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Next Monday Congress will meet, but what will be done by that body is the question.

The old Baldwin hotel in Frisco is in ashes and because of it several persons lost their lives.

Emperor William has returned home after his visit to the Holy Land, much to the satisfaction of his subjects.

The evacuation of Cuba goes steadily on, and Spanish authority on the island gradually dying out. So let it be for humanity's sake.

There are likely to be some wise changes made in Oregon's school laws at the regular session of the legislature, if that body will act upon some of the suggestions made by the senate committee appointed at the special session.

The article published in our last issue entitled "The Outlook," by James W. Abbott, is attracting much attention from some of the leading journals and from some of the leading mining men. The article is ably written by a man who has for the past year made Southern Oregon's mineral resources a study. Such articles are calculated to do much good for the particular section about which they are written, and this fact should be appreciated.

Spain has acceded to the demands of the American commissioners and a treaty will be signed giving up the entire Philippine group of islands to the United States. Continental Europe can only look on in horrified amazement at the rapidly progressive Power of the West, while we will talk of our colonial possessions. It begins to look as though the Old Eagle will perch upon the North pole, where he can with watchful eye view his wondrous lands.

Some of our exchanges think the legislature should do something at its regular session to relieve the congested condition of the supreme court. It is true something should be done, for the court is years behind with its work for no other reason than that hundreds of cases from the lower courts are unnecessarily appealed to the higher. The right of appeal is used and shamefully abused from which there is no relief except to add to the supreme court membership.

Russia recently captured and put to death some Japanese spies in the province of Corea and as a retaliation the Japs are going to drive out all the Russians from the province. This will mean war to the hilt in which Japan will have the sympathy of some of the world's great powers. Russia did not treat the Japanese right after their victory over the Chinese, and this fact has not been forgotten.

The American press spirit is beginning to take root in the Philippine islands. Mr. H. C. Perkins handed us a copy some days ago, which his son Charlton had sent him, called the American Soldier. In it there is considerable information of interest relative to the Pacific coast troops, now constituting the army of occupation now in control at Manila. But there is one feature in it which shows too conclusively the trend of affairs with an army in camp and that is, the entire first page is devoted to liquor ads. And not the first page only, but throughout the entire sheet it is lined and interlined with similar ads. Alexander it was who conquered the world, but the beverage it was which conquered him. The war was waged for humanity's sake, but that humanity may get some very poor examples from those who fought to save them.

The administration by its instructions to the American commissioners at Paris is fully committed to the policy of expansion and to this end the president and his supporters will faithfully put forth every energy. But it is not an absolute certainty that the party in power is going to be able to satisfy itself with what it may accomplish in this direction. Thomas B. Reed, who is a power in the House, is destined to put himself in line as the leader against the idea of expansion, while Senator Hoar of Massachusetts is that way inclined in the senate. Hoar may fall into line and vote with his party to ratify whatever treaty the president may make with Spain. This treaty will cover all of the Philippine islands and it is almost a certainty that the democratic-populist-free silver forces by common consent and associate beliefs will line up in the senate and everywhere else to oppose the expansion policy. The Paris commission has worked hard to adjust the Spanish-American differences and if a treaty is agreed upon only to be killed by the Senate when the majority of the American people are in favor of obtaining the Philippines, then that body, in our humble judgment will err.

Down in Roseburg last week, a man by the name of H. C. Williams, formerly of Gold Hill, got on a spree and now he is a dead man. He went from saloon to saloon, drinking excessively, taking at the last whiskey house one half pint from the effects of which he soon fell to the floor and was dragged out on the back porch out of the proprietor's way, but really to make room for other similar victims no doubt, where the man was found next morning cold in death. The man who will make such a ridiculous brute fool of himself by destroying his body, mind and soul with whiskey, is really and truly to be pitied, but what must be said of the man whose love of money is so great that he will sell to a man until that man is dead drunk and then put him on his back porch helpless as an infant and there leave him all night? There are multiplied thousands of similar cases permitted by the American civilization, the boasted of the world, but because of it the nation will some day repent in sackcloth and ashes. The coroner's jury in the above case found no reason to censure any one but gave a verdict that the man came to his death by excessive drink. Of course if A shoots B, A is not to blame, but B for allowing himself to be shot and the gun for hitting him—conclusive argument this.

