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A treaty recently negotiated with the Klamath Indians was transmitted to congress Saturday by the commissioner of Indian affairs. By its terms the Indians are to relinquish all claims to their reservation as described in the treaty of 1864, compromising 621,824 acres, for which the government is to pay $532,000.

It is asserted that the territories of Arizona and new Mexico will apply for admission to statehood during the present session of congress. If they are admitted it will leave only two territories, Indian Territory and Oklohoma, in the United States outside our outlying possessions of Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

A report is in circulation to the effect that Secretary of State Hay will resign if the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is amended by the senate. This report, again, is denied by those claiming to know. It is to be hoped that the report is false for a man great enough to be secretary of state of the United States should be above such petty sentiments.

It is only a faint hope we cherish that something will be done at this session of congress for the Nicaragua canal. While all parties are professedly in favor of its construction, they differ so emphatically in the manner of getting at it that the outlook is somewhat discouraging to those who are interested in the speedy construction of the big ditch. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty is unsatisfactory to many who believe the United States should have sole control of the canal and its chances of ratification are doubtful.

The deadlock in the city council over the election of a recorder seems to have become permanent. At every council meeting the mayor apppoints T. P. Judson. Four councilmen vote to confirm and four to reject. Thereupon Judson continues as tempory recorder until he shall have been confirmed or rejected and he is a good officer. He keeps the records in a most systematic and satisfactory manner, and as a police judge he fills the position well. He is a terror to evil doers in the matter of fines, but they are able to keep out of police courts by the practice of good behavior. As Judson has proven himself a good and efficient officer, it is our opinion that the council should confirm his appointment.

It is well that the matter of the indiscriminate killing of birds by young boys with their small guns is given some publicity. It is not only for the sake of the birds, though that is a good and sufficient reason for considering the subject. For the boys own sakes, it is necessary that the practice of cruelty should be restrained. The reflex action of the killing of a bird on the boys mind is of far greater importance than is the bird itself. It teaches him to have a disregard for life and a hardness of heart toward suffering. Perhaps it is only in a small degree, yet the principle is there and can not help operating to a greater or less extent. There are too many men whose idea of sport is to kill something. It is a spirit which the world can get along without. Kindheartedness is a quality of which we can never have an over supply.

The new army and navy bill which has just passed the house abolishes the canteen. This is a step in the right direction. It is claimed by opponents of the measure that the canteen has been effective in decreasing the drunkeness in the army; that the men will have liquor anyway and if there is no canteen, they will get liquor wherever they can and will fill up on some murderous liquid that will do them incalculably more harm than the canteen liquor. It is very likely that there is some truth in these statements, but what if there should be? It is a new form of moral philosophy if we are to provide mild forms of vice to keep men from being vicious. If the men insist on following vice it is surely no reason why the government should. The canteen is an official sanction of liquor drinking and by the influence of its existence is more destructive out of the army than in it. The idea of lessening vice by a lesser degree of vice never worked satisfactorily.

Circuit Court.

The adjourned term of the circuit court held Dec. 3rd and 4th. The following mining cases were disposed of:

B. F. George vs. James Franey; suit over water. Decree for plaintiff,

Hammond Mfg. Co. vs. English Canadian Co. action to recover money. Judgment granted plaintiff for $911.51.

W. B. Hurst, as trustee, vs. H. M. Myers; foreclosure of mining claim Little Anaconda. Decree for plaintiff.

Big Assortment of Perfumes at Clemens'.

The Weather.

This unfailing topic of conversation has gained a new prevailing interest by the climatic conditions which have prevailed during the past two weeks. A dense damp unpleasant fog has been the staple article which the weather department has dealt out to us for that period of time. We do not like it, but it is better than some things which we might have. It will put us in a condition to appreciate the sunshine when we do get it. It is very good weather for the fall sown grain and all vegetation as there is no frost. Our December fog is given us in recompense for the snowstorms, freezes and blizzards to which other countries are subject and which we are denied.

