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The voters who fail to attend the ward and city nominating conventions should not kick if the affairs of the city are not conducted according to their views.

The forests of Switzerland are beautiful and clean, without underbrush. Only large trees are cut down, the young ones being left carefully untouched. The same situation is found in Germany, for the United States consul at Stettin in a recent communication to the State Department speaks of the German forests as free from weeds, undergrowth, washouts and dead wood. High stumps are a rarity, that wasteful American way of cutting the tree off three or four feet from the ground being unknown there. Germany cuts much lumber, but for every party cleared another of ground worn in cultivation is planted with trees. Hence the stability of the German forest area. Statistics for 1900 show 34,969,926 acres of forests in the empire against 34,478,296 acres in 1899—Oregonian.

It is shown by statistics that insanity is increasing at a rate which exceeds the rate of increase in population. This fact should not be surprising. The human brain is a piece of machinery and the more intricate and delicate is any kind of machine the more liable it is to derangement. As in the crude and primitive contrivances there is little likelihood of damage so the unencumbered brain is very little subject to derangement. The people who are least subject to insanity are those lowest down in the scale of civilization. A percent of insanity is produced from physical causes, from alcoholism and other vices leading to disease of the mind, but a large percentage also is caused from overworked or overstrained minds and it is this class which will show a rate of increase in proportion to the advancement in civilization and in the sensitive and acute condition of the average mind.

A man has been going about the town soliciting nickels and dimes on the strength of having lost an arm, the same being attested by a limp and empty coat sleeve. His address was slinking and visibly insincere and he carried a hang-dog air that differed very perceptibly from the modest hesitancy in asking aid which would be assumed by an honest although unfortunate man. This man had lost his arm, but only inside his jacket where its contour might be plainly observed. To render the deception still more slight, he was not artist enough to keep the arm still. Involuntary movements betrayed its existence. Such a man as this is a criminal and more than a petty criminal. The seriousness of the crime is not in the loss of a few cents by those who unwisely give to him. The man is a murderer of charity and a discouragement of generosity. His presence is a blight to brotherly feeling and to the desire to help the unfortunate. By his action he aggravates the distress of the needy by cutting off their sources of relief.

County Judge J. O. Booth has been subjected to some criticism, in several instances, in his management of the county affairs, more particularly in the construction and repair of the county bridges and work of like character. Whatever dissatisfaction, however, has been expressed has arisen more through an imperfect understanding of the case than for any other reason. In the matter of bridges a criticism expressed is that the work should have been let by contract to the lowest bidder yet it is certain that time will prove the course pursued to have been the better plan. The county is fortunate in having a commissioner, Mr. Lovelace, who is a bridge man of unusual excellence and of practical experience. In every case he has had full charge of the bridge work, being authorized to employ such help as he needed, and instructed by the court to use his best efforts to further the county's interests in the matter. The good results of this procedure are already very apparent. The old bridge across the Illinois river cost the county \$1500. Mr. Lovelace replaced it with a far better bridge at a cost of only \$500, making an initiatory saving to the county in this one instance of \$1000, besides a very considerable future saving in the matter of repair. The Rogue river bridge was in a really precarious condition and it was repaired in a workmanlike manner, without accident, with only a partial suspension of traffic, and at a very moderate cost, under the supervision of Mr. Lovelace. In the repair of other bridges of the county, similar good results are apparent. The cost has been moderate and the work has been of a permanent excellence which would be the exception rather than the rule under contract work. In the matter also, of the contract of the vault at the court house, a work absolutely necessary, the county court has been criticized in that it did not advertise for bids. The work is being done at less cost and in better shape than could reasonably be expected under contract work, and is under the voluntary supervision of a man, J. C. Campbell, who is as thorough a mechanic as can be found in this portion of the state. He superintends the work without cost to the county because he is a man willing to work for the public interest. Mr. Booth intends to give the county a business like administration and is willing that his work should be judged by its results. It is his pur-

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ITEMS FROM GLENDALE NEWS.
Mrs. S. K. Willett of Grants Pass and Little Leone Coslow of Roseburg, were visiting at Hotel Clarke Tuesday.