It has been said that there are serious objections to miners obtaining patents to their claims on the ground of excessive assessments being made by the county assessor thereafter, causing the owners of same to have to pay a very high tax. Objections of this kind in Josephine county will disappear as the stars before the rising sun when the facts are made known. In the past, patented mining ground in the county has been assessed at not more than $2.50 per acre and it is not probable that there will be much increase in this in the future. If one owns a claim and will properly comply with the law, he must do each year $100 worth of assessment work, but in many instances this law becomes null and void, because the object of it is defeated. The spirit of the law which intends that each man must make one of what he has or else give it up for another, is a good one, but speculative purposes will cause some to take advantage of the law by apparently complying therewith and thus hold a number of claims that should not be held in such a manner. There is room in the field for the capitalist, for the speculator, for the real miner and for the prospector, but each has rights to be respected. The promoter who bonds and sells would much prefer to take hold of properties about which there is likely to be no question relative to title. And it is more than essential to him who is the real owner that he have a deed to his property in case he wants to sell or transfer the same. Baring the question of taxation, which is but very little compared to the annual assessment work, a principal and essential reason for obtaining a patent to mining ground is, in case of a transfer of property, there could arise no serious complications later for the courts to adjust.

HOW ACCOMPLISHED.

Despite the efforts made, the expense side of the balance sheet of the city's financial affairs continues to outweigh the assets side by not less than $500 per year, even more than this some years. It is a perplexing and absorbing question then what to do until the ship comes in. To continue along this line, running deeper in debt each year would be called in private affairs a suicidal business policy, but to call a halt and right about face, may require a Moses not yet in sight, to lead us out of the wilderness of financial embarrassment.

One serious difficulty in the way is that not ten taxpayers of any considerable amount in the city can agree as touching any one point, looking to a change, and should they agree, there would be found in the city no doubt as many or more, paying little or no tax, who could and would knock out any thing proposed by the blood property owner. While the people are waiting, that insidious cut worm is continuing to ply its way into the ship's keel, rendering safety less sure. A dime saved is a dime made, then it behooves us as a people working together for our common good to set to work to get the legislature to give us a better charter at its regular session, under which ways and means may be devised whereby better results can be obtained.

An essential change in the charter, would be, to do away with the office of street commissioner, empowering the council to employ a man for two months in the year when needed, at a cost left to the discretion of the council, thus saving to the city in this case about $450. Do away with the office of city attorney in toto, saving $150. Another change which would be a wise one—giving the people the right to bond the city at a lower rate of interest, paying out annually $600 or $800 instead of approximately $1600 or $1700 as now.

But here we must stop and talk about that bond question for we hear some one say, "I will not vote to put a yoke upon my children in years to come." This is the argument often heard against scouping. If the present indebtedness continues to increase in the future as it has done in the past, may it be asked who will pay it off eventually, bonds or no bonds? Those who come after us of course. Those who come after us will reap the rewards of our labor and it is better for them that they share in the labor without hurt to themselves but with help to us poor mortals who may flounder for a long time without such help.

That old adage, "Where there is a will there is a way," is just as true with many individuals working in harmonious concert as it is with the one. There is a way to reach the desired end but will the people unite in such a manner as to accomplish the result? It remains to be seen.

School Report.

The following is the term report in deportment for all those pupils who stood 95 per cent and over in the Lower Deer Creek district for the quarter just closed: Elsie Hogue, Ralph Hiatt, Marcus Hanseth, Bessie Hanseth, Anna Hanseth, Grace Craig, Roy Craig, James Hogue, Henry Hermann, Clara Christy, Maggie Hanseth and Maude Smith.

WALTER HANSON, Teacher.

Election of Officers.

