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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1901.

J. H. Mitchell has survived political calamity in a way that few men have been able to do. In 1895, as a republican who believed in free silver, he was obliged to weather a difficult point and narrowly escaped political shipwreck. His interpretation of the republican platform in regard to free silver caused republicans to look at him somewhat askance while he was slumping the state for McKinley, while the other side could not forgive him that he did not stand with the free silver movement. That he could recover to be elected senator is a proof of his ability. Mitchell is an active worker in congress and one whose words and actions carry weight.

The terrible marine disaster by which the Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro sank in the Golden Gate and 120 lives were sacrificed was caused by "choking chances" a thing which is absolutely criminal when human lives are placed in jeopardy thereby. The responsibility for the awful disaster lies between Captain Fred Jordan, living pilot and Captain William Ward, the lead master of the vessel. There is a standing order issued by the company owning this vessel never to run in or out of the harbor in a fog. They had waited all night and early in the morning the fog lifted for a little while and they made ready to start when the fog settled again. Passengers and crew, having been so long at sea, were over anxious to get on shore and the run was attempted in the fog, with awful results. If they had waited only two hours longer, they would have had clear sailing.

A movement is on foot to build a number of bicycle paths from Grants Pass to different points of the county. Many of the wheelmen are willing to assist personally in the labor of construction while others will contribute funds. No appropriation is asked. Four rightly constructed bicycle paths leading out of the town in the several directions would conduce to its prosperity in a manner little realized. Paths could be made which would be in good condition winter and summer, so that ordinarily good wheelman could come to town from any part of the county, transact a fair amount of business and go home the same day. Anything that makes it easier for people to get in and out of town helps trade and conduces to the liveliness of the town in many ways. The other end of the path is benefited similarly and in proportion. In connection with this subject we are informed that the wheelmen of Williams are fully determined to have a bicycle path to Grants Pass and have already constructed a portion of it. The movement is worthy of the heartiest commendation and encouragement. The way to secure a bicycle path is to go to work and make it, and not try to scheme it into existence.

"John H. Mitchell was elected United States Senator at 12:20 this morning. It was the twenty-fifth ballot of the day, and the sixty-third of the legislative session. The result was reached on the inevitable last ballot, and was attended by scenes of supreme uproar and enthusiasm on the part of the Mitchell push. The grand coup planned by the republican minority management was carried out precisely according to the programme. There was no hitch or jar in the progress of the Mitchell machine. He had put his dummies forward for 40 days, to be sacrificed in turn, and then when all were out of the way, he made his spectacular entry and carried the legislature by storm. On the final ballot Mitchell had 46 votes, and Corbett 29. The senator received a minority of the democratic votes, and these, with the accession from the Corbett forces, were sufficient to elect him." So says the Salem dispatch to Sunday's Oregonian. John H. Mitchell is a man of high ability and is probably more acceptable to the citizens of the state than either of the other leading candidates, with the possible exception of Hermann, who is popular in this congressional district and would be likely to win in a popular election. A supreme effort seems to have been made at the last moment by the legislators to elect a senator as the storm of approbrium that would undoubtedly have greeted them in their failure was something worth avoiding. They succeeded in breaking the deadlock and are to be commended therefor. Oregon's representation in the U. S. senate for the next two years will be a credit to the state in the matter of recognized ability.

GRANTS PASS MUST ACT. Trade Which is Being Diverted From the Town Must be Controlled.

To THE EDITOR—Twenty-five years or so ago one of the principal cities of Ohio found itself confronted with a commercial problem. A wagon road in one direction, and a wagon road in another direction; a railroad a short distance in one direction and a railroad in another direction, were each one cutting off a part of the trade of the city until the situation became alarming to the business men of the town. A little diverting of trade here and there amounts to a considerable in the aggregate. The business men were wide awake and aggressive and a meeting of the citizens was called and after much discussion it was decided that the only solution of the problem lay in the building of a railroad a length of about 110 miles. The stock was subscribed for by the business men, the road was commenced and in a few years capital