GOLD HILL MINES.
Carl Phelps is doing considerable work on the Anderson claim on Foothills and is taking out some very good ore which assays better than \$50 per ton. The vein is two feet wide at a depth of 135 feet.

Thomas Hagan is sinking a shaft on his Lane creek property three miles from town. The ledge is 20 feet wide and assays show a very rich property. Some years ago 70 tons of this ore was milled, that gave returns of \$50 a ton.

Jas. McDougal was showing a small piece of quartz a few days ago taken from his place out on the Jacksonville road, the value of which is somewhere near \$100. He also has other rich specimens and tells us there is plenty more where those came from.

Messrs. Graham & Braden have been crushing ore from the Eagle mine at their mill across the river from town. The ore is from the property recently purchased by them from the railroad company and runs in the neighborhood of \$20 a ton in free gold while the sulphates go several dollars a ton. The Eagle mine promises to be one of the best properties in Southern Oregon.—Gold Hill News.

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CITY POLITICAL FIELD.
The regular annual city election will occur on Monday, December 1. The ward nominating conventions will be held on Thursday evening, Nov. 29, and the city convention on Friday, Nov. 21. The several wards will hold conventions at the following places:
First Ward, brick school house.
Second Ward, court house.
Third Ward, city hall.
Fourth Ward, new school house.
The city nominating convention will be held at the court house.
The voting places for the city election will be as follows:
First Ward, J. O. Booth's building on F street.
Second Ward, court house.
Third Ward, city hall.
Fourth Ward, 8th department building, Fourth and H streets.
Thus far little general interest in the election has been manifested and with the exception of the Labor ticket, which has been in the field for several weeks, no candidates for the various offices have as yet appeared.
The following terms of the following officers expire this year: Mayor W. F. Kremer, Councilmen A. C. Hough, C. E. Harmon, J. A. Robkopf, Henry Schmidt, and Treasurer Col. W. Johnson. The offices of auditor and police judge, marshal, street superintendent and city attorney are appointive.

COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE.
There are funds in the treasury to pay the following county warrants, protested—January 9th, 1898; Warrants No. 429-110-411.
J. T. Taylor,
County Treasurer.

The old reliable—The Weekly Oregonian.

LELAND SIFTINGS.
Everybody is well; we have no sickness to report.
Blackberries are in bloom; soon we will have ripe blackberries for the market.
The miners are very busy, but a few coming in, so we have not much mining news this time.
In the afternoon we have sunshine—a little foggy in the morning. Green beans yet, also tomatoes.

The carpenters are getting along nicely at Tunnel 9. That tunnel will have new timbers throughout.
Tom Clarke has rented the Steam Beer mine. That is known to be a rich mine with heavy banks of gravel.
Our stage driver, Ed Wallace, makes his daily trips to Placer and Greenback. His stage is generally loaded with passengers.
Tom Virtue is guardian of public order. He is very affable and very conscientious; also reliable; he is the right man in the right place.
Mr. Bail, our deputy postmaster, is giving entire satisfaction in his branch of business, especially to the ladies; the way they crowd around his office is a caution.

Our merchants are doing a solid business. Each has a delivery wagon. Some times they haul long distances. By selling cheap they draw custom from near Glendale and vicinity.

Carpenter and Kramer are putting in a stamp mill on their ledge near the mouth of Whiskey creek. They are a little late, but it takes time to fix up where they have to haul so far. The mill will be brought in by way of Gold Bog.

We have had plenty of rain the last few days; a nice, quiet rain, no wind with it. The rain, as a rule, in this part of Oregon, comes so easy that we are inclined to call it the beautiful rain. Teams, as a rule, do not stop. After so dry a spell with such a gentle rain, it is refreshing to be out in it.

We read in the Telegram that they were having heavy rains with big winds at Portland. How different it is here. People are plowing and at present it is like summer. Give us Josephine county to live in. With our mild, easy rains and good prices for work we are receiving quite a lot of people from the Willamette. They say work is scarce there and small prices.

We have just heard of the death of Mrs. Triplett at Hugo. She committed suicide by drowning herself in a small pool of water. Her daughter Rosa recently went crazy and was committed to the asylum. Probably that preyed on her mind until it became unbalanced. She was an honest, upright woman, loved by all. She leaves a host of friends who will mourn her loss.

