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The local papers are persistent in locating Slater's mine on Grave Creek. Grave Creek has mines enough of its own. Slater's mine is on Wolf Creek.

The innocence of Dreyfus seems established, but his acquittal would be attended with such dire results to officers of high standing in the army, that it could hardly be thought of for an instant. The plan at present seems to be to keep the case in the courts till Dreyfus is dead, when the case may be dismissed.

The Transvaal war cloud lifted for one instant and the sun shone, and then the cloud settled thicker and blacker than ever. Kruger withdrew his concessions. Heretofore, the Boers have had rather the best of the argument in their disputes with the English, and this gives them confidence. Of course if England should put forth her strength, she could wipe the little republic off the face of the earth, but it would be no gentle and joyous season for her while she was engaged in the operation. She would undoubtedly realize, in the words of the poet, that she had "been to a fight."

An exchange says that the proposed conference on trusts to be held in Chicago will be a tremendous farce. There are certain men in every community who are loud in their denunciation of real or imagined evils that exist, but let any move be made looking to a better adjustment of the wrong conditions that produce the evils, and forthwith they cold-water it with desperate haste. The proposed conference may accomplish little in the way of disarming nations, or averting the prospect of future wars, but it was neither a farce nor a failure. What a better way is there, when any great national problem arises, than to have just such a conference as this, and let it be composed of good men, who can think and act without partisanship or prejudice. Let them study the question fairly, and endeavor to get hold of the right end of the string to unravel the tangle. That is the object of the conference, and it is certainly out of order to begin to use criticism, detraction and cold water before the conference has even met, unless the wish is that it may be a failure, in which case such expression is expected.

They say that a \$10 feed bill was the cause of one man killing another in our town last week. This is not true. No such trivial cause ever occasioned such a crime as this. The cause dates back through years of wrong living and wrong thinking, which produces such a callous condition of the mind that makes it possible for one man to kill another on any trifling pretext. The cause is a distorted moral growth of a mind shut out from right thoughts and principles; a moral "Man with the Hoe." Daly's expression in the court room is that of a man stunned. His features express numbness and opacity. He is an example of the drifter. His higher moral sense is deadened by non-use. He is an example for materialists to gaze on and ponder. He is a man like the rest of us, with the ideal and spiritual sense eliminated from his mind. His victim died with the same stolidity which is exhibited in his own expression. Habits of thought made him what he is. The same habits and trend of thought are producing more like him every day. The law can punish crime, but it cannot reach the causes which produce the criminal. That is beyond the reach of law. Each individual is able to control his own moral destiny, but if he leaves it to chance, or simply drifts aimlessly, his moral sense becomes blunted through non-exercise, and he has no sense of the enormity of crime. There are conditions in our land which need only to be yielded to, to produce Daly's of the wholesale. There are also organizations whose purpose is to reduce the yearly crop of such productions in every honorable way. Their efforts meet with ridicule from many but the constant struggle to split and to direct the mind to higher thoughts is the only efficient deliverance from animalism and crime.

McKinley has declared the purpose of the administration in regard to Cuba. Steps have been taken looking to the final delivering over of the government to the Cubans. He has made it plain that the administration intends to keep its promise. The news generally has been getting a little ahead of time in regard to this matter and has been creating the impression that our occupation of Cuba was to be permanent. It would be a very easy thing to forget our promise, and quietly take Cuba in, as many men at home and abroad, and probably even in Cuba, believe we have already. Such an action on our part would cause no excitement, as the European nations, prompted always by selfish interests in national affairs, consider that we have virtually swallowed Cuba alive, and have resigned themselves to that condition. Cuba would be a good acquisition to the United States, and would end, under her dominion, a government of security and prosperity which she has never yet experienced, and never will be in state of independence, American rule in Cuba has accomplished wonders already. Very little startling news comes from Cuba now. This proves that things are going along quietly and properly. No news is good news. Improved sanitary conditions have already made a great improvement in the health conditions there. No more fortunate thing could happen to Cuba than its permanent occupation by the United States, but we started in to give Cuba her independence, and made all sorts of promises to that effect, and we will have to keep them. If the Cubans know what is good for them, they will

apply for admission to the United States as soon as they are given their independence. If they do not, Cuba will probably go the way of other Spanish-American countries, and its future history will be a series of revolutions and misgovernment of all kinds, or else she will lapse comfortably into barbarism.

