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The repeal of the exemption clause of the assessment law, so that every thing a man has is taxable, even down to the smallest possession, is one of the most unpopular laws that has afflicted Oregon for many a day. It is on the poorer class of people that this burden falls heaviest. It is thought that this repeal of the \$300 exemption clause made by the legislators inadvertently, but it was made nevertheless and now it is up to those whom it affects to take enough active interest in the matter to sign petitions for referendum.

When you find a man with push, vim and energy, says an exchange, you find a man who is trying to do something which tends to his own advancement, as well as those around him and generally you find such a man has enemies. Dean men usually have no enemies, and people say nice things about them. But dean men do not push things along and keep the world moving. Live men are wanted everywhere, even with their enemies. The Rev. Dr. Jewett tersely said: "Never explain, never retract, never apologize—get the thing done and let them howl."

The Oregon & Pacific railway is an enterprise that should receive all encouragement possible from the people of Josephine county for reasons that are plain and apparent to all. But we have been informed that a number of land holders along the line of the proposed right of way have advanced the price of land for right-of-way purposes to a figure which the representatives of the company consider to be out of reason. Both Col. Draper and Mr. Gunn assert that the road will certainly not be built if such prices are demanded. It is difficult to believe that matters really stand in this condition for it does not seem reasonable that a few citizens would hold up the county for the mere chance of a few dollars of private gain.

The Observer bubbles forth right fiercely in an editorial which contains two untruths in the first two lines, regarding the Courier's remarks in last week's issue concerning the fire limits ordinance. The Courier's statement was entirely fair and reasonable and will stand on its merits. The real purpose of the Observer's tirade seems to be an attack on Arthur Conklin. The gentlemen of the city council are considerably referred to as "marble-headed fellows." The last word, indeed, is one of the Observer's favorites, and is sorely overworked in its columns, "rolled as a sweet morsel under the tongue." The modern use of the word "solon" has in it an element of subtle ridicule and sarcasm which would probably be distasteful to the council had they not the other epithet of "marble-headed" is added, the combination makes a very dubious compliment, to say the least.

A new name for a disease is needed to discriminate between two forms of the disease called small-pox. For the past four or five years a light form of smallpox has been common on the western coast, brought over by returning soldiers from the Philippine islands. As long as this went under the name of chicken-pox or Manila itch it attracted little notice, but when it was discovered to be small-pox, the name caused an acute fit in many localities. It was feared by many physicians that, in this climate, the disease might develop into a virulent form. This has not occurred and this disease is as harmless today as it was when it first appeared in the state. But now in eastern Oregon, they have the genuine article, the real old-fashioned small-pox, not developed from any of our cases but imported from Pennsylvania by a man in search of a timber location. Prineville and Shanks, in Crook county, are the places afflicted by the impetuous and a number of deaths have occurred. There being no discrimination in name between these two forms of small-pox there is danger that will be confused one with another in the public mind, which would in the one case lead to an apathy in real danger and in another to a panic of fear in imagined danger.

WILSON-MEREDITH PLACER
A Prosperous Season and Plenty of Water Still.
The Wilson-Meredith mine on Josephine creek is running yet with a good head of water and will continue for several weeks. The past winter has been remarkably favorable for hydraulic operations, and the mine has been running steadily with scarcely a break since early in the fall. The present water supply is sufficient for working with a five inch nozzle and there will be plenty of water for a month yet. The season's run has been a very prosperous one and the output will probably be greatly in advance of that of previous years.

Nine Hour Day.
Notice is hereby given that Union No. 118, United Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners of America have established a nine hour day, making rate per hour 33 1/2 cents or \$3.00 for nine hours.
To go into effect on the first day of June, 1903.
D. A. Fitzgerald, E. S. J. P. Galeator, vice pres.

Have You Found Out
that Black Cat Hosiery wear very much better than common brands and costs no more money? If not it would be well to test them.

RED STAR STORE.
W. E. Dean & Co., Prop.
Front street, oppo Depot.

