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1 Mounted Elk Head.  
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**S. H. CALHOUN,**  
SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Josephine county.  
Melven B. Murphy, Plaintiff.  
vs.  
Cora Murphy, Defendant.

To Cora Murphy, the above named defendant.  
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear in the above entitled Court and answer the complaint filed against you therein, on or before the first day prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, said first date of publication being on the last day of March, 1900, and the last date of publication being the 12th day of April, 1900; and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for, to-wit: that the plaintiff have the care and custody of the minor child, Clara May Murphy, and for such other relief as to the court may seem equitable and just.

This summons is published by order of Hon. H. K. Hanna, Judge of said court, made at Chambers at Jackson ville, Oregon, on February 21, A. D., 1900.

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Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, February 16, 1900.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Gus Newbury, county clerk of Jackson County, at Jacksonville Oregon, on March 31, 1900, viz:  
Norris Oden, on H. E. 7065, for the W<sup>1/2</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup>, NW<sup>1/4</sup>, sec 20, T. 34 S., R. 3 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
Louis Sivers, of Wimer, Oregon; Daniel Neathammer, of Wimer, Oregon; Edward Hammond, of Wimer, Oregon.  
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M. Clemens, Prescription Druggist.  
Where do you get your hair cut? Try Will Mallory.

Bicycle hospital for all repairing at Cramer Bros.

The building and ground occupied by Hale's furniture store has been purchased by George and Charles Hanson for \$1750.

**VEDETTE BICYCLES** at \$23.50. Bicycles cleaned and put in order for the season by Cramer Bros.

Miss Sadie Clevering returned on Saturday from Albany to resume her millinery business here.

40 acre farm 12 miles from Portland, 2 miles from post office, to exchange for Grants Pass residence property. Inquire at this office.

Does your friend have a camera? A flexible, leather covered album would make a splendid present—\$1 and less. A. E. Voorhis has a stock of albums.

The democratic primaries will be held in the various precincts on Saturday, March 31. The convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention will be held on Saturday, April 7, in Grants Pass.

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Get your writing paper by the ream and save money. We offer a ream of note paper, 480 sheets, 2 1/2 pounds, for 45c. We get the paper in large quantities and can sell cheap; this is not cheap paper but first class goods.—Cramer Bros.

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The authorities of Ashland have offered a reward of \$250 for the detection of a supposed firebug. Several fires have occurred recently, under circumstances that give reason for the belief that they were the work of incendiaries. Three attempts have already been made to burn the Messenger printing mill.

The illustrated lecture given last Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church by Rev. D. E. Finks of New York was well attended. The subject was "Strange People in our Land" and doubtless many of the audience were surprised at the portrayal of the conditions, little short of heathenish, which exist among our own people in some portions of the United States.

Mr. Finks has no fanciful sketches. Every picture is taken from life and represents existing real conditions. After painting the dark side, Mr. Finks then shows the same subjects after being educated and trained at the mission schools. The contrast is so sharp and decided that it seems impossible that any one, seeing these pictures and realizing that they are true could deny the efficacy of missions or their necessity.

That is Mr. Finks' object in giving these lectures and his method is more directly impressive than thousands of pages of printed matter would be.

C. H. Markham, of the Southern Pacific Railway, is doing all he can to enhance the rapidly increasing interest in Western Oregon's unlimited dairying resources. He says in an interview:

"There is no use of talking about the past. What we ought to do, and what I believe we will do, is to take on new life. Every interest in the state, be it farming, railway, banking, mercantile or professional, should take up this question of dairying and encourage the industry until ten years hence there will not be a farm in Western Oregon which is not within easy reach of a creamery. What has been done in other states can be done here. The railroads can do their share, if our merchants and professional men will fall into line there will be no question as to results."