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was interested from the money centers and the road was built and the town became again the undisputed center of trade and the result was the Cincinnati of today in the state of Ohio. Grants Pass today occupies a similar situation. A promising mining district is being opened in the northern part of Josephine county at Galice, and in the southern part of the county at Waldo. On account of the lack of wagon road and other lines of transportation Grants Pass has enjoyed a monopoly of this trade in the past which could go nowhere else. A gap of a few miles only is left between Picket Creek and Indian Ferry, without a wagon road on Rogue river and leaves Galice, without any wagon road on that side of the river, so entrapping citizens of another point on the S. P. railroad are taking advantage of the situation and a wagon road has been built and the channel of trade is being diverted. Another point on the S. P. railroad, nearer still to Galice, is a prospecting area towards that profitable and growing trade and proposes to construct a wagon road, again cutting off trade. One merchant there alone offers to subscribe \$600 to the road. In the meantime the timber interest of all that section is lying dormant, and will continue to do so under present conditions.

To be continued.

Choral Convention.

Next week is the time of the convention of Rogue River Valley Choral Union and as the opening day draws nearer the arrangements shape themselves with greater distinctness and the interest in the event increases with rapidity and intensity. No one familiar with the arrangements is doubting for an instant that this will be the best convention yet held and it seems certain to be by far the most successful in every way. There will be a larger chorus more soloists, a stronger orchestra and a better program than ever before. It is expected that the full chorus will number 125 voices and the selections being of a nature well suited to delivery by a strong chorus, the effect will be something grand. The orchestra will number probably 20 pieces, and will be composed of the best musical talent of the valley, assisted by visitors of great musical ability. M. O. Warner, the cellist, whose ability needs no announcement will be one of the orchestra. Father Dominic of Mt. Angel college is one of the musicians whose ability will be one of the attractions of the occasion. He is a pianist of recognized ability and high culture. Some of his solos will be given with orchestral accompaniment, a musical feature which will be new to many of the listeners. Father Dominic will be accompanied by one of his pupils, Mr. A. W. Baldwin, who exhibits the highest musical talent as a pianist. Signor D. Hoffa late of Portland is a violin soloist, whose ability with that instrument receives high commendation. Mrs. R. C. Brooks is a soprano soloist who needs no introduction in Southern Oregon. In power, range and beauty of tone, her voice is excellent but seldom. Besides a number of solos, she will sing a duet with Miss Esther Silsby. Mrs. D. Hoffa is a soprano soloist whose ability is very highly spoken of and whose presence adds to the high musical character of the convention.

NEW Spring Goods

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ARRIVING DAILY

Among some of the things that have arrived during the last week are:

- New Dress Linings....
- Gilberts, they represent all that are new in colors and qualities.
- New Trimming Buttons and Braids....
- In Gold, Silver, Velvet and Satin.
- New Ribbons....
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E. L. Dixon

Mining Notes.

W. J. Soverns started Tuesday evening on his return to Altin, B. C., where he has valuable placer property.

Henry Phillips left on Wednesday morning for Yoila where he goes on business connected with the Preston Peak Copper Co. He expects to return in a short time.

Walter de Varila, the prominent, mining engineer, has charge of the assay office and quartz mill of W. G. Wright, during the absence of the latter on his trip to the coast.

Ed Smith was in from Williams a few days this week. He is doing some development work on the "Bone of Contention" mine, and the property is making a first class showing.

Chas. Harwood of Winona, was in town this week and reports a quartz strike made by himself and S. Harris on Horse Creek in the Jump-off-Joe district. The ore, which is a decomposed quartz, is taken from a vein which runs from eight inches to two feet in width and assays at the rate of \$20 per ton.

H. D. Sluter, owner of the Wolf Creek bonanza is still working on his famous property and is extracting the yellow metal by the cyanid. His mine is rich almost beyond the bounds of belief by those who have not seen it. It has become a byword in this county in describing any find that is desperately and enormously rich, to say that it is "like Sluter's."