Our attitude in the Philippines is grossly misunderstood by some people in the United States. Purposely in some cases, in others, we believe, honestly. They see us trying, as they say, to enslave these people, to rob them of their liberty, and they resent such an atrocity with all their hearts. We can not blame them if they really think we are doing these people a wrong, for raising a protesting voice. If that is their honest opinion, we blush for them but chide them not. But if it is an opinion that is born of prejudice against the government, of party feeling, or of years of opposition to whatever is, it finds no sympathy with us. It is exasperating to hear that opinion advanced as an established fact, gravely put forth as admitting of no argument. Yet we hear it every now and then, and the only thing to be done is to make a wry face and pass on, for argument and reason are useless. But we cannot possibly coincide with their plan of abandoning the islands. They ask us to deliver these islands up to the maddest anarchy. If a man has delirium tremens, they say in effect, do not restrain him. No man is good enough to govern another without his consent. These are an ignorant and misled people. We want to give them their liberty, to free them from ignorance, savagery and barbarism of all kinds. If there are those who cannot see anything good in any project of the administration, what will be the condition of these islands in 50 years from now if we control them, and what would be their condition if they control themselves. It does not require a prophet to outline the difference in the condition of affairs. The difference would be that which exists today between Florida and Hayti. Those who object to our position in the Philippines do not seem to be conscious of the tremendous weight of responsibility they incur by doing these things to a people who are degraded and barbaric. They cannot dispute the fact that absolute control of the islands is necessary to any further progress. That once gained, the next step will be to organize a government which will be suited to their peculiar needs and they will be given as much of a voice in its management as will be consistent with good government, and to give them more and more control as they progress in governing capacity. If our intentions were such as some people intimate, it would be doubtful if the rest of the world would be to come away and let the islands go to ruin as speedily as their irresponsible inhabitants could send them there, which would be at a lively rate. As a money making scheme, we think the Philippine business is likely to be a failure. But we are capable of realizing that we can be moved by other considerations than those of greed.

Wolf Creek to the Front. J. W. Coffman returned Saturday from Wolf Creek, bringing some prospects with him. He has made several quartz locations in that vicinity and has some fine prospects. He has one ledge 20 feet wide, which prospects well at the top, in sulphurets. He has tapped this ledge at a depth of 35 feet, and finds the character of the ore altogether different. He will cross out the ledge at this depth, and will see what there is in it. He has another ledge about 10 feet wide, in which he gets good prospects in free gold. He also has a ledge about a foot wide, in which he finds free gold at the surface, over a length of about 1000 feet. He is at present developing a very promising prospect. He is working on a seam of decomposed quartz between slate and porphyry, which yields \$1 to the pan quite near the surface, in fine gold, a good deal of which is known as wire gold.

The extent and richness of this deposit is not known, as he was driven in by the heavy rain and lack of provisions, at the very threshold of the discovery, but all indications are to the effect that he has made a rich find. He will return as soon as the weather permits. John Hannum has also made a rich strike in quartz very recently in the same vicinity. H. D. Slater has tapped his ledge at a point about 300 feet from where he has been working and finds it as rich or richer than ever. In the extent of marvelously rich ore, Slater's mine is seldom equaled in any country. Wolf creek is coming right to the front as a gold producer, and as a field for the prospector, there is no better in the country.

Conference at Grants Pass. The Columbia Conference of the M. E. church South, will convene in the South Methodist church in this city, Thursday, September 14th at 10 a. m., and will continue in session till the following Monday. Bishop W. D. Duncan will preside and from 60 to 75 ministers and delegates are expected to be in attendance. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings. L. C. WILSON.

Pioneer Reunion. The Pioneer Society of Southern Oregon, will hold their annual reunion at Ashland, Sept. 7th, 1899. The following program has been prepared: Exercises at Chautauque tabernacle commencing at 10 a. m. MORNING PROGRAM. 1. Music, Orchestra. 2. Invocation, Rev. Russell. 3. Ode to the Pioneers, Miss Mahle Russell. 4. Vocal Solo, Miss Esther Slaby. 5. Annual Address, J. Percy Wells. 6. Music, Orchestra. DINNER. AFTERNOON PROGRAM. 1. Piano Solo, Miss Lulu Briggs. 2. Reading of Memorials. 3. Ten Minute Address, Native Son. 4. Vocal Solo, Dr. R. T. Barnett. 5. Recitation, Miss Lillie Patterson. 6. Ten Minute Address, Miss Lyle Watson. 7. Vocal Solo, Miss Jessie Ross. 8. Tossing with the Pioneer Song composed by the late Mrs. J. M. McCully.

