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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1900.**

**PAY UP AND GET BOTH PAPERS.**

We want 100 new subscribers to our paper and are going to do it for you. We have therefore made arrangements with the *Farm Journal* by which we can send the *Courier* for one year and the *Farm Journal* 5 years, both for \$1.50. And we make the same offer to all old subscribers who will pay all arrearages and one full year in advance.

You know that our paper is and the *Farm Journal* is a gem—practical, progressive—a clean, honest, useful paper—full of gumption, full of sunshine, with an immense circulation among the best people everywhere. You ought to take it.

The house of representatives made a final disposition of Brigham Roberts on Thursday. The majority report of the investigating committee, to exclude Roberts and declare his seat vacant, was adopted by a vote of 278 to 150.

Senator Geomel of Kentucky was shot and seriously wounded at Frankfort, Ky., on Tuesday. The wound is not regarded as fatal. It is not known who did the shooting. A Butler county farmer wearing five revolvers was arrested, but claims he is innocent.

Oregon may show enough population in 1900 to be entitled to another congress man. The present apportionment is one representative to every 173,000 population. Unless the ratio is materially changed there is good reason for expecting the population to be sufficient to entitle us to three representatives in congress. The population this year is expected to reach 425,000.

The microscopic attendance at that important gathering, the school meeting, is full of suggestions. The school is one of our most important institutions and it would appear that every one should be interested. It may be, however, that a few citizens can transact the necessary business as well as a large gathering could. The important matter is to know the needs of the school and to provide for them in the only method we know.

A ton and a half of gold. A pound avoirdupois of our ordinary gold dust is worth about \$250, at the rate of a little less than \$18 to the troy ounce. A ton of it is worth about \$500,000. It is a reasonable estimate to place this country's production this year at something near a ton and a half. This, if melted together would fall somewhat short of making a three foot cube. In a few years, we are going to have a five foot cube to represent our gold production. About \$500,000 is produced by two of our mines alone.

Notwithstanding that the eyes of the world are centered on the Transvaal, Kentucky manages to be conspicuous in the field of war. Kentucky is our national skeleton, but won't remain concealed in the closet. What to do with her is a vexing question. It is suggested that we construct a high fence around the state, and leave its inmates to their fate. At the end of five years, there are expected to be vast tracts of fertile, unoccupied land which will be open to settlement from the neighboring states.

No news is good news. This saying, while its truth might be disputed by our cousins across the Atlantic, applies new to the Philippines. We receive the startling dispatches from that source, which goes to show that matters are going as they should, and that comparative quiet reigns. An era of reconstruction has been begun, and government suitable to the needs of that people is being established. Some fighting still goes on, and will for some time, but it is of small importance and by no means general. Inside of five years there will be such a tremendous improvement in the condition of the Philippines that the Pettigrew of the day will be considered a fit subject for detention in an institution for the feeble minded.

The tramp question is one which is being brought right home to us. The fraternity are numerous in Grants Pass, and are causing us to be more than dimly conscious of the fact. In times past, it has been often difficult to treat the tramp fraternity without involving honest working men, unable to secure employment. It has been the case, that such men have been compelled by force of circumstances to take on something of the appearance of a tramp, but there is no need of it now. No man needs spend a great deal of time without securing work of some kind if he really wants it. So that it may be set down as a safe rule that those who beg from door to door belong to that most contemptible of all classes of so-called men, the professional tramp or hobo. It does sometimes happen that a real working man is out of money, out of work, and hungry. That condition should be very temporary nowadays, but might happen. But such a man never asks for something to eat. He asks for something to eat. It is etiquette, when a strong man comes to the back door and mumbles in a hang dog manner that he is a little hungry, and couldn't you give him a bite to eat, to hit him with a flat-iron. The shock to his nervous system will do him more good than a gallon of coffee and a dozen biscuits. Ten to one, he will resent such treatment no more than by muzzling something which may be interpreted as abuse, as he slouches away. Tramps are generally more of a nuisance than a danger. They are usually too utterly contemptible to be capable of any important crime. They know how rob ken-roosts and clothes-lines. They are credited with the series of hold-ups which we

have had in the town, and in view of the several lackadaisical and futile attempts, which the intended victims have frustrated, the theory has possibility. The tramp is a degenerate. Who "let down his jaw" and "slanted back his brow?" The rich man, "grind-er" of the faces of the poor?" Staff and nonsense. He did it himself. He is the culmination of idleness and sim-lessness, and all their attendant vices, confined in human form, which has little room for anything else. We are told that he has a soul and the germ of manhood in him, but they are so smothered and covered up, and he is so morally bear-eyed that the words are meaningless to him.