At the regular meeting last Friday evening of the Rogue River Camp No. 55 Pacific Jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Consul Com., F. W. Chanese.
Adviser Lieut., J. D. Hayes.
Banker, S. F. Cheshire.
Clerk, J. A. Jennings.
Assistant Clerk, T. Y. Dean.
Escort, L. L. Jennings.
Sentry, T. R. Cornell.
Watch, George S. Calhoun.
Manager, James A. Stover.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Big Shipment of Blankets just arrived at 50 cts., 75 cts., and $1. R. L. Coe & Co.

Hear how the times grew. The C. E.'s will tell you Dec. 6 at the Presbyterian church.

Candies, Nuts, choice Apples, dry shelled Pop-Corn, sweet dried Corn, Figs, Mince Meat, etc. at Pike's Grocery.

You can buy Snowy Butte flour from your grocer if you insist on getting it. Price the same as other first-class brands.

Scott Griffin has the agency for the Edwin Ross graham, corn meal, etc., and can supply all miner, farmers, and dealers.

Ladies' and Children's Heavy Line Ribbed underwear in vests and drawers. Big Shipment just arrived at Twenty-five cents, 25 cts., Twenty-five cents at R. L. Coe & Co.'s.

You can find Alfalfa, Red Clover, Timothy and White Clover seed in bulk at E. A. Wade's grocery and feed store, Front Street, opposite Round House.

Children's Spring Heel Rubber, all sizes 19 cents, 19 cents, 19 cents. Don't forget the prices at R. L. Coe & Co.'s.

The public school is nicely attended this week on account of measles. It is said that there are at least one hundred cases in town, but as yet none have developed the malignant form.

Big Stock of Miners' Rubber Boots, Miners' Rubber Coats, Miners' clothing. You'll buy them if you see them because the quality is the best and the prices are the lowest at R. L. Coe & Co.'s.

There were about 25 men who left Grants Pass this (Wednesday) morning via Kerby for the South fork of Indian creek to work in the quartz mine of C. H. Edwards. This mine is located in Siskiyou county, Cal.

Don't miss the opportunity to secure one year's subscription to the Delineator Free at R. L. Coe & Co.'s. See our big "Ad."

The Quaker Medicine Co. will give away a valuable present each evening for the balance of their stay and on Saturday evening, in addition, will give away a beautiful dinner set of 56 pieces to some member of their audience.

The Browning boys are reported to have made another discovery not far from the Greenback which shows up richer than the Greenback itself. Let the good work go steadily on bringing to light the bounteous treasures nature has provided for man's use.

The Pen Mutual Life Ins. Co., 51 years among the leading companies, issues an up-to-date policy. You are invited to investigate. J. E. PETERSON.

There are some very fine specimens of ore taken from the Gallice mines on exhibit at J. E. Loomis' store. Gallice is coming to the front as a quartz section. It is one of the leading placer districts in Oregon, and from present prospects it will not be long until it will stand at the head of the list for quartz.

Rheumatism causes more aches and pains than any other disease. It is due to acid in the blood, and is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which neutralizes this acid.

New Furniture.

I have received a good assortment of new furniture comprising bureaus, tables, chairs, bedsteads, mattresses, and a general assortment of house furniture will be found at all times, cheap for cash. A good assortment of second hand goods that will be sold cheap. Call and get prices; also the best price paid in cash for all good furs. South Sixth St., Grants Pass. E. MCTARSNEY.

Investment Social.

Preparations are progressing nicely for the Investment Social to be given by the C. E. Society of the Presbyterian church on December 6th, in the church parlors. The young people will tell how they invested a dime and how many dollars or parts thereof were added to it. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend. An admission of one dime will be charged. Music will be part of the program.

A cough is not like a lever. It does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectively with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages and for the most severe cases. We commend it because it is good.—W. F. Kremer.

