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The Pope of Rome is reported to be very near death, though denials of very imminent danger are frequent. The walls of the Vatican are said to be full of nuns relative to his successor.

It is said that the Irish nationalists have offered and guaranteed Kruger a seat in the British parliament. Under the terms of Kitchener's proclamation, they say, he is a British subject and therefore eligible.

If interest in regard to the Lewis and Clark exposition keeps up in the same ratio that it starts, the success of the event is assured already. The fair is receiving support and encouragement on all sides and the pledges are coming in rapidly.

In the state of Maine, 12 persons have already been accidentally shot by hunters during the present season. Five of these are dead. A law was passed by the legislature prescribing a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment for this crime, but no prosecutions have been made. It is expected that the number of those who use deadly weapons as playthings is alarmingly large.

The Southern Oregon mineral field is one of marked activity. During the past season, many new properties have been discovered and many of the already established equipments have been improved and extended. Capitalists are looking more and more to Southern Oregon as a field for profitable mining investment and the old established fallacy of its being a "pocket" country is sinking more and more into the background as our mines are opened and developed.

The Harriman and the Morgan-Hill syndicates have come to an agreement and the result is the biggest railroad combine ever consummated. James J. Hill, the long headed magnate of the great Northern, is president of the new trust. The effects of a big combination of capital like this can not be determined in a hurry. It is probable that little apparent change in the management of the roads will ensue. The public interest and convenience connected with the great railroad system is so direct and so extensive that the financiers will have a care as to the manner in which they juggle rates or accommodations. Any directly oppressive measure might lead to a too speedy solution of such problems as this one.

This issue of the COURIER closes the 17th volume of its existence. The past year has been a pleasant one in the COURIER annals and we enter the coming year with the feeling that the appreciation of the people of Josephine county for a clean and reliable paper, is well shown by their generous support of the COURIER. It will be our aim, now as ever, to lend our support to whatever will uplift and advance, to work for the permanent prosperity of our country and for right and fair dealings between man and man, politically and otherwise. We feel that the most cordial relations exist between the COURIER and its people and we enter on the new volume with bright and encouraging prospects.

The new Nicaragua canal treaty has been signed by both Hay and Ponce de Leon. The new treaty differs from the old one in that the United States has exclusive control but must guarantee neutrality. The text of the treaty has not yet been made public. It remains to be seen whether or not the senate will take a favorable view of its terms. The United States senate has not shown itself always ready to ratify the treaties which have been brought before it. Any canal treaty is sure to meet with the most desperate opposition on the part of transportation companies whose interest it jeopardizes, and no canal treaty can be ratified without a struggle. The neutrality question is likely to be a sticking point as it is the popular opinion in this country that we should have a right to fortify the canal and use it as a point of vantage in case of possible war. Other nations with interest on the other side, believe that the canal should be international and strictly neutral. Canal operations in the past have been so disappointing that the American people are skeptical in regard to the accomplishment of any results.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
(For week ending Nov. 16.)  
Chas and Geo W Brown to Thos Forre, NW 1/4 of sec 8, Tp 37 S, R 5 W, \$100.  
L N Browning to E. Mathews, lot 1, block 4, Placer, \$25.  
L R Brown to J. H. Mathews, S 1/4 of NW 1/4 and N 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 1, Tp 38 S, R 5 W, \$100.  
J B Hale to F. L. Brighden, S 1/4 of NW 1/4 and N 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 1, Tp 38 S, R 5 W, \$100.  
James Hiltaway to Mrs. L. C. Turner, undivided interest in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 21, Tp 38 S, R 5 W, \$25.  
O & C R Co to A R Brown, N 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 21, Tp 38 S, R 5 W, \$100.  
Wm Faber to Angus Fitch, lot 1 and strip five feet wide from east side of lot 2, block 40 Grants Pass, \$12,000.  
Homer White to A. J. Adams, undivided 1/2 interest in NW 1/4 of sec 8 and N 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 8, Tp 39 S, R 5 W, \$250.  
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### Mr. Reuben Quariz.

Jack Osteen was in town last week from Mr. Reuben Quariz where he is developing a quartz property of excellent promise. For some time past he has been engaged in running a tunnel in which, at a depth of 150 feet, he has exposed the ledge. The vein has the magnificent width of five feet and carries high value.

