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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1902.  
The city council has under consideration an ordinance to re-organize the fire company. The chief engineer and assistant are to be appointed by the council, and the chief is to be a salaried officer. The ordinance will probably be placed on its final passage at the next council meeting.

Through the efforts of Senator Mitchell, the Indian war pension bill has been passed by the senate. The chances of favorable consideration by the house are thought to be good. This bill is of keen interest to Oregon people, particularly to those pioneers through whose efforts the country has been made civilized and habitable.

President Roosevelt reviewed the facts and findings of the Schley court of inquiry in response to Schley's request. In regard to the threadbare question as to who was in command at the battle of Santiago, the president made a new and interesting ruling. Inasmuch as neither Sampson nor Schley gave any commands which affected the battle, the president gives the credit of the fight to the captains, giving Schley credit for the manner in which he handled the Brooklyn, though criticizing the loop.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary who was taken captive by brigands in Bulgaria, has been released. She arrived at Strumitza, Macedonia, last Sunday. It now appears that Miss Stone's capture was for political purposes, the ransom demanded being for the purpose of aiding the Macedonians to free themselves from the Turkish rule, and this explains why the bandits were aided and shielded by the inhabitants. The Macedonians have no enmity toward the missionaries but rather are friendly toward them. They wished to attract the world's attention to their cause, besides obtaining money for its furtherance. Miss Stone was well treated while in captivity.

Washington's birthday was signalled by a rough and tumble fight in the United States senate between the two South Carolina senators, Tillman and McLaurin. Tillman, in his speech on the Philippine tariff, made serious reflections on the honor of his colleague. McLaurin was not in the senate at the time, being engaged in committee work, but was sent for and arrived just as Tillman was concluding his speech. McLaurin declared Tillman's statement a willful and malicious lie, whereupon Tillman leaped over the benches and struck his brother senator in the face. McLaurin replied in kind and drew gore from Tillman's nose and the august assembly was scandalized by a desperate fist fight. The sergeant-at-arms, assisted by some of the senators, finally pulled the bellicose Solons apart and ended the fray. The senate went immediately into executive session behind closed doors and both the pugilistic senators were voted in contempt. To regain favor, they were compelled to apologize on the floor of the senate, which they did with becoming penitence.

**Livest Town in the Valley.**  
Grants Pass is another of the relatively new towns of Southern Oregon—new in the sense that it came in with the rail road. It has a population of about 3000, and it is in many respects the most active place in the Rogue River country. Mining is the main source of its life, and gives the tone to its life. It has an important resource in its adjacent pine forests, and draws a considerable direct support from the operations of the Sugar Pine Lumber Company, whose mill and box factories make the largest single business in the town. Agriculture and horticulture have, too, their share in the make-up of the business life of Grants Pass, but, after all is said and done, the main resources of business is the mineral which abounds in the mountain sides and the creek beds of Josephine County. It would be interesting to make a detailed study of this really great mining district, and this was my intention, but I find it impossible, owing to the universal unwillingness of mine owners to permit the inside facts of their operations to be put before the public. What the reason I cannot make out, but it is a fact that the Josephine miners are more reserved in connection with things which would be of general public interest than any other body of men I know of. But it may easily be seen that the mining interest here is both an extensive and a profitable one. The number of mining men coming and going, their manifest prosperity, the amount of costly machinery they are bringing into the country and the quantity of supplies which they consume—all these things signify that much is doing and that much more is in the way of doing. Grants Pass, as the center of these somewhat mysterious activities, is a place of exceptional bustle and thrill, and is rapidly taking on the characteristics of a city.—Oregonian staff correspondence.

**Mining Exhibit.**  
As soon as the weather is at all favorable, work will be begun on the building for the mining exhibit. The plans have been perfected and the subscriptions are more than sufficient for the building's completion. It will be about a thousand dollar structure, very neat in appearance. There will be two rooms, one large one for the exhibit, in which the office also will be located, and a smaller one for a library and meeting room for the board.

