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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1903.

Representative Hale's bill to protect boarding house and hotel keepers, which came before the house on Tuesday, was lost.

Little change is evident in the senatorial contest. The supporters of Fulton and Geer cling stubbornly to their candidates, the democrats are voting for Wood, the scattering vote is much the same as before. The deadlock is unbroken. There may be a surprise in store for the people of Oregon but it has not yet appeared what it will be.

A bill is in consideration by the legislature to compel the placing of fine mesh wire screens at the heads of all ditches. This of course is in the interest of the fish. Such a measure would work a great deal of harm in this county especially to the placer mining industry as the screens would be an intolerable and constant nuisance and an obstacle to the flow of the water. The finer the mesh, the worse the nuisance as they would be constantly filling up with leaves and other debris. Fish are worthy of some protection but there are other interests of far greater importance to be affected by this bill.

A bill has been introduced in the house by Representative Hale and a similar one in the senate by Senator Booth, to create the office of commissioner of mines. The commissioner is to be appointed by the governor and is to have not less than seven years experience in practical mining in this state. He is to collect and distribute information regarding minerals in the state and prepare statistics and reports. He is required to inspect mines and when he finds unsafe conditions, to post notices to that effect. He will be sworn not to impart any special information regarding a mine without the consent of the owner. The term of office is to be four years and the salary \$250 per month.

A Grants Pass dispatch to the Oregonian last week stated there were a number of cases of smallpox in town and that a death had occurred therefrom. At the time the dispatch was written, there was one mild case in quarantine, a man who had come in on the train from the north and who had been promptly taken in charge by the authorities. His was the only case and the report of a death was utterly without foundation, the correspondent evidently having in mind the death of a little boy by scarlet fever about a month ago. On such a ticklish subject as smallpox, care should be taken not to make any such wild remarks. One more case, also mild, has since appeared and the house was quarantined.

The Woman's club of this city cannot be too highly commended in the spirit of public enterprise which is exhibited. They have taken up the library project and have a very gratifying assurance of success if they are seconded therein by the citizens. They have the best of prospects of securing from Andrew Carnegie a handsome donation for a library if certain conditions in the matter of a site for and maintenance of the library can be complied with. In this matter, they need the practical and material assistance of the citizens of the town and we are confident that it will be given, as the success of the project would be of immense public benefit. The benefits of a free library go to those who need them and this is in itself a sufficient recommendation for its support.

The Courier has lately added to its equipment a new job press of the larger pattern, carrying all the later improvements, a thoroughly up-to-date machine. Another of our late additions is a wire stitching machine. The Courier now has a mechanical equipment which is superior to any other in Southern Oregon and is better prepared than ever to give its patrons the best service and return. The Courier is in the fore front of progress and advancement. Its policy and effort is toward constant improvement and advancement both mechanically and otherwise. We have no thought of stopping or standing still or saying "This is good enough." We will continue to improve as long as there is room. Stay with the Courier and the future will commend your judgment.

DEATH OF A PIONEER

Mrs. Clementina Trimble Passed Away on Monday.

Mrs. Clementina Trimble, an Oregon pioneer of '52 and a well known resident of Josephine county since 1870, died in this city on Monday. For some time she had been a sufferer from cancer. The interment took place at the Pleasant Valley cemetery, near her former home, on Wednesday. Mrs. Trimble was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, Aug. 2, 1825. She was married to Robert Trimble July 3, 1840. They emigrated to Iowa and in 1852 crossed the plains to Oregon. They lived in Douglas county till 1870, then moved to Josephine. Mrs. Trimble died two months after moving to this county. There were 11 children, eight of whom are now living: Mrs. Garrett Crockett of Hugo; Mrs. C. D. Williams of Dillard; Mac Trimble of Bridal Veil; John and Chas. Trimble of Ohehalis, Wash.; Wm. Trimble of Oregon City; Mrs. R. A. Williams and James Trimble of Grants Pass.

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THE HOTEL FLAT PLACERS GOLD PICK QUARTZ MINE

New Hydraulic Mine in Briggs Creek District.

The "Hotel Flat" placer on Briggs creek is being opened up by Trefren of Ashland and associates. This mine contains a large area of untouched placer ground of undoubted richness. It lies just below the Barr mine which is a good producer. The ground is neither deep nor difficult to work. Most of the "pay" lies close to the bedrock and the gold is coarse, smooth, heavy and of high quantity.

