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When Lieutenant Hobson reaches Manila, it may be possible for him to kiss the insurgents into subjection and thereby gain further notoriety for himself.

Roberts of Utah, would better pull off his coat and roll up his sleeves, for he will find that Jordan is a hard road to travel. He may be seated, but if he is not soon unseated thereafter, it will be woe unto those congressmen who hail from many of the better districts of the Union.

Our little friend, "The Dewey," appears this week as the property of Johnny Galvin and Arthur Welsh, Edgar Crutchfield having sold his interest to go to Texas. Johny and Arthur used to be our pupils in school and we are the more interested in their success in consequence. Success to you boys.

The Pacific coast Chautauquas have engaged as a drawing card for the coming season the noted divine, Sam Jones. While Sam Jones usually shocks the modesty of many of his hearers, it is also true that he is an able man intellectually and will draw a large crowd wherever he may go. He will help pay Chautauqua expenses.

Portland, it appears, wants to be consolidated with Multnomah county and the whole to be under Portland's present city government. The object is to lessen expenses, for under the proposed order there would be no county officials since the administration of affairs would be conducted by the city officials. The plan worked well in other places and to good advantage and there is no reason why it cannot for Portland.

If real estate men are to be believed, in the coming spring and summer there will be more building in this city and its suburbs than has been witnessed here since the boom days prior to 1893. It sounds resonable, too, for it is most difficult to find a habitable dwelling or residence to let, on either this or the other side of the river. Rents are going up, and owners of desirable lots will find it profitable to improve them. Doubtless, also, a large number of strangers will settle here during the current year, most of whom may wish to rent homes.—Telegram.

The Southern Pacific Railroad bed is assessed $5,000 per mile in Douglas county while Josephine county makes an assessment of $3600 per mile. In Clatsop county, road-beds are assessed at but $778, while Jackson has gone to the extreme and made and assessment of $9184. Either some counties are paying entirely too much or there are others paying entirely too little. The railroad assessments are not uniform, hence the necessity of some law regulating and making it uniform throughout the counties.

The senatorial fight in the California legislature is waxing tropical. Grant is making a stout fight and Burns is no less aggressive with the strong arm of the governor for him as against Grant. Governor Gage is bitter against the man from the South on the ground that he did not, with vigor, support the republican ticket during the campaign. The fight is bringing to light some of the corruption of which the leading candidates are guilty, and if one half of the charge, be true, the legislators would do the people a great favor by voting for a dark horse, a cleaner man.

The exports for the United States for the past year have been not less than $600,000,000 in excess of the imports for the same length of time. This is only an index to the situation in the future when this country will have attained its greatness. The present policy of expansion will lead us into every part of the world where knowledge will become universal of this country and its resources. The world will learn to want the best and to know where the best can be found and hitherward is the place. Uncle Sam's exports must largely increase from year to year, much to the satisfaction of the merchant, the farmer and the manufacturer.

Old man Alger is opposed to Dewey for governor-general of the Philippine islands. The editor of this paper is opposed to him too for that particular place, and while he cannot give Alger's reasons for opposing, he can give his own. Our objection is that he has demonstrated his fitness for something farther reaching. Congress ought to make him Algers' special adviser with power to remove that old blunderbuss when he does not follow instructions. Dewey deserves honor at the hands of the American people because he did his work far better than was expected of any man during the war. He made no mistake in the management of a difficult undertaking, while Alger, if half of the charges against him be true, has made himself a bundle of errors.

The California public school system outside of San Francisco, is the pride of the state, but Californians cannot help looking down their shirt collars in sorrow when their attention is called to the system in the windy city. The spoils system in the employment of teachers, and if the Frisco great papers are to be credited, the selling of positions to the highest bidder, have combined to make the place the worst in that particular of any in the Union. But, notwithstanding the darkness, there is a ray of light, and a hope of better things to come. The majority of the lately installed board seem to be determined to have a general renovating,—many of the incompetents will be turned down and those properly fitted for the work employed to instruct in the school room.