South Before the War

A picture of darky life in the good old times will be presented at the opera house on Friday, December 2nd, in the production of Harry Martell's scenic play, The South Before the War. It is a play full of suggestiveness of those plantation scenes familiar to those who knew the South in slavery times. The typical southern darkey with all his eccentricities predominates in the company. The play introduces cleverly a number of scenes that are positively life like, beginning with Under a Southern Sky, which pictures the return of an escaped slave, including many incidents of anti-bellum days, dancing of every description and genuine old darkey melodies. Another scene depicts a darkey camp meeting, with all the peculiar characters usually seen there, and all the ceremony, singing, shouting, and amusing incidents that are known to characterize such a gathering. Other realistic scenes follow one upon another until the audience is fairly refreshed with its glimpse of old time darkey life, and is finally treated to a new-fangled cake walk. The company is a very large one, containing some 50 people, who travel in their own palace car, and have as one of the features a pickaninny band of 17 little colored boys who head the parade of the company which makes a tour of the principal streets of the city.

An Important Difference.

To make it apparent to thousands who think themselves ill, that they are not afflicted with any disease, but that the system simply needs cleansing, is to bring comfort home to their hearts, as a costive condition is easily cured by using Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig company, only, and sold by all druggists.

Card of Thanks.

To those who so kindly rendered assistance during the late illness and the death of our husband and father, Robert Pool, we take this opportunity to extend our grateful thanks for the same.

MRS. ROBERT POOL AND FAMILY.

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Both Legs Broken.

Dr. T. S. Ford, formerly presiding elder for the Southern Oregon district, but now of the Eugene, met with a very severe accident last Friday in which both his legs were broken. It is feared that one of them will have to be amputated.

The accident, which will make the doctor a cripple for life, happened in this wise: His son and another boy had driven out to Dr. Driver's for some milk for a social, when the horse, which was a young and wild one, became frightened and ran away, but no serious damage was done, because the horse became entangled in the harness and stopped. The boys unhitched it and led it home, whereupon the doctor told them that it was bad policy to allow the horse to get the better of them in that manner, and hence he took it and went back. After hitching the horse he got into the buggy and started. But the horse soon became unmanageable and ran away, throwing the doctor out, breaking both legs as above stated.

The misfortune is a very serious one, and more so because of the fact that he is so large. It is doubtful if he ever fully recovers sufficient strength in his limbs to bear the great weight of his body. The doctor made many friends in Southern Oregon during his work as presiding elder, and one and all of these will be pained to hear of this affliction which has befallen him.

Death of Mrs. Whipple.

Mrs. Eleanor Whipple, wife of Mr. W. H. Whipple, died at her home in this city Monday morning about 2 o'clock. This sad bit of news is not surprising to the people of Orange City. For three years the deceased has suffered from that dreaded enemy, cancer, and nothing but death could relieve her suffering. This relief came to her peacably and quietly early Monday morning, November 7th.—Orange City Times, (Florida).

Opinions of the Press.

There was a large audience at the opera house last night to witness the production of "South Before the War." The spectators evidenced their enjoyment of the play by repeated and vociferous applauses. The company is about the same as was here last year and the management has added the Passion Play, in which the Biblical narrative is well shown. There are 23 of these pictures projected on the curtain by the kinetoscope and they are most impressive.—The Fargo Forum, Sept. 29, 1898.

The "Passion Play" and "South Before the War" will according to all appearances, prove the phenomenal record made last week pretty hard at the Third Avenue theater this week. The Passion Play is one of the most remarkable things ever seen in this city. The great religious fervor which possesses the simple peasant folk who present it can be seen in every action.

As to "South Before the War," it is conceded to be much better than when seen here before. The comedians are funny, the singing and dancing are good, and the specialities are clever.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Oct. 25, 1898.

To Hold a Farmer's Institute.

Dr. James Withycombe, vice director for the Experiment Station of the Agricultural college at Corvallis, was in Grants Pass last Tuesday to make arrangements for holding a farmer's institute in the afternoon and evening of December the 9th and 10th. The meetings will be held in the court house and the public generally invited to attend.