The spell was broken Wednesday morning by a copious downpour of moisture, the atmosphere's humidity evidently having been congregated into globules so that precipitation ensued. The rain brings joy to placer operators all over the county.

Mining, Real Estate and Insurance.

The scarcity of houses for rent in Grants Pass is causing a demand for building lots. I have a choice selection of lots at the lowest prices and some of them on very easy terms. Be sure to call and see me.

I am getting in touch with the mining men of this county and investors from abroad. Would be pleased to know what residents of the county have, even if they do not need my services just now.

Have you placer or quartz? Will you sell stock or lease?

I represent solid fire insurance companies and would be pleased to write your policy. I also attend to collections.

E. C. PENTLAND,
Opera house block, Grants Pass.

Eighty Acres.

Eighty acres with House and Barn, plenty of timber, 30 acres improved and fenced. Will sell cheap or trade for City property,

See Joseph Moss the Real Estate Agent.

County Treasurer's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the county treasury for the redemption of the following warrants protested to July 5th, 1892. Interest on same will cease from this date, Dec. 12, 1900.

Nos	369	460	459	606	645
	381	494	458	594	647
	382	546	440	624	527
	297	424	435	603	650
	502	545	431	615	274
	388	543	585	597	606
	406	547	586	469	693
	413	542	571		

J. T. TAYLOR,
Treasurer Josephine Co., Ore.

Cantata, "David,"

Last Wednesday evening the second rendition of the cantata, "David, the Shepherd Boy" was given at the opera house. As on the preceding evening the house was well filled by a very appreciative and interested audience. It is the opinion of many that the second night's performance was even better than the first. The intervals between the acts were made much more brief and the audience was not wearied by long gazing at the curtain picture.

The chorus was costumed after the manner of the time of David and Saul, turbaned, gowned and sandaled, and the scenery took on the character of the occasion, so that Bethlehem appeared to the eyes of the audience and Carmel's peaks arose. Decrepit old Samuel with his flowing beard and jingling bells disturbing the merriment at Bethlehem was a scene made real and the anointing of young David, with the bearded Jesse and his seven tall sons in the foreground was one of the imposing acts in the drama.

Saul, portrayed by T. P. Cramer, was every inch a splendid barbarian king and peered wickedly from under his black brows in a manner to strike terror to the heart of whoever crossed his path. His daughter Michal, troubled, yet faithful, was beautifully portrayed by Miss Laura Parker, who is always a favorite with Grants Pass audiences. Her two solos were among the gems of the cantata.

H. L. Andrews as Jonathan electrified the audience with his powerful voice and the duet between David and Jonathan was emphatically encored on both evenings.

Mr. George Cramer carried the character of David in a most creditable manner and his solos were such as to exhibit his tenor voice to fine advantage.

All of those who had special parts handled them well. In the Choral union vocabulary there is no such word as fail. The chorus entered into the spirit of the play with life and vim and made the scenes real.

The grand prize, for the best character of all is unhesitatingly awarded by popular opinion to Miss Edna Parker as Abigail, the queen, who displayed a combination of vocal and dramatic talent that is rarely found. She sang in a voice whose power, compass and fullness and purity of tone were a continual pleasurable surprise to her audience and her conception of the part was little short of perfect.

The success of the cantata is due largely to the thorough and judicious drill by H. C. Kinney, the leader and director. The perfect work of Miss Belle Robinson as accompanist also contributed to the success of the cantata in a degree realized by few.

Nearly $125 was netted the Choral union by the entertainment, and after paying a note given for music, they have about $75 left for the treasury.

The members of the Choral union express their thanks to the orchestra for their valuable assistance in contributing to the success of the entertainment.

Dr. Holt's Lecture.

Dr. W. S. Holt, of Portland, spoke at the Presbyterian church Friday evening before a fair sized audience on the subject, "China in the Light of the Present Crisis." Dr. Holt is a most interesting and instructive speaker and his subject has a peculiar interest at this time when China is engrossing the attention of the world.

