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The opponents of expansion will find little support among the masses of the American people.

Expansion on every line is in the air. The outward push is tremendous.

Our export trade has expanded until the old world producers have become thoroughly alarmed.

The agents of our great manufactures are overrunning the world.

America bids fair to capture the iron trade of Europe, Asia and Africa.

Our young men who were beginning to want more elbow room now see in our commercial expansion such opportunities as they had never dreamed of before.

The Americans in Manila have a development company for the purpose of developing the resources of the island of Luzon.

That there is immense virgin wealth only waiting the touch of American genius is one question.

That American interests will predominate in the Philippines is also beyond doubt.

To extend our commerce with no corresponding extension of our power to protect our trade and our citizens would be the height of folly.

Even were there no moral obligations resting upon us the logic of America's position in the commercial world demands the enlargement of our borders.

Money never was so plentiful in the United States as at present.

It is only necessary that capital should have the assurance that our monetary standard would not be made a political shut-out to persuade it to come out.

If we have sense enough to let well enough alone the present generation will not know hard times again.

But will we have sense enough to do this? There are men whose profession is politics, and they will be ever at it.

What they will do next, no man can foresee. Senator Gray of the peace commission, was asked recently what he thought of W. J. Bryan's anti-expansion views.

His reply was, "Um, I am not on to Colonel Bryan's curves yet." Who knows what will be Bryan's next mental curve or political twist?

These are the unknown elements in our body politic against which the best statesmanship is often impatient. However, prosperity as well as adversity is a good educator.

Most hearty has been the commendation of President McKinley's wise and conciliatory utterances during his recent trip through the South.

We will not lose sight of the historical gulf that separates those who fought for and those who fought against the Union; but now we are reunited under a common banner, and the covenant has been renewed and sealed in blood.

It is time to bury all animosities and forgive and forget the past. It is especially gratifying that it was the hand of a soldier that closed the gap.

Giles Davis requests us to bring before the public certain facts that vitally concern the law abiding, morality loving people of Grants Pass.

Mr. Davis states that his son, a boy under age, is in the habit of staying out nights, often until after midnight.

Investigation showed, according to Mr. Davis' statement, that his boy with others also under age, were accustomed to frequent the corner saloon and there drink was then furnished them by some body.

Saturday night of last week, the boy did not come home at all and on search being made for him in the morning, he was found in the Brewery saloon seated at a table, playing cards.

Mr. Davis further states that the gambling table was in operation in that saloon on Sunday morning.

This father wants to know if there is to be no attempt to enforce the law and protect the boys of this place from utter ruin.

Let's see what we have on the authority of Mr. Davis, and we have no reason to doubt the truth of his statements.

The two places mentioned have been persistently pestilent in their influence and shamelessly lawless in their practices.

When the notorious Walters ran the corner establishment it was not only an eye sore to the public and a disgrace to the town, but it was an appalling corruptor of the youth.

The authorities know of these things. Fathers and mothers mourn the ruin of their sons, yet no steps are taken to enforce the laws.

It is any wonder that parents wish to take their children elsewhere to rear and educate them? This statement made by Mr. Davis is not the only one of the kind, we fear, that might with truth be given to the public.

Can we not have a moral house cleaning?

While speaking of the morals of the city, we might with truth say that the condition in Grants Pass is not an exceptional one on this coast.

We have not passed entirely beyond the control of the spirit that moved the great majority in coming to the coast.

The main thought was to make money and return, and little thought was given to the intellectual and moral development of the community.

Something of this spirit still remains with those who have no thought of removing from the coast.

The great desire is to accumulate a fortune, regardless of the other conditions essential to the best development of society.

This state of affairs is disastrous to the rising generation.

In the interests of money accumulation our schools have been impoverished or neglected.

Parents who cannot afford to send their children away to school must either move to some more favored place or see their children get just enough of edu-

cation to make them dissatisfied and endue them with greater power for evil. "A little learning is a dangerous thing;" a thorough education is a priceless boon. As a natural result of a cheap educational system, no effort is made to provide moral, healthful attractions for the youth. A young man looks up and sees nothing above him. He must have his ideals and if he cannot find them above he will be below. What Grants Pass needs is an educational revival. Those men who touch with unholy hands the educational interests for the sake of economy or for any other reason are not friends of the family or society.

What we most need for the development of our resources is a thorough reconstruction of our educational ideal. An institution that would give to our youth an education such as would inspire them with a lofty ambition and afford them a broad view of life and its possibilities, would attract to this place the best and most progressive class, men of intelligence and men of means. At present that class is being served with but little notice to go elsewhere. Is it for our interests to continue this policy?

