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Hobos are having too much of a picnic in Grants Pass. Let the city get a few cords of wood and an old buck saw for their benefit. They will then shun the town as a plague spot.

If the "Congressional Record" were a real record it would not be necessary to take steps to increase its circulation. If it were not edited and expurgated, it would be spicy reading.

Minister Wu tells us that the foot-binders are no longer practicing their art in China. It would be gratefully received if he would give an authoritative assurance that the Chinese high-binders were not practicing their arts in this country.

The discovery has just been made that, owing to a technicality, every law passed at the last session of the Wyoming legislature is invalid. The governor is now in South America and it will be the first of May before an extra session can be called to remedy the trouble.

Chicago club women have protested against the sale and sending of the so called "comic" valentine, the humor of which is supposed to depend on its brutality. The form of wit that is tolerated on these cheap diatribes is one of the relics that has come down with the human race from the stone age.

On account of the recent supreme court ruling on Philippine imports, it is said that there are more than two million cigars on the way to this country from the islands, and that before the middle of March there will be ten times that number consigned to American dealers. The factories in the islands are working night and day.

The deepest soundings recorded in the Atlantic have recently been made off Porto Rico, showing a depth of 27,972 feet, being 606 feet deeper than the previous Atlantic record. There are places in the Pacific known to be 30,000 feet deep, indicating a greater distance in submarine valleys than in the height of mountains rising above the sea level.

The mention of J. O. Booth in connection with the office of county judge strikes a popular chord. Since our publication containing the aforesaid suggestion, we have received many commendatory remarks from people of various political faiths. It is very certain that Mr. Booth would be both a strong candidate and an excellent officer.

The excellence of the Pacific coast timber is coming into more general recognition. The Douglas fir is now being favorably considered as a material for battle ships. Heretofore the southern yellow pine has held a monopoly as material for this purpose, the navy department ignorantly considering the fir as soft and spongy. Through the efforts of Senator Foster, a series of official tests have been made which prove the fir fully equal to the southern pine in nearly all respects and superior in many.

General Dewet's name is again prominent, this time on account of a brilliant escape from the British lines. Kitchener had perfected an elaborate plan for capturing the Boer general with his army. He had Dewet completely cut off and surrounded, with artillery stationed at every possible point, armored trains patrolling the railroads and search lights everywhere. Kitchener's line extended over 30 miles and escape seemed impossible for Dewet, but Kitchener, having caught the fox, was not able to hold him, for Dewet, by a succession of rushes at the proper time and place, broke through the line and escaped with most of his army.

Representative Wheeler, of Kentucky, gained notoriety for himself last Friday by a speech in congress denouncing "flunkeyism." He made a vituperative attack on Secretary of State Hay and improved the occasion to belittle Prince Henry of Germany and denounce the preparations which are being made to receive him. He referred to the prince as "a little Dutchman." While there is such thing as "flunkeyism," there is also such a thing as courtesy, which "Colonel" Wheeler should bear in mind. He will find that his inhospitable sentiments are not generally shared by the American people. It is a little thing to welcome the prince with heartiness and cordiality, but it promotes the friendly feeling between two great nations to a degree we hardly realize.

A bit of correspondence in the Portland papers, from Roseburg regarding a few light cases of smallpox at that place and the temporary closing of the schools by order of Mayor Hoover, special health officer, has been badly mangled in reprinting by several of the southern Oregon papers. The Medford Enquirer copied the item without the date line, so that it reads "in this city," in the Enquirer columns meaning Medford, and we will venture the guess that it put the editor in hot water. The Gold Hill News made a wilder error, a most inexcusable blunder. The editor got "in this city" scratched off all right but inserted "Grants Pass" instead of "Roseburg". Why he did it, no man knows, unless the subject made him hysterical. He certainly owes Grants Pass an apology and should correct his misstatement at the first opportunity.

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Forest Queen.

