difficulties with Germany settled by arbitration, the arbitrators to be appointed by Belgium and Holland. The German government is not the least backward in asking a full indemnity for the murder of the two missionaries, Nees and Henle, by the Chinese mob. The demands made by the German government are: The discovery and conviction of the murderers of the missionaries Nees and Henle; the punishment of the implicated officials, including the governor of the province of Shan Tung; the reconstruction of the missionary building; the payment of an indemnity of 600,000 taels to the relatives of the victims; the payment of a heavy indemnity to cover the expense of the German naval expedition, and the maintaining of a German force at Kiao Chau bay; the railroad monopoly of the Shan Tung province, and the occupation of Kiao Chau as a German commercial station.

OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

There is no one thing in Josephine county today that should so decidedly attract the attention of taxpayers as the financial condition of the county. A great deal has been said about exorbitant taxes, and each official has had to bear such censure as the people have seen fit to heap upon him, whether he be responsible for any part of it or not. In order that our readers and taxpayers, who are interested in this matter, may know the condition of things since 1893, we give below some figures.

GROSS ASSESSMENT ROLL.	
1891.	Gross assessment, \$1,621,918
1892.	" " " 1,418,586
1893.	" " " 1,343,495
1894.	" " " 1,251,508
1895.	" " " 1,225,240
1896.	" " " 1,194,117
1897.	" " " 1,169,988

INDEBTEDNESS.	
1890.	Outstanding warrants, \$19,667 81
	Estimated interest, 2,360 14
	Resources, 6,129 49
1891.	Outstanding warrants, 42,731 74
	Estimated interest, 5,247 81
	Resources, 12,366 81
1892.	Outstanding warrants, 55,025 99
	Estimated interest, 6,603 19
	Resources, 16,957 08
1893.	Outstanding warrants, 51,318 23
	Estimated interest, 6,158 23
	Resources, 12,348 52
1894.	Outstanding warrants, 57,806 33
	Estimated interest, 6,986 76
	Resources, 16,179 52
1895.	Outstanding warrants, 60,549 40
	Estimated interest, 8,345 81
	Resources, 14,736 89
1896.	Outstanding warrants, 64,504 87
	Estimated interest, 8,596 76
	Resources, 13,952 14
1897.	Outstanding warrants, 63,907 66
	Estimated interest, 7,679 72
	Resources, 10,965 33

One or more surgeons of the National Surgical Institute, 319 Bush St., San Francisco, may be consulted free of charge in reference to any deformity club foot, hip disease &c, paralysis, piles, fistula, chronic diseases and the Puerperal cures of Rupture, at the Josephine Hotel, Grants Pass, Friday Dec. 17, one day only, also at the Medford Hotel, Medford, Saturday, Dec. 18, one day only. For the cure of these specialties this Institute stands unparalleled. The highest reference given.

The above figures will serve to give us the situation in a nutshell. The interest is estimated and the resources were the funds in the hands of the county treasurer at the time the clerk made his reports, also taxes not collected, though considered good. It will be seen that the assessment roll has gradually decreased, until it is, approximately speaking, one-half million dollars less now than in 1891. Either the figures there were exorbitantly high, or now entirely too low. The depressing times since '92 have depreciated property values beyond question, but during the same period there has been an appreciable increase in the amount of property, which ought, in a measure at least, counterbalance the decrease in values. The county's debt has increased as the assessment values have decreased. The population has grown, which necessarily produces a like growth in expenses, but the increase in population has been largely on account of our mines, which has not added, as yet, to any considerable extent to the county's taxable wealth, for the reason that but little of it is taxable.

Since 1892 the county has had more than her quota of very expensive criminal trials, which have added to our burdens. There is no question but what mistakes have been made in the financial management of the county, but under the circumstances as they have existed during this period, the very best financiers could not have prevented the enormous court expenses, but astute business men might have helped more in some other direction. The dilemma has been briefly told—now, what is the remedy? We may be longer in curing the disease than we were in contracting it. As physicians we may agree on the diagnosis, but disagree as to the remedy, yet that some remedy should be applied and that at the earliest possible date is paramount. If we were to suggest bonding the county at a low rate of interest in order to enter upon the cash basis, it would cause some people to have the hysterics, for with them the word bond is synonymous with Wall street and the mere mention of it gives them a chilly sensation. This only possible help to this matter, without farther state legislation, is simply at our best county election, choose as our county financiers, the very best business men, irrespective of party, that it is possible to find. The Coe clan believes that bonding is the thing, but this cannot be done until there is constitutional authority, permitting the taxpayers to vote for it if they like. Capital is seeking investment in this channel and therefore we could bond, at perhaps 4 per cent, enter upon the cash basis, and stop paying really 12 per cent interest. We will discuss this subject at length in the future.