In another place will be found the statement of Giles Davis concerning the violation of law on the part of two saloon keepers. Our officers of the law excuse themselves for non enforcement of the ordinances on the ground that it is impossible to secure evidence. We would suggest to our "blowing" police force, our mayor, our recorder and common council that Mr. Davis is doubtless a competent witness. He says that he saw these things. Will they avail themselves of the opportunity to enforce law and protect the public? Or will they draw back and say "He hasn't made formal complaint." If he should would they make him give bonds for costs? We believe that officers of the law are bound to take cognizance of all lawless acts.

That a complete change of sentiment toward the United States has taken place in South America is seen by the enthusiastic reception given the Oregon and Iowa in Southern ports. At Callao the two vessels were presented by the Cuban residents of Peru, with gold plates suitably inscribed to commemorate the great victory off the harbor of Santiago in which these vessels took so prominent a part.

The Filipino congress has gone to smash. Already these gentlemen are manifesting their unfitness for self-government, and according to the latest report the self-constituted dictator Aguinaldo has gone into hiding to escape assassination. All of this emphasizes the duty of the United States to take possession of the island and establish a strong government. Mr. Bryan may protest about the consent of "the governed," but these half savage tribes would never consent to be governed until compelled by force to submit. The discussions among the insurgents will simply manifest the United States.

Wine Making Azala. Editor Courier: I did not think when I wrote the communication entitled "A Moral Measure" that I would provoke controversy. The investigations of experts had proven so conclusively the fallacy of the claim that the use of wine and beer tend to diminish drunkenness, that I did not conceive it possible that any man pretending to keep abreast with the times, would venture to repeat such an assertion before an intelligent public. It seems, however, that I was mistaken, and I see that Mr. Cords, in your last issue, completely demolishes my platform. I haven't the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Cords, but I'm told that he is the gentleman who has charge of the pine needle factory. If Mr. Cords should make a statement concerning the product of his factory, no matter if my preconceived opinion, I would accept his view of the matter because I am an expert in that line, while I know nothing about it. In a like manner I am an expert in the causes and cure of intemperance, having given three times as much study to it, doubtless, as has Mr. Cords to his business, while I venture to assert that he is as ignorant concerning the temperance question as I am of the pine needle industry.

For the benefit of those who are accustomed to speak without thinking I want to state one or two propositions that will make the way so plain that the wayfarer man though a fool need not err therein. The temperance fight is no new one. Both parties here sought and seized upon strategic positions and have discovered the weak points in the opposing lines. Any measure that will tend to diminish drunkenness will receive the hearty support of temperance people, while anything that will increase the consumption of liquors will be strongly supported by liquor manufacturers and dealers. Liquor men claim that prohibition increases the consumption of liquor, yet they will spend millions of dollars in corrupting legislation to defeat all prohibitive measures. On the other hand the temperance people are working with might and main to secure the enactment of such laws as will, according to the liquor dealers, increase the traffic. Liquor men and their customers claim that the use of wine tends to diminish the consumption of strong drink, yet we find liquor men advocating this measure and temperance men opposing it. Isn't it an insult to the intelligence of the American people to feed them on such mental rot?

I can believe that death by the bite of a copperhead will lessen the danger of being killed by the bite of a rattlesnake. The position assumed by Mr. Cords is unsupported by a single fact. He, in making the charge that wine, in replacing beer, is morally light upon a country, is peculiarly unfortunate in citing France as an example. In that place, there is no question but what today France is a more morally depraved nation on earth. That there remains there no sense of justice is evident by the Dreyfus case. That there is no respect for or faith in the virtue of woman is shown in the works of her writers of fiction. That manhood and courage have departed has been shown in the burning of the theater where a charity (?) bazaar was in progress, when strong men trampled women and children under foot, leading them to perish in the flames; and later in the sinking of the French liner steamer when all the men, with one single excep-

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MINING NOTES. E. A. Doney formerly of Grants Pass is developing a quartz mine near Hornbrook, Cal.

Robert Sharp, engineer for the Hill & Beck mine on Louse creek is sojourning in the city this week.

William Darrow of Eugene representing Gray and Edris of the "Morning Star" mine on Williams creek arrived in town one day last week and proceeded by stage at once to the property to make certain improvements and do development work.

The many friends of Frank Houston of Althouse will no doubt be pleased to learn of his safe arrival at San Diego, Cal., and of his intention to prospect on the peninsula this winter. He will return to Grants Pass about the first of April.

William Ireland of this city, and Judge E. K. Hannah of Colfax, have decided to sell the Gold Ring mine on Forest creek, Jackson county. It has the ear marks of a good mine, but one needs a mill to make it a paying proposition from the start.