The old rule of unlimited debate on any question in the United States senate is oftener a curse than it is a blessing. When time is taken for honest investigation that senators may see the question in its right light, unlimited debate would be proper, but, as is generally the case when this rule is taken advantage of by the opposition, greatly in the minority to defeat a measure, then the rule works its curse. Ratification of the treaty between the United States and Spain may long be delayed because this rule can be applied. Such tactics are resorted to usually by all parties. The country is in favor of the ratification of the treaty and the senate knows it and this may prompt the opposition to allow its adoption.

It is to be hoped that our law-makers while in session at Salem will realize the necessity of passing a registration law. The Australian ballot system was a long step in the right direction tending to prevent corruption in elections and a registration law would be another good step in the same direction. In country districts where everybody is known to everybody else, there is not such need for a law of this kind as in cities where strangers present themselves to vote. The larger the city the more the corruption, and while it will work no particular inconvenience to the small districts, it will work great reform for the large and populous ones. Legislators need to bear in mind that a great majority of the people will heartily approve any action of the legislation that will insure election reforms.

Havana, Santiago and Manila are taking back seats now while little Ilo Ilo is coming to the front for a little slice of the notoriety. The insurgents say the Americans must not land to take possession of the place. Of course this means a fight, however much it may be regretted, and young Aguinaldo will execute the plans of campaign against the Americans in the event of an attack. It will be folly for them to resist but this they cannot see, and of a consequence, must suffer such affliction as Uncle Sam will be compelled to inflict upon them. Aguinaldo feels himself a Washington called to deliver his people from bondage but self glorification has made him unfit to be a leader of insurgents, and when he, with a few of his assistants, is taken in charge by the United States, the difficulty will pass by.

In another column of this issue, there is an article entitled "A Word to our Women," to which we call special attention. It pertains particularly to sending off to other places for articles of merchandise that could just as well, and far better, be bought at home from our own merchants. It is true that if one wants something that cannot be had in town, his only alternative is to send off for it, but even then it would be more respectful to the town merchant to have him do the sending. Merchants would make a mistake to be extortionate in their prices and thus compel people to send elsewhere for goods, but in Grants Pass, we think they are not. While it is wrong for the people to buy abroad when they can buy at home, it is no less wrong for the merchant to have work done abroad that he could as well have done at home. The newspapers are always the leading factors in promoting the interest of Grants Pass, in attracting attention to the resources of the county, which must ultimately prove advantageous to the merchant. We are sorry to say that there are parties in this city who send to Portland for printing when the same could be had, with prices just as reasonable, in this town. These same parties are among the first to wail if they think the people are not treating them fairly.

The Filipinos must be growing wise in their own estimation when they assert that American sovereignty on the islands is premature, since the treaty has not been ratified. They claim to abhor deceit, implying that this government has been deceitful with them, which of course is not true. There seems but one course for the president to persue and that is to put down every rebel uprising by force of arms if it cannot be done any other way. The insurgents are like children, not capable at all times of knowing what is best for them and hence it may be necessary to make them know. The chastisement may appear rather severe and they may suffer a great deal during its administration but in the end it will be to their good. While the Spanish government may not be responsible for the trouble the insurgents are likely to make the Americans, doubtless subjects of that kingdom, who crave revenge are responsible. As a rule Spaniards are not trustworthy if, history is to be credited.

Resolutions

The Elders, Deacons and Trustees of the Bethany Presbyterian church, Grants Pass, Oregon, met in the church parlors Monday evening, January 9th, 1899, and passed the following resolutions in view of the dissolution of the pastoral relation that has so happily existed between them and the Rev. Robert McLean, for the past eleven years.

RESOLVED: First, That it is with profound sorrow that we bid farewell to our beloved pastor, and at parting with him and his family, we hereby express our deep love to them and high appreciation of their invaluable services.

