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We are informed that hobos have been building fires in box cars near the ware houses. An expensive fire will set up to the tramp luxury which we maintain.

None of his predecessors have made a more creditable record as county clerk than Ray Bartlett. The records have been kept in a thoroughly business-like manner, and he has always shown himself ready to go further in the matter of accommodation than his position really requires.

The much talked about Puerto Rico bill has passed through congress and unless the president vetoes it, which is not expected, it will become a law.

The bill seems to be rather generally in disfavor and its passage as a republican measure is expected by many to have some momentous effect on the coming elections. The bill, in itself, is of far less importance than its political opponents claim. It provides for a 10 per cent tariff on Puerto Rico imports.

This does not mean, as some probably think, 10 per cent of the total worth of those imports, but 15 per cent of the former tariff. In other words, the tariff has been reduced 85 per cent. It is on the principal of the matter that the contention is waged, whether or not there shall be free trade between the United States and the new possessions, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Friends of the bill fear that the free trade with Puerto Rico clears the way for more free trade, next with the Philippines and then with the world, and so the loved tariff system becomes extinct.

We think their fears are ill-judged and that no such calamitous result need follow. Puerto Rico is a little insignificant island whose trade cannot seriously affect any of our industries. Few of the industries of the Philippines conflict with ours and those that do we think could be assimilated with other than disastrous effect.

One of the probabilities of the coming summer is the building of a wagon road to connect the Eureka mine with the Swede Basin road. To one familiar with the topography of this part of the country, the proposition seems very feasible.

The council met at the city hall in adjourned session last Thursday evening, all the councilmen being present except Tom Smith.

previous history of the case and stating the reasons for the same and the water company had taken. He stated that the company desired no litigation; that it was not profitable. They did not want to be held up nor to hold up the city, but had deemed it necessary to take the position they did in order to protect their rights.

The proposition under consideration was the last one made by the city to the company. Under its provisions, the company were to construct the sewer from its present terminus to a point below the power house, defray the costs of the suit and pay the city \$150 for the strip of land.

Mr. Moody called the attention of the council to a former proposition made to the company, in which the city agreed to pay \$175 toward the sewer extension, which could not be formally presented because the mayor would not call the council together.

At this point, saying that Mr. Moody was the only man who had asked him to call a meeting at that time. Mr. Moody replied that he had the mayor's word that a meeting would not be called unless every member of the council petitioned to that effect, and that three of them refused. At this point, we feared a controversy between Moody and the mayor which might frighten away the angel of peace from the council rooms, but the cloud passed.

Moody then stated the water company's ultimatum. They would reopen the case, dismiss the suit, defray all costs and construct the sewer extension, the city to deed them the land. Beyond this, the company utterly refused to go. Moody said in effect, that the company were conceding everything and did not propose to be forced of \$150 more.

Dunbar suggested that the procuring of any necessary right of way by the company should be embodied in the proposition. This stipulation found ready acceptance. Then Dunbar moved to accept the proposition. Mayor Cornburn said that the city's proposition was a fair and just one and that, for his part, he would say, let them accept it or let matters remain as they were.

The mayor would not budge an inch. H. E. Smith said that the city had made a fair proposition. Fetich reiterated this opinion. Tom Smith wanted to see unanimity in the council and was ready to subscribe something toward the disputed \$150 if it were necessary to effect an agreement.

Dunbar said it was a small amount and should not be allowed to stand in the way. H. E. Smith again said "fair and just" and became opaque and adamant. Fetich likewise, Tom Smith, to unite the jarring factions, moved an amendment to split the difference with the company.

Moody arose and said that this was past consideration. The company had stated their utmost terms and further than that they would not go. The mayor said that matters might stand as they were then. City Attorney Stewart advised the council that it would be folly to vote on the amendment when they knew the company would not consider it.

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Sunday School Improvement. Meetings for Sunday School improvement will be held in the Baptist church under the direction of Rev. James Edwards of the American Baptist Publication Society, on Saturday and Sunday as follows: SATURDAY, 10:00 A. M. Bible study, 10:45 " Principles of lesson preparation, 2:00 P. M. Bible study, 2:45 " Open parliament, 4:00 " Primary class teaching illustrated. Question box, 7:30 " Praise and promise, 8:00 " Address.

Mining Transfers. (Recorded since April, 9.) Gen. A. Pease to J. F. Wiscarver, McCoy placer claim on Boland Creek in Sucker Creek mining district, consideration \$1000. M. U. Gartner to J. F. Wiscarver, interest in McCoy claim, consideration 125.

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Woolville Items. Mr. Bedford of this place was called to the sick bed of his father in California one day last week. Mr. Merritt is spending a few days in Gold Hill. Mr. Curley White has moved on to his farm on this side of the river.