When war was declared between England and the Dutch republics, the world expected a short though sanguinary contest, and the speedy crushing of the belligerent burghers, not without a good deal of calamity to the British. The Dutch general and troops were determined to erase the disgrace of Maja-ba Hill. A general of severe methods, Buller, was to have the whole operation in his hands. He would eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria. There would be no more Majaba. The burghers called him down with a vengeance, and as a Christmas dinner in his own words. Majaba has faded into insignifi-cance on account of numerous repetitions. Lately, when Buller effected a cross-ing of the Tugela river, he said "their will be no turning back." He has been forced to retreat across the river in order to save his army. Buller will show good judgment in future by refraining from making such rash remarks. They are too liable to subject him to ridicule. The Spionkop affair seems a piece of stupidity besides which Majaba appears trivial. The appearance is that Warren was deliberately enticed into a trap and shot to pieces. No hope seems to now remain for Lady-smith. A rumor to the effect that Mafeking had been relieved, was floated, but we hear no more of it. The British public is exasperated at the state of affairs and Joe Chamberlain has spent hundreds of millions of dollars, and has lost about 10,000 men and has had no success whatever. They have not yet made a beginning. The Boers have had comparative freedom from injury. Their casualties have not damaged them in any material degree. An American correspondent with the Boer army says that the number of Boers as compared to those of the British in the battles, are ridiculously small. The British soldier is credited with being one of the best fighters on earth, and he does the best he can. It is not his fault that he is not impervious to Mauser bullets. It is the fault of the other fellow, who has no business to shoot so straight and so fast. It has been a long time since Britain was such a subject for derision as she is now. "Mr. Dooley" says that the Lord a printer keep standing a line of type, saying, "I regret to report."

**Wood-Sawing Machine.**  
Our mechanical genius, E. E. Redfield, who has already several practical and ingenious inventions to his credit, has invented, and is now preparing to construct, a machine for sawing wood, which if it is a success, and an examination of its plans and principals leaves little room for doubt in that line, will be immensely superior to anything of the kind hitherto constructed.

The power will be compressed air, which will be furnished by a gasoline engine. This, which will be so light that one man will be able to lift and carry it around, compresses the air into a reservoir or tank, from which it is carried by a long rubber hose to the sawing machine proper. This will have a cylinder 30 inches in length, 2 1/2 inches in diameter, of which the piston rod is attached directly to the saw, and the stroke of the piston is the same as that of the piston. By an ingenious, though very simple contrivance, the saw which will be much like the ordinary cross cut, can be made to run level both at the top and the bottom of the cut, or to saw in any position. This whole machine, outside the engine, tank and hose, including saw, cylinder, rods, tubes and attachments will weigh no more than 75 pounds. Enough hose will be used so that a whole tree, or perhaps several trees lying near one another, may be sawed up at one setting of the engine. During the intervals of moving the saw from one cut to another, the engine will keep on steadily pumping air into the tank. There is a minimum of machinery connected with the concern, and the power is applied direct. There is not a cogwheel, pulley, belt, chain, sprocket, or any such thing in the whole machine. Many machines for this purpose have been placed before the public, but heretofore, nothing has been evolved which could more than compete with a big man in his shirt-sleeves. This one, however, is an entirely new departure, is full of original ideas, and it is a credit to the inventive genius for which Mr. Redfield has already far more than a local reputation.

**Fits Away.**  
Wm. Hammond, who was a contractor for the carpenter work on Lempe's, Kessler's and Wood's buildings, folded his tent like the Arab and silently stole away on the night of last Thursday. Mr. Hammond neglected to state his future address, and several business men of the town mourn his departure, and long for his presence.

Mr. Hammond took his contracts for a low figure, and knew how to carry them out profitably. He gave no bonds. He drew his money from Lempe and Kessler, and a portion from Wood, whose work was not completed, and went away. He didn't care much for the town anyway. Baron Lempe found bills for material unpaid for to the amount of several hundred dollars. He had them to pay. Kessler was damaged in a less degree. Wood escaped unscathed.

He was thoughtful enough to leave receipts showing that he had paid for a portion of the material, which considerable action is duly appreciated by the interested parties.

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Like Reduction on all Wrappers and Skirts to close.  
Examine our new line of Ladies' and Children's Shoes.

**RED STAR STORE,**  
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Post Office Building.

**Chinese New Year.**  
This is the season of the Mongol's glad new year, and all over the doory Kingdom and in Chinese infested portions of this country, hilarity reigns. China gins like water, malodorous confectionery abounds, fire-works are much in evidence, and there is an era of general rejoicing.