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**Plenty of Water.**  
A. J. Johnson, botanical collector for the United States Department of Forestry, returned Friday night from a 10 days' trip to the Siskiyou Mountains, where he went to collect specimens of native plants, some of which are for the Government and a few for the botanical garden at Pittsburg, Pa.  
"Large quantities of snow have fallen in the mountains this fall," said Mr. Johnson, and just before I left for home heavy rains caused the creeks to swell to unusual proportions. As a result of the copious water supply the miners throughout Southern Oregon are a happy lot, and there is every reason to believe that the output this year will surpass all previous records. All the mines that came to my notice were working day and night."

Owing to the snow and wet Mr. Johnson had a rough time of it, but a splendid collection of plants repaid him abundantly, and he says he has no reason to complain, especially since he is well and back again.—Telegram.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon

  
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**Dry Diggings.**  
Since the rains, the Dry Diggings placer has been running at its fullest capacity. The owners, C. W. and M. C. Asmet, are preparing to carry out a large engineering project next summer to furnish this mine with water. They are intending to build a dam across Rogue river, raising the water 20 feet. The exact site of the dam has not yet been determined but will be in the near vicinity of Bloody run. The power thus obtained will be utilized to operate a large pumping plant which will furnish water for the large hydraulic equipment which will be installed. The water will be transmitted from the pumps directly to the giants; the discharge being regulated and equalized by an air chamber. The enterprise will be one of the biggest ever attempted in this part of the state. M. C. Asmet, who has charge of the operations here, is himself a practical engineer and has a thorough comprehension of the project in all its details. Besides furnishing water for the mine, it is planned also to use a portion of the water for irrigation purposes, which would greatly enhance its productiveness and value many acres of land tributary to Grants Pass.

**Victory Mine.**  
A. W. Sibley was in town this week from Soldier creek, where he is in charge of a portion of the developing operations of the Victory quartz mine. This property consists of 25 claims and tunnels are being run at a number of different points.

**A Legacy of the Grip.**  
Is often a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, emaciation, and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the splendid tonic, blood purifier and regulator of Stomach, Liver and Kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system, and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of Grip. Suffering, try them. Only 50¢. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by Dr. Krewer.

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**Andrews Placer.**  
The placer property of Dr. W. H. Andrews, in the Dry Diggings, was purchased last week by M. C. Asmet for the Golden Drift Mining Co. The property consists of 10 acres of ground which has hitherto been worked on a small scale by ground sluicing. It is now incorporated with the greater Dry Diggings property, on which the owners are intending to install a big pumping plant next summer.

**Gold Hill Mines.**  
The flow here will sink in a rich stream of ore in the F. L. mine. They expect to have their gasoline plant set up in mining order within the next two weeks.  
Good reports come from the placers of Foothill creek; every mine is being worked to the utmost, every one trying to make up for the long wait, caused by the lack of rain.  
M. W. Hale, the successful farmer of Wards creek, was over and informs us that the miners on the creek are running on full time and are picking up enough nuggets to keep them jubilant over a big run for the season.  
Major Andrews is working three men on the Nye mine and is extracting very fine ore. This mine has produced a great many thousand dollars and has every indication of a steady producer.  
Hosok & Hall are keeping their steam drill hot, sinking on the Bowden ledge. This mine is considered by mining men, one of the most promising mines in Southern Oregon and is managed by two of the most enterprising men in the district.—Gold Hill News.

**Baby Mine.**  
The Baby mine is still producing one of the most excellent quality and the mill is steadily producing out the precious metal. The present mining operations are directed towards working a strigger of ore, which, though small, is marvellously rich, with free gold visible in all portions of the rock. The accompanying ore is rich also, though not in such extremely large values.

**Typewriter Papers.**  
A good assortment of Typewriter Papers in the various weights, also document covers, carbon papers at the Coca Cola office.