Those who have bonded their trust mine on Silver creek to Metz & Co. This property is said to be a good one, having all the natural conditions necessary to make a perfect mine such as, gold in paying quantities, water in abundance with pressure and ample dump to dispose of the tailing.

If our prospectors would take the advice of an eminent republican statesman and "work more and say less," we might have hundreds of "prospects" developed into paying propositions, or in a condition at least to present to capital seeking investment in this part of the state.

But there will not be found wanting agents for anything that is worthy of some soil who devote their time and energies to wresting the precious metals from the bowels of reluctant earth, but we do regret that the many capitalists seeking investment in our mines do not find our many prospects in a presentable condition for the market.

Rare Metals. Southern Oregon is becoming quite famous for its rare metals, which with careful investigation and diligent search might be made a considerable source of wealth to the state. Platinum and iridium have been known to exist in the placers in considerable quantities from the earliest inception of mining in this part of the state, but have been entirely overlooked and neglected by our miners through an ignorance of their importance and increasing value of these metals in the arts and sciences.

Recent improvements in electric lighting have greatly increased the demand for these metals, and Josephine county bids fair to rival the Urals for these rare elements.

Dr. David T. Day, of the U. S. Geological survey, has twice visited this part of the state this year in search of these and other metals, and made the remark that there is more platinum in Southern Oregon and Northern California than in the entire dominions of the czar.

Bismuth. W. S. Smith, a mining man from Illinois valley, brought in to Grants Pass a few days ago some ore which he wished to have assayed for gold and copper. But the certificate of assay from Mr. J. R. Waters, the assayer, showed that it contained 27 per cent of bismuth, as well as some gold, silver, copper and some other metals, which according to the present market value of bismuth would be worth \$481 per ton. This astounding discovery, our worthy South African alchemist remarked, completely "dabberasted" Mr. Smith and he immediately returned to locate the ground. Other samples of ore from the same locality assayed by Mr. Waters show a large per cent of nickel and cobalt.

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Galice Minors. It is not an uncommon sight, these days, to see a heavy freight wagon drawn by four horses (or mules) come rolling into this lively, bustling camp.

Charles Crow has things in good shape for a nice run at the Lost Flat mine. They have about 75 tons of good ore on the dump and are only waiting for water to turn it into gold bricks. Some very rich ore has been taken from this mine and it is by no means exhausted.

George Mathews is putting in pretty good time piping on his claim on upper Galice. He has a good water privilege and is in good shade to make some money.

Merrill and Artell, on lower Galice, are all ready to begin work when it rains. They have a very neat place and some good ground.

Hammon & Green are running their giant every day, with a full head of water. They own some pretty good pay dirt.

Mrs. D. Green has gone out to the Pass to spend the holidays and take a rest. We hope she may return much improved in health.

Fred Mensch went out home to eat Christmas turkey and—well, we suppose there are other attractions!

Henry Pore went out to Merlin to spend Christmas and see the sights.

A bird (not a turkey) whispered to us that there were some elegant "spreads" in camp Christmas day.

How we long for rain, A gentle mist, To give the giant a chance To rest, And send the rocks rolling Down the flume Giving the miner a little More room To pile up his gold On the bed rock.

Williams Items. Ira Sparlin made a trip to Grants Pass Tuesday.

Postmaster John is once more able to be around.

Miss Lelia Goodwin came home from Murphy last week.

W. D. John made a business trip to Grants Pass last week.

M. Chapman is at work repairing pipe for J. T. Layton's mine.

Miss Florence Layton of Ashland is now at her Applegate home.

John Binghamman is visiting his father Samuel Binghamman of Baltimore.

Mrs. M. Sparhawk, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Sill, left last Thursday.

Miss Myrtle Anderson of the class of '99 is spending the holidays with her parents.

Julius Goodwin, who has been in California for several months, is spending the holidays with his family.

Grunk Topping seems to be one of those unlucky mortals. Not long ago while clearing a piece of ground, he cut his foot quite badly, and now he is disabled by having been thrown from his horse.

L. J. Hall was in your city Friday and Saturday.

Pleasant Creek Items. Chas. Hatch moved on to the creek a few days ago and will work for A. F. Chaney in the mines this winter.

Miss Jessie Gibson of Jacksonville is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Stevens at the Pleasant Creek Mining Company mine.

Myrral Moore and Mary Hillis were hurried last Sunday at the house of the bride's parents, two miles above Wimer, Justice Osborn officiating.

There was a grand mask ball at Owens' hall last Friday night, about 40 maskers being present. The ball was a success, and all enjoyed themselves.

We have not seen Lee Calvert on the creek for a month or more; we think perhaps the blues have "taken him off." Cheer up Lee, it will rain after a while.

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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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Schilling's Best tea sold in Packages. Household Treasure Tables Just Received. J. R. Hale.