**Voters Registered.**

North Grants Pass	123
South Grants Pass	88
West Grants Pass	76
Kerby	19
Leelan	25
Williams	28
Merlin	83
State Creek	66
Murphy	14
Wolf Creek	11
Altitude	14
Waldo	7
Galice	20
Lucky Queen	4
Mt Reuben	1
Total	599

### DRY DIGGINGS MINES.

Ground Once Abandoned Pays \$100 per Day With Hydraulic—Only Two Miles From Grants Pass.

Of all the mining districts tributary to Grants Pass, the one which lies nearest of all is the Dry Diggings district, situated only about three miles from town, and, while limited in extent, this district will compare favorably in richness with any section of similar area in the state.

Two hydraulic mines of importance are in operation there, and as this is the most favorable season that has occurred for several years, it is being improved to the fullest extent. Corliss and Co. are running with a full head of water, and are getting a large amount of bedrock exposed. They have a pressure of over 400 feet. Heavy pressure is necessary on account of the compactness of the ground which, in places, almost resembles cement.

At the place where they are now working, the bedrock rises at quite a steep incline, greatly facilitating the removal of the debris. The ground runs in depth from 15 or 16 to three or four feet. The ceaser gold is found in the deeper ground, of course, near the bedrock. The top dirt prospects well in fine gold and the ground pays from top to bottom.

Mining in this district has been carried on to a greater or less extent since 1851, gold being discovered here at about that time. Portions of the

water now available. The present water right furnishes, at its best, about 300 inches during the rainy season and, in a "dry" year, the run may be limited to 25 or 30 days. The only thing which this mine needs to make it a gigantic and immensely lucrative proposition is an abundant water supply available for the higher ground, and this condition is not at all impossible, but, on the contrary, there are several feasible methods in which the desired result might be obtained.

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**Real Estate Transfers.**  
(Recorded since March 12.)  
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James Carter to Mary B. Kessler, SE<sup>1/4</sup> of SE<sup>1/4</sup> of sec. 35, tp. 37 south, range 5 west, consideration, 500  
C. E. Harmon to Sarah C. Moore and L. Union, 315 acres comprising Comfort Sibley Donation Land claim, consideration, 60  
T. E. Godfrey to S. P. D. & L. Co., timber on W<sup>1/2</sup> of E<sup>1/2</sup> of sec. 6, tp. 36 south, range 6 west, consideration, 264  
E. F. Walker to Wm. N. Cole, lot 1 block 9, Judson's addition to Grants Pass, consideration, 5  
R. W. and E. C. Person to Lany Welter, 22 acres in SE<sup>1/4</sup> of sec. 6, tp. 36 south, range 5 west, consideration, 375  
H. E. Booth to Barrickman, lot 3, sec. 25, tp. 35 south, range 7 west consideration, 95  
M. S. Brown to Geo. and Chas. Hanson, 1/2 of lot 12, 1/2 of lot 14 and two 1/2 lots of lot 15, block 99 Grants Pass consideration, 1750

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Ed. Burke, 20 acres placer ground, "Gold Dust," on Illinois river.  
W. N. Ruble and Jess Todd, quartz claim, "Congress," on Coyote creek in Wolf creek mining district.  
Loren Adams, Fred Roper and Roger Entrieken, quartz claim, "Oregon," in Whisky creek mining district.  
Albert Savage, quartz claim, "Last Man," in Galice mining district.  
A. J. Crow, Frank Crow and Lou Gibson, 4000 linear feet on "Yank" ledge, Galice mining district.  
W. W. Woolfolk, quartz claim, "1st Extension to Mary E," in Dry Diggings mining district.  
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Oliver Roberts, quartz claim, "Young Lou," in sec. 1, tp. 41 south, range 8 west.  
Frank LeClair, ditch and 500 inches water from No. 9 Gulch in Altitude mining district.  
Repairing a specialty, all work guaranteed. T. A. Hood & Co.