Hotel Flat has a history which its name perpetuates. During the silver creek excitement of the early '70's, a "hotel" was kept here which was a half way house between Silver creek and the Rogue river settlements. The hotel was kept by James Forren, still a resident of Briggs creek and it did a rushing business in its day. The ruins of the old house still stand.

Dates for Examination.

Eighth grade examinations will be held on the following dates by Superintendent Lincoln Savage: January 28, 29, 30; April 8, 9, 10; May 20, 21, 22; June 17, 18, 19.

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Senatorial Elections.

James P. Clark was elected senator from Arkansas, Reed Smoot, from Utah; William J. Stone from Missouri; A. P. Kittredge from South Dakota; Thomas C. Platt, from North Dakota; H. C. Hansbrough, from North Dakota; J. B. Hopkins, from Illinois; J. B. Gallinger, from New Hampshire; O. H. Platt, from Connecticut. Delaware is still tied upon account of Adick's fight and Kansas made no choice.

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Josephine County's Many Hydraulic Placer Mines.

Josephine county and the region adjacent to it has always been, and will continue to be for the next 100 years, a remarkably rich placer region. There is no other section anywhere of its area, that contains so many hydraulic placer mines and so many acres of placer ground, as does Josephine county. Providence has generously endowed Josephine with all the necessary requisites for placer gold digging. The liberal rains of every winter, and the multitude of streams that intersect and cut the country everywhere make this country an ideal one for the surface miner.

There is as great a difference between the modern hydraulic giant and the rocker of the early day miner, as there is between the modern pancer car and the pioneer stage coach. The same auriferous streams where today the giants are hurrying their mighty streams against the gravel banks melting mountains away and robbing them of their gold, were scratched over half a century ago by the prospector with his crude rocker and pan. Then, placer mining was a gamble, in which hardships, privations and perils were necessary to the treasure sought, and a pack pony, pick, pan, and "grab" kit the prime requisites. Today, placer mining is a business in which capital, enterprise and mechanical ingenuity play a most important part.—Dennis H. Stovall, in The Pacific Miner.

Greenback's New Mill Will Soon Be in Operation.

The machinery for the new mill of the Greenback mine is now nearly all in place and the company expects to have 10 of the stamps running in a short time. The work of moving the machinery from Leland to the mine has been a herculean task on account of the fearful condition of the roads. It was necessary to abandon the use of wheeled vehicles in moving the heavier pieces and to resort to sleds or mudboats to facilitate the transportation.

Photo Supplies at the Courier office.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining unmailed for in the Grants Pass post office, Saturday, Jan. 24, 1903:

Ladies—Mrs. M. C. Mitchell, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Gentlemen—J. Carter, Al Boyce, Richard L. Allen, G. M. Elliot, Mr. Storm, W. M. Turner, Wm. Schnart, (2) Rudolph Vogler (2) C. R. Harmon, P. M.

Leland Siftings.

From the rumors that are afloat, we may hear of a wedding in the near future.

The tunnel men went to Merlin to watch the railroad bridge so the drift would not sweep it away.

Judge Crockett is quite lame from the hurt he received last fall. As he does not hire much work it is a hardship on him.

Our frosty weather has disappeared; the wind has veered to the south so the weather has become cloudy; we are now getting a right smart change

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

Annual Meeting of Board and Election of Officers.

The annual meeting and election of the Grants Pass Board of Trade was held on Monday evening in the City hall. The reports of Secretary Stovall and Treasurer Gilkey were read, accepted and placed on file. R. L. Coe, the retiring president, submitted a message, saying that the Board was to be congratulated that it still lived; that the spark of life still burned, in the face of the opposition which the working members of the Board had met in their efforts on behalf of the town. He requested that the attending members should talk the matter over unreservedly and decide whether it would be best to disband the Board or to continue its organization.

W. M. Hair spoke briefly, saying that a good active Board of Trade was of the greatest importance and he believed such a board could be organized. Dr. Moore made a few remarks emphasizing the necessity that the efforts of the Board should be seconded by the merchants.

R. Thomas said he would regret to see the Board discontinued. He considered it a very essential organization. As a suggestion, he advanced the idea that if more business should be done in open meeting of the whole Board it might, perhaps, awaken a livelier and more general interest.

D. H. Stovall said that the citizens were lacking in co-operation. Every citizen should be a member of the Board and pay his dues regularly.