Our Chinaman, Goon Lee, says, however, that while in China every body has plenty good time on China New Year, that with him, having no money and few associates, it is "alla seen at different day," by which we understand Goon to mean that he does not intend to celebrate to any great extent. Goon considers the Chinese method of counting time superior to ours, as each month has the same number of days. Every few years they count an extra month in the year to make up for lost time. Goon says they count the time according to the moon and thereby "keep everything square."

**January Weather.**  
The weather for a part of the past week has been of a quality which is familiar to Southern Oregonians and is a phase of our regular winter weather. Those who expect it to rain all winter here because it is Oregon, experienced a sad disappointment. Frosty mornings, with thin ice in the tubs and wash basins, were on the daily program, and a huge fog blanket rolled up from the sea enveloped us in its folds, so that the early morning sun might cause no harm to the tender frost-covered grass. After the frost was gone and it was of no further use, the fog blanket melted away and vanished. Then the sun shone warmly, the air grew balmy, and a desperate longing came over one to do nothing but to stroll around and bask in the bright sunshine. They say it makes a person lazy to live here. There is certainly a strange temptation.

**Williams Items.**  
Ira Sparlin made a trip to Grants Pass last week.

Tom Hall and son have put in several months working in their mine near the old farm of B. Hall.

Geo. E. Weber, of Medford, gave quite an interesting address at the Baptist church in the interest of the "Woodmen of the World." After the address, Mr. Weber, with the assistance of Dr. Flanagan and J. Slover of Grants Pass, organized a camp of 26 new members aside from the eight which already reside at this place. Our village was in need of something of this kind and we are glad to learn that the citizens are taking an interest in the good work.

Sunday night, Rev. Davis closed his meetings, which he has been holding in various parts of Williams since the 20th of December.

F. Tryer took a load of D. Vineyard's fine apples to Medford first of the week.

Mrs. J. K. Reeves, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Ed Tryer, returned to Medford last week.

Miss Alice Sparlin is making an extended visit in Murphy.

Miss Eva Hill, who has been teaching school in the Burnt district, returned for her home at the close of her school, Friday, Jan. 19.

Wm. Fitzpatrick visited friends at this place during the week. Mr. Fitzpatrick expects to join the Woodmen's lodge.

F. Tryer has rented the ranch belonging to L. Lovelace, and will move his family there in a short time.

F. O. Bryan, one of our successful miners, has purchased the house which formerly belonged to Mr. Morris.

Wm. Mesky, who has been a resident of Williams for several years, has now rented a ranch on Missouri Flat, belonging to D. Sheehan. BACKWOODSMAN.

**Just Received Direct from the Factory,**  
A beautiful line of

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In Black and Colors.

Also a Line of

**Ferris Good Corset Waists**  
Sense Corset Waists

For Ladies, Misses and Children.

**E. C. Dixon.**

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**BORN.**  
HANNA—In Portland, January 23, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Hanna, a son.

RUMMAGE—In Roseburg, Jan. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rummage, a daughter.

**MARRIED.**  
HENDRICKS—HAYS—In Roseburg on Jan. 23, 1900, Lee E. Hendricks and Miss Luana G. Hays of Woodburn. Rev. F. P. Beniger of Roseburg officiating.

Mr. Hendricks is a popular conductor on the S. P. railroad, and is quite well known here.

**DIED.**  
OLDENDORFF—In Ashland, on Sunday, Jan. 28, E. Oldendorf, aged 60 years.

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**SOUTHERN OREGON GOLD.**  
History of the First Discovery of the Precious Metal There.

It has been published and republished, iterated and reiterated some thousands of times that James Gungage and James Pool in passing through the valley from the Willamette in California, in the fall of 1851, camped on Rich quick, within the present corporate limits of Jacksonville, and that while in camp Mr. Pool did some prospecting with a pan and made the discovery, says the Ashland Tidings. Nobody disputes the opening by Mr. Pool, or the finding of gold, but was this the first discovery in Southern Oregon? The purpose of this paper is to show that it was not.

Mr. David Linn, who has lived in Jacksonville since early in the spring of '52, and whose word is as good as his bond, says he left Oregon city in the fall of '51 in company with Wesley McGinnal, a man with whom he had just crossed the plains. They walked from Oregon City to Salem, and bought their outfit and two ponies. They packed the ponies, and started on foot for California. Arriving at Canyonville, they found the town to consist of one log cabin, and no modern adjunct in the shape of a real estate agent to boom the prospects of the place and offer corner lots at bankrupt prices. The two men stopped here a short time for reinforcements, as it was considered dangerous for so small a party to travel through the Rogue river country. The next day after their arrival a party of three men came along going to California, and together the five pursued their journey south, leaving Canyonville on the morning of October 28, 1851. Mr. Linn remembers the date distinctly on account of its being his birthday. The party went through the canyon in a day, and camped at Hardy Elfin's. Judge Skinner and party were there on their way to Rogue river, where Mr. Skinner was to take up his residence as Indian agent. The five men continued their journey on the 29th, leaving the Skinner party, who had ox teams, which would travel too slow for the packers.

