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The Utah press association, which will be here on Friday of this week, should be given a greeting which will insure a kindly remembrance by them of Grants Pass. All efforts to give visitors the good impression of our town which it deserves will bear abundant interest.

Senator Elkins has proposed that Cuba should be annexed to the United States and be made a state. It is doubtful if such a proposition would meet the favor of the Cubans. Independence has been their aim for many years and it is probable that they do not wish to belong to any one but themselves. As a state they would enjoy the privileges of self government but the condition would probably not meet their idea of independence.

Tracy and Merrill, the escaped convicts, are still at large, now on Washington soil. They continue their journey, holding up citizens and relieving them of their clothing, demanding food at farm houses and raising a reign of terror wherever they go. A posse is in pursuit, bloodhounds are called into service and militias are summoned but to no avail. These two men are mightier than them all. Their career will be short, no doubt, as they will surely be run down.

In almost any daily paper, at almost any time, one may read of strikes in some position of the United States. Often we read of strikes in Josephine county also but they are of a different order. When we read of a "strike at the Greenback" or some other mine or mining district, it does not mean a lot of dissatisfied employees. It means that a body of extra rich ore has been uncovered. Among the many advantages of southern Oregon, the character of the strikes which take place here is not among the least.

President Roosevelt has sent congress a special message to urge in the matter of Cuban reciprocity. The president believes in tariff concessions to the little republic, and favors in industrial, as well as other ways. His message to congress sounds like a reproof and may well be taken as such. The members of congress seem to be able to do nothing but quibble over this matter. They fear for the safety of the tariff and are afraid of establishing precedents. In their zeal for theoretical good they neglect the practical and immediate assistance of a people.

**\$3000 FOR CRATER LAKE PARK.**  
The general deficiency bill which is now up before congress carries with it an appropriation of \$3000 for Crater Lake National Park. There is also \$463 set aside to pay for surveys made by H. A. Rand. This money appropriated is to be used in building roads and improving the park in general. Several row boats for the convenience of visitors will also be built and placed on the lake. Three thousand dollars is not a large appropriation by any means, but if judiciously used it will go a long way toward making Crater Lake Park presentable.

**ATTENTION WOODMEN!**  
All neighbors are requested to meet at the hall at 10 a. m. on Sunday, June 29, from whence we will march to the Newman M. E. church, where Rev. J. W. McDougall will deliver a memorial address. J. A. Slover, Consul Commander.

**Queer**

It seems queer that many buy poor Stockings when they can get Black Cat Hose which surely will wear well, and cost no more than common kinds  
Sold at the

**RED STAR STORE.**  
W. E. DEAN.  
Front street, oppo Depot.

**AN OPEN LETTER.**

To the Citizens of Josephine County: I have been informed on good authority that many of the numerous timber claims being filed daily cover valuable mineral lands. In some cases, it is stated, there is scarcely timber enough to fence the claim, the evident purpose being to get the mineral land. This is not a protest against the filing of timber claims, but a plea that our mining interests may be more zealously guarded. If we allow our mineral land to go in this way Josephine county will be materially injured. In such cases a protest should be filed before a patent is granted. What is everybody's business is nobody's business. There should be some man, competent to judge, whose duty it should be to enter these protests. I would like to see the Board of Trade or the newspapers investigate this matter, and if the above assertions are proven true, see that the practice is stopped.

If necessary to raise a fund for a thorough investigation and the entering of protests, I will be glad to head the list with a donation of \$5. This suggestion is made, not to the business men of Grants Pass alone, whose burdens are already heavy, but to every citizen of Josephine county, who should be equally interested.  
Joseph Moss.

**GRANTS PASS SCHOOL MEETING.**

The regular Grants Pass district school meeting was held Monday evening at the brick school house, and was quite largely attended, though not as well as it should have been. The principal business transacted was the electing of a school clerk and one director. R. Thomas was re-elected director, and J. A. Jennings, clerk. T. P. Cramer and J. A. Slover are hold over. The Grants Pass

schools could not be placed in more competent and energetic hands than these. All of these men have given liberally of their time in the good work of the advancement of our schools.