Col. J. S. Crawford said that while he was an old man, as a citizen of Grants Pass, he was an infant, but that he had adopted the town and intended to remain here. He realized the grand possibilities of Grants Pass as the geographical center of Southern Oregon and expected to see it a city of many thousands. The Board of Trade represents the town's best citizens and it is to the interest of every man to uphold it. All the efforts of the Board will bring a four fold return.

Arthur Conklin said the Board of Grants Pass has the brightest future of any town in Southern Oregon. We should get together and organize a vigorous Board.

Col. Crawford said that in the great cities, the Boards of Trade were composed of men of the highest standing. A Board of Trade is a standard of reliability. In Grants Pass we have the right material on which to build. We should unite as one man and work for the common interest.

On motion the Board proceeded with the election of officers. H. L. Gilkey moved that an informal ballot be taken and that the two men receiving the highest number of votes should be declared president and vice-president. This plan was adopted and in the following ballot the names of R. Thomas, R. L. Coe, Col. J. S. Crawford and H. L. Gilkey appeared. Mr. Thomas, receiving the greatest vote, was declared president and R. L. Coe, vice-president.

For secretary, Arthur Conklin moved that Dennis H. Stovall be re-elected and that the president cast the ballot. Mr. Stovall, however, declined the nomination for a further term of office. The name of Arthur Conklin was proposed by H. C. Bobzien but Mr. Conklin also declined. H. L. Gilkey then presented the name of Fred Mensch. No further nominations appeared and the secretary cast the ballot for Mr. Mensch.

For treasurer, H. L. Gilkey was unanimously elected to succeed himself. For the other three members of the executive committee, the names of W. M. Hair, J. A. Slover, Col. J. S. Crawford, Arthur Conklin and Dr. J. S. Moore were proposed. The three receiving the highest number of votes were Hair, Crawford and Conklin, who were elected.

H. L. Gilkey, on behalf of the Woman's Club, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we assure the said Woman's Club that in the event of their securing a donation from Andrew Carnegie sufficient to erect a suitable building for such library, that we will make provisions for a lot or site for the said building.

This resolution was unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president and secretary for their faithful and earnest labors in behalf of the Board and the meeting was then adjourned.

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of cloud juice. The creeks are up right smart although the ducks forded Gravel creek today.

The steam shovel is at work near Crockett's point. The banks are hard but the steam shovel goes through the dirt with ease.

The order has been given as we understand, by the railroad company for a new depot also a new warehouse. That will fill a long felt want.

Mr. Stout, while working in Tunnel 9, got one of his hands badly hurt; the scaffold that he was working on fell and let him down a little too hard on the ground.

The miners are rejoicing as they have plenty of cloud juice to enable them to run for a long time. We have no mining news as they are very busy in the mines.

Pete Porazier has moved his house to a better location. Pete has accepted a position on the railroad. He came here a poor boy, now he has got a nice ranch and money besides. Pete would marry, he is willing to furnish water and wood, so if our fair damsels wish to tie up, now is their chance.

The weather is warm, little or no wind. Stock are doing well. Some people let their stock go through the winter without feed; others feed when the stock comes up. We notice that the stock that are fed are in better condition than those that get no feed.

Some of our Lelandites have gone to Salem. I don't mean to the pen, but to the legislature, presumably as clerks or to push a bill through for an appropriation for the improvement of Grave creek, so as to navigate its waters so we can have direct navigation with the ocean.

We fully coincide with Judge Hale, our representative regarding the Lewis & Clark fair. We think it will be a big ad for Portland, with a big expense on the state. In reading the Oregonian, one seldom sees anything about Southern Oregon. It is all about Portland and the Columbia river. It doesn't say anything about Grave creek or Jump-off-Joe.

I must write a few lines in regard to our small ranchers that settled on different creeks where the timber and brush were very thick. These are now good liviers. At first most of them worked out to get a start. After getting a few cows and raising chickens, they are doing well. The mines are a good market for all they can raise. Most of them are raising a family of children; this is a very good country to raise children in.

We have no sickness to report. People are busy, some getting up their summer wood, others doing necessary farm work. Plenty of work for willing hands to do. If we see a man lounging around the stores we know what shape his farm is in if he has one. Wide Awake.

Provolt Items.

The high water of the past week has served to emphasize the need of another bridge over Williams creek. At present the main traveled road crosses Williams creek at a ford about a mile below Williams post office.