Professors A. B. Cordly and E. F. Pernot of the college, together with Dr. Withycombe will be present to take charge of the work. These gentlemen are all well up in the lines of their professions and the farmers and fruit growers of this section will be well paid if they will attend these meetings to learn from these men who have made a life study of the orchard and farm. It is worse than useless to attempt any more to raise fruit unless one knows how to combat the many pests that now infest all the orchards in the country. It is the business of the experimental station of the college to impart whatever of information it may obtain along these lines to the people of the state, and this the gentlemen will cheerfully do if the people will turn out to hear them. The following committees were appointed by Dr. Withycombe while he was here:—on music; H. C. Kinney, Mrs. Mangum and Dr. Van Dyke; on entertainment; R. A. Booth, R. G. Smith and Dr. J. S. Moore; on papers; T. P. Lee, A. H. Carson and C. S. Prior. These committees will please attend to their several duties at their earliest convenience.

Shook the Wrong Boy.

Last week a boy in town threw a stone at Mr. Truax' horse, which frightened the animal and ruffled Mr. T's mild disposition, and later he concluded to give the boy a little shaking as a reminder that he must not do so again, but he unfortunately shook the wrong boy, when he gave the shaking to Stephen Jewell's boy who was innocent of the offense. This of course made the irate minister hostile and he proceeded by process of law to make the gentleman atone for the offense. Judge Axtell sat in judgment while Attorneys L. V. Stewart for the State and R. G. Smith for the defense plied the witnesses with questions before a jury of six, consisting of Charles Taylor, D. G. Spencer, J. R. Gunning, J. P. Galesner, E. E. Coburn and A. Morris.

The jury, after hearing all the evidence pro and con found a verdict of guilty as charged, whereupon the judge placed the fine at $5 and costs, amounting in all to $29. Mr. Truax paid the fine under protest but the cost he has not paid. The case will more than likely be reviewed before Judge Hanna soon.

The boy who needed the shaking did not get it, if he had, many would no doubt have said to Mr. Truax, "well done good man," but they say that it is unfortunate that he got hold of the wrong boy.

Althouse Items.

There is to be a social at the M. E. church tonight (Wednesday.)

Frank Coulter of Kerby, made a trip to this section lately on wheelback.

Willie Leonhart has recently returned from his stay out of the mountains.

George Wisner of Waldo, was a visitor at J. M. Payne's residence last Sunday.

Mell Gates and family were out to Grants Pass last week visiting the family of Pete Windom.

Mrs. George Duncan and baby returned home to Gasquet after a visit of two weeks in this vicinity.

Mr. King of this section, formerly of Yreka, Cal., is having him a neat dwelling erected at the mines.

The Morey Brothers have returned to their home after an absence of three weeks in the Mt. Reuben district.

Jess Payne returned recently from Hobsonville, Tillamook county; his friends are glad to welcome him back to Althouse.

Pete Hansen was taken quite sick recently and Dr. Moore was called who took him back to the Pass for treatment. We are pleased to learn that he is about again.

George Matthewson has the contract to pack the lumber for Mr. Wardle over into the Frank Houston mine. The task is a difficult one now that snow has begun to fall in considerable quantities.

The second son of George Lewis got his leg broken in two places recently while trying to mount his horse. The horse fell on him breaking the leg as above stated. Mr. Morey was called and set the broken limb. The doctor reports Charley doing as well as could be expected. DON'T TELL.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer $100 for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

F. J. CHENY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has LBQ on each tablet.

Catarrh in the head is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which eradicates from the blood the scrofulous taints that cause it, soothing and rebuilding the delicate and diseased tissues.

Hawaiian Pictures.

Reproductions of photographs of Kalakaua I, Liliuokalana, Sanford B. Dole, the royal palace, the government buildings, royal palms, the Harbor of Honolulu, street scenes, and other interesting pictures for sale at the COURIER office, 16 for 25 cents. These pictures are printed on heavy plate paper 10 by 14 inches in size, and are works of art. Send 10 cents before it is too late. We have only a few left. We also have pictures of scenes in Cuba.

You Try It.

If Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure, which is sold for the small price of 25 cts., 50 cts. and $1.00, does not cure take the bottle back and we will refund your money. Sold for over fifty years on this guarantee. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. —Dr. W. F. Kremer. 1

Williams Items.

Misses Tillie and Minnie Storch were passengers on Tuesday's stage.

A. L. and M. Chapman are visiting their mother, Mrs. Rose Chapman of Baltimore.

Miss Gertrude John has charge of the Williams post office during the illness of her father.