### Whiskey Creek Gold.

Loren Adams and Clark Taylor returned last week from a trip to Whiskey creek, where the former has a quartz prospect of excellent promise. He has a three inch stringer of quartz which is very rich in free gold, samples of the rock appearing full of the yellow metal. The quartz is solid and hard and presents the appearance of having come from a permanent vein than of being "pocket" rock.

Whiskey creek is a tributary of Rogue river and lies just west of Reuben creek. It is a very promising field for the prospector and is one of the productive districts of the future. The locality is quite rough which accounts for its undeveloped condition.

### Little Grayback Copper.

At the recently discovered copper mines on Little Grayback, Josephine county, there is much activity. Nearly everything has been taken up, representing 50 claims. The greater part are being developed as fast as possible. In some of the older claims tunnels have been run to a depth of 50 and 75 feet, or opened up by shafts to this depth. The ledges exposed show widths ranging from 10 to 150 feet, carrying copper values of 11 to 20 per cent.

### King Hydraulic Mine.

The King mine on Aithouse creek has received a greatly improved equipment during the summer just past and is now ready for operation on a more extensive scale than ever before.



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### Grave Creek Gravels.

The dance last Saturday night at Leland passed off pleasantly with good music and a large crowd.

The miners are praying for rain, the more rain, the more work.

We heard that George McCormack of Higo had broken his neck, but he is rather lively yet. And we don't think he had any intention.

The Leland school will close Nov. 20, with a short program. The patrons are invited to attend.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Light of Placer, a daughter, on Nov. 17.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Meisner of Grave, Nov. 13, a daughter.

Mr. Boyd, a mining man of Montana, has built a house here and is making preparations to run an arrastre this winter.

J. S. W. Smith and wife have moved to Merlin. Our loss is Merlin's gain.

Dr. Williams and family visited Grants Pass one day last week.

Wm. Church is raising a vegetable wagon now-a-days. Wm. is a rustler.

### Old Channel Mine.

The work of improving the equipment of the Old Channel hydraulic mine at Gialice is nearing completion. The ditches have been overhauled and enlarged and a great deal of new fluming added. A large reservoir has been constructed and the whole available pressure, 510 feet, has been brought to bear. A large crew of men have been at work all summer under the direction of J. R. Harvey and the mine has been put into shape for working on a far more extensive scale than ever before. Always among the giant hydraulic properties of Southern Oregon, its importance is very perceptibly increased. Every thing about this mine, the depth of the gravel, the pressure, the dump, the extent and richness of the ground, is on the most magnificent scale.

### Ground Sluice Miner.

Wm. Dunlap, the pioneer miner of Leland creek, is busily engaged in prospecting in his diggings on that stream for a pay channel that "dipped away" from him years ago. He still stays with the old method of ground sluicing. He has been mining on Leland creek some 20 years and has worked some very rich ground. He finds some very handsome pieces, up to \$12 or \$15 in value.

### Burning a Rock.

In these days of giant powder, it is a simple matter to manage the big hard boulders that are often found in the places. In the old days if a miner found a rock too heavy to be moved and too hard to be sledged, he was obliged to resort to his ingenuity. "Burning" a rock was a method frequently practiced. A big fire would be built upon and around the rock which would be heated as hot as possible, the heat causing the rock to crack and crack so that it could be easily broken with a sledge. If simple heating did not accomplish the desired result, water would be thrown upon the heated rock, and this seldom failed.

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### Storm Boot.

Activity has been resumed at the Waldo copper mines after a period of inactivity pending the result of litigation connected with the property. Captain Decker has lately put a crew of men to work running a long tunnel. Several other copper properties in this vicinity have lately been acquired by this company, and Waldo's prospects for becoming a big copper camp are excellent.

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### Leland Siftings.

We are having a nice gentle rain, but for wood haulers, but as they have had a long time to get their wood on the track, they should be willing for the farmers and miners to have rain for their benefit.

The roads are getting badly cut up by so much teaming. We understand that, years ago, when the miners wanted to lay in their supplies they would go to the little country stores and buy them, then carry them on their backs, to their mines. Now that is all changed. Each of us has a delivery wagon, so when we get an order we deliver the goods to the purchaser. In those days the miner confined his work to gulch mining. They found large channels but it took capital to work them as water had to be brought from a long distance. Now all that has changed. Capital has become interested and long ditches have been constructed, costing, in some instances, quite a fortune, but as the heavy channels are opened, they are found to be very rich and also very extensive and will last for ages. Quartz mining is in its infancy. Our miners have found a number of good ledges, but have not the capital to work them and are merely doing their assessment work. When men with money come here, if they wish to buy ledges they want them so cheap that the prospectors would rather hold on to their ledges than sell for a song.