S. Shrimpton, were in from Murphy Tuesday, bringing with them about \$100 in gold taken from a pocket recently found in their quartz mine near Propvil. Of this amount \$150 was secured from two pieces of dirt and one of the brothers paid \$50 in coarse pieces from the mine with the point of his candlestick. They are the fortunate possessors of a "pocket ledge," a vein in which the "pay" occurs in bunches of remarkable richness. They have taken out a number of pockets from time to time, but this is the best one they have yet found.

The "Baby" quartz mine in the Jump-off-Joe district has been banded to Harry Rice, D. Myers and J. K. Smith for \$1500, term of bond one year. This property is owned by Joseph Pollock, L. L. Jewell and N. P. Dodge and at one time was very profitably worked by means of an arrastra, giving steady returns of from \$18 to \$25 per ton in free gold while a quantity of sorted ore which was shipped to Tacoma gave values of over \$50 per ton. The present operators have already begun work on the mine, and intend to extend the lower tunnel to strike the pay chute at a greater depth. The ledge runs from one to three feet in width.

Henderson and Selbner have a proposition on the divide between Coyote and Wolf creeks that is "like Sluter's." These gentlemen worked in the wood camp last winter at Wolf Creek and went to Baker county in the spring, where they prospect for some time with little success and finally turned to Josephine county to try their fortunes farther in the prospecting field. They had prospected only a few days when they found their present bonanza. It is a vein of very rich decomposed quartz of great richness, some of it yielding as high as \$100 to the ordinary ore sack full. Its extent has not yet been determined.

Sharp Bros., owners of the "Malnight" and "Challenge" quartz properties on the Applegate near Propvil, are working steadily on development operations and are showing up quartz mines that will be heard from later. The "Malnight" is the old Kiesling mine, the surface ore of which produced richly and was worked with good profit by the operators. Sharp Bros. are driving a tunnel on the vein a distance of about 400 feet into the hill. The vein shows a good width and the ore is remarkable in the fact that hardly any ore, except on very close inspection, would pronounce it quartz, yet it produces free gold in mortar tests and in some pieces the gold is plainly visible to the naked eye. Assays have not been lately made, so that the grade of the ore is not accurately known, but the prospects look to be high. The "Challenge" in the same vicinity, produces ore of remarkable richness, some of the mortar tests causing the onlookers to open their eyes in astonishment at the amount of gold the rock contains. A bad break in the tunnel and a consequent continuous earth slide has compelled suspension of work on this claim until the ground settles. The owners are prosecuting the development work with a vim and earnestness worthy of the highest commendation and they are thorough miners. It is suggested that if men after their style were more numerous there would be more established quartz mines in Southern Oregon than there are at the present time.

The Harmon green placer at Galice is having a most prosperous run this winter, probably the best since the mine was opened and it has always paid well. A new channel was opened last year on the west side of the creek near the lower end of the claims. The extensive showing was not greatly encouraging; only a small amount of gravel being visible on one of the points of the hill. On piping into this however, a large channel was discovered, apparently extending from Blanchard gulch. It is quite an ancient deposit, with smaller business and coarser gold than is found in the more modern channel. The gravel deposit extended back into the hill, which had slid over and covered up the channel many years ago. A strip was worked from last year and paid remarkably well, the coarsest piece found weighing \$8 and it was supposed that the "back rim" had been reached. Last year, however, Mr. Green ran some drifts to further prospect the ground and discovered the gravel deposit still extending into the hill and another strip is being piped off this season and the results are most flattering. One \$40 piece has been secured and pieces of the value of \$10 and \$15 are fairly numerous. The bank is now about 100 feet high, but is nearly all red dirt which occasionally shows the working very little. The channel still continues into the hill, its limit in width not having been reached as yet. The ground here well up from the creek, giving substantial advantages

in the matter of dumping. The pressure is not great but the ground is so loose a character that a heavy pressure is unnecessary. The water is brought across the creek in a pipe line from the ditch on the other side. The mine is operated under the supervision of Dan Green who is a miner of sound practical judgment and many years experience.

Local Teachers Institute. The third local teachers' institute for this school year was held at the brick school house in Grants Pass Saturday, February 23.