New Cameras to Arrive. We have placed an order for a large stock of Cameras which will arrive the last of this week. The stock comprises Premos, both single and double lens instruments; Pocos, and the 1899 Cyclones in two sizes. This shipment includes both folding and magazine cameras and is the best line ever brought to the city. Alta Automatic and Vico Cameras also in stock, besides all kinds of supplies. A new line of Kodak Albums to arrive. A. K. VOORHIES.

The Hop Crop. The hop crop of this vicinity is reported as first class, and up to this time no damage has resulted from the rains. Picking is in progress, and the fields present a most busy and lively appearance. Many people take their annual summer outing in the hop fields, combining business with pleasure, and the hop-pickers are well known to be the happiest people in the world, while the picking lasts. The hop industry in this country is of larger proportion than many people imagine. John Kananan for instance has 25 acres in hops, and his yard is only one of many. He has 90 pickers and six persons engaged in other work, and he will have about \$3,000 worth, and his crop was never better. The recent rains dampened the spirits and the belongings of many of the hop-pickers, who supposed that it was summer time, and therefore were not prepared for rain.

For Sale. A first-class team, wagon and harness for sale. Inquire of W. H. Merritt. For Sale. Dried peaches at 5 cents a pound. Also a number of articles of household furniture. Mrs. C. P. FRICK. Church Notice. The Choral Union of Grants Pass will meet at the parlors of the Bethany Presbyterian church on Monday evening Sep. 11, for a rehearsal. All the members are requested to be in attendance. Church Notice. Rev. H. S. Shangle, Presiding Elder of the M. E. Church, South, will preach at the church in this city on Sunday evening September 10. All are cordially invited to attend.

Beifelds Capes and Jackets. STRICTLY UP TO DATE AND HONESTLY MADE. Call and Examine them at the RED STAR STORE.

Church Notice. Rev. A. W. Rider of the American Baptist Missionary Union, will speak on the subject of foreign missions in the Baptist church of Grants Pass, on Sunday evening, 10th inst. Those who heard Brother Rider when here last spring, will need no urging to come and hear him again. He is an interesting and effective speaker. The pastor of the church will preach in the morning on "Christian Liberty." All are cordially invited to these services. ROBERT LESLIE, Pastor.

Presbyterian Services. There will be the usual services in Bethany Presbyterian Church, Sabbath, Sep. 10. The Sunday School meets at 10 A. M. A short Bible drill will be given at the close of the study of the regular lesson. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. His morning subject will be "Serving God with things at hand," the evening subject, "Persuading Men." Morning service begins at 11 A. M., and evening service at 7:30 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. meets at 6:30 P. M. All are cordially invited to be present at these services, and also the prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8 P. M.

More Machinery Arrived. A large amount of the machinery for the English Canadian Company's dredging plant arrived here Tuesday, and was unloaded at the depot. The platform at the north end of the depot is completely covered with pipes, rods, screens, buckets, and machinery of all sorts, among which is the big 40 foot revolving screen, which strains the gravel as it comes from the elevator. At the latest information the big boiler had passed through Kerby and was waiting right along without experiencing any serious difficulty or delay. It is thought that it has arrived at its destination, either yesterday or today. Order of Pendo. White Rock Council No. 166 held its first meeting since the organization last Wednesday evening at the A. O. U. W. hall. Every charter member was present and several new members were initiated. The members are so well pleased with the order that they resolved to increase its membership to 100 before January next. While the order is young, being but five years old, its record of 166 members shows that it is a healthy organization, with plenty of vigor to, before long to be recognized as the leading fraternal order. Its objects are as follows: First: To give aid and support to its members when temporarily sick or disabled by accident, in the sum of \$10 for not exceeding 10 weeks in any one year. Second: To pay its members who are become totally disabled by sickness or accident before reaching the age of 70, 10 week's benefits in any one year (exclusive of pension benefit after age of 70). Third: To pay a pension of \$20 a month for 10 years to all members who reach the age of 70, or in the event of prior death, then to their beneficiaries. Fourth: To pay the beneficiary of a deceased member under 70 a pension of \$20 a month for a period of 10 years; also a funeral benefit of \$75. Fifth: The aggregate amount paid to old members and their beneficiary in pensions is \$2400. The monthly dues are upon the graduated scale, and a person entering always pays the same amount, and as the amounts have been established upon a scientific basis, there is no danger that in year to come, when the order would be the same up with a classified assessment to keep it from crumbling together from old age, and thereby impose upon the members who joined when young, a fine every couple of years for getting older. This order being universal in all the states, is a universal fraternity, and not a sectional concern. It distributes its risk, like a wise organization should, and does not run the danger of excessive sickness or mortality, which would necessarily follow, were its membership confined to the Pacific coast only. Neither is this one of those organizations in which you must "die to win," as you will see by perusing its objects, as you provide for yourself in case of sickness or accident, and should you reach the age of 70, you draw the money yourself. The special feature of this order is that it admits ladies to equal rights to its rights and benefits.