Minnie and Frank Howell paid Williams a short visit last week.

J. T. Hartly took a fine load of beef to Grants Pass last week.

Rev. E. B. Pace held service in the Baptist church Thanksgiving and Friday night. The sermons were a rare treat to us and were appreciated by all.

James Leeper returned from California Monday.

Ed Bingham is visiting his parents.

Married—At the home of the brides parents near Union Town, Theodore Payne and Miss Gertrude Boetwick.

PRAIRIE FLOWER.

"Beauty and Power." The secret of a woman's power is in her complete womanliness, both physical and mental. This does not mean perfection of outline nor regularity of features. It does not mean wit, nor talents nor accomplishments. It means that physical attractiveness that comes from perfect bodily condition and the bright, happy cheerfulness of disposition which only comes with health.

A woman with a bright eye, clear complexion, mantling color in the cheeks and buoyant elastic step and manner has a natural attractiveness that no artificial agency can counterfeit.

A woman who is afflicted with the mortifying misfortune of a dull, sallow, pimply complexion or that listless movement and attitude which provokes only disgust and revulsion in the opposite sex, ought to avail herself of the purifying, invigorating power of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which makes a strong, healthy stomach and digestive organism, purifies the blood and imparts a natural stimulus to the excretory functions; insures healthy weight, clear skin, bright eyes and the animated manner and bearing of perfect health.

A lady living in West Virginia, Miss Anna Gallow, of Kyger, Ritchie Co., writes: "It is with pleasure I write you after using a few bottles of your 'Favorite Prescription,' and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and I think them valuable medicines for female troubles and weaknesses. I could hardly go about my work I had such bearing-down weakness and constant misery in the small of my back, so that I would give out in walking a short distance. I had a bad cough and my lungs hurt me all the time. I got very thin, my complexion was bad, and my eyes would get so heavy in the evening they seemed stiff in the lids. I could hardly move them. Many persons were alarmed about me. I looked so bad and had such a cough they were afraid I would go in a decline. Now I feel so badly every day that I had no idea about me. I used only five bottles in all. I shall ever speak in praise of your grand medicines. They are blessings to suffering females."

Another good thing to have in the house is a vial of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They cure biliousness and constipation and never gripe.

....A Christmas Present for You....

Or for some member of the family will be appreciated.
Our Christmas goods will be opened about Dec. 10th.

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DESERTED BY WILD PIGEONS.

Disappearance of Birds Which Used to Flock in Missouri Woods.

The wild pigeon no longer visits southwest Missouri with the return of the moast season, as formerly, reports the Kansas City Journal. Years ago the woods of the Ozark region were full of these birds from October to January. A pigeon roost was the wonder and delight of the pioneer hunter. Millions of the birds would gather in some thick forest at the approach of night. From all directions and for miles away dense clouds of pigeons could be seen flying toward the roost. The unerring instinct of the birds guided them to the place, and by sundown the flutter of countless wings sounded like an approaching storm to the vicinity of the roost. Hunters killed the birds by the thousands, for in a roost no skill was required to shoot pigeons. A shotgun fired into any tree or bush at random never failed to bring down game. The ground was often nearly covered with dead and wounded birds after a volley had been fired into a tree loaded down with pigeons. Hogs fattened on the crippled birds left in the woods, and hawks, owls, foxes and other wild animals had a conniival feast. The last pigeon roost of any importance near Springfield was set for four Sundays at church, south of the James river, about 24 years ago. The birds occupied a thick oak forest covering several acres, and remained three or four weeks.

A SOCIAL QUEEN.

"Who would ever believe that she is the mother of five children." These were the words that caught the ear of the Woman Reporter as she moved among the throng at a fashionable reception. Just before her stood the hostess, a young-looking, handsome woman receiving her guests with that air of hearty vivacious enjoyment which all the world wonders as the special prerogative of youth.

There was sparkle in her eyes, a soft clear natural color in her cheeks, she had

a firm and rounded form, and that steady easy poise of the whole body which betokens strong limbs and healthy nerves.