THE HAYDEN QUARTZ MINE WORKING AT LUCKY QUEEN
Grave Creek Property Making Excellent Record with Arrastre.
Among the best of the smaller quartz properties of Josephine county is that of J. G. Hayden, near Placer. It is small only in the sense that it is equipped and operated in a modest way and on a small scale. The property has all the natural elements for a mine of importance and needs only a good sized milling plant take its place as such among the mines of the district. With its present equipment, its owner is steadily making money and can well afford to wait for a satisfactory offer before selling. At present the mine is worked by means of an arrastre. Water power is used and all the arrangements of appliances and machinery are neat and convenient. The arrastre has five drags and is arranged in their circle almost in a stumpy mill, it seems almost wonderful to see how silently and easily the work is accomplished by this primitive mill. The five heavy drags slip around in their circle almost without noise yet all the time they are doing very effective work in crushing the ore. The relative position of mine and mill makes it feasible to carry the ore to the mill by means of water power. The ore is dumped into a sluiceway and is carried by the water directly into the ore bin.
The vein varies in width from a few inches up to two feet but holds an average width of about 20 inches. The ore is credited with a milling average of about \$20 to the ton, only the free gold being saved. The ore contains a large amount of rich sulphur and the present equipment does not provide for securing these values. The concentrates from this ore carry about \$100 to the ton.

Famous Jump-off-Joe Property Now Under Development
A crew of seven men are steadily at work under the supervision of C. D. Crane, at the Lucky Queen mine in the Jump-off-Joe district. A bond on the property is held by Dr. W. F. Harrington of this city, who is carrying on the operations of the development. A tunnel has been run to connect with a mine of the old workings and the mine will be pumped out and the work extended. A tunnel is being run also which will tap the ledge at a depth of about 70 feet. The Lucky Queen is a property of recognized value and was discovered and superficially worked many years ago. It has passed through several stages of mismanagement and has had a fair share of litigation, but it needs only to be developed properly and opened systematically to take its place among the valuable mines of Southern Oregon. None are more strongly of this opinion than those who are best acquainted with the past and present showing of the property. A great deal of rock has been taken from this mine that was remarkable in its richness, not only during the early working, but in later times as well. A number of pockets of greater or less extent have been taken out in the last few years by Curtis and Bush. The Lucky Queen has a good ore body and on the surface there is a gold bearing porphyry deposit carrying good milling values throughout, besides streaks that are immensely rich.

Just Received
Another shipment of Black Silks, in Pu de-soi, Royal Taffeta, India and 22 and 36 inch guaranteed Taffeta.

Summer Waists
A large assortment of dainty white waists in Mercerized, Piques, India Linens, Oxfords and Summer Silks.

Walking Skirts
A nice assortment of the latest style walking Skirts.

Ladies' and Misses' Fancy Lace Hose.

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Boys Clothes
The best materials that can be put into boys' and children's clothing are the only kind that enter into the make-up of the styles we carry.

E. C. DIXON,
SHOES AND FURNISHING GOODS.

Grants Pass Will Reciprocate
Grants Pass will appreciate and bear in mind the spirit manifest in the following timely editorial of the Newford Success and when Modford holds her fruit and stock fair, this fall, she may depend on a reciprocation of support and interest from the people of this city.
"Modford should give every encouragement possible to the Grants Pass carnival. In the first place a generous spirit of neighborly feeling should prompt the citizens in making a success of their fair. And then there is the factor that this carnival will do much toward advertising Southern Oregon, thus benefiting all the towns of this section of the state. Another reason for giving a helping hand is a success that is to come to Modford's street, fruit and stock fair to be held this fall. By Modford helping Grants Pass with their carnival and assembly, these towns will be the more likely to reciprocate the favor and give their encouragement to Modford's fair."

Coming Events.
May 1—Grand Ball at opera house.
May 2—Rudick stock company in "Vendetta" and "The Unknown."
May 10—Norris & Rowe show.
May 11—Allen stock company in repertoire.
June 1—Congressional election in First district.

Carnival Queen Vote.
Miss Helen Selvig, Jacksonville, 308
Miss Prue Angie, Modford, 104
Miss Blakburn, G. Hill, 80
Miss Carrie White, Grants Pass, 57
Miss Essie Hartman, Grants Pass, 57
Miss Grace Good, Grants Pass, 50
Miss Lucy Good, Astoria, 40
Miss E. Howell, Grants Pass, 39
Mrs. Bonney Grants Pass, 29
Miss Bertie Eastman Grants Pass, 2

An Illustration
Of what flour will do. It will double its weight in bread. It will make pure, white, delicious loaves. It is more reliable and more economical than any other flour on the market. And it is the housewife's favorite—the one plus ultra of family flour. What more can be said? Get the Modford brand.