The teachers were called to order at 9:30 o'clock by Supt. Lincoln Savage. S. W. Holmes was elected secretary. The assembly then sang America. Miss May Sutton presented the subject of "Mental Arithmetic" in the 5th and 6th grades. Miss Sutton's paper was practical, with practical thought, emphasizing the value of mental arithmetic in getting a pupil's knowledge in definite shape and clearing his reasoning of much of its fog and mists, also much rapid drill was recommended to secure accuracy and quickness of thought. "Learning to Read," was the subject of an excellent paper by Miss Doris Colvig, her paper showed that she had studied her subject on the practical side and knew whereof she spoke.

Miss Minnie Tuff's text favored the assembly with a paper on "Grammar in the 7th grade," Miss Tuff believes in thorough, intelligent analysis, then much drill to fix the forms in the pupil's mind.

After a short recess, Miss Cora B. Lemon gave her methods of teaching geography, and showed how valuable supplementary work is in arousing an interest in the minds of the pupils, as well as getting many facts not to be found in the state textbook.

Miss Maggie Chiles gave many valuable suggestions on that vexing question of "How to Combine Work in Country Schools."

Miss Lillian Hogan presented the subject of "Spelling," showing how to teach it profitably and successfully.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "The Red, White and Blue," Miss Estella Goodin read a paper on "Literature in Our Schools," showing how a taste for good literature may be cultivated throughout all the grades. Miss Goodin gave a drill such as she gives her high school pupils in class, using the assembly for a class, this drill was much enjoyed by all.

Director T. P. Cramer gave an excellent talk on "Discipline." He emphasized the value of discipline in giving the pupil power to fight the battles of life. Discipline should begin at a very tender age, and be followed through the whole formative period.

Miss Mary Day's paper on "Number Work" was pointed and practical. Mr. G. A. Savage read a paper on "Physiology," in which he advocated more hygiene and less technical physiology.

Mr. Egbert Robbins addressed the assembly on "Civil Government and How It Should be Taught in Our Schools."

Miss Florence Akin gave a short talk on "Writing" and advocated the vertical system, illustrating it on the blackboard.

All the papers were followed by discussions in which much interest was manifested. The unanimous verdict seemed to be that the institute was an unqualified success.

City Council held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, all the members present.

A petition for the grading and improvement of Pine street was presented, discussed and referred to the street committee.

The school bond of L. A. Heberlin, with the required sureties, was presented. On motion, the bond was accepted and the license ordered to be issued.

The matter of recompiling and revising the ordinances to conform with the new charter was brought to the council's notice and on motion a committee of three, consisting of Haskins, Danbar and Hood, were appointed to investigate the cost of such compilation and revision, the eliminating of repealed ordinances and ordinances in conflict with the charter, suggest necessary new ones and also to ascertain the approximate cost of printing a new book of ordinances.

The auditor was instructed to confer with the water company and obtain proposals for five year contract. The following bills were allowed: Oregon Observer, printing, \$18; Frank Petrick, \$25.20.

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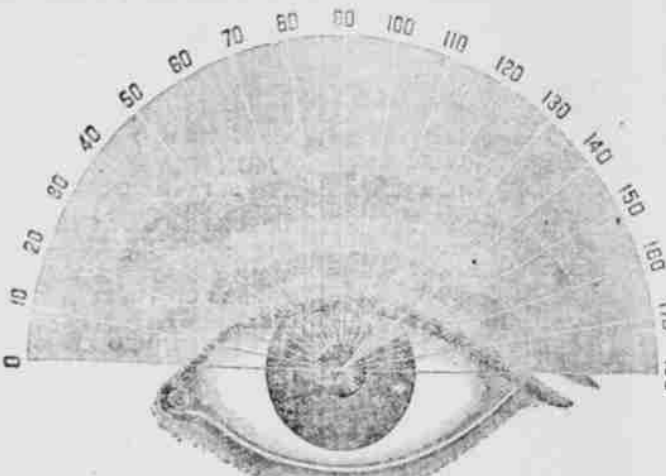
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