A report of the progress of the schools for the past three years was made. This report shows that the aggregate salaries of teachers has been increased from \$5000 to \$5500 annually. The number of teachers has also been increased. A new school house has been built and the old one greatly repaired. Among other improvements made is a sewer, costing \$450. Notwithstanding these expenditures the floating school debt has been bettered \$15.00. The school is in much better condition than ever before. There are now 978 pupils in the Grants Pass district.

The following is the report of the School Clerk:  
Report of J. A. Jennings, Clerk for School District No. 7 from March 4, 1901, to June 16, 1902, as follows:  
Report for the last quarter of 1901 term:  
March 4, 1901, cash on hand, \$112.83  
Received on dist tax, 1,205.72  
" from county appt, 475.10  
" " tuition, 23.00  
" borrowed warrants, 1,000.00  
New List 2, 1,000.00  
Total receipts for the quarter, \$3,816.65

Disbursements:  
Paid teachers, \$2,983.05  
" for repairs, 12.00  
" for fuel, 147.00  
" for janitor, 25.00  
" for on bonds, warrants, 1,000.00  
" janitors, 220.00  
" balance, 294.15  
Total, \$3,507.05

Receipts:  
By cash on hand June 16, 1901, \$284.15  
District tax, 1,205.72  
County school fund, 1,187.96  
State apportionment, 129.40  
Tuition, 129.40  
Warrants and 2 borrowed, 1,000.00  
May Warren, overpaid salary, 1.00  
Total, \$3,747.43

Disbursements:  
Teachers, 18 months, \$7,818.55  
Janitors, 21.00  
Repairs, 6,296.28  
Fuel, 124.04  
Janitor, 25.00  
Paper, 364.25  
Clerk's salary, 228.45  
Interest on bonds, 200.00  
Interest on warrants, 100.00  
Total, \$15,777.57

Balance cash on hand, \$366.71

**GRANTS PASS WEATHER.**

Following is a summary weather observation at Grants Pass during the month of May, 1902, as reported by J. B. Paddock, local voluntary observer for the Oregon State Weather Service.

| DATE | Max. Temp. | Min. Temp. | Mean Temp. | Precip. (inches) |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| 1    | 57         | 39         | 48         | .07              |
| 2    | 63         | 37         | 50         | ..               |
| 3    | 70         | 30         | 50         | ..               |
| 4    | 78         | 39         | 54         | ..               |
| 5    | 83         | 45         | 64         | ..               |
| 6    | 78         | 54         | 65         | .25              |
| 7    | 77         | 40         | 59         | ..               |
| 8    | 75         | 55         | 65         | ..               |
| 9    | 73         | 43         | 58         | ..               |
| 10   | 72         | 40         | 56         | .02              |
| 11   | 67         | 45         | 56         | .04              |
| 12   | 72         | 40         | 56         | .02              |
| 13   | 72         | 42         | 57         | ..               |
| 14   | 65         | 47         | 56         | ..               |
| 15   | 70         | 46         | 58         | .05              |
| 16   | 70         | 42         | 56         | .02              |
| 17   | 69         | 42         | 51         | .11              |
| 18   | 54         | 49         | 47         | .06              |
| 19   | 57         | 37         | 47         | .05              |
| 20   | 54         | 27         | 43         | ..               |
| 21   | 65         | 44         | 56         | ..               |
| 22   | 71         | 45         | 58         | ..               |
| 23   | 77         | 49         | 63         | ..               |
| 24   | 88         | 36         | 62         | ..               |
| 25   | 92         | 43         | 66         | ..               |
| 26   | 96         | 46         | 71         | ..               |
| 27   | 75         | 49         | 62         | ..               |
| 28   | 70         | 48         | 59         | ..               |
| 29   | 66         | 44         | 55         | Trace            |
| 30   | 73         | 39         | 51         | .19              |
| 31   | 54         | 44         | 49         | .53              |

SUMMARY: Mean temperature, 57; maximum temperature, 96; date 26; minimum temperature, 30; date, 3, 4. Total precip. inches 1.30. Total snow fall inches 0. No. of days clear, 9, partly 5; cloudy, 17. Prevailing wind S. W.