Real Estate Transfers. (Recorded since April, 9.) First National Bank to E. L. Gray, lots 7, 8 and 9, block 62, Grants Pass, consideration \$150. Mary E. and Abino Jones to George D. Horner, lot 128x103 feet on east side Fourth, south of L street, Grants Pass, consideration 275.

Church services are being held here every Sunday evening by the worthy people of the town. Every one should help in the good work. Miss Maude Merritt, principal of the school, was visiting friends in Gold Hill Saturday.

The Excitement Not Over. The rush at the drug store still continues and daily scores of people call for a bottle of Knapp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Knapp's Balsam, the standard family remedy, is sold on a guarantee and never fails to give entire satisfaction. Price 25c and 50c.

Mining Notes. R. Green and J. J. Fox made a tour of the Galice and Graven creek districts last week examining placer properties. They found a number of pleasing propositions, and will probably invest. They are now looking over other portions of the country.

H. H. McCarthy of Portland, a member of the mine owners club and mining exchange is visiting Josephine county and looking over its mineral field. His expressed opinion is that southern Oregon is the best mining section in the state, though capital is greatly needed to develop our many promising prospects.

E. E. Meredith returned Friday to his mine on the Illinois river after a visit to Portland. His property still has a good supply of water and will continue running for several weeks. They have recently put into an old river channel that is proving rich. A partial cleanup has been made every two weeks, with very gratifying results.

G. R. Major returned on Thursday from a visit to the gold dredge Josephine near Waldo. The dredge is now in full operation, and as it is capable of handling an immense amount of ground of known excellent quality, the results are certain. The machine has been greatly hampered in the past by breakages in the machinery. Mr. Major has been examining the plant for the Canadian capitalists who have interests in the property.

H. C. Barry came over last week from the Illinois & Josephine Gravel Mining company's property on Josephine creek. They are running only lightly now, by reservoir heads, on account of the diminishing water supply. The pipe itself is filled from a self discharging stand. As hydraulic miners understand, a pipe, especially if the pressure is heavy, must be filled gradually. If the full volume of water is turned on suddenly, the air in the pipe is violently compressed and disastrous results may ensue.

G. L. Roman was over this week from the Oak Flat mine on the Illinois, operated at present by McClung brothers. The plant has been moved from the extreme high channel to the low river bar, which prospects remarkably well in fine gold, former operations at this place being somewhat hampered by the limited dumping facilities. Since that time an enormous reservoir has been constructed on a natural reservoir site. "Reservoir flat," situated on the divide between Briggs creek and the Illinois, which will enable them to work throughout the summer by allowing the reservoir to fill during the night which will give them a full head during the day. When the river runs low they will be able to work the ground to much better advantage than has ever been the case hitherto.

Wm. Dunlap, one of the pioneer miners of Louse creek, made Grants Pass a visit last week. Mr. Dunlap has been engaged in placer mining in that district for about 30 years. Previous to settling here, he had mined and prospected in the Black Hills, in Montana, Arizona, on the Mackenzie river and Alaska, being in fact, one of the first discoverers of gold in the last named district. After mining over a large portion of North America, he selected southern Oregon as a home, being attracted by the rare combination of climatic and mineral advantages which this section affords, and acquired some claims on Louse creek which he has since worked by the modest method of ground sluicing and "shoveling in," preferring this method to a pipe and pump, as it gave him slow but steady returns, while with a giant, he would have worked out the ground in a few years and been footloose again.

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Fusion. The democrats and populists united according to program in the state conventions at Portland last week and made the following distribution of state offices: First—Justice of the supreme court by the democrats.

Second—First congressional district by the democrats. Third—Second congressional district by the people's party. Fourth—Food commissioner by the people's party.

Fifth—Presidential electors, two by the democrat party and two by the people's party. They endorse Bryan, the Chicago platform and the Oregon state platform of 1898. They oppose militarism and the Philippine war, advocating the establishment of a stable government for those islands, yet leaving us in the dark as to the method. They condemn the Dingley tariff, the Puerto Rico bill, the financial legislation of the present congress, the extravagance of the Oregon republicans. They favor the Nicaragua canal, government ownership of telegraph, the initiative and referendum, and sympathetic with the Boers.

The office of district attorney was given to turn about to each party in the several districts. In this district it fell to the democrats. A. E. Reamos of Jacksonville is the nominee. State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Ohio County.

Francis J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of \$100 for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY, sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1899. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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Table with columns: DATE, MAX. TEM., MIN. TEM., MEAN TEM., PRECIP. INCHES. Rows for each day of the month from 1 to 31.

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