Dr. Holt ascribes the peculiar conditions which prevail in China to the self important feeling which China has of herself as a nation. China, to the Chinese, is the "Middle Kingdom," the central and only important country of the world. All not Chinese are barbarians, "foreign devils" or monkeys and are held in supreme contempt. That these inferior peoples should persistently degrade the great middle kingdom by continually compelling her against her will to accede to their demands has piled up a mountain of hatred in the Chinese heart against the foreigners.

It is an error, Dr. Holt says, to lay any blame upon the missionary as is being too frequently done in this country. The Chinese entertain no ill feeling toward the missionaries in that character, but in their ignorance often consider them as spies sent by foreign barbarian governments to work the downfall of the great middle kingdom. The idea, advanced by some in our own land, that the trouble is caused by the missionaries "ramming their gospel down the throats of the heathen," derided by the doctor, who thinks that the 2,000 missionaries, most of them women, must have a patent process in order to ram the gospel down the 400,000,000 throats.

The Boxers are described by Dr. Holt as one of the many secret societies by which China is honeycombed. They are intensely superstitious and fanatical and undoubtedly have been instigated to their turbulent attitude by the shrewd empress dowager. The Chinese, when they wreak vengeance on the foreigners consider them all alike. It is on the missionaries that the peril falls as it is they who occupy unprotected positions.

The lecture was closed with an inspiring appeal that the missionary work in China might be prosecuted with more vigor than ever, even at the cost of many lives and so bring light and intelligence to the benighted Chinamen, for in this is the only hope for that great nation.

Council Meeting.

The city council held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, all the members being present.

The most important measure was the passing of an ordinance to cover opium smoking, the need of such ordinance having been recently made apparent.

The hobo question was discussed and it was agreed that these leisure loving gentry should be required to assist in beautifying and improving our city.

The matter of the indiscriminate shooting of birds as well as electric light globes and other destructible articles, by boys, was discussed and it was agreed that action in this matter had become necessary.

The city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance compelling bicyclists to carry bells and lanterns after night.

The mayor again appointed T. P. Judson as recorder and again the council, by a vote of four to four refused to confirm. An open vote was taken at this meeting. Smith, Dunbar, Kuykendall and Hood voted to confirm. McIrew, Haskins, Fetsch and Rehkopf voted for rejection. Judson still continues as temporary recorder.

School Notes.

Miss Alice Smith is teaching in school district No. 27. This school has more non resident scholars in attendance than any other country school of Josephine county. Miss Smith is giving good satisfaction as is shown by the school board retaining her as teacher for a continued term.

In District No. 38, Miss Belle Sturges is teaching a school of 24 scholars with an average attendance of eighteen. Miss Sturges is doing good work in the branches taught and in matters pertaining to morals and manners which is of great importance. The people of Golden appreciate these efforts and have shown it by employing Miss Sturges for another month.

Miss Stella Paddock is teaching in district No. 44. Here I found a school of 24 scholars, all getting along nicely. While talking with a man there he said among other things. "We are proud of our quartz mine and mill." That is right. The people of Victor Junior should feel proud of such a mine and mill but they should have a greater pride for their school where their children, under the instruction of Miss Paddock, are doing so nicely.

School clerks must not pay the last months salary of the teacher until the said teacher's report has been examined, accepted and filed in the clerk's office.

Teachers must learn from their school officers if there is to be more school taught in the district this year, if no more school be taught the teacher must make a report to the superintendent of all the school taught in the district since March 1, 1900. LINCOLN SAVAGE,
County Superintendent.

Grants Pass School Notes.

The pupils of the Tenth grade rendered the following program on Tuesday before the Eight, Ninth and Tenth grades and visitors:

Song	By Class
Original Poem	Claudius Robinson
Essay	Kirkman Robinson
Violin Solo	Chas Stewart
Class Paper	Allan McKenzie
Recitation	Zella Hair
Dialogue	
Song	By Class

On the Friday before Christmas a program will be given by the pupils of the Ninth grade.

The third month of school closed Friday. The averags number belonging for the third month was 534 but because of the prevalence of so many colds, the average daily attendance was but 491.