J. J. Kinney has a ledge that shows free gold in encouraging quantity and is also of a good width. Cox has a ledge which carries free gold. From its appearance, it is a good proposition. He is preparing to work it this winter.

Jim MacCallin has returned from Idaho. He spent several years in that state but came back to southern Oregon. He says he can make a better living here than in Idaho and our climate is much milder in the winter.

Capt. Nash, one of our staunch placer miners on Gravel creek, made our town a visit one day last week. He says he can buy supplies as cheaply in Leland as anywhere else and also save freight.

Kinneyville is growing steadily. Times are lively at that place and Kinney is selling plenty of goods. Oklahoma, one mile south is a busy place and has quite a population. Oremato is mayor of that burg.

We don't see any articles from the able pen of the Hugo writer. Wake up "Dick". We are glad to hear that Dryden has an electrical light again.

G. W. Chapin says he has received a letter from E. F. Moss, who says he is very much improved in health. His friends are very glad to hear from him and also to learn that he is on the road to recovery.

We have a man that is a miner that stands 7 feet, 8 inches in his stocking feet. If any body in the country can beat that, we will look over our miners gain and perhaps we can find a bigger one. Grave creek is noted for its big men, also big women.

**Hugo Items.**  
Mrs. and Miss O'Gear were visiting Mr. Peterson and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Thursday.

Mr. H. C. Kinney and Miss Olga of Grants Pass were seen on the streets of Hugo Thursday.

The steel gang and bridge carpenters are improving the track at Hugo, making it the cleanest and nearest town on the road.

The dance at Mr. William Purdy's Friday evening was a success in every respect; a large crowd in attendance. The music rendered by Mr. Geo. Scott and Henry Triplett was excellent.

The debate Saturday night was very good. The negative won, on the whiskey question. Question for next Saturday night is: "Resolved that low wages are better for the working class than high wages."

Well, "Bob", if you will select some subject that you are posted on and write about it I will answer any question you ask. We might have quite an interesting conversation and both learn something and for what we fail to know, we could appeal to "Night Hawk."

Soon we will hear those wedding bells, gongling ling-ling, all join hands at Hugo and "Elivaboro."

Mrs. G. Scott of Grants Pass was visiting Mrs. Henry at Hugo Friday.

**Merlin Notes.**  
Mr. Roy Kiser returned home from Wolf creek and will remain in our city for a few days.

M. B. Williams and Mr. Wm. Trimble, of Grants Pass were in our city Sunday. Mr. Trimble moved his blacksmith tools to Grants Pass and will open up a shop in that city soon.

Died—in this city, Nov. 13, 1901, Samuel Fredrick Ott, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ott, aged three days.

Mrs. Ott is gaining strength very rapidly and will soon be able to be on our streets again. Mrs. Hinman is keeping house for Mr. Wm. Ott through the illness of his wife.

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The entertainment and box social given at the school house last Saturday evening was a success in every respect. All the boxes were sold at a good price and the program rendered by the school was very entertaining. Prof. McConnell is quite elated over the success of the social and the amount of money taken in which was \$36.75. He says we will soon hear the sound of a bell vibrating through the city of Merlin and the surrounding country.

Mrs. J. P. McConnell made the school of Merlin a present of a very beautiful landscape painting of that grand old mountain, Mt. Hood, painted by her own hands. The school of Merlin should appreciate this present for it is a valuable gift, to say nothing of the spirit manifested by the professor and his wife in presenting it to the school.

Miss Alice Smith, of Leland, attended the institute, Miss Harvey, and a number of her pupils attended also. The pupils returned home during the day and Miss Harvey remained for the social. Miss Dora Colvig and Miss Hogan, of Grants Pass, attended the institute.

"Dick" and "Bob" missed a great deal by not being at the social last Saturday. There were numbers of good looking girls and pretty baskets present. Night Hawk has an interest in each of you and feels that you have missed one of the greatest opportunities of your life by not being present.

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