It was the Reporter's business to be curious; moreover, she was a woman; and receiving gracious permission to call on the fellow-lady, she quickly presented herself armed with a hundred such questions as only a woman can ask.

"Yes, I have five children" said the hostess, with a tone of earnest happy pride; "hope I'll have five more. I love every one of them. They are good children too, and a comfort to me all the time."

"You can't understand it of course, and my friends wonder that I keep my health and strength and do my work, but that I take care of myself is the reason. I never used to be strong. I was thoughtless and careless. After my first baby came I was all broken down and prayed that I might never have another, but I have learned better and I am stronger now than I ever was in my life.

"Women break down because they go without the little extra help they need to tide them over hard places. When a woman expects to become a mother she ought to be at her very best. But that is exactly the time when most women feel weak and sick and miserable. They grow melancholy and anxious as the time approaches and when it comes they have no strength or stamina of body or mind to go through the ordeal.

"No wonder they suffer and nearly die sometimes, and are all broken down for months or years. If they would take the right care of themselves and strengthen themselves in a natural way, they would never suffer as they do; and instead of dreading to have children they would welcome them as a real blessing.

"It is simply a case of a stitch in time saves nine" or rather a dose hundred. A little natural reinforcement at the time when baby is expected will save months, perhaps years of suffering and weakness. At such a time I always take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription; it invariably gives me the extra strength and healthy nerve power which a woman needs to bring her baby into the world easily and comfortably.

"It is the most wonderful thing in the world to build up a woman's nervous system and strengthen the special organism of motherhood. It gives you the recuperative power that a woman cannot get in any other way. It carries you through the nursing time beautifully; it helps you to nourish the baby and make him hearty and strong too. My four younger children are the sturdiest youngsters you ever saw. This one grand 'Favorite Prescription' has made me the healthy, happy mother I am."

"I can tell you of a dozen women who have had almost the same experience as mine. I saw a letter written by Mrs. Jennie I. Jackson, who lived at Ferguissons Wharf, in Isle of Wight Co., Va. These are her own words: "I have enjoyed better health since taking Dr. Pierce's medicine than I have since I have been married. I can work hard all day and sleep well at night. I was almost gone when I wrote to Doctor Pierce three years ago. I had uterine trouble very badly, but, thank the Lord, I am very well now. My doctor did not have any faith in 'patent medicines,' but I tell everybody he has done you good." I tried many different medicines and got no better until I tried Dr. Pierce's medicines. The first bottle gave me ease. I have taken six bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and I feel as well as ever in my life, and can work hard all day and do as much walking as I ever did. I was nothing but a skeleton. I was so thin in flesh that it hurt me to lie down.

"I think Dr. Pierce has done more toward making healthy, happy women than any other man in this country."

"If you want a heavy cloth-bound copy of the book, like this one, (picking up old edition to the Reporter a large beautifully bound volume) send 10 stamps, and address World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y."

Mineral Application No. 92.

U. S. Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, November 22, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that William S. James, by William F. Horn, his attorney in fact, whose post office address is Grants Pass, Oregon, in pursuance of the United States Mining laws has made application for patent for 1500 linear feet on each of the Silver State, Silver Dollar, Oregonian, Rimetallist and U. S. lodes and for 705.46 linear feet on the Gold Bug lode, situated in Wolf Creek Mining District, Josephine county, Oregon, being survey No. 351 described by the official plot posted and by the field notes filed in this office as follows:

GOLD BUG LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, identical with Oregonian Cor. No. 2, whence the ¼ sec. Cor. on West side Sec. 30, Tp. 33 S., R. 7 W. W. M., bears S. 80°48'15" E. 2396.1 ft., Mt. Reuben U. S. L. M. bears S. 84°35'31" E. 2945.63 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 450.00 ft. to U. S. Cor. No. 1, 705.46 ft. to Cor. No. 2, identical with Cor. No. 1, Silver State, and Cor. No. 2 Silver Dollar; thence N. 15°02'16" E. 705.46 ft. to Cor. No. 4, identical with Cor. No. 3 Oregonian; thence N. 74°57'44" E. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 1. From mouth of discovery tunnel, the presumed direction of the vein is S. 15°02'16" E. 705.46 ft.