School will close the Friday before Christmas and reopen the Monday after New Years, giving two weeks for holidays.

Fire.

A serious fire occurred Sunday evening by which the residence on Fifth street north of A, owned by Mrs. Sawyer and occupied by E. B. Brown was totally destroyed with nearly all its contents, only a few pieces of furniture being saved. Mr. Brown and his family were absent at the time at Mr. J. B. Eberle's, at the further end of the same block. The carpet and walls of one of the rooms had caught fire in the afternoon, supposably by sparks from the stove or stove pipe, but the fire was put out before it had gained much headway. Mr. Brown remained at the house some 20 minutes after the fire was put out, and supposing all was safe, went back to Mr. Eberle's. Some time afterwards it was suggested that it would be well to look again to be sure that things were safe and the kitchen was discovered to be on fire and past the possibility of control. It is supposed that the first fire had smoldered between the walls until it had kindled and broken out afresh.

The alarm was sounded and the fire company responded, but by the time the hose was stretched and the water arrived, it was too late to be of any practical use. The damp and foggy condition of the atmosphere prevented any danger to neighboring buildings.

Mr. Brown's loss was in the neighborhood of $900, insurance $450. The building was insured for $400.

Sad if True.

The most distressing account of an accident comes from the Cove, says the Chronicle. A farmer over near that hamlet had a cow that he had cherished in his bosom, as it were, since it was a calf. He thought a lot of that cow. Last week the cow got out of the corral and in her perigrinations about the homestead discovered an umbrella and a cake of yeast. She ate them both. The yeast fermented and raised the umbrella. The cow died.

Col. Holt in Corvallis.

A very great interest has developed in Corvallis in temperance lectures delivered by Colonel Holt, of Chicago. Saturday the First Methodist church was packed with people, and hundreds who sought to enter were turned away. At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, and at 8 in the afternoon, similar conditions prevailed, though the crowds were less dense.

Saturday night nearly all the business houses closed and proprietors and employes helped to swell the immense crowd that was in attendance. Two hundred and thirty people have signed the pledge. The lectures may continue to Thursday evening.

Mining Notes.

W. G. Wright's quartz mill started on Monday afternoon on an 80 ton run of rock.

B. E. Meredith came in Wednesday from the Wilson-Meredith placer on the Illinois.

W. N. Ruble of Golden one of the proprietors of the famous Ruble hydraulic mine was in town Tuesday.

The Rogue River Mining and Lumber Company contemplates erecting a planing mill and establishing a lumber yard at Bolt or Woodville.

W. D. O'Brien, came in Tuesday from the Old Channel mine at Six Mile, where he is occupying the position of superintendent. They have been piping lately with one giant, but the present rain will give a flow of water sufficient to operate all three of them.

John R. Harvey, manager of the Old Channel mine at Galice is visiting Grants Pass this week. A large number of improvements have been recently made on that property, which is now in scope for more extensive operation than ever before.

Herman Luethye, of Browntown, proprietor of the Gypsie Queen quartz mine, arrived in town Friday for a short visit to Grants Pass. He experienced the misfortune of having nearly all his buildings destroyed by fire last summer and has been busy replacing them and so has had little time for mining lately.

C. H. Parks, who has a bond on the Golden Wedge mine at Galice, reports striking a five-foot ledge of very rich rock at a depth off 100 feet in their tunnel, the ore from which carries values of $200 to $400 to the ton. This is the property formerly known as the Hutchins-Kramer mine

Frank Colvig came up on Saturday from the Rocky Gulch placer at Galice to remain till a change of weather, the flow of water having dwindled past the profitable point for working. The rainfall so far this season, has been quite light and during the present season of foggy weather a number of the mines are obliged to suspend operations until it rains.

The quartz mine on Forest creek formerly owned by Silsby and Breeden and now the property of the banking firm of Reed & Larrabee of Helena, Mont., has improved greatly in appearance on further development. The 20-foot ore body has divided into three veins, two of them four feet and one two feet in width, all carrying high values. Further prospecting will be done before putting on a mill.