**TO LEAVE FOR PORTO RICO.**

Rev. Robert McLean of Portland has resigned his Pastorate.  
Rev. Robert McLean, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church at Portland, and one of the best known ministers in Oregon, has resigned his charge, to begin work in Porto Rico. The announcement to the congregation was made Sunday. This is deeply regretted by a host of friends, who will indeed be sorry to part with one who has exerted a widespread influence for good in the community. Rev. McLean went to Portland from Grants Pass, and began his pastorate, which has been eminently successful, January 15th, 1899. His previous pastorate covered a period of more than 11 years.

A year ago Dr. McLean was offered the superintendency of Presbyterian missions in Cuba by the Home Board, and he resigned as pastor, but his resignation was not accepted by his congregation, and he withdrew his acceptance of the Cuban appointment. The missionary board understood that he would be in a position to accept a call when the new church edifice then just being started was well along toward completion. It is now confidently expected that the building will be finished and ready for dedication some time in July. Dr. McLean's resignation will be received with great regret by the congregation of the Third Church.

The Home Missionary Board has been especially anxious to secure Dr. McLean for the missionary work in the West Indies ever since the conclusion of the Spanish-American War, because of his special fitness and qualifications for work among the Spanish people. After he left the seminary, from which he was graduated when a young man, he went to Chile as a missionary, where he spent six years. During that time he acquired a thorough knowledge of the Spanish language, and published a Spanish newspaper for four years. On account of the failure of his health he gave up that work and returned to the United States. For 11 years he was pastor of the Grants Pass Presbyterian Church. He then received and accepted a call from the Third Presbyterian Church of Portland, and has been pastor for three years and six months. Dr. McLean feels that some one else can do the work he is now doing, and that the church is entitled to his services in the Porto Rico field, where the Spanish language is used.

Rev. Mr. McLean says: "It is now my intention to resign my charge here, the resignation to take effect September 1. In order that I may be ready to begin work in Puerto Rico October 1. When I declined the call to Cuba, a little more than a year ago I was greatly in doubt as to what was really my duty in the case. In writing the secretary of the board, I said: 'Inasmuch as I am in doubt, presumably my duty for the present is where I am; but if there is any urgent demand for my services when the new church is completed, I will be at your service.' Dr. J. Milton Green was taken from Porto Rico to take the general superintendency of the work in Cuba, and another man was called to that field. About two months ago the secretary of the board wrote, asking me if the new church was not far enough along to be safely left in other hands, so that I could go to San Juan to take the work there. I did not decide hastily, but looked at it from all sides. It is harder for me to leave here now than it would have been a year and a half ago; but it seems to me that this is clearly a call of duty. With a nice church building nearly completed, there is no reason why this church should not continue to grow in numbers and power. Any number of men can be found for this place, while men of experience and with a knowledge of the Spanish are not so plentiful. I shall be satisfied to end my days of labor in the work which occupied the first days of my ministry."

If you need any dishes, glass ware or lamps, call at once at Cramer Bros. they are selling these lines out at cost.

**HUGO ITEMS.**

Harvest of the five-foot barley is in process.  
Mrs. Davis of Grants Pass came on Friday to visit her mother and daughter.  
Lewis Parry and Mr. James Asher departed for Montague to work through harvest.  
Mrs. Chaffler and family of Merlin were passengers on the evening train for Hugo, Saturday.

School election Monday June 16th. Wm. Sanders and Alva Hammond elected trustees; G. Crockett, clerk.  
The weather at Hugo is extremely balmy. Gardens are backward. Leading cars daily with lumber from Heffing's mill, which is still running.  
Winona has so many pretty girls that the gallant young men of Hugo take a spin on their wheels every Sunday. And I hear a wedding is whispered in the breeze.

