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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1902.

Registration is again in order this year, the operation being required biennially. Voters must remember this fact and enter their names again on the register, in order to be qualified to vote in the coming June election.

The attitude of the administration toward the Stimpson-Schley controversy seems to favor repressing or hushing up as far as possible all further disputes that arise, so that happily the matter may sometime cease to vex the public.

The county court at its recent session established a new precinct for this county, Selma precinct. It embraces Oak Flat and the north part of Kerby precinct. A strip was also taken from Slate creek precinct and added to South Grants Pass.

Conditions in Porto Rico are wonderfully improved over those of two years ago. The improvement in the island is marvelous. The people have lost all feeling of discontent toward the United States and are anxious to become as American as possible.

As soon as the obstacles to the construction of the Nicaragua canal seemed to be removed there arises another complication; the old Panama route, which has been receiving more favorable consideration than has been deemed possible. It is now said that it will require all of the present congressional session for the senators to discuss the respective merits of the two routes.

There are few more striking examples of the way the world moves on than the fact that American capitalists are arranging to build a trolley line to Mecca in view of the pilgrimages made annually by the Mohammedans. Pilgrimages are suggestive of long and arduous journeys by foot or camel and the idea of making pilgrimages to Mecca in trolley cars is unromantic to say the least.

The Ashland city council has voted on the question of licensing saloons and has decided in favor of prohibition, so that the town will be "dry" for another year at least. After a year's practical test the city government adheres to the anti-saloon idea. At the late election, the license party elected the mayor and the same number of councilmen as the prohibitionists. The hold-over councilmen are anti-saloon men which gives that party a majority in the council.

An item to the effect that four prominent Grants Pass citizens, P. H. Harth, J. O. Booth, C. E. Harmon, and H. L. Benson had been subpoenaed to serve on a Modoc county, (Cal) jury has been published by the local press and reprinted in many of the valley papers. The fact is that Mr. Harth and Mr. Booth were summoned as witnesses to testify as to the character of one of the defendants, Brown, in the trial for lynching. Grants Pass has as honest men as any town, but California courts do not send here for jurors.

Jack Wade, one of the Portland murderers, who has been making a great show of brasserie since his arrest and during his trial, shows symptoms of breaking down and it would not be surprising if he should collapse utterly on or before the day of his execution. He is merely brute courage of the kind that is no credit to its owner and often leaves him entirely in a pinch. The mental sort is a different article and cannot be overcome. Apparent and reported cowardice often show great courage under severe trials when presumably braver men collapse in tests that demonstrate the superiority of the mental courage over the physical.

The new Chinese exclusion bill framed by the Pacific coast delegation and which will be considered by the present congress is very severe, the delegation having apparently considered it unnecessary to accord the Chinese any great degree of privilege. The new bill reenacts the prominent features of the Geary law with a number of additions and its whole tenor is more intense than the former law. The new bill would exclude Chinese from our new possessions; Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines and also prohibits the Chinese in these territories from entering the United States proper. Chinese now residents of the United States are barred from becoming citizens. Chinese may pass through the United States by satisfactorily establishing the fact that their destination is some point beyond. Any Chinese found testifying falsely in regard to rights of Chinese to remain here shall be subject to deportation. Only those Chinese who are already established residents shall have a right to remain here. More stringent measures than formerly for the enforcement of this law are provided.

Passenger Train Wrecked.
Passenger train No. 11, due here at 10:30 p. m. Thursday, experienced a sensational wreck near Myrtle Creek. The engine left the rails without apparent cause, bumped across a trestle and went into the ditch just on the other side. Engineer Connolly and Fireman Jones attempted to jump but were caught in the wreckage. They escaped with their lives almost miraculously and neither was seriously injured, although Jones may be obliged to spend a month or more in the hospital. The mail and express cars were badly wrecked, though the contents were uninjured and the clerks escaped unhurt. Both trucks of the day coach and the forward trucks of the smoker left the rails, but these cars suffered no injury. The track was clear in about 15 hours.

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Red Star Store.
Front street, oppo. Depot.

The Village Parson.
"The Village Parson" which has become a great favorite with theater goers, will be seen at the opera house on Friday evening, Jan. 23. This play is intensely dramatic in action, and, while not over-strained, there are climaxes which keep the interest of the spectators wrought up to the highest point. Many of the passages are very pathetic, and there are scenes in which the element of humor predominates. The plot is well defined, and as the story ends happily, there are no regrets. The scenic features are well cared for, the carnival scene being especially fine. All of the acts in fact are equipped with new and bright scenery. The company is far above the average and a finished production may be looked for.

Jessie Shirley Co.
The story of "For Fair Virginia" to be presented by Miss Jessie Shirley, at Opera House on Tuesday Feb. 11, 1902 is founded on the civil war and relates how husband and wife are separated through the former being a Unionist and the wife a sympathizer with the south; how the villain steps to take advantage of this estrangement appealing to the wife's love of country to widen the breach; how the duties of wife and mother are finally abandoned, and holding her child to her breast, she defies and scorns the man who would break up the family. Then there is the humorous side, and this at times holds the stage to

Circuit Court.
ACTIONS AT LAW.
Circuit court convened on Monday with Judge Hanna in the chair. The principal feature of interest is the trial of Frank McCann, which commenced on Wednesday. In the case of Frank P. Silva vs. Antonio Rose, the names of L. V. Stewart and John Hackett were substituted for Silva and a verdict was rendered in favor of Rose.
Following is the docket for the term:
CHIMINAL.
State vs. Frank McCann, assault with dangerous weapon.
H. L. Benson vs. Joseph R. Oliver et al.
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SUITS IN EQUITY.
H. M. Gorham vs. R. F. Miller and J. C. Dyart.
F. Fetech vs. Lance Gold Mining Co. et al.
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A new jury list of 230 names was drawn for the year 1902.
The following named persons were appointed judges and clerks of election to serve for two years:
North Grants Pass precinct, J. C. Campbell, J. O. Booth and J. J. Frier,

January Jurors.
The following named citizens of Josephine county have been summoned to serve as jurors at the January term Josephine circuit court:
Harry Smith W. I. Dowell
G. R. Riddle J. H. Croston
E. F. Hannum Joseph Wolfe
A. J. Schrimpf Wm. Langhman
Alfred Bartlett W. T. Coburn
G. W. Lewis W. H. Black
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E. A. Wade Levi W. Ferry
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Horse Race.
Considerable interest was taken in the horse race which occurred on Saturday at the granite track and it was given quite a numerous attendance on that afternoon. It was a quarter mile race between Austin Barber's horse "The Wooper" and Sweetland's "Alpha Lee," for \$100 a side. Each horse is the winner of a number of races and the outcome of the match was awaited with interest. The race was won by "The Wooper" with apparent ease.

Tax Levy.
The county commissioners court closed their week's session on Wednesday afternoon. Among other work done by them was the fixing of Josephine county's state and tax levy.
Aside from the regular county, state, and school tax levy there is an extra levy of two mills for a special county road tax. The levy is as follows:
State tax 9 mills
County school fund 5
General county fund 16
Total levy 30
Special county road fund 2

Merlin Notes.
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Rev. Stewart of Hugo, with a number of his Hugo friends, visited the Arcadian Literary society Friday evening.
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