A. A. DAVIS.

The Eureka of Steamboat.
The Eureka quartz mine, situated on Steamboat, one of the larger tributaries of the upper Applegate, in Jackson county, is one of the most promising prospects in Southern Oregon. As yet it is almost entirely undeveloped but the surface indications are such as warrant the most sanguine expectations of the owners. The mine was discovered last winter by Geo. S. and J. M. Bristow. A number of claims have been located and prospecting to a greater or less extent. The property is owned by the Bristow brothers and four Ashland men; Arthur Wakefield, W. H. Mowatt, J. L. Funtun and Albert Ahlstrom.
The vein has been prospectively to a depth of 12 feet, at which depth it has a width of 18 inches. Assays have been made, running from \$212 to \$750 per ton. The owners will commence sinking inside the next few days and the property will be developed.

Annual Meeting W. C. M. & C. Co.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wolf Creek Mining and Development Company was held Saturday at the company's office, 416 Chamber of Commerce, and the following directors were elected: Dr. E. H. Thornton, Portland, Ore.; John Hahn, Astoria, Ore.; Scott Bozorth, Salem, Ore.; A. V. Pendleton, Astoria, Ore.; M. B. Bozorth, Portland, Ore.; J. H. De Fureo, Astoria, Ore.; N. Hozier, Portland, Ore.; E. A. Clem, Portland, Ore.; Dean Blanchard, Ranier, Ore.
A meeting of the directors was held Monday, and the following officers were elected: Dr. E. H. Thornton, president; John Hahn, first vice-president; Dean Blanchard, second vice-president; M. B. Bozorth, secretary; E. W. Wright, treasurer.
The following are all well-known conservative, business men.
The following can be said of the officers of the company:
Dr. E. H. Thornton is a well known and prominent physician of this city. Hon. John Hahn is a prominent hotel and shoe merchant of Astoria. Mr. Hahn has served several terms as representative to the Oregon legislature from Clatsop county, and is well and favorably known all over the state.
Judge Dean Blanchard is one of the best known lawyers of the Oregon bar, and has been in the milling and merchandise business at Ranier for many years.
E. W. Wright is connected with the best known firm of the Oregonian, and is one of the best known marine writers on the coast.
M. B. Bozorth was 14 years in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co., in the ticket department. For the past two years he has been interested in Southern Oregon mines.
This company owns 180 acres of timber ground, four quartz claims, two valuable water rights and more than five millions feet of fir timber, all in Northern Josephine county, Southern Oregon. The place is in active operation at the present time.
The management contemplates installing an up-to-date hydraulic plant the coming season, and will then be in a position to work the placers on a much larger scale than at present.
It is also the intention to do extensive development work on the quartz this summer.
It has been only a few years since this district has sprung into prominence as a mining center. It is now destined to be one of the liveliest camps in Southern Oregon. The management of the Wolf Creek Company will soon add some very valuable placers and quartz to the present holdings.
The company is now selling treasury stock for the purpose of erecting the quartz, and to more thoroughly equip plant with hydraulic machinery. A few thousand shares of stock are offered at 50 cents per share, but it is expected the price will soon be advanced.
It is expected that the purchasers of the Scribner and Headerson property will soon commence the erection of a 30-stamp mill on their property. This, with the extensive development work contemplated by the Wolf Creek Mining and Development Company, together with the working of other properties in this vicinity, will make it one of the liveliest districts in Southern Oregon this coming summer.—Pacific Miner.