The Hugo school closed Friday with a nice picnic under the supervision of Miss Grace Barrett who deserves great credit in advancing the scholars and superintending her school with success, which is a good recommendation to any school for which she may apply. Many of her friends from Winona attended the picnic.

**WILDERVILLE ITEMS.**

Ben Bull took some strawberries to Grants Pass the first of last week.  
R. M. Robinson has been hauling lumber for a new barn.  
Mrs. May Booth was in our community on business a few days ago.  
Rev. Rogers will soon move into the home vacated by George Creed.

There was a school meeting held at the Wilderville school house Monday, June 16th.  
Chas McCann has moved to the DeArmond mill where he will log for awhile.  
Shubael Robinson is hauling lumber for a new barn, which he contemplates building soon.

The singing school will be on Saturday instead of Friday this week. Hope all who love music will attend for they are sure to like the lessons and receive much good by attending.

Geo. Creed and family moved to eastern Oregon the first of last week, where he has secured work. They will not return to their home near Wilderville until this fall.

The people of Wilderville wish to announce that there will be a celebration held in the grove where it was last year. There will be an interesting program to suit the occasion and all are invited to attend. A basket dinner will be in the program. All are invited to come and bring their dinner baskets well filled. A good time will be sure to be had.  
Zanoni.

**LELAND SIFTINGS.**

At present we are having cool, cloudy weather; rain would be thankfully received, although it would be detrimental to teamsters. Crops are doing well. Vegetables never were better, and the berry crop is fine. People will have to haul to the mines where they will find ready sale for all they have. New mines are being opened up in many places on Mt. Ruben. There are several new mines that are being opened up, containing rich rock. It is the intention of the mine owners to put on three mills and possibly four. The rock, also the size justifies the erection of mills.  
On Rat creek, a tributary of Grave Creek, is a strong ledge that is 10 or 12 feet across, that prospects \$25 to the ton. The first parties that owned it worked the ledge, sold out for a good price, to other parties, who will erect a mill in the near future.

In the Sams Valley vicinity is another good ledge that prospects well.  
Jim Fabler has struck a new ledge which is rich and of good width. Jim is an old quartz prospector, having had large experience in that line.

Some real estate is changing hands. If some Leland would hitch up his back and meet the newcomers at the

**BAND CONCERT.**

Program for the open-air Concert at Railroad Park Friday evening, June 20:  
1 "The Vindicator," March  
2 Overture "Hivata's" O. R. Farrer  
3 Russian March, "La Zarina" Perles  
4 Selection from the Comic Opera, "Wani" W. Morse  
5 Overture "Hen Convention" Pettes  
6 Selection from "Gus or Leander" Mackie  
7 "Stars and Stripes Forever" Sousa

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
Grants Pass Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M. having accepted an invitation from the Rev. T. A. Daughters to hear a sermon to Masons and their friends on St. John's day, at the Episcopal church on Tuesday evening, June 24, at 8 o'clock, it is therefore earnestly requested that all Masons, their families and friends attend on this occasion.  
H. C. Bobzien, W. M.

**FOREST QUEEN.**

Hydraulic operations are being continued at the Forest Queen mine in the Louse creek district. The flow of water is low but a fine reservoir makes it possible to work the mine to advantage throughout the greater portion of the summer. The present operations are directed toward opening a deep channel of blue gravel which shows rich prospects in heavy gold. The depth of the channel has made drainage somewhat difficult and a waterwheel has lately been put in to assist in reaching the bedrock. The results of the season's run at this mine have been very satisfactory. It is probable that a larger hydraulic equipment will be installed next season. The ditches will be enlarged to a capacity sufficient to keep two No. 3 giants in operation.

