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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1902.

A lively municipal election was held at Milton in this state recently. The issue was the saloon question and the election was won by the prohibition element. The W. C. T. U. held continuous prayer meeting and the church bells were rung every half hour, lest the voters forget. One unusual and somewhat startling feature was the dragging of small-pox patients from their beds, fumigating and then voting them. The saloon men of a neighboring town, it is said quietly worked for the prohibition party in Milton, that they might continue to receive its whiskey trade.

It is now discovered, or pretended to be imagined to be discovered, that laziness is caused by a microbe; that it is a disease, like drunkenness, malaria or measles. This discovery will undoubtedly be of great comfort to many people. It will be a satisfaction to indolent persons to know that they are not to blame for their laziness; that it is not themselves who are lazy, but the microbes in them; that therefore they cant help it and don't know what medicine to take. They will be able to continue in laziness in a more peaceful and satisfied frame of mind than heretofore.

Judicial lightning has struck in high places in the city of Portland and a number of well known men among whom are Ex-Municipal Judge McDevitt and Councilman Fred T. Merrill, are held to answer before the grand jury to the charge of gambling. A short time ago, Municipal Judge Hogue and B. B. Beekman indulged in a sight seeing tour among the gambling places of Portland. This came to the ears of District Attorney Chamberlain, governor-elect, who indicted them as witnesses and made them tell what they saw This they were very unwilling to do, as they did not like to get their friends into trouble. It required a threat of contempt of court and the county jail to make them talk. As a result of the crusade gambling as a business is below par in Portland at the present time and many of the operators are seeking locations elsewhere. The determined action on the part of the district attorney recalls the opposition that was made to him in campaign times. It was said that he was such a "good fellow" that he could not act contrary to the wishes of any one.

The Venezuelan "incident" has become an "affair." The warships of England and Germany have fired on Venezuelan ports and have roused the Spanish-American ire to a high pitch. The Venezuelans are determined not to yield. The trouble is over an alleged debt, not acknowledged by Venezuela. A wave of indignation is, as a result sweeping over all South America and Chili and Argentina, two of the most powerful nations, talk of taking a hand in the struggle, should there be one. The United States takes the ground that the Monroe doctrine is not applicable in cases like this one, where the collection of debt is the issue. In case of any attempt to seize territory, this nation might be obliged to interfere. The isthmians believe that it is the scheme of the allies to get a hold on Patos island. There is quite a strong feeling in England that the matter has been bungled and that due consideration of the step has not been made. Many of her statesmen condemn the alliance with Germany and deem it a mistake to jeopardize the friendship of the United States. An arbitration proposal is now before the British parliament and there is hope that the matter may be settled without further violence.

In an article entitled "Keep Business at Home," the Observer in its last issue pours forth its woes into the public ear. The board of trade are preparing to issue a booklet to advertise Josephine county and the contract for printing has not been awarded. The board refused seriously to consider Mr. Chausse's claim that he was "the only" and asked for bids from the other Grants Pass printers. The work will be done here if price and quality can approach in satisfaction to that offered by larger printing houses. The board will give home printers the preference, but is not organized for the purpose of dispensing private snaps. The committee was not willing to give the work off hand to the Observer as the only bidder. The article in question was written before bids had been received from the other printers, a somewhat precipitous haste. The Observer assumes that it should have the work because it is the Observer; in fine, because "we" are "it." With this idea predominant and glaringly spectacular, it recites its sorrows and its uncommon virtues in this article which is apparently a combination of wail and threat. It has, it says, "the only" equipment to do the work. The amount of job work that comes to the Courier office shows what the patrons think of the several equipments, and the quality that goes out proves the wisdom of their opinions. The statement that the Observer has done more in the way of free advertising than any other paper or person is another piece of ridiculous arrogance, unsupported by fact. We will add, also, that the Courier finds the business men of Grants Pass liberal patrons, both in advertising and in other lines.

Forest Creek Mines.

A mining deal of importance was consummated this week, in the purchase of a group of mines in the Forest Creek district by the New York & Western Mines Co., of which Foster & Gunnell are the local managers. The property comprises the Gold King, Oregon Belle and other mines and was owned by John Broad, Thos. Reed and W. L. Ireland. The purchase price was $30,000, of which $10,000 was paid at the time of transfer.