RESOLVED: Second, We hold the Rev. Robert McLean dear to our hearts as the organizer of this church, by whose self-denying and untiring labors it has also steadily grown from the six charter members of eleven years ago to its present strength of over 200 members.

RESOLVED: Third, We gratefully remember his faithful attention to the sick, his sympathy and helpfulness in the house of mourning, his prayers and efforts in behalf of our children and youth, his words of counsel and instruction to all, from the pulpit and in private, his uncompromising stand in favor of every religious, social and civic reform, and his readiness to give hearty co-operation in every good word and work in the church and in the community.

RESOLVED: Fourth, We deeply regret that the Providence of God has called him to labor in another part of His vineyard, and yet, recognizing God's hand in this matter, we humbly submit, and do most heartily commend him to all as a true and faithful minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

RESOLVED: Fifth, Our love and prayers follow him and his beloved family to their new field, and we, one and all, join in the petition to God, that He who has so greatly blessed them in the past, may ever crown them with new favors in the future, and guard their persons, so dear to us, under His special divine protection.

RESOLVED: Sixth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Rev. Robert McLean and family, and also to each of the papers published in Grants Pass, the Occident of San Francisco, and Oregonian of Portland for publication.

N. P. DODGE,
P. H. HARTH,
W. S. BARRIE,
C. S. PRICE,
JOSIAH PARDEE,
THEO. P. CRAMER,
Elders.
R. L. COE,
L. L. JEWELL,
G. W. A. P. CRAMER,
T. F. CROXTON,
Deacons.
N. P. DODGE,
H. C. KINNEY,
L. L. JEWELL,
THEO. P. CRAMER.
Trustees.

Word to our Women.

It is not to say "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," although that is true. It is to consider for a moment your value as a factor in the prosperity and business of Grants Pass.

It is not the railroads, the colleges, or other institutions of our city that have built it and sustained it, but the trade, the every-day consumption of what our merchants have to sell, and the employment of the brain and muscle of other classes; and it is woman, not man, that holds this trade in the hollow of her hand.

Man may think he is the biggest pebble on the beach, the lord of creation, because he votes and makes a big fuss about election time, but this doesn't add one dollar to the trade of the town.

Every man is controlled by some woman, and most of his purchases are influenced by her taste. Woman controls the family, and is the natural purchaser for the whole outfit, including her husband and children. The women of Grants Pass control the trade of Grants Pass, and it is in their power to make or mar the business of the city.

This fact is recognized by our merchants, and hundreds of dollars are spent each year in advertising goods that are to be bought and used by women. Through their hands goes the money earned by husband or father, and this money is the life blood, the circulating medium, of the business community.

The rapid, vigorous circulation of this money is as necessary to the well-being of our merchants as plenty of good blood is to the body. The more money that is spent at home, the more money for churches, schools, charities, etc.

So, ladies, the prosperity of the town is in your hands. Business makes the town and you make the business. There cannot be business without customers, and if you go elsewhere to trade, that much custom is lost.

There is no necessity for going elsewhere. Our merchants carry almost everything that can be found in the great cities, and if you can't find what you want here it is probably your own fault. Give them the opportunity and they will be glad to serve you. You buy only one bonnet, or dress or cloak at a time, and what does it matter if you buy it in a large city or in a smaller one? Many times you pay car fare to other cities, and pay higher prices than you would pay at home for the same article.

When you spend your money in other places all you get is the goods you buy. When you spend it at home you not only get the goods, but the money comes back to you in better streets, better schools, or perhaps better patronage of your husband, brother or son.

If you will read the advertisements of your local merchants you will find that about everything needed is kept in Grants Pass. These advertisements are generally true. Not because the advertisers are any better than other people, but they can't afford to misrepresent.

The store that advertises is the store that is known; and the store that is known is the store that trade goes to; and the store that trade goes to is the store that does the business; and the store that does the business is the store that can't afford to cheat.