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**Wilderville Items.**  
The roads are somewhat muddy. Go to J. C. McCall's for candy, gum and all kinds of groceries.  
Mr. James Lewis is back in our city again. He has been working down Rogue river for several weeks. "Glad to see you, Jim."  
Mr. Edie Lind was home Sunday, the first time for several weeks.  
Rev. Joe Sams preached at Wilder ville Sunday as Rev. Rodgers was at Merlin, holding meeting. He also preached at the Thore school house in the afternoon.  
Nellie Moore has gone home to attend school, and Edith Walton took her place in the Wilderville school.  
Clara Armstrong is visiting his uncle, Mr. J. B. Burroughs. Clara's home is in Jacksonville.  
Monday, Feb. 24, a few relatives went to the home of Mrs. Hocking to celebrate her 60th birthday. Eight were present besides her own family.  
Mr. J. B. Burroughs was in our city one day last week for the first time since his long stay of sickness.  
Last week was quite a time for hay selling around Wilderville. Mr. Wagner sold some hay, and Friday there was one load hauled from R. M. Robinson's to one from J. Hocking's and one from J. W. McCall's. There seems to be quite a demand for hay at present.  
Mr. Cartwright is starting his house as soon as the roads are better so the lumber can be hauled, as it comes from the Christy mill on Deer creek.

**To Mining Men.**  
A good prospect in a good district. Some development; two feet of good free milling ore in free drift; good cabin, blacksmith, tools, etc. Will be sold at a positive bargain. Address: B. B. Brown, in care of Layton Hotel.

**Leland Sitings.**  
Miss Ruby Light of Gravel visited Kinneyville last Sunday.  
John Mackin is getting better, so that he now rides on the range hunting up stock.  
Glossberry bushes are leaving out and all indications point to an early spring.  
Vegetables and cereals are growing finely of late as the weather has been warm and sunny.  
A few of our citizens attended the dance at Hugo Friday evening, Feb. 21. They all report a very good time.  
The Copper Stain company have their mine in good shape, with plenty of quartz on dump and a good sized ledge in sight.  
Last Saturday was a dull day for our young folks as they had a dance at Hugo, so we did not hear the sound of the saw and sledge as usual.  
Some of our wood cutters are old time miners. When they wish to take recreation they go mining as there are plenty of good quartz ledges in this vicinity.  
We are having a nice easy rain. The miners will have an average run, so times will be livelier here. A dry winter for the miners means hard times in all branches of industry.  
As we reach of sickness and death in other parts of Oregon and compare them to our own, according to the population, we have the best health record. We also have very little confusion in our locality.  
We noticed in the last issue of the Courier, in a sort of consolidation of articles, from this vicinity, where the writer, whoever it is, says "beware of widows." For my part, I like widows, the bigger the better, if they have mild tempers.  
As bad as the roads are, there is lots of freight being hauled to Greenback and vicinity. All placer mines are running full blast. The larger mines are plenty of powder to tear down the heavy banks. One can hear the blasts continually.

We regret to learn that "Paddy" Scanlan had to remain indoors for a few days last week, owing to having his foot crushed by a large block of wood falling on it. It was a very painful accident, but fortunately no bones were fractured, and he is able to be around again.  
We have a man in our midst, a wood-chopper, who is 92 years old, who will run any man of the same age 100 yards for \$100. He will let this be a standing offer so as to give due notice to all who want to run. People writing for the Courier should be careful not to exaggerate but write up the straight goods for the Courier wants to publish only the facts.

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The weather has been quite like spring the past week, but on Sunday we had a hard wind and rain storm.  
The work is progressing nicely on the lower tunnel. They will soon put in a larger Raleigh drill, then things will move right along.  
Mrs. J. B. Hyde was called to Grants Pass on Monday, the 17th on account of the illness of her mother and sister. We hope to see her back soon, as Mr. Hyde looks very lonely keeping her.

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