For Rent. Iron building opposite Josephine hotel. Suitable for small business or office. Call on or address J. Josiah Moss, Grants Pass. Camera Club. The Camera Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Moss, on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Those interested in photography are invited to attend.

Soldiers and Sailors Reunion. The 8th annual reunion of the old soldiers and sailors of Southern Oregon, which is to meet in Grants Pass on the 18th of this month and remain in camp until the 25th, will be the largest gathering of campers that ever gathered in Josephine county, and we expect to make it the most attractive of any of the district encampments yet held, for at no time since its organization eight years ago, has the feeling of unity all up and down the district, been so complete as it has this year. I believe the main cause for this apparent awakening and revival of the old vets, and general interest and fraternal wave among our citizens is the return of our boys from the war with Spain and the Philippines, who were made up of men, who, in former days, wore the blue and the gray, and of all political views, all now are as a unit, to fight for and defend the one most glorious flag, the star spangled banner and the land and ships over which it waves. Thus we have soldered up as it were, the last crevice which kept us apart. And all will be represented in this encampment as one family, whose aim it will be to do honor to each other, and while the old veterans may take the part of parents in their family, the children will have full liberty to enjoy themselves. The citizens of Grants Pass, who had not the honor or privilege to take direct part as soldiers to fight for the flag, are enthusiastic in doing honor to the boys who did so, for as their environment will permit, as any community in the state of Oregon, so the door of our city will be thrown wide open, every vacant lot will be at the disposal of those who wish to pitch a tent and camp thereon. Fruits, melons and all varieties will be sold at week end prices. You can't spend a week more pleasantly than to bring your family and come and camp with us, as you will have a most enjoyable time in their declining years, to see that you take an interest in them, and at the same time you will instill in your boys and girls a sense of patriotism and honor to the flag of their country, and those who have fought to uphold its dignity. By reference to large posters, quite generally distributed, you will get a general idea of the features of the program offered. Smaller bills will be issued soon, giving a more detailed program. We again invite all, from any part of Oregon, to come with a spirit to cheer and welcome the soldier boys, as well as to be entertained. Yours very truly, ONE OF THE BOYS.

School Notes. School commences September 18th. The board has decided to furnish the new school building with single desks. An excellent decision. Many inquiries are being made as to what pupils shall attend at the respective buildings. These cannot be answered in full until the pupils are gotten together the first day of school, but no pupils on the north side of the railroad track will attend at the new building, though many on the south side of the track will attend at the brick building. If found practical, no first year pupil will be required to cross the track on its way to school. The following teachers have been assigned places: M. W. Holmes, principal. M. Stella Goodin, asst. principal. Minnie Tufts, 7th grade. Cora Lemon, 9th grade. Odessa Thompson, 5th grade. Mary Day, 4th grade. Edna Parker, 3rd grade. Allie Pool, 2nd grade. Minerva Hemenway, 4th and 5th grades. Use Allen's Foot-Ease in Your Gloves. A lady writes: "I shake Allen's Foot-Ease into my gloves and rub a little on my hands. It saves my gloves from becoming perspiration. It is a most dainty toilet powder." Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight new shoes easy. It keeps the feet cool and comfortable. We invite the attention of physicians and nurses to the absolute purity of Allen's Foot-Ease. All drug and shoe stores sell it, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Ashtand Mine Sold. The Ashtand Mine, located near Ashland, has been sold to the Montreal and Oregon Gold Mines Limited, for a sum which is stated at \$120,000, cash sale. The new owners took charge of the property on September 1. They will commence extensive development work, increase the crew, and enlarge the present 5 stamp mill. The former owners still retain the Mattam group of mines which they will develop.