For several years visitors have remarked the beauty and diversity of the display of holiday goods by our Grants Pass merchants; and if anything is wanted that is not in stock your merchant will gladly order it, and can get it cheaper than you can. A liberal patronage enables the merchant to carry a larger, richer and more valuable stock, and your patronage helps your merchant, your town and incidentally yourself.

Finally, be patriotic. This does'nt consist in shouting for "Old Glory," but in doing what you can for that part of the country nearest to you, which is Grants Pass. As we have before stated, its business is in your hands, and in the last analysis, its fate is to be determined by you. Will you stand by your town?

School Meeting.

The school board has called a meeting of the tax payers of district No. 7 for the purpose of voting a tax levy for the redemption of outstanding school warrants and for the support of the school for the ensuing year. The meeting is called for January 21, 1899 at the school house, 2 o'clock p. m. The call is signed by R. A. Booth, chairman and J. A. Jennings, clerk.

Paul Perry, of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for 30 years, and then cured his Piles by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries and skin diseases like magic.—W. F. Kremer.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

County Court Proceedings.

The county court for Josephine county met in the court house in this city on Wednesday, January 4th, with Judge Axtell, Commissioners George and Thoss, Clerk Bartlett and Sheriff Lister present. The following business was transacted:

Ordered that $250 be paid Ben E. Stahl as balance county appropriation on Galice creek road.

Ordered that the tax levy for the year 1899 be as follows: County, including state, 21 mills; school tax, 6½ mills.

Ordered that Elisha Franaum be granted a license to run a ferry across Rogue river on Galice wagon road with toll rates as follows: Single person, 15c; two horse team each way, 50c; one horse vehicle each way, 40c; saddle horse with rider, 25; stock and pack animals per head each way, 15c.

Ordered that the county surveyor with G. W. Boynton, C. D. Burnett and A. A. Porter be appointed to survey and view a proposed wagon road from Placer to Leland and to report at next term of court.

Ordered that the county surveyor with W. H. Fallen, George Cronk and N. B. Meade be authorized to survey and view the extention to the Louse creek wagon road and to report at next meeting of the court.

Ordered that C. E. Harmon be paid $3.52 tax rebate.

The following bills were allowed by the court and warrants drawn for the payment of the same:

Lister & Calvert, team to poor farm	$1 50
Sam Axtel, drawing jury list	2 00
E S Merrill, drawing jury list	3 00
C A Hasting, drawing jury list	2 00
R L Coe & Co, mdse pauper	19 36
Cramer Bros. mdse	42
Welter, Pracht & Smith Bros, mdse	6 05
Dr Flanagan, med, atten pauper	15 00
Dr Flanagan, med, atten pauper	30 00
Geo Hansen, rep Ill bridge	120 00
Glass & Prudhomme, tax lists	12 50
" " plats for sur	2 10
" " books & sta	39 80
" " pens	1 04
W S Wood, board pauper	2 00
Jewell Hardware Co, mdse	3 00
P B Mortley, inquest pauper	6 35
S P D & L Co, mdse	60

Balance of the bills allowed will be given in our next issue.

BORN.

KEYTE—In Merlin, January 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Keyte, a daughter.

DIED.

WERTZ—In this city, of consumption, January 4, 1899, Miss Ida May Wertz, aged 26 years, 10 days.

Miss Ida Wertz was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wertz of this city. She was born at Myrtle creek, Ore., but in the bloom of her life her parents moved to this part of Southern Oregon where Ida made many friends who learned to admire her for her noble qualities. Three years ago she was taken with an attack of malarial fever, from which she never fully recovered, terminated at last in consumption, which finally brought on her death. She bore her affliction patiently, yet like any one else, she had a desire to get well, but realizing that there was no hope, she resigned herself to the fate that sooner or later must befall us all. Funeral sermon was preached at the Presbyterian church on Friday by Rev. Robert McLean, after which she was laid to rest in the cemetery below town.