Since the late rains the owners of the Forest Queen mine on Louse creek have been improving every minute of the time and the mine is now running steadily with a full head of water. The water supply is obtained from two creeks by three ditches. Two of these supply water to the reservoirs while the third feeds the hydraulics and furnishes a pressure of 200 feet. A Ruble grizzley was installed at the beginning of the season and is doing excellent work. The old original pay channel of the creek has just been uncovered at this mine. It seems to have divided at the point of discovery, one part turning into the present creek channel and the other running closer to the hill. Working from below and piping on the higher bedrock, they have struck the heavy wash of the old channel, with abundant prospects for coarse gold.

Lone Star Mine.

C. E. Wickstrom was in town Thursday and Friday from Pleasant creek. He is the owner of the Lone Star mine on that stream, one of the principal placer properties of that district. The mine embraces 240 acres of ground, extending up and down the stream for a mile. An old channel, which was worked to some extent many years ago and was very rich, has lately been re-discovered and has been opened by a cut 300 feet in length. This old channel has a decomposed bedrock and the wash gives evidence of extreme age. The surface is covered with red dirt. The channel has been sought by the miners for 20 years. Mr. Wickstrom owns a mile of it in length and it is on this channel that the hydraulic operations will be mainly directed. The property is equipped with two complete hydraulic plants and a force of seven men are working night and day. Water is abundant since the rain and the work is being actively carried on.

Willow Springs Quartz

Higgins & Dunlap are taking out $60 ore from the old Peter Applegate mine in the Willow Spring district. They have about 14 inches of this ore. This is another abandoned pocket property which, in sinking upon has produced the above results.—Gold Hill News.

Columbia Mine

The reports of damage to the ditches of the Columbia mine on Grave creek by the recent heavy rains were exaggerated. The work was delayed only 12 hours and the mine has since been running steadily.

Decision in Mining Case.

A supreme court decision was given last week in the case of W. J. Gohres, respondent, vs. the Illinois & Josephine Gravel Mining Company, appellant, appeal from Josephine county, Hon. H. K. Hanna, judge, modified. Opinion by Associate Justice C. E. Wolverton. The action was brought to quiet title to certain mining property. There was also a petition to restrain the defendants from discharging rock and other debris from their flumes upon plaintiff's claim. After reviewing the testimony the appellate court finds that the plaintiff has a good title to the premises. The court holds that evidence should have been presented in the trial court as to the damages sustained, and that the court should not have given judgment on the allegation of the plaintiff. The appellate court holds that $100 will be sufficient for damages, and the decree is modified in accordance with this view of the case.

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Leland Siftings.

Uncle Billy Cox and Beck have gone to upper Applegate to represent a quartz ledge.

The quartz mines are being worked to the fullest extent, so as to elect mills when the roads get better.

Samuel Abel left for California last Tuesday. He says he would be a millionaire if he cut wood much longer.

The mines are running full blast. There was only slight injury to their ditches by the heavy rains. The rain came so easily that it did little damage.

Mrs. Cox, mother of Wm. Cox, has become a resident of Kinneyville. She will keep house for her two nephews who are cutting wood for Wm. Cox.

A. A. Porter was seen on our streets Saturday. He says everything is flourishing in his neighborhood. He is fixing to farm on a larger scale than ever. He will raise more cattle and more grass.

Say, "Sallie" why do we not see more "Gravelets?" They are like angels' visits. Perhaps a few hours less sleep in the morning would give you more time for "Gravelets."

The Greenback company have their long tunnel nearly completed. They will tap their ledge at a greater depth and also have better ground for their mill and other buildings.

We have a Frenchman in our midst, a woodcutter, who has a great liking for frogs. He says the frogs at this time of the year are quite poor. He has a preference for male frogs.

A new ledge has been discovered on Mt. Reuben on the Whiskey creek side. It is a large ledge and shows free gold in all parts of the rock. As soon as the roads are better, the owners will proceed to put on a stamp mill, as it is free milling ore.

Uncle Billy Cox has two men from Jackson county who cut three and a half cords of railroad wood in half a day. This is very near their average when they have good timber. Where are you, young men of Josephine county? Beat this and we will make you another example.

We have a young man from the east with plenty of money, who is looking for a location for a home. He wants a wife also, a helpmate. He wants a blonde, 18 to 20 years old, about five feet, eight inches tall, one that can make herself generally useful, with a mild temper and a fair education.