These mines were discovered in 1894 by J. W. Coffman and were located by him in conjunction with Daniel McPhee, W. P. Allen and Ira Coffman. The property has been operated from time to time since discovery and has passed through several suits and transfers. It has always been recognized as one of the best properties of its district and has virtually paid for its development. There are some 1500 feet of tunnels and shafts and a Huntington quartz mill is a part of the present equipment. J. W. Coffman, the discoverer, and original locator, is a miner of many years experience and his work has been a very material factor in the development of the property. The sale was made through the agency of Mr. Coffman and W. L. Ireland.

The new owners will begin extensive operations immediately and are prepared to invest a large sum of money in the mine's development and equipment, which will place it among the best properties of southern Oregon.

Scribner-Henderson Mine.

The Scribner-Henderson mine, located on the divide between Coyote and Wolf Creeks, continues to be a wonder. Operations are now carried on by means of an arrastre. It was formerly merely sluiced, but a good deal of the gold was lost by that method. The richness of the deposit is marvelous as it goes all the way from 10 cents to four or five dollars to the pan. The ore is a decomposed quartz and porphyry, so soft that it is readily sluiced. The gold though it is often found in large pieces, is very light and porous and some of it crushes readily to powder. The deposit lies along the bedrock of the hill, near the surface. In continuous richness and peculiarity of formation, it is one of Southern Oregon's most wonderful mines.

Explosion at Gold Bug.

An explosion of some magnitude occurred on Saturday at the Gold Bug mine. Fifty pounds of dynamite which was being thawed blew up. The damaged done was not serious.

Club News.

There will be an open meeting of the Grants Pass Woman's club, next Saturday, December 20, at 2:30 p. m. in the Woodman's hall.

The books will be open for charter membership. All women who are interested are cordially invited to be present. Vida Moore, reporter.

The old reliable—The Weekly Oregonian.

Coyote Creek Booming.

J. W. Coffman has recently returned from Coyote creek where he has been doing some development work on a prospect of excellent appearance, which he has in that district. He reports the liveliest times in the mining line which have ever been known there. In every direction are ledges being developed and night and day the giant powder is booming incessantly The Scribner Henderson mine is making a marvelous record and is extracting the gold not by the ounce, but by pints and quarts. The placers at Golden are making an exceptionally good run and should have a record-breaking clean up at the end of the season. Mr. Coffman speaks in the highest terms of the Thompson group of mines recently purchased by Foster & Gunnell, who are taking hold of the property in a business like way and will develop it into an excellently productive mine. They are the sort of men who put the mining business on a solid basis by business like development and operation and the country needs more like them.

Highway Robbers.

Last Friday afternoon the Grants Pass Williams stage was held up about two miles and a half out of town, by a lone highwayman. The robber was masked with a white handkerchief tied over the lower part of his face and had his hat pulled down low so that only his eyes were visible. He held a gun on the driver, Ed Harriott and ordered him to throw his money out Harriott complied with $15. Tom Kelley, a passenger was relieved of 20 cents. While the hold up was in progress, Frank Bryant drove up in a wagon and he also was held up but on his assuring the robber that he had no money, he was ordered to drive on. The driver was then ordered to do like-wise, and the robber backed away with his gun ready for action.

On the same day, two men held up A. J. Hester in the dry diggings and secured $9 from him. They also were masked with white handkerchiefs. The elder of the two men held the gun while the younger, apparently a mere boy, went through Heater's pockets. Sheriff Lewis, Constable Randle and Deputy Marshal Woolridge took up the pursuit and the men were trailed for some distance. At Gold Hill, three men were seen to mount the blind baggage of the south bound night train and Constable Long at Ashland was telephoned to arrest the men which he did. On the arrival of the officers, one of the men, George Moody, was liberated at Ashland. The others, Kirkpatrick and Miller, were brought to Grants Pass, but could not be identified as the robbers and so were released.

On Monday, a man thought to be the stage robber was arrested at Kerby. He gave his name as George Kremer and had no difficulty in establishing an alibi, as at the time the driver says the robbery took place, he was working in town as a plumber for W. J. Cosmey. He was released. The highwaymen are yet at large.

Dwelling Burned.