BROWN—At Williams, January 3, 1899, Flora, daughter of William Brown, aged about 14 years.

JONES—At his home in Union, Oregon, January 2, 1899, Amos K. Jones, editor of the Oregon Scout, aged 47 years 7 months and 23 days.

The writer of this obituary and the deceased were school boys together nearly 40 years ago at Eugene, and nothing gives us greater pain than to record the death of one so universally loved and respected by all who knew him. He manifested at an early age a great love for poetry and literature, which ripened at maturity into a glowing and graphic style, seldom equalled by any modern writer. He was editor of the Scout from the time it was founded in 1883, up to the time of his death and with his trencheat pen, as the many readers of the Scout can testify, has battled for what he conceived to be right, always upholding and advocating the best interests of the masses and fighting with fearless order against what he believed to be wrong. The noble traits of character of Amos K. Jones as reflected in his life work and in his many acts of kindness to his friends and associates while here below will shine out with increased luster and effulgence on the shores beyond.

His life will serve as a beacon and a light house on the promontory of time to mark and point out for the rising generation seeking to emulate the example of good men. The lives of such as he are like:

The granite hills—which speak in voice sublime
That thrills along the ages. Lo! they stand
Unshaken in their strength forever. Time,
The great destroyer, touches with his wand
The marble shaft, it falls into decay
And soon with dust of earth is swept away.
H. C. PERKINS.

Household Treasure Tables Just Received.

We are adding every week to our stock of up to date furniture, mouldings, poles etc.

Our stock of Carpets, Mattings, Linoleums, oilcloths, Rugs, Portieres, Poles, Lace Curtains, Door Mats, and Rubber Mattings is more complete than ever before and we sell at *Portland Prices*.

An absolutely new and novel line of Mirrors, Hat Racks and other holiday goods.

Coffins beautifully finished in rose wood, walnut, or oak, or cloth covered.

Wall paper in the latest patterns and best values at 12½c per double roll and No straw backs.

J. R. Hale.

J. K. WATERS,
SCIENTIFIC ASSAYER.
Late from Johannesburg, South Africa. Assays by a New scientific Chemical System (the most reliable methods). Cut rate charges from today. Gold, 75c; Silver, 75c; Copper, $1; Gold, Silver and Copper, $2. Other metals extracted from ores at cut rates. Office in Opera House Block.

For Sale.

The following articles are among those offered for sale by Joseph Pollock at the head of sixth street: Spray pump, Log chain, Tools, Mortar, Furniture, Pruning shears, Pick, Shovel and Pans, Brass kettle, Boiler, Washing machine and Wringer, Wash board, Sausage-mill, Saddle, Bridle, Pack saddle, Pitchforks, Mattock, Canned fruit, Chickens, Bone mill, Clock.

Installation of Officers

Monday night of this week the Rebekah lodge, No. 49 of this city, installed the following officers:

N. G., Mrs. Sarah Jennings.
Vice G., Miss Carrie C. Farr.
Recording Sec., T. Y. Dean.
Financial Sec., Mrs. Alice McGregor.
Treasurer, Mrs. Luella Dean.
R. S. N. G., Mrs. Lou Dixon.
L. S. N. G., Miss Minnie Tuffs.
R. S. V. G., Miss Alice Jennings.
L. S. V. G., L. M. Pavis.
Conductor, Mrs. Jennie Moss.
Warden, Mrs. May Smith.
Chaplain, Miss Alice Smith.
Inside G., Mrs. M. F. Hull.
Outside G., Mrs. Mary Smith.

After the installation of the officers all those present partook of a most excellent oyster supper which the gentlemen had previously prepared as a surprise for the ladies. The supper was a grand one and every one seemed to realize as much and treated it accordingly.

Allotment Complete.

The allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians of Klamath reservation has been completed by Col. J. K. Rankin, who left for Washington some time ago to make his report.