We have had a good soaking rain. It came gently, so the ground is well soaked. We think the people south of Tunnel 9 had more rain than we did, as there was no damage done here. The weather at present is warm and sunshiny. The wood cutters are getting the spring fever. Little or no fires are needed in the stoves, the weather is so balmy. Saturday was quite windy put with a warm atmosphere. Mysterious are the ways of Providence in some places. We hear of floods, earthquakes, cyclones, but at Leland all is quiet and the people are happy.

We think this "genial cook" has questionable taste, to be looking for widows in a community noted for its pretty young girls. Now, Mr. "Cook" whoever you are, please to remember the old man's pathetic warning to his son—"Samivel, beware of widows!" Just attend some of our Leland dances and see our "rose bud garden of girls," and you will never look at a widow again. Girls, just think of it! A man who can cook while you do your shopping or attend a club meeting. Do not let him fall a prey to widows.

"Dick" give us something breezy. Come over and see us. Bob.

Wildervile Items.

Warm sunshine and spring showers.

It begins to look like spring since our last writing.

Rev. Francis Smith preached at New Hope Sunday.

Mr. Savage is back at his school again this week.

Mr. Goodman intends to come and live on his farm that Mr. Cart rented.

Mr. McLann and Mr. Creed made a business trip to Grants Pass one day last week.

Mr. D. Linsey made a business trip to Grants Pass last Thursday and came home Friday.

Mr. Francis Smith is back after a few weeks visiting in Grants Pass and helping in meetings in that city.

Mrs. Lewis had a bad sick spell Sunday and was taken to Grants Pass Monday for medical aid.

There was Sunday school at Wildervile Sunday but no meeting in the evening on account of the hard rain.

Rev. W. Rodgers is in Merlin holding meeting at present. He was home for a few days last week but went back.

Mrs Cart is not very well this week on account of a cold. Every body around Wildervile seems to have colds.

The farmers who have grain in the fields should rejoice as the ground now is so wet it is almost impossible to plant grain.

Emmett Conger was seen on our streets Saturday for the first time in several weeks. He is able to be out after his long spell of sickness.

Mr. Will and Miss Iola Finley from down Rogue River were visiting in our community Sunday and had to stay until Monday on account of the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Cart will soon commence to haul lumber for their new house. They intend to build on Mr. Hocking's place, close to the south line, near Chaney creek.

Miss Chloe Robinson went to Grants Pass Tuesday to have some dental work done. Our city should have a dentist as there are several complaining with their teeth.

We should think Mr. R. would want a roof on his house such rainy weather as it has been. When it is raining, it is too wet to put one on, and when it is not raining he doesn't need it.

Miss Edith Walton was visiting in our city Sunday. Her home is in the Deer creek valley. ZANONI.

The "Stink Bush"

Old Grants Pass, the stage station, and its neighborhood had a little old rickety, picturesque school house, set in one of the most beautiful situations in southern Oregon, about half a mile northeast of the Grants Pass of the present. The little building was situated in the shade of a number of large oak trees, and the little play ground in front, worn smooth as a floor by the patter of small bare feet, was ringed by oaks, just the right distance apart for "Pussy wants a corner." Three months' school in the summer time was the regular program. The old building has long since passed into oblivion and the oaks have all been cut up into stove wood. The former pupils of this school, if they happen along by the old scenes, now so changed, gaze with sadness and reverence on the stump of "Old Big Black Oak", as on the grave of a friend.

Of all the youngsters who attended this school year in and year out, there are now but two living in Grants Pass, and of those who attended a term or two, there are perhaps four or five more.

The children of this school, in the earlier terms had a recognized and established institution which seems to have been peculiar to this place and was handed down by tradition from term to term. This was the "stink bush". The "stink bush" was a giant chapparral, spreading itself fan like in all directions, thick and impenetrable. In those days, rattlesnakes were no rarity and were often killed in the vicinity of the school house. Sometimes they would even be seen attempting to cross the play ground. On such occasions the youngsters would fall upon them en masse, with ball bats, sticks, clubs, stones, any weapon that came to hand, shouting and yelling like little Indians, and the snake's existence would violently cease. Then the mangled remains would be thrown into the "stink bush" and left there to dissipate their fragrance in the balmy summer air. Every "blow-snake," "blue racer," or other slimy beast killed by the youngsters was disposed of likewise. Every unfortunate lizard who rashly exposed himself to the juvenile view was gathered in as a trophy for the "stink bush".