On the first or second day of November the party arrived at Perkins' ferry on Rogue river. There were three or four men at the ferry, and they had built a stockade to protect themselves against the Indians. They advised the party not to cross the river until reinforced, as the Indians were hostile and had killed a number of persons up in the valley a few days before. The party, however, crossed the river, and went about two miles and camped for the night in a secluded bend of the river. The next morning, after starting out, they met a man on horseback, whom McGinnal recognized as an old schoolmate by the name of Bills. After greeting each other, Bills requested us to camp about a half mile south of the rocky point, a noted place for Indians to attack travelers, and that he would return in the evening, as he was only going to Perkins' ferry for some boards to cover his cabin. About sundown Bills returned and McGinnal with him up the river to Big Bar, and there found young Bills' father. They were engaged in mining, and had apparently been there for some time. When Mac returned to camp he was greatly excited. He said there were thousands of Indians up there, but that young Bills and his father told him the Indians would not disturb the party, and that they could pursue their journey in safety. In passing up through the valley, the only evidence of civilization met with was a log inclosure four or five logs high at the back and one log in front. The sides tapering from the back to the front and forming a sort of scoop-shaped camp without covering. There were some blankets and other things in the camp, indicating that some one was stopping there, but the party saw no one. This was at the Willow Springs. When the party arrived near where the flaring mill ditch crosses the county road above Phoenix, they came across three packers who had been killed by the Indians and thrown together, and the floor sacks cut open and the flour poured over them. As assured by the two Bills, the five reached Yreka without being molested.

Your correspondent expects this statement to call out a strong protest, if not a vigorous attack, because when an idea concerning any important matter or concern becomes crystallized in the public mind, it becomes a sort of cherished memory, and if the idol is shattered or its foundation shaken somebody is sure to kick.

**Many Rich Ore Samples.**  
One of the best mineral exhibits ever taken out of Oregon, says the Telegram, will be on exhibition at New Orleans during the National Editorial Association convention, to be held there, beginning March 1. The idea of a mineral exhibit to be taken South and East originated with Mrs. Edyth Weathered, and she is looking after the matter personally.

On a recent visit to Grants Pass, Mrs. Weathered met a large number of enterprising citizens who at once appointed committees to collect an exhibit. Mrs. Weathered was greatly pleased with the enthusiasm manifested by those interested in Southern Oregon mines and this part of the state will send a very large lot of samples. This town will be represented in the souvenir book.

Mrs. Weathered has made a special study of Oregon mines and has written many articles on this particular resource of the state. The souvenir book being prepared to be given away will have many pages devoted to the mines of Oregon, with illustrations of the same and new mining towns, which will show to the Eastern people that the minerals of this state and their developments are assured facts.

Many of these samples of ore collected by Mrs. Weathered will, on her return from the East, be turned over to the permanent mineral exhibit in Portland. Some of the very rich samples will be returned to the mine owners, who have kindly placed them in Mrs. Weathered's keeping for the New Orleans exhibit.

**Josephine County Maps.**  
The official map of Josephine county can be had at the Corvallis office at reduced prices. Folding pocket map, \$1; wall maps in colors, \$2.50. Call and get one.

**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
ABSOLUTELY PURE  
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

**Leland Siftings.**  
The grass at present is as good as it usually is in April on account of the open winter.

C. D. Burnett came out from his Mt. Reuben mine in poor health and went to Grants Pass to get medical attendance.

Some of the men that have been working in the mines by the day have quit work and are going prospecting. This is a very promising field for prospecting. Times are good here, and there is plenty of work. Some of the men here are cutting wood to get a grub stake so that they can go prospecting in the spring.

We saw a letter of Stephen Jewell's in a recent issue of the COURIER. That man surely has something serious ailing him, as we won't make any reply to his remarks.

After a few months of McKinley's administration, some people found fault with him, but after such a season of

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**\$8000** Room plastered house, barn, two wells, brick cellar and 2 1/2 acres of land in bearing apples, peaches, prunes, cherries, grapes and other fruit. Located in city for \$300. \$1000 down and balance on time.

**\$15000** One block in town, over 1000 year old fruit trees. This place has for years been producing very abundantly in fruit, berries and garden truck. There is a good well and a school or church. Would sell three lots, 100, 150 feet, (corner) and 800 feet. This would make a beautiful building lot.

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