School Notes.

(From School Correspondent.)

All in the tenth grade, except those who took the English literature examination, had a half holiday Friday.

Edgar Crutchfield, vice-president of the tenth grade, takes his departure Wednesday morning for Texas. A hearty class cry from all the class will be given to help Edgar on his way.

The literature class began their study of American literature the first of the term. They are having Bitter Sweet by Holland, read to them by their teacher, Miss Goodin.

The eigth grade will give a class party Feb. 15, at Odd Fellows' hall. The following are on the different committees: Finance—Ruth Dean, Rose Gano, Chloe McKenzie; Refreshments—Daisy Taylor and Ruth Dean.

The chief grievance of scholars at present is the exchange of rubbers. Occasionally some poor maiden has to go along her watery way home without the protection of rubbers.

Lillie Pence of Williams, a former pupil, entered school Monday.

Hattie Smith acted as substituted for Miss Farr's Tuesday, as Miss Farr was ill.

When buying spices always call for Golden Star, for sale by A. J. Pike.

Williams Items.

Dr. De Barr visited a number of sick people in our valley on Sunday, the 8th.

We are glad to learn that Miss Grace Bigelow has about recovered from a hard attack of measles.

Dr. Harry Cougle has been quite busy caring for the sick.

Miss Eva I. Sill resumed her labors in district No. 16, January 9, after a vacation of three weeks, but only 13 children were present the first morning.

The "city hall" has almost become a thing of the past.

Ed Tryer made a business trip to Medford the first of last week.

The familiar faces of Lou and Fred Storch are now seen on our streets.

Myrtle Anderson of the class of '99, Grants Pass high school, returned to Williams last Thursday.

Frank and Misses Howell are home after an absence of some time.

Died, January 3, 1899, Flora, the beloved daughter of William Brown, aged about 14.

From all reports, the William creek boys have quite an interesting literary society at the old hall; last Saturday night they discussed the question: "Resolved that all foreign immigration should be stopped." O. M. Knox, leader of the affirmative side, was assisted by Rev. Cross, Marshall and Robert Stites and G. H. Sparlin's colleagues were W. R. Nipper, R. M. Cougle and Banks Newcomb. The judges gave an unanimous vote for affirmative. We trust this club will be the means of great improvement.

Clemens, Druggist, opp. Opera House.

Merlin Locals.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanterman spent last Sunday in Grants Pass.

Ralph and Abbie Stackpole, of Ashland, have been spending the past two weeks visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Jordan, and Mrs. Briggs, their aunt. They returned to their home Saturday morning.

Born—In this city, January 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Keyte, a daughter.

Mr. W. J. Rogers, of Grants Pass, was seen on our streets Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ott visited Grants Pass, Friday.

Chas. Crow returned to Portland to resume his studies in the Portland business college, last week.

Milt Reynolds has gone to Ashland, where he has a job of carrying the mail under some mail contractors. He and his two older boys being employed. His family will soon follow, there to reside.

The snow did not stay with us long.

ROB ROY.

Hugo Items.

Ernest Green was the guest of Mr. T. J. Havens and family several days last week.

Robert Crockett was ill for the past week but is now better.

Miss Allie Osborn is at Wolf creek filling the position as station agent for a few weeks.

Tunnel 9 residents have had quite a siege of measles but are all better at this writing.

James Havens is visiting his grandparents at Grants Pass.

Mrs. Robert Crockett has been ill with sore throat but is some better.

Mr. James Neely is hauling material onto land near Mr. Crockett's, preparatory to building a house.

State Tax Levy.

The state tax levy for the year 1899 will be 5.7 mills, which is much larger than last year. The amount to be raised is approximately $750,000. Josephine county's state tax for the year 1899 will amount to $6508.77.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Welcome Back.—She—"Are you one of our Seventy-first heroes?" He—"No, I ain't no hero. I'm a regular."—Life.