**A MURDEROUS CHINAMAN.**

Long Oak, a bad Chinaman, who murdered a fellow Chinaman at Happy Camp, Cal., was captured near Waldo and brought into Grants Pass last Friday by Frank Nickerson and William Trofthen, California officers. He was kept in the Grants Pass jail over night and taken to Yreka Saturday morning.

Long Oak is a small celestial but he has the reputation of being the worst Chinaman in northern California. He is known there as "Dick" and as "Dollar-and-a-Half". He has been in many fights and carries many scars on his face as a reminder of the slashes he has received from sharp daggers and bad knives. A few days ago he killed a fellow Oriental in Happy Camp, chopping his victim to pieces with a butcher's cleaver. He skipped across the line into Oregon and was captured near Waldo. He is a very sullen Chinaman and talks but little. He tells a story about how he gave money to a cousin of his, now at Shovel creek, to buy chickens, and tries in some way to connect it with the Happy Camp murder. The California officers state that it is a clear case against him and that he will be sure to hang.

**SURPRISE PARTY.**

For a number of years prior to 1900, Mrs. Stone taught a class of boys and girls numbering about 25 in the Newman M. E. Sunday school, and by her never failing attendance, and manner of teaching, the young ladies and gentlemen became very much attached to their teacher, and to show their appreciation, a few of the class who are still in the city, tendered her a surprise party on the evening of the 17th at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Peterson with whom Mrs. Stone, now of Crescent city, Cal., is at present visiting.  
The following were present: Annie Wade, Mary Day, Essie Hartman, Lida Fyfield, Inez Lister, Luella Fay, Ethel Fay, Maude Baber, Myrtle Baber, Elsie Green, Merle Hockett, and Al Dean.  
The young people came well supplied with good things to eat and aside from their natural enjoyment, the evening was spent in pleasant conversation, and about 11 o'clock they bade their teacher, Mrs. Stone an affectionate farewell.  
A glass berry set of seven pieces for only 35 cents at Cramer Bros.

**TRIED FOR ARSON.**

On Saturday morning, Frank King, of this county was brought before the justice court in this city, to answer the charge of Arson. King was accused of setting fire to the house and home of Mrs. J. W. Severs, who resides four miles south of Grants Pass. A few days ago her home was completely destroyed by fire and King was arrested for the crime of setting it.

King was formerly employed by Mrs. Severs as a farm hand. There was a disagreement regarding the settlement of wages due him when he quit work, at which time he made threats. When her house was burned King was at once suspected and arrested. At his trial Saturday morning he declared his innocence and was acquitted, mainly for lack of evidence.

**A 50 POUND ROYAL CHINOOK.**

D. A. Applegate, agent for Wells, Fargo & Co's express company in Astland, received a magnificent specimen of the Royal Chinook salmon fresh from the Columbia river at Astoria, by yesterday's train. It was a splendid specimen of the Finny tribe that has helped to make Oregon famous, tipping the scales at 50 lbs., and its beauty was much admired. A number of Mr. Applegate's friends among whom he apportioned the big fish are enjoying a Royal Chinook salmon banquet today.—Tidings.

**GRANTS PASS VS. MERLIN.**

Quite an interesting game of baseball was played on the local grounds last Sunday afternoon between the Alerts and the Merlin nine, resulting in a score of 7 to 9 in favor of the Alerts.  
The Merlin team put up a very good game, they being exceptionally strong on first base and in the pitchers' box. The local fans were up to their usual excellence, the nine being the Grants Pass second team.

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any bills unless an order from me accompanies the bill.  
F. G. Burns.

**Tooth Brush Topics.....**

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Saturday, June 14, to Friday, July 4.

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We have a most complete stock of clothing—in fact, we have too many goods on our counters. The Season has been backward, but we are determined to reduce our stock even if we have to sacrifice to do it.

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You will be able to buy a good, Stylish Suit for very little money if you attend  
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We shall include in this sale all of our stock of Men's fine  
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You can not afford to buy a Summer Suit, until you see the values going at  
**R. L. Coe & Co. Big Clothing Sale.**