The fire alarm was sounded on Friday evening, the residence on East Front street owned by Logan Wooldridge and occupied by C. W. Boulware being discovered in flames. No one was at home at the time and the fire was blazing out of the windows when first seen. The alarm was sounded and a few firemen laboriously dragged the carts through the mud. After the hose was strung out, there was a distresingly long wait for water and by the time it came, the interior of the house was a roaring mass of flames. It was raining furiously, and the crowd of spectators shivered under their umbrellas while watching the fire. The roof was so water soaked and the rain poured in such quantity that it resisted the flames for an incredibly long time. Huge masses of flames rolled out of the windows and curled upward above the roof, from which huge clouds of steam arose. The firemen poured water into the house until the fire was extinguished. The building, though it still stands, is an utter ruin, while the contents were all consumed, nothing being saved. Both house and contents were insured. It cannot be known to a certainty how the fire originated.

Wilderville Items.

Mrs. H. D. Jones has gone to visit friends in Washington.

J. B. Robinson is doing some work on Mr. Shehan's new house.

Miss Mary Ramsey is now employed as help at the Wilderville hotel.

A new road is being made to the Chaney creek marble quarry and lime kiln.

Mr. A. Shehan and wife have moved into their house near Wilderville.

Mrs. H. Lewis visited a few days with her mother-in-law, Mrs. G. Lewis.

Mrs. G. Lewis and little Goldie have returned after a month's visit in Portland.

Any one wishing to buy a good pair of canary birds can leave word at Wilderville office.

The Williams Bros. were out to see about their mill last week. They will not be able to saw any more this fall on account of rain. Zanoni.

Merlin Items.

Ed Bland is quite sick at his home near Merlin.

New stock of dry goods at McConnell's store this week.

Rev. Mr. Leslie from Grants Pass was in our city Monday.

Lewis Crow has commenced work at the Crow mine at Galice.

Mr. Ray Colby went to the Jewell mine on Applegate Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Massie and daughter Mable went to Grants Pass Tuesday.

Russell McGaliard has been appointed deputy sheriff for this precinct.

Mrs. Ray Colby and daughter Rea, returned home from Coyote creek Saturday.

Have you seen the handsome dress patterns at McConnell's? One dollar to $3.50 each.

M. Barickman expects to leave soon for Omaha where he will make an extended visit with relatives.

Jerome Powers entertained a large number of friends at his home Saturday. All present had a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Hausner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rosenbaum for a few weeks. Mrs. Farmer, an aunt, is also visiting her.

Mrs. Wright and son Claude moved on the farm at Hugo Monday which they have lately purchased of Charles Sexton.

Rev. and Mrs. Rogers were in our city Sunday and Monday. Rev. Mr. Rogers preached at the M. E. church Sunday evening.

We are all enjoying the services at the chapel car. The car is well filled every evening and all feel well paid for going, as Rev. Jaques always gives us some things to take home and think about.

Many have admired the beatuiful oil painting in the window of Prof. McConnells' store. The picture was painted by Mrs. McConnell from a study of apples grown on Mr. Henry Booth's orchard on Rogue river.

Nothing is nicer than a handsome piece of jewelry for a Christmas present. See McConnell's display before buying elsewhere. He can save money for you. Hat pins 25 cents to $1.50 each; shirt waist sets 25 cents to $1.50; chains, charms, lockets, bracelets, cuff buttons and rings suitable for all from baby to grandmother and a lot of other handsome goods which Night Hawk failed to learn the names of in his hurried flight.

Merlin Night Hawk.

Many growers think that all kind of trees do better if transplanted in the fall. Trees for sale by J. T. Taylor, Riverside Nursery.

DR. GUNNS' BLOOD AND NERVE TONIC.

There is not a woman in this land but at some time in her life would have been the better for the use of this tonic. For diseases peculiar to women, a better medicine was never made. It is composed of the ingredients from which the system has been deprived by disease, over-work or dissapation. It enters at once into the circulation, building up the tissues that have been wasted, and making pure, rich blood in the most direct way. For weak, nervous and unsteady people, pimply, pale or fleshless people, it will make strong steady nerves and give the complexion that wholesome look that indicates health. We have hundreds of letters that people have written us, saying that they had gained in good solid flesh at the rate of one to three pounds per week while using Dr. Gunn's Blood and Nerve Tonic. It should be taken after meals, one or two tablets each time. Druggists sell it 75c per box or three boxes for $2.00, or sent postpaid on receipt of price. We are glad to make reply to letters of inquiry, the advice we give you is plain, and easily understood. Address Dr. Bosanko Co., Philadelphia, Pa. For sale by W. F. Kremer.

Basket Ball Social.