He—"If I stole 50 kisses from you, what kind of larceny would it be?" She—"I should call it grand."—Yonkers Statesman.

She—"Are you fond of canoeing?" He—"Immense. You don't have to take off your clothes when you bathe."—Boston Transcript.

Exceptional Fortune.—"Aaron Burr was a remarkable man." "Decidedly. Notwithstanding the fact that he was vice president of the United States he has not been forgotten."—Truth.

"Marie, I don't want you to tie any more strings on my finger." "Why, John?" "I wasted two whole hours this morning wondering what it was you wanted me to remember."—Detroit Free Press.

Diagnosis of Love.—He—"Hold on! We cannot sit on this bench. It is freshly painted." She—"If you were really in love, as you say you are, you would never have noticed the paint."—Fliengende Blaetter.

What It Was.—"Just listen how they are pounding the floor with their feet," said the tragedian behind the curtain. "Yes," said the leading ingenue, "that is the stamp of public approval."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Lots of It.—"Is there any movement in Botcher's new play?" "Movement? You ought to have seen the author move off the stage when the audience yelled for him after the first act."—Philadelphia North American.

"Oh," said the girl who was looking over Miss Cayenne's shoulder, "you are reading the account of Mrs. Van Snubber's party." "Yes." "You want to see who was invited?" "No, dear. I want to see who wasn't."—Washington Star.

THE WESTERN FARMER.

It Is a Great Race That Is Peopling the Plains and Prairies of Our Country.

When one hears testimony, says Dr. Albert Shaw in an article on the Trans-Mississippi exposition, to the fineness and beauty of all this array of machinery—a beauty that lies in the ever-increasing perfection of its fitness for the conditions that have to be met—one is really paying a tribute to the brains, energy, and character of the western farmer. I have been on the Hungarian plains and witnessed the costly attempts of the progressive government to teach the landowners and peasants the use of improved farm machinery imported from America or else adopted from American types. I have also observed—what is confessed by the government and noted by all who visit those regions—the persistent fact of scores of men, women and children in the cornfields with old-fashioned hoes, while long rows of white-tunicked men, in the hayfield or the ripe grain, are swinging sickles and scythes. And a little later in the season it is common enough to see the oxen treading out the grain, or to hear the thud of the descending flail. Meanwhile, the new-fashioned corn plows are rusting; the rejected mowing and reaping machines rot in their neglected corners; and the threshing machine is viewed as an ill-omened monstrosity.

It is all simply a difference in men. It is a great race that has peopled our prairies and plains, and that is producing corn, wheat, and oats by the thousands of millions of bushels where only a few years ago there was the ancient matted sod of the prairies, unbroken for centuries. The men who drive the gangplow, ride the sulky cultivator, manipulate the twine binder, and send millions of horned cattle, hogs, and sheep to the packing establishments of Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago are to be credited with a series of achievements worthy not merely of respect, but even of enthusiasm. I cannot for a moment doubt the ability of such men to rear a fine and varied fabric of civilization upon so great a material foundation.—Century.

His Interest in the Tree.

A man stood on the bank of Chapman creek, in Dickinson county, the other day and gazed long and curiously at a big cottonwood tree that stood well down on the bank and then to a reporter he told of the interest felt by himself in that particular tree. In 1869 a cloudburst in the vicinity flooded Chapman creek and washed away many farmhouses. While the flood was at its height one Peter Bergman saw a baby floating along in the torrent. He rescued the child, and then, with his shirt torn into strings, tied it up in the branches of a cottonwood tree beyond the reach of the water. There the baby remained nine hours before being taken to a place of greater safety. The name of this baby was John Bostwick, and he it was who stood and gazed for the first time in many years at the old cottonwood tree that had served as his asylum.—Kansas City Journal.

New Way to Preserve Bodies.