Sam Stockton made our town a business call last week; he came to purchase his supply. He is interested in mining on the head of Wolf creek. He is an old timer, one of the first comers to Southern Oregon. When asked how long he had been here in Oregon, he said he had been here so long he had forgotten. Some of the oldest women of this district say they can remember when Sam used to trot them on his knee. Sam is hale and hearty, and retains his mental faculties. He expects to mine and take out big gold this winter.

WIDE AWAKE.
"DOWN THE RIVER" ITEMS.
Editor Rogue River Courier:
After being absent nearly a year from Josephine county, I returned last week from the state of Washington and glad to get back to "home, sweet home," and I feel satisfied that this county is far ahead of any place I have been since I left—in the people, the climate, etc., and I see dollars floating around here when I saw cents in Washington, and you may be sure I felt glad when I stepped from the train in the beautiful little city of Grants Pass.

After leaving here I made my way out as far as DeArmond's ranch on my way to Kerby, where I was warmly welcomed by that gentleman and Mrs. DeArmond. His ranch of 160 acres is in fine shape and he now has on hand some 27,000 lbs of hops which he says he will hold for awhile.

On Thursday last Mr. and Mrs. DeArmond gave a birthday party to their daughter, Miss Lottie, and a large number of friends from the surrounding country, gathered to celebrate the occasion. The evening was passed in singing, telling stories and at 12 o'clock all sat down to a splendid lunch prepared by the ladies. We listened to a solo beautifully sung by Miss Abby Benson. The evening will long be remembered with pleasure.

Harvey and William DeArmond have baled all of the thousands of pounds of hops and are attending school now.

I had the pleasure of visiting the school presided over by Miss Fannie Marshall. She has 27 scholars and they tell me they all esteem her highly for her kindness to them.

There was preaching in the school house last Sunday evening by the Rev. Mr. Clark. The house was crowded despite the rain. The farmers are all feeling happy as clams.

OLDEST LIVING PIONEER.
The oldest living pioneer of Oregon is Wm. Abernethy, of Dorra, Coos county. He is an Illinoisian. His family left Illinois in 1829, traveled by wagon and canal boat to New York, thence sailed around the Horn. There was no San Francisco then, so their ship headed for the mouth of the Columbia river, where they arrived in April, 1830. Mr. Abernethy, who is a well-preserved man of seventy, helped his father build the first sawmill erected in Oregon. The assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, Mr. Geo. H. Hines, secured, two years ago, a journal of the voyage of the L'Anse-au-Loup from New York to the Columbia river, October, 1829, to April, 1830. This was the vessel which brought Mr. Abernethy and his parents. His father, Hon. Geo. Abernethy, was the last provisional governor of Oregon, serving from June, 1843, to March 3, 1848. The next day Gen. Joseph Lane assumed his duties as the first territorial governor.

MERLIN NOTES.
Milt Reynolds went to Grants Pass this week.
Mrs. W. A. Massie visited Grants Pass Saturday.
Boys, save your pennies for the box social, the evening of the 22d.
Guy Colby from Coyote creek was visiting Grants Pass and Merlin friends one day this week.
The addition to Miss Tyler's house is about completed. Mr. Colby has been doing the work.

It has been raining so much this week that Night Hawk could not fly to gather news for the Courier, but to be half of the school, invites all to come and have a good time at the box social at McCullough's hall, Nov. 23d. A good literary program will be given by the school, after which the boxes will be sold to the highest bidder.
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WILDERVILLE ITEMS.
Rain, Hain, Rain. Our winter is here in earnest.
Miss Della McCollum spent part of last week near Wilderville.
Mr. Wagner moved Rev. Mr. Rogers over to Althouse one day last week.
Miss Martha Hooking has returned after three weeks visiting relatives in Medford.

It has rained all the news out of the country. Zauent.

TO THE PUBLIC.
R. G. Magoun, representing Allen & Gilbert Co., of Portland and San Francisco, has opened a music store in the I. O. O. F. Bldg., with a full line of pianos, organs, sheet music and small musical goods. The prices will be same as in the city. Call and examine for yourself. Old instruments taken in exchange.

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M. Clemens.

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J. L. H. MILLER.

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