A social will be given on next Saturday evening at Woodmen hall by the High school girls basket ball team. An excellent program will be given. There will be Christmas presents, of sweet quality, on sale. The admission fee will be 10 cents.

An elegant Xmas Present those beautiful Smoking Jackets at Harth and Son's.

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Shullsburg, Wisconsin, writes May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and $1.00 at Slover Drug Co.

With every Pyrography outfit sold, Mrs. Clevenger gives free instructions how to use.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Company will be held at the office of the said company at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Wednesday, January 14, 1903, at 2 o'clock, p. m. The meeting is for the purpose of electing a board of seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

H. C. Kinney, president.
J. H. Booth, secretary.

Grants Pass, Oregon, December 1, 1902.

WILL THEY EVER FIND IT OUT

That the Medford flour is again the best flour on the market?

An economical present, one of those smoking Jackets at Harth and Son's.

IT IS UP TO THE DOCTOR.

A lady wrote us a few weeks ago from Winchester, Va., that she had been under a doctor's care for 4 years for dyspepsia, the pain seemed to center under her left shoulder blade, and was so severe at times that she could neither eat nor sleep. She had lost faith in her home doctor, and asked us to send us samples of our Dr. Gunn's improved Liver Pills which had been recommended to her. We sent her two pills. In a few days she sent for a box. Now she writes that the pain under shoulder has left her entirely, she enjoys her meals and never sleeps less than 8 hours every night, and this has all come about in two weeks, and cost her 50c. for two boxes of pills. Says the doctor charged her $50.00 and that she told him he had better take the $50.00 an invest it all in Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills and build up his practice. We have not received the Doctor's order yet but any one having dyspepsia, bilious spells or sick-headache can get a speedy cure by the use of these pills. For sale by W. F. Kremer.

See Voorhies about Kodaks and Supplies

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Timber Land Act, June 3, 1878.

United States Land Office,
Roseburg, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Henry L. Lounsberry of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4142, for the purchase of the S½ of SW¼, Section No. 12, and N½ of NW¼, Section No. 13 in Township No. 41 South, Range No. 9 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before J. O. Booth, County Judge, at his office at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 1903. He names as witnesses:

W. R. Whipple and Arthur Whipple of Waldo, Oregon, and Walter Harmon and Joe Moss of Grants Pass, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 5th day of March, 1903.

J. T. Barnes,
Register.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

REAL ESTATE.

IF you are trying to pay for your home, Thomas Cash Store affords opportunities for buying so economically that you can meet your payments much more easily.

NEW HOUSES

SHOULD be furnished in the best and latest style. This can be done most surely and economically by dealing with Thomas the Housefurnisher where every purchase means money saving satisfaction.

FOR SALE.

YOUNG Jersey bull. Inquire of J. Christie

ON account of leaving the city I will sell the following goods at a bargain: Household furniture, piano, organ, sewing machine and go-cart, house and lot on Bridge street. Call on H. L. Johnson, Corner 4th and L street.

BARRELS for sale at Ahlf's packing house.

ALL the standard variety of apple trees at the Eureka nursery near Wilderville, Ore. Satisfaction in price and quality guaranteed. J. H. Robinson.

200 ACRE ranch, good prune and apple orchard, small fruits in abundance; water for irrigation, besides springs on every 40 acres; center of a good range country; two dwelling houses, big barn, every thing complete; well sheltered from frosts, good mining markets, one-half mile north of Tunnel 9, price $2,500. Inquire at this office.

PERSONAL.

CORRESPONDENCE is solicited from those who are unable to call on us in person. A great deal of our business is transacted by mail and we are quite sure to please you in this manner. Thomas the Housefurnisher.

MONEY TO LOAN.

DO you need money to pay taxes or for other emergencies on short time? Any kind of security taken. J. D. Drake.

FOR RENT

TWO nice furnished rooms in private house with fire, suitable for light housekeeping no children. Inquire Home Kitchen, 6th street.

THREE nice furnished rooms with fire. Home Kitchen, 6th street.

WANTED

MAN of family to call at Thomas the Housefurnishers and see the fine display that are sure to please the family.

PASTURE for 12 head of stock, mules and horses. State terms and where pasture can be seen. Address box 15, Merlin, Oregon.

COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE

There are funds in the treasury to pay the following county warrants, protested to January 9th, 1896: Warrants No. 409—410—411.

J. T. Taylor,
County treasurer.

Grants Pass, Ore., Nov. 19, 1902.