A Neapolitan physician has introduced a new system of preserving bodies from corruption. He simply gives the body a series of baths for an indefinite period. For anatomical purposes the body may be made to resume its primary freshness, but if the bath treatment is sufficiently indulged in the subject attains the density and consistency of marble and gives forth a metallic ring when touched with metal. Though the sole intention of the inventor was to preserve subjects for the dissecting-room, it is believed that his process may supersede refrigeration in cases of long transit of carcasses of beasts.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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A prominent New York Hebrew has communicated with President McKinley, protesting against the alleged increase of anti-Semitic prejudice in this country. The complainant draws his inferences from observation in the lowest quarters of his city, but beyond that he does not go. Were he to push his reseaches to other quarters in New York city he might notice similar crusades against Roman Catholics. But this protestant against anti-Semitism has a very small patch of the United States from which to draw his deducement that Jewbating is on the increase here, or that it is practiced at all. Truthfully, he rather went to an extreme by inviting the attention of the president of the United States to the conduct of rowdies in an obscure portion of New York city. From an unbiased view it appears that this complainant was moved more by a desire to gain a little cheap national notoriety than to correct an evil that does not exist. In the large cities in this country there is an ignorant, illiterate and intolerant element, that persecutes all foreigners, and all who do not believe religiously and politically as it does. But the constitution of the United States grants religious liberty to all living under the Stars and Stripes. Respectable Hebrews are accorded the same political and social rights as Christains enjoy. Among the better classes—the educated, intelligent, broad-viewed—no distinction is made. Take our city, for instance, Rabbi Bloch is on as fraternal terms with the Christian divines as if he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. The best element of the Hebrew colony here is on the most agreeable and harmonious footing with the Christian communities, and a similar condition obtains in all American cities. The New Yorker's plaint is the veriest bosh, and unworthy attention, except by the local authorities, for there is no anti Semetic sentiment in this free country.—Telegram.

Figures Don't Lie.

It doesn't take much knowledge of mathematics to figure out the facts about that dread disease—consumption. Statisticians long ago demonstrated that one-seventh of all the deaths in Christendom each year may be safely attributed to consumption and allied diseases.

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Mineral Application No. 92.

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

Notice is hereby given that William 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, Bimetallist and U. S. lodes and for 793.46 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. 89°48'15" W. 7396.1 ft., Mt. Reuben U. S. L. M. bears N. 84°55'31" E. 2045.63 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 459.66 ft. to U. S. Cor. No. 1, 793.46 ft. to Cor No. 2, identical with Cor. No. 1 Silver State; thence S. 74°57'44" W. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 3, identical with Cor. No. 4, Silver State, and Cor. No. 2 Silver Dollar; thence S. 15°02'16" E. 793.46 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. 793.46 ft.

SILVER STATE LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence said ¼ Cor. Sec. 30 bears S. 81°10'26" E. 7681.41 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 333.8 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 S. 86°52'06" E. 7792.86 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 706.54 ft. to Oregonian Cor. No. 1 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. 13 ft. and S. 74°57'44" W. 5.29 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 S. 81°34'24" E. 7071.75 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 459.66 ft. to Bimetallist 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. 385 ft. and S. 15°02'16" E. 1115 ft.

BIMETALLIST LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence said ¼ Cor. Sec. 30 bears S. 88°39'56" E. 6612.96 ft.; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence S. 48°57'19" 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°57'19" E. 667.6 ft. to Cor. No. 1. From discovery cut the presumed direction of the vein is N. 15°02'16" W. 1490 ft. and S. 15°02'16" E. 10 ft.

U. S. LODE: Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence said ¼ Cor. Sec. 30 bears S. 83°2' E. 7552.54 ft.; thence N. 48°57'19" E. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 15°02'16" W. 600 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence S. 48°57'19" W. 1500 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence S. 15°02'16" E. 600 ft. to Co. No. 1. From discovery cut the presumed direction of the vein is N. 48°57'19" E. 1500 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, 110.54 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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