Seven years ago, H. A. Corliss took hold of the proposition, acquiring the property holding the water right and a large amount of ground in the Dry Diggings territory. He now has about 600 acres of ground all of which will pay for pining. During the years he has been at work there, exclusive of the present season, he has cleaned up about \$30,000. This year, his profits can not fall of being far in excess of those of any previous year, owing to the long continued flow of water, which has enabled him to move as much ground already as he had in several seasons past. The ground he has thus far worked has averaged about 20 cents to the cubic yard, and has paid about \$100 per day for pining, three men working with a nozzle of 2 1/2 inches.

The placer ground of this district is exceptional in that, while most placer mines operate on "channels" the whole area here is auriferous, and pays with a hydraulic almost any where that water can be brought on it, and where the ground can be worked to advantage. The ground is gold bearing from the river to the top of the mountain, a distance of a mile and a half. The gold is all local, rough, and there is no evidence of wash or boulders. A large amount of the ground is comparatively free of rocks of any sort and those which are found are mountain or slide rocks. This gives a wonderful advantage over the ordinary placer mine where the disposition of the boulders is nearly always one of the chief obstructions to rapid work.

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THE CORLISS PLACER. Photo by Geo. Cramer.

ground were rich in a marvellous degree and at one time there were four or five hundred men at work there with pan, rocker, tom and sluice, and every conceivable gold washing appliance except the hydraulic plant, which came later. The scarcity of the water supply which gave the district its name has always been the principal drawback to the successful working of the ground. There was gold in considerable quantity for all comers, but the only easily available water privileges are from the two creeks which bound the district on either side, Jones creek on the west and Bloody Run on the east, neither of which is a large stream, although the first named is much the most important of the two. The richer and easier spots being soon worked out, the large majority of those who participated in this first stage of mining departed for other climes, and of those who succeeded there, some made moderate fortunes. The "main gulch," so called, was worked by the California company and paid \$50 a day to the man with sluice-boxes. This company worked here for several seasons with a force of 10 or 12 men.

The first hydraulic plant to operate in the Dry Diggings was installed about 20 years ago by Cart. Ankerly, now of the famous Sterling mine, and whose name is connected with the history of a number of the important placer mines of southern Oregon. This plant was in operation for several seasons, but was finally removed, as the "jay" was supposed to have been worked out.

For quite a number of years prior to 1893, little work was done on this ground except of a desultory character. The Chinese, as has been their custom all over the coast, came in and worked where the white men had abandoned the ground. Many white men also have worked from time to time and "pockets," almost without number have been discovered. During this time the principal water right was held on a property on the Jones creek side, which accounts for so large an amount of good pining ground's lying idle for so many years.

Some of the best paying ground has little or no gravel in its composition. Both coarse and fine gold is produced in quantity, some of the nuggets running as high as \$300 in value. Every year Corliss secures a collection of pieces running from \$20 to \$100.

The formation is a soft granite with a belt of porphyry near the top of the mountain. Quartz stringers of remarkable richness are frequently uncovered in the bedrock.

The dumping facilities are well-nigh perfect. The ground has the most natural outlet imaginable. The grade to the river is moderately steep but never precipitous, and as long or as short a line of sluices may be used as best suits the convenience or judgment of the miner. The conformation of the ground as regards facilities for rapid and easy working could not be improved on if made to order. The ground lies in ridges and ravines with gentle slopes. Every portion of it has a natural outlet. There are no rims to cut through and no flat spots or depressions to be drained by deep and expensive races. The only races needed are for the purpose of confining the water and directing the movement of the gold as it is driven by the pipe to the sluices.