Sometimes a digger squirrel would be captured and he would be a prize indeed. The poor little mouse who fell into the water bucket during the night to be fished out in the morning found repose in the "stink bush". Dead cats would be brought from home in the interests of the institution. It was the recognized duty of the youngsters to keep the "stink bush" supplied and they never failed to be diligent and faithful in its performance.

But there came a term when the teacher decided that so much chapparral brush about the school house was an eye sore and she ordered it cut down. In the slashing that followed, the "stink bush" also perished.

School Notes.

The second term of school opened with a spirit of determination and industry. Some have dropped from the ranks, some have entered, but the lines keep pressing on. Slow seems the pace and no landmarks seem to indicate the progress. A little hope, a little despair, much work and less advancement make up the student's life. But in the school room, 'each is building his world within. Thoughts are the builders, for thoughts are forces', and surely and silently the work of construction goes on. Little by little the building rises. Stroke by stroke the material is fashioned and laid in its destined place. Mathematical laws make firm the foundation. Geometry rears a beautiful pillar, Philosophy fits the joints while History with its awful tragedies and sublime characters temperes the whole structure and Rhetoric polishes the surface. Closely and constantly the workman must watch the building that its walls may be kept true and that only durable substance enter into its construction. Nor does the builder dare to pause in his work for as soon as the labor ceases the walls become untrue, the joints loosen and the building loses its symmetry and stability. The capacity of the structure, its beauty and stability, are questions that constantly confront the architect. Let him carefully determine them.

A reading circle has been organized in connection with the literature class for the purpose of reading the American and English classics. The members meet twice a week to discuss the literary merit of the work read.

The school is well pleased with the plano. A program is now preparing and will be rendered in the near future for the purpose of raising money with which to purchase an encyclopedia and other necessary additions to the library.

The program committee reported the following program to be rendered by the literary society, Friday, Feb. 21:

Music ..... High School Chorus
Reading Class ..... Ruth Dean, Howard Mitchell
Recitations ..... Kate Newell, Mattie McKimmens
Vocal Solo ..... Lillian Rourke
Essay Class ..... Lloyd Harver, Kate McCarthy
Impromptu Class ..... Kirkman Robinson, Bertha Mowers, Nettie Dunlap, Madge Marshall
Double Quartette ..... Kirkman Robinson, Ethel Hendee, Lillian Rourke, Albert Coe, Gussie Parker, Seymour Marvin
Debate; Resolved, "that a member of congress ought to vote according to his own opinion and not according to that of the majority of his constituency".
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Negative, Roy Hackett, Eula Howard.
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Schneider on Hoodlums.

Der "COURIER": Mine cousin, Meister Diedrich Dinkelspiel uf der Philypeanuts Islands hat riten me, in vich he sait dot his frendt Friday foget him on Thursday unt sait: "Ask Schneider vat is a mottern hootlums"? I vill answer, der Courier tarough.

A recently hootlums vas a "guy Skootus" mit der gospel dispensation uf der hypocracies. A hootlum vas a young man vite behindt der gills, mit dait eyes like der vish in der pow u der boat; a hootlum vas took a viskey bottle fon his mooter ven she veanit him; he vas got gums unt der sickregret in der mout. Meister Friday shall recollectionings dot des sickregret tobacco vas moct fon der sickar stups vich der smoker spit ouse at der depos der cities aroundt, unt vich vas picket oup by der olt shinaman mit der tongs; unt des hootlums vas moct des sickregrets fon des tobacco wrapped in der boems uf Ellery Veeler Vilcox, unt strike der match on der gounty zeat uf der bants, unt swear py tam six-eight-coople dozen dimes.