The Curfew Experiment.

The following article we clip from the editorial page of Sunday's Oregonian. The editor must have felt better than usual, and therefore he speaks our truths, which we gladly give our readers in this issue.

Wide attention was called by criminologists a few years ago to the seeming growing tendency toward juvenile misdemeanors of the graver sort, and to the increase of youthful convicts in the various penitentiaries, more especially those of the Western states. Social reformers took the matter up, and, tracing the trouble to its beginning, declared that this was to be found in manifold instances—if not, in deed, universally—in the lack of wholesome parental responsibility of the type that takes cognizance of the outgoings and incomings of boys and girls after night fall. Despairing of impressing parents of the responsibility of the enormity of their sin or omission in this regard, the Boys' and Girls' National Home and Employment Association whose eighth annual convention will be held in Indianapolis on the 14th and 15th of the present month, recommended in 1894 to town and city governments the enactment of an ordinance compelling children and youths under 15 years of age to be housed in their own homes at night after the hour of 9 o'clock in summer and 8 o'clock in winter. In accordance with this recommendation, the "curfew ordinance," so called, was framed and urged upon the attention of municipal authorities of various cities, with such plausibility of reasoning that some 300 towns and cities have in the last two years given it a trial.

The first city to enact such an ordinance was Lincoln, Neb., and among the larger cities that have followed are Omaha, Denver, Pueblo, Kansas City, Des Moines, Topeka, Leavenworth, St. Joseph, Quincy and Evanston, most of which are in localities touched to a greater or less extent by the popular idea which seeks to increase the responsibility of the government and lessen that of the individual.

Mayor Graham, of Lincoln, Neb., says: "The results of the enforcement of the ordinance in reducing crime were a complete surprise, both to the police and city officials. There was a decrease of 75 per cent in arrests of youth for the first month's enforcement of the ordinance. This result has required no increase in our police force. There has been a decided improvement, socially and morally, of the youth, and a pecuniary saving from the falling off in the number of arrests. This seems to be the strictly proper way of reducing crime among youths of the cities of the country."

Superintendent Mallanin, of the Nebraska reform school, supplements this testimony, saying there has been a decided increase in commitments to the reform school where the ordinance has been enforced, while the evidence of the public school teachers of Lincoln is to the effect that boys who formerly, owing to late hours on the streets, were behind their studies, are now in their places promptly, and are on even grade with their classmates.

The testimony of other cities in favor of the ordinance is equally emphatic. That of St. Joseph Mo., is that the curfew ordinance has been an unqualified success there, while at least seven-eighths of the citizens give it their cordial approval and support. It is added that the commitments to the reform school from that city have fallen off 50 per cent since the passage and enforcement of the ordinance. The testimony from Omaha, Denver, Des Moines and Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, is in the same line. Not the slightest trouble in enforcing it has been experienced, the universal statement being that "when 9 o'clock comes the children make it a point to go home."

The remissness of parents in failing to perform a duty, the discharge of which has been thus proven to be an easy matter, is rendered more glaring and reprehensible by this showing. Yet, since there appears to be no way to make careless parents see and feel the enormity of this remissness, and the increasing burden that results from it is added year by year to the levy which crime makes upon community thrift, a measure that has fairly demonstrated its ability to decrease the volume of youthful criminals deserves careful consideration. If parents will not keep their children off the streets, the state will have to do it, rather than let them grow up in idleness and crime. The whole movement forcibly illustrates the growing tendency to fall back upon the state for discharge of duties that nature has laid upon individual man and woman.

Union Temperance Meeting.
There will be a union temperance meeting at the Presbyterian church, Sunday eve, December 12, under the auspices of the Law and Order League,

beginning promptly at 7:45 o'clock. The programme is as follows:
Song..... Male Quartette
Scripture Reading.....
Prayer..... Rev. E. B. Pace
Recitation..... Edna Parker
Paper..... Rev. E. B. Pace
Address..... Rev. E. B. Pace
Song..... Male Quartette
Prayer and Benediction.....

We particularly ask all temperance people to be present. Let us incorporate in our temperance declaration, the practical, propulsive power of beatitudes, fixedness, aggressiveness, and self-sacrificedness. In temperance work its end is the heart's purpose consecrated to God in living service, and that service rendered in behalf of our run-of-the-mill fellow men. Let us add to our list of fixedness, this means an intelligent and discriminating enthusiasm grounded on knowledge and conviction—to say: "I know the legalized saloon is an immoral and unrighteous business, and I will volunteer self loss, for God and Home and Native Land." This will lift up the fallen, Christianize our citizenship, and there will be no more "darkness" in our church pews, no "fear not" in our pulpits, and no rum destroying expediency in our citizenship.