SILVER STATE LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence said ¼ Cor. Sec. 30 bears S. 42°32'26" E. 2991.41 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 593.8 ft. to U. S. Cor. No. 4, 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence S. 74°57'44" W. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence S. 15°02'16" E. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence N. 74°57'44" E. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 1. From discovery cut the presumed direction of the vein is N. 15°02'16" W. 1500 ft.

SILVER DOLLAR LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence said ¼ Cor. Sec. 30 bears N. 80°32'06" E. 2792.30 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 596.54 ft. to Oregonian Cor. No. 3 and Gold Bug Cor. No. 4, 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence S. 74°57'44" W. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence S. 15°02'16" E. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 4; Thence N. 74°57'44" E. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 1. Corners Nos. 1 and 3 are each marked by an X chiseled in solid rock and witness posts erected respectively N. 74°57'44" E. 4.31 ft. and S. 74°57'44" W. 5.20 ft. from said corners. From discovery cut the presumed direction of the vein is N. 15°02'16" W. 1480 ft. and S. 15°02'16" E. 20 ft.

OREGONIAN LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence said ¼ Cor. Sec. 30 bears N. 81°34'34" E. 2971.33 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 450.00 ft. to Rimetallist Cor. No. 4, 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence S. 74°57'44" W. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence S. 15°02'16" E. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence N. 74°57'44" E. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 1. From discovery cut the presumed direction of the vein is N. 15°02'16" W. 380 ft. and S. 15°02'16" E. 1115 ft.

RIMETALLIST LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence said ¼ Cor. Sec. 30 bears N. 88°39'56" E. 3012.90 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence S. 48°37'19" W. 667.6 ft to Cor No. 3, identical with U.S. Cor. No. 1; thence S. 15°02'16" E. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence N. 48°37'19" E. 667.6 ft. to Cor. No. 1. From discovery cut the presumed direction of the vein is N. 15°02'16" W. 1400 ft. and S. 15°02'16" E. 100 ft.

U. S. LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence said ¼ Cor. Sec. 30 bears S. 83°29'23" E. 3052.54 ft.; thence N. 48°37'19" E. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 667.6 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence S. 48°37'19" W. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence S. 15°02'16" E. 667.6 ft. to Cor. No. 1. From discovery cut the presumed direction of the vein is N. 48°37'19" E. 1300 ft.

Of record on pages 19-20 and 77-84, Vol. 12 of Misc. Mng. Records of said Josephine County.

The sunset lode, unsurveyed, adjoins, the ground in conflict being excluded from this application. Area, 139.54 acres. Forming a portion of Tp. 33 S., R. 8 W. of the Willamette Meridian (not subdivided). Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said mines or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, during the sixty days' period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statute.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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Mineral Application No. 93.

U. S. Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, November 22, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that William S. James, by William F. Horn, his attorney in fact, whose post office address is Grants Pass, Oregon, in pursuance of the United States Mining laws has made application for patent for 1500 linear feet on the Overlight lode, situated in the Wolf Creek Mining District, Josephine County, Oregon, being survey No. 352 described by the official plat posted, and by the field notes filed in this office, as follows:

Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence the ¼ sec. Cor. on west side Sec. 30, Tp. 33 S., R. 7 W. W. M., bears N. 82°06'32" E. 4496.46 ft. and Mt. Reuben U. S. L. M., bears N. 16° W. 1256.29 ft.; thence N. 15°02' E. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 75°58' W. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence S. 15°02' W. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence S. 75°58' E. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 1. From discovery cut the presumed direction of the vein is N. 15°02' W. 1400 ft. and S. 15°02' E. 100 ft. Of record on Page 83, Vol. 12 of Miscellaneous Mining records of said Josephine County. The Utica, Virginia and Albany lodes, unsurveyed, adjoin. Area 20.661 acres. Forming a portion of Tp. 33 S., R. 8 W. of the Willamette meridian (not subdivided). Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said mines or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, during the 60 days' period of publication hereof or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statute.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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