Der hootlums vas der young man mit der mout full uf swear unt smoke, unt viskey unt odderyice vilth, unt one who hafen der gall vitch vould valk oup mit der boss poafing der sickregret, unt mit ouse introductioning himself ask der boss fon der clob uf verk already. Der boss yoost lookt crookt at der hootlums unt interogationed him dus: "Haf you gamblet mit der nickle der gorner on?" "I dit," sait der hootlums. "Dit you blay Yankee Dootless der vittle on?" "I haf," he sait. "Unt you haf riden der boaking gayuce?" "Sure," he sait. "Unt he dit nod dumpit you der het der ground on?" "He dit nod," he sait. "Unt you vas somedimes a little viskey drunken?" "I vill," sait der hootlums, "if you vould treaten." unt quick as der vireless Scheutzen, der Boss haf sait: "I haf no chob," unt der hootlums vaiked away already, satisfactioned mit der imbressionings vich he haf moct on der boss fon der vuture obbertunities.

Der boss reflectioned a leetle unt sait mit himself—"Yoost measurement der gall uf der vite lifered hootlums; yoost look adt der vortibless dings mit der sickregret smake rouse coom fon der nose unt mout unt ears unt short gollar, mit der dait eyes unt zunken jeeks, unt der ye low skin yoost like mortificationings haf set in preflously," he sait. Vile der sickregret smaker vas valking away mit der run down boots sitevays like der hog going mit var, a young man (a shentlemens) valked oup mit der boss in front uf, unt mit politeness unt hesitationings he lookt across his nose at der boss like der vifer, unt in der moosical voice by way uf prefacement, sait to der boss—"I haf been oxpicting to haf met mit you peforehandt vich I I dit nod, unt I vas joyousness to haf meetings mit you at des auspiciousness unt suspiciousness occasions, unt you vill allow me, I hafen reasons fon pelievement dot you vas Macher Sheneral Derwhoopendfommixness, der boss." "I am sir, mit ouse der Macher Sheneral," sait der boss. "Yell unt goot," sait der young man, mit embarassement, "I vould like der chob;" unt der boss beamit on der nice young man unt observationings det dat young man haf der ret jeeks unt der clear eyes unt no mud on der coat, der boss haf sait fon him: "I dont vill pelievement dot you vas smaker der sickregret unt blaying cards, unt der vittle unt riding der gayuce mit ouse dampen der het der ground on, unt drinken der viskey unt blowen aroundt dot you vas calit Vinde Dick, dond id? unt I git you der chob," sait der boss. "Schneider" sait Katrina, "Vy dond you tell your cotsin, Meister D. Dinkelspiel vat causations der bleareyes unt guilty looks uf der sickregret hootlums, dot he may tell his frendt Friday on Thursday." "I vill" I sair.

Dose vas py der beat uf der paper unt tobacco poison, unt fire vich, being so close to der nerfes uf der brain, vas baralizations der same and ruinationings der health uf der yearer.

Yoost dinky uf der bipe uf der vatterland mit der stem feer feet long, unt gomparison ed mit der two inch rabbit fire sickregret uf der mottern hootlums.

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Williams Items.

Everett Holman made a business visit here first of the week.

G. M. Caldwell visited relatives a short time last week.

M. Chapman, who has been quite ill for some time, is now very much improved.

J. N. Gotcher and James Cox are both very ill. Mr. Cox has been growing gradually worse for several weeks. Dr. DeBarr was able to give him some relief Monday.

Dr. DeBarr was called the third time to see Claire Mahan. The little fellow not only suffers from his injured head and erysipelas but now has inflammation of the blood.

Several weeks ago some one took the liberty of writing the Williams Items for the COURIER, without consulting the regular correspondent. The writer seemed to be expecting many things to happen which we hope have taken place to his satisfaction.

Williams was blest with several successive holidays last week. First came Lincoln's birthday on the 12th, which was duly observed by some of the young members. Then the Woodmen in their dress suits, hied themselves away to the city to meet their Consul Commander. St Valentine's day came last to gladden the hearts of the lads and lassies. We trust from the happy smiles that our young people were not among the disappointed ones. Among the Woodmen who visited the Grants Pass lodge from the Baltimore Camp were Messrs Sparlin, Stiles, John, Miller, Couple, Hodges, Hall, Turvey, Maxies, Tetherow, and Horace Day from Murphy.