WOMEN'S SECRETS. There is one man in the United States who has perhaps heard more women's secrets than any other man or woman in the country. These secrets are not of the nature of gossamer, but of the nature of suffering, and they have been confided to Dr. R. V. Pierce in the hope and expectation of advice and help. That few of these women have been disappointed in their expectations is proved by the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all women treated by Dr. Pierce have been absolutely and altogether cured. Such a record would be remarkable if the cases treated were numbered by hundreds only. But when that record applies to the treatment of more than half-a-million women, in a practice of over thirty years, it is phenomenal, and entitles Dr. Pierce to the gratitude accorded him by women, and the honor paid him by the profession as the first of specialists in the treatment of women's diseases. Every sick woman may consult Dr. Pierce by letter, absolutely without charge. Every woman's letter which contains her secret remains her secret. It is read in private, answered in private, and its contents guarded as a sacred confidence. That no third party should come into this secret, all replies are mailed, sealed in perfectly plain envelopes, with one or two printed or advertising whatever, upon them. Write without fear, as with our open fee, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Baptist Association. The Annual Meeting of the Rogue River Baptist Association will be held in Ashland, Ore., on September 14th, and hold until the 17th. Thursday Evening, in the Ashland Baptist Church, the Introductory Session of the Association will be preached by Pastor Leslie of Grants Pass, Ore. Rev. A. W. Rider of the Missionary Union, and Rev. Gilman Parker, State Missionary will be present and address the body at some time during the session. The Ladies. The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use Syrup of Fig, under all conditions, make it their favor it remedy. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup Co. printed near the bottom of the package. For sale by all druggists.

Merlin Invented. Bob Crockett is section boss while Mr. Slader is gone. (Note: Both is hauling lumber for the S. P. D. & L. Co. from Swede Basin. Elmer Holton is in Merlin making his last haul with his company. Mr. Gearhart is moving into Mitchell's house beside the Merlin blacksmith shop. Charles Saunders of Galice, stopped over with us Friday on his return from Grants Pass. Mr. Slader, the section boss, and his family have gone to Crater Lake for a month's vacation. There are from 100 to 150 boxes of peaches being shipped by express every night from Merlin. Those who attended the dance at Allison Grove's Thursday night, report a royal good time. Frank Reynolds left last Thursday morning for Hawkins' saw mill, where he has secured employment. Mr. McMartin of Spokane, is looking up some mineral prospects near Grants Pass, and is making Merlin his headquarters. Mr. Zeneval, who has been at work for Wm. Crow in his peach orchard, has returned to Merlin to recuperate his health. The proprietor of the Merlin Soap Co.'s store is the possessor of a "brand new horse, new to him at least, and now we expect to see him and his family ride out in style. Every Crow and Hussey shipped two carloads of peaches last week, both of which were consigned to Page Bros. of Portland. One carload went to Chicago and one to Portland.

Locations. H. C. Perkins and C. C. Taylor, quartz claim, "Blue Lodge" in Applegate mining district, located August 7, recorded August 22. J. W. Williams, quartz claim "Sungler" in Altitude mining district, located August 19, recorded August 23. J. W. Williams, water right of 100 inches from "No. 7" gulch, Altitude mining district, located Aug 19, recorded August 23. Jesse Cope and Harry Cope, 20 acres placer mining ground in Galice mining district, located August 10, recorded August 25. Jesse Cope, Harry Cope and W. T. Cope, 60 acres placer ground in Galice mining district, located August 10, recorded August 23. Harry Cope and W. T. Cope, 40 acres placer ground in Galice mining district, located August 10, recorded August 23. Jesse Cope, Harry Cope and W. T. Cope, 60 acres placer ground in Galice mining district, located August 10, recorded August 23. Jesse Cope, Harry Cope and W. T. Cope, 60 acres placer ground in Galice mining district, located August 10, recorded August 23. H. O. Anderson, quartz claim "Lucinda" in Altitude mining district, located August 21, recorded August 25. E. C. Jones, quartz claim "Red Horse" in Whiskey creek mining district, located August 5, recorded August 24. M. F. Hull, Lillie Hull, Horace Pelton, James Pelton, J. O. Booth and E. R. Mangum, 18 acres placer ground "Hull and Beck" in Louse creek mining district, located August 18, recorded August 24. M. F. Hull, Lillie Hull, Horace Pelton, James Pelton, J. O. Booth and E. R. Mangum, 20 acres placer ground "High Channel" in Louse creek mining district, located August 18, recorded August 24. Geo. H. Briggs, quartz claim, "Klondike" in Louse creek mining district, located August 24, recorded August 25. F. N. Mitchell, quartz claim, "Iron King" in Galice creek mining district, located August 12, recorded August 25. F. N. Mitchell, quartz claim, "El Rio Oro" in Galice mining district, located August 24, recorded August 25. Harry Cope, quartz claim, "Vista Del Rio" in Galice mining district. F. N. Mitchell, quartz claim, "Contention" in Galice mining district. Harry Cope, quartz claim, "Magnolia" in Galice mining district. Harry Cope, quartz claim, "Pajaro" in Galice mining district.

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