On top of all the other disasters, on Monday about noon, a terrible Chinook wind rose and blew down a number of the large pines. This is not serious, however, as the saw mills will doubtless make arrangement for converting them into saw logs at once.

The voluntary weather observer at Williams reports that during the 24 hours of Friday night and Saturday there fell six inches of rain. This seems an exaggeration but we shall excuse him this time as the occasion seems to warrant extravagance of speech, even in a weather bureau official.

It is the universal verdict of the Williams and Applegate valley farmers that we have experienced the worst floods in the past week of any time since the winter of 1890. One careful observer reports that Williams creek reached the high water mark of 1890 at the Provolt bridge on Saturday. In other places, however, Williams did not seem quite so high as before.

During high water, such as we had last Wednesday and Saturday, it is impossible to ford Williams creek and so the stage was compelled to remain at Williams on these days. There is another road to Williams, called the mountain road, but it is impassable at present and often so at other times. Besides the stage is compelled to travel the other route on account of the post office at Provolt. As matters stand at present, the county court could do the people of this section no greater service than building a bridge across Williams creek above Provolt.

Among the losses reported inflicted by the recent floods are the following: Applegate cut about 10 acres of land off the ranch of Jacob Struss, Jr., and

about seven acres from Louis Hyde's farm. Just above the bridge over Powell creek on the mountain road to Williams the creek cut into the banks until it loosened a large tree which, falling, dammed the creek and turned it so that it cut another channel down across the road and through J. W. Tarrey's garden land nearly all of which was washed away. Another bridge must be constructed immediately as it is impossible to cross Powell creek at present.

Jacob Struss, Jr., has recently received returns from the Roseburg creamery for the cream he had been sending on a month's trial. He estimates that for butter fat he receives as much as if he sold the butter at 55 cents per roll. Rauch butter is selling in Grants Pass at 60 cents per roll; so Mr. Struss concludes that 'tis the most profitable to sell cream and save the butter making. This is reasonable, and what is to be regretted is that there is not a creamery in Josephine county to manufacture the Josephine county cream. Other farmers in this valley besides Mr. Struss are shipping cream and the growth of the country will soon demand a creamery at home. A paying business awaits the pioneer in this field. Who will it be?

Low Smith, the genial Provolt merchant and blacksmith, narrowly escaped death by drowning while returning from Grants Pass with a load of merchandise last Saturday. This was the day of the heavy rains and many of the streams were up to the high water mark. When Mr. Smith reached the bridge over an ordinarily small creek near Alonzo Hyde's farm and drove upon it, the off horse went through the bridge and the shock threw Low into the water. By good luck, the vehicle stood firm and the goods were saved. It was several minutes before Mr. Smith recovered his footing in the torrent and climbed ashore. The accident was caused by a stringer of the bridge washing away, thus letting the planks float without other support. XYZ.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, For Josephine County.

Ellen J. Cole and Eliza A. Delamater, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Butts and Mabel Butts, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a writ of execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Josephine County, in the above entitled suit, to me, the Sheriff of said County and State, directed, and duly attested by the Clerk of said Circuit Court on the 24th day of January, 1903, upon a judgment, decree and order of sale duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in the office of said Clerk of said court, in said County, on the 21st day of January, 1903, by which writ of execution I am commanded to sell all the real estate mentioned and described in said writ of execution, and hereinafter described, and out of the proceeds of such sale to apply the same:

First: To the costs and expenses of said sale and to the costs and disbursements of said suit, and to the payment of the sum of \$500 attorneys fees thereon.

Second: To the payment of the plaintiffs of the sum of \$624.94 and interest thereon at 6 per cent per annum from and since the 19th day of January, 1903, until paid.

The balance of such proceeds, if any there be, to be paid to the clerk of said court, to be disposed of in such manner as the court may direct.

Accordingly, I will, on Saturday the 25th day of February, 1903, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court house, sell to the highest bidder at public auction, all the cash in hand, all the right, title, interest, claim and estate of the said defendants, Thomas Butts and Mabel Butts in and to the following described real property situated in Josephine County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block 8, and Lots 3, 4, and 5 in Block 3 in the town of Placer, as the same appear on the plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of Josephine County, Oregon.

Also, Lots 22, 23, and 24 in Block 33 of the original townsite of the town of Grants Pass, now the City of Grants Pass, Oregon, as the same appear on the plat thereof in the office of the County Clerk of Josephine County Oregon together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated this 29th day of January 1903. George Lewis, Sheriff of Josephine Co. Ore.

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