It seems almost past comprehension that ground like this should be idle and virtually abandoned for a number of years, but such has been the case. The principal reason was, of course, that the water right of most importance was held on other ground, and the opinion prevailed very generally, also, that the diggings were worked out. The operations of Mr. Corliss on the ground for the past few years have shown how fallacious that idea, and even now he considers that the ground is only being fairly opened up. He estimates that there is at least 2000 acres of good paying ground yet unworked, and that there is ten times as much gold still in the ground as has been taken out. Under the present conditions, however, there is quite a large area of this which can not be covered by

the water now available. The present water right furnishes, at its best, about 300 inches during the rainy season and, in a "dry" year, the run may be limited to 25 or 30 days. The only thing which this mine needs to make it a gigantic and immensely lucrative proposition is an abundant water supply available for the higher ground, and this condition is not at all impossible, but, on the contrary, there are several feasible methods in which the desired result might be obtained.

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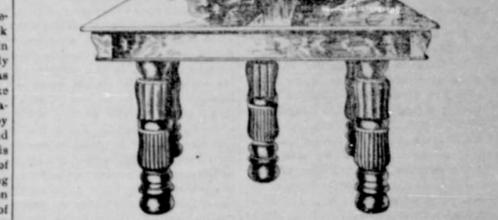
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House Linings, 3 1/2c per yd., and up.  
Portieres, some new ones.  
Lace Curtains, immense line 65c per pair, and up.  
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### Headquarters for Housefurnishings.

**Washington Letter**  
(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 12, 1900.  
The senate did not look kindly to the proposal to pension ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, and after some plain talk from a number of senators the amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill, offered by Senator Hoar, providing for the payment of \$20,000 to the ex-queen, and \$10,000 a year for the rest of her life was laid on the table. Several senators expressed willingness to get it given to the ex-queen as a gratuity, but very decided opposition to pensioning her; but on the whole there was so much opposition that the amendment was tabled without a division. Senator Tillman voiced the sentiment of many when he said that if this woman had any claim at all, which he doubted, it was upon the people of Hawaii, and not upon the United States.

It is certain that the Porto Rico bill will have to be amended to get it through the senate. It is proposed, and the proposal is likely to go through, that all goods from the United States shall be admitted to Porto Rico free of duty. It is also proposed that the 15 per cent duty on Porto Rico products shipped to the United States shall be still further lowered, but the chances are against that proposition going through. Those who were instrumental in putting the bill through the house talked as though they didn't care particularly how the bill was amended, so long as the principle of the house bill, that congress has the right to impose duties upon the products of the possessions of the United States, be kept in the bill.

Contested election cases are rather costly to the country, and something ought to be done to either make them fewer or less costly. For an entire week the house has been engaged in disposing of two of them, one from Alabama, and one from Virginia, while more important matters have to wait.

The plans of the friends of the Nicaragua canal bill in the house were somewhat upset by the request of the president that it be not taken up for consideration by the house, until after the senate has posed of the Nicaragua canal treaty. At first, it looked as though compliance with the president's request would prevent any canal legislation at this session, but the action of the senate committee on foreign relations, in amending the treaty so as to give the United States control of the canal in time of war, made it certain that the treaty would be ratified with very few adverse votes. While it is possible that England may object to the treaty, as amended, it is not regarded as probable that she will, as the amendment to the treaty is practically a copy of a clause of the Suez canal treaty.

Female physicians are rapidly gaining places for themselves in all parts of the world. A consular report, received by the department of the state quotes the following, said of them by Dr. Kelliseyer, of St. Petersburg: "Women physicians have established themselves all over Russia, and even their opponents must admit that they have achieved a respected position. Part of them are employed by the government and since last year are entitled to a pension. They occupy positions as county physicians, school physicians, physicians for the poor and the municipal ambulance system, etc."

General Joe Wheeler will have no trouble in taking his seat in the house, if the president accept his resignation from the army to take effect upon its date, November, 28th, 1899.

Swinburne and Alfred Austin wrote poems last week, and otherwise England more than held her own.—Eugene Register.

The most interesting thing in congress the past week was the speech of Senator Simon of Oregon, at least so far as Oregonians are concerned. It seems to have caught on, in the language of the street, and the senator has been pictured in the papers.—Albany Democrat.

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