WORK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Cases Disposed of During Term Just Concluded
Circuit court adjourned on Tuesday until the July term. Following are the cases disposed of during the term completed:
ACTIONS AT LAW.
W. I. Dowell vs. John Holt, motion for confirmation of sheriff's sale. Sale confirmed.
Chas. Nickell vs. Libby H. Randall, action for money. Dismissed.
James Carter and C. W. Bonliware vs. J. P. and J. T. Tuff, action for money. Judgment for \$225.15.
W. P. Wright vs. F. H. Osgood and John S. Crawford, action for money. Judgment for \$420.
Alice H. Culver vs. Ernest Lister, et al, action for damages. Judgment for \$25.
J. A. Jennings vs. Phoebe Hillcourt, action for money. Dismissed.
Martin Pecharovich vs. Home Insurance Co. action for money. Dismissed.
SUITS IN EQUITY.
Charles I. Tutt vs. Jane A. Chadwick, et al, suit to quiet title. Dismissed.
James Little vs. F. H. Osgood, suit to quiet title. Submitted to court.
Henry Booth vs. John Holt, suit to quiet title. Deeded that lots in Astoria be conveyed to Isabella Booth; H. De Fureo, Astoria, Ore.; N. Hozier, Portland, Ore.; E. A. Clem, Portland, Ore.; Dean Blanchard, Ranier, Ore. to May Booth. Each party to pay its own costs.
W. I. Sweetland vs. Grants Pass New Water Light & Power Co. Submitted to court.
W. J. Mathews vs. Eureka Mining Co. Issues sustained with exception of one.
F. F. Fitch vs. Leoy Ferron. Submitted to court.
C. W. Kuoelvs vs. A. W. Fox. Dismissed.
Eileen Anderson vs. John P. Anderson, divorce. Dismissed.
J. O. Booth vs. H. L. White. Decree for plaintiff.
Gertrude Ellsberg vs. Harry Ellsberg, divorce. Dismissed.
Hubbard & Day vs. H. E. Brown, for closure of mechanics lien. Dismissed.
J. C. Perkins vs. Geo. W. Kearns, suit to dissolve partnership and for an accounting. Dismissed.
Leland Sittings
We are having cool, cloudy weather with appearances of rain. Vegetation is making a rapid growth.
We are wondering what has become of the Murphy writer. We are quite interested in the Murphy items.
The picture man from Grants Pass is getting ready to start on his trip. He has taken a good many views. He takes good pictures.
We see W. J. Bryan is quarrelling with his party. He does not know what to do for a platform for the next democratic campaign. He doesn't like Cleveland and he doesn't know what he likes. His mind seems to be badly shaken in a political way. He thinks he has got a mountain to move to elect a man of his party for the next president. He had rather President Roosevelt had not taken his western tour, as Roosevelt's great friends and also influence wherever he goes. His magnetic personal speeches gain him a host of friends. He has no wild cat or idle promises to make before the people. He gives the straight, honest goods, easy to see, easy to understand, as to raising the standard of our government to the filling of our U. S. treasury with more money than it ever had before, that should be an eye opener to the democrat if they are open for learning.
We look for lively times in this vicinity this summer. We understand that the health of our people is good. We have no sickness to report. The small pox is gone and the quarantine is raised at Greenback. No fatalities.
The miners have plenty of water. We have no fire men at Leland. All who have work can get it at good prices. The force at Tunnel 9 has been cut down so that gang has quit retimbering the tunnel for a short time. The big steel gang has been discharged from Cunningham's gang.
Henry Hall took a trip to Greenback one day last week.
Beh. Virtue took a trip to Konyville one day last week.
J. J. Kenny made our town a short visit one day last week.
Mrs. Waller Ray and sister are going to California to see their parents for a short stay.
We read of big frosts, also heavy rains in the north, with cold weather in the Willamette Valley. Here, we have had frosts—perhaps, they have got the predictions and all other fruits are all right. Stock is doing fine and will make early beef. Wide Awake.

Widerville Notes.
Kirk Robinson spent Sunday with his parents.
Mr. Weston, the photo man was in his city a few days.
Little Tina McMann was on the sick list the first of the week.
Spring weather and April showers are encouraging to the farmers.
Mr. Nickles of Oregost City is now working for R. M. Robinson.
We have the eye specialist traveling through the Applegate valley.
Will Bull has been quite sick for the past week. He is somewhat better at this writing.
The Wilderville Ditch 250, spent the past week in cleaning and repairing their ditch.
The Williams Bros. will soon be ready to commence sawing at their Wilderville mill.
We are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Busch have recovered from their stroke of small pox.
S. E. and J. B. Robinson have cut the timber on the Wilderville pasture land ground, the past week.
Mrs. Griffin of Modford has been visiting the past week with her cousin Mrs. Geo. Lewis of this place.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McMann have moved to their work near Grants Pass where they will spend the summer. Grandson Lennie Verlin returned to his home near Wilderville after several months stay at Crescent City, California.
Ed Mills and wife have moved near the Williams Mill. Mr. and Mrs. Mills spent the past week working in the mines.
We understand that Mr. Halstead has sold his farm known as the Wm. Goddard farm three quarters of a mile west of Wilderville. Mr. Griffin is the purchaser.
Rubli Items
S. H. Cook is having his home painted by Chas. Kevig.
Our school is progressing nicely with Miss Florence Barrett as teacher.
Spring fights have opened in this locality and the results are very painful.
Clinton Cook, a prosperous farmer made a business trip to Grants Pass Saturday.
Wm. Farris Sr. left Thursday for Placer river, to visit his daughter at that place.
J. L. Woodbridge and L. C. Baye, two prominent citizens were down in Grants Pass, Saturday.
L. Savage county school superintendent, of Josephine county is in this vicinity looking after his mining interests.
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GRANTS PASS

later reports are that Mrs. Whetstone is improving somewhat. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Baye, an employee of the Goldens mining Co., is temporarily supplying L. Savage county school superintendent, of Josephine county is in this vicinity looking after his mining interests.
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