Wolf Creek Items.
A nice nugget at Dave Lehman's, is a girl and weighs 2 1/2 pounds on "Klondike" balances.
This district has the only mines in western Oregon lighted by electricity.
The new school house at Golden completed, excepting a globe, school room, hedge sprout and other necessary furniture.
Coyote creek is to furnish the county another law suit soon. They have a universe for "reporting" gold nuggets, baby buggies and weddings.
Robert and James Baxter have returned to an midst from Baker county, they are two bachelors, good looking, and in love with Miss Josephine Oregon.
Prof. Hamilton being re-elected president of the Miners Association shows conclusively that he is the right man in the place, and able to contend with the various factions, be they populists, democrats, or gold bugs.

Northern Josephine is going to strike the conventions for office this spring and get it or pull house and join Southern Douglas and organize a new county seat and "clique" at Skeddah Creek.
Hoe cake wrappers are worth a cent apiece in valuable articles.—B. & M.
Mrs. L. Jones, and R. Corden of Glendale, and Mrs. Lawler, and Mrs. Goff of Leland were in our city Saturday, on legal business.

This camp is the recipient of a good head of mining water.
Miss Minnie Tufts has completed her school here, giving general satisfaction and has been engaged to teach the spring term, which proves that both Miss Tufts and our directors know a good thing when they see it.

Will Smith is a fixed addition to the merchandise department of the S. P. D. & L. Co. of this place.
"Hanna's" bounteous supplication" has ever supplied a great crop of acorns and fattened the native swine without cost for seed or chop.

Thomas Conitas has returned, but has not made up his mind as to whether he will enter the race for justice of the peace in the spring election, or not.

Merlin Happenings.
Charles Crow, left for Portland one night last week, where he will enter the business college.
George Simpkins who works in Dahlberg's bridge carpenter gang, came to Merlin Friday night and spent a day or so with his family, who live near here.

W. W. Benson who is attending the S. P. D. & L. Co.'s business during the week, is on the freight train Saturday night to spend Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Jordan has been on the sick list for the past few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan went to Wolf creek on Tuesday's freight.
Mrs. G. Cockett of Tunnel 9, and sister, Mrs. B. Williams, were shopping in Grants Pass last Saturday.

Mrs. George Smith went to Cottage Grove Saturday evening to join her husband who is employed in the Booth-Kelly mill at that place.

Two mining men from Napa, Cal., have been looking at mines in our vicinity for the past week.
D. W. Mitchell returned from Twin Lakes, Cal., last week, where he spent a week or so visiting his family who reside at that place.

Mr. Ike Robertson has adopted the Rio boy who accidentally shot his sister some weeks ago, a few miles north of this place. The boy's parents, it seemed, could not forgive the boy for his careless act.

Mr. Harrington has been sick for the last week.
The recent rain has raised the creek considerably and made the water lively, spoiling the boys' fishing.
Mr. Darnell is home from the mines on Galice creek, for a few days.
J. E. Loomis, one of the Galice merchants, was in our village last week.

Picket Creek.
The Thanksgiving dinner given by Mrs. St. Louis on the 25th was a grand success and was well attended by old time friends and neighbors. A number came from the Pass. A lunch was served at 4:30 and a sumptuous dinner, accompanied by the usual regulation turkey

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an I cranberry sauce, was partaken of in the evening. The order of the evening was not unbecomingly well suited to the conversational nature of the company dispersed, all being truly thankful that they had been permitted to attend this pleasant social gathering.

Williams Items.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Turvey, November 27, 1897.

The Bristol brothers have returned to our valley and are mining at Williams.

Mrs. Ames and son Albert of Grants Pass, visited friends on Williams creek last week.

The Misses Stutes of Grants Pass spent Thanksgiving at their home and returned to the city last Sunday.

Charles Hoxie caught a fine bear in the trap in the mountains last week.

Mr. M. Chapman went to Medford last week and returned Thursday with his wife and daughter Catherine.

SPECIALS.

LOST—IMPORTANT LETTER. LOST on the street by Miss Jode. Finder please leave at this office.

WANTED—TWO YOUNG MEN with quarts mine near a quartz mill. Address S. COOKER, office.

HELP WANTED—A SUITABLE GIRL is wanted to do house-work. Call at W. F. KREMER'S.

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STRAYED OR STOLEN—A YEAR old bay filly, with white right hind foot. Disappeared from Briggs creek about July 1st. Send information to this office.

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60 " " " Bleached,	50
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