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## A. U. Bannard

### Furniture and Housefurnishing Goods.

It would surprise you to see the extent and variety of the stock and the moderate prices at which they are sold. It would be an actual loss if you buy such goods without examining at the big store on north side of track, opposite the Western Hotel. Come and see.

## A. U. Bannard

### KLAMATH LAKE LAUNCHES

#### New Boats Recently Placed and Another in Preparation.

Two gasoline launches which were built in Portland for the Klamath Lake Navigation Company, arrived Monday in charge of Captain S. V. Short and W. H. Woodbury. The small boat, Tule, was launched at Keno and made the trial trip up the river Monday morning, arriving here at 11 o'clock, covering the distance of 24 miles in less than three hours. The Ewans was brought through by team and was taken to the upper lake, where it was launched Wednesday. This boat will be used to take soundings of upper lake to determine whether they can use a propeller or will have to put in a stern wheel on their big steamer. This boat will be built here and will be a two-decker, able to carry 200 passengers. The contract for a 150 horse power boiler has been let to the Portland Iron Works. If they put in a stern wheel they will probably use two 50-horse power engines.—Klamath Republican.

### A GREAT MINING STATE

#### Such is Oregon and She is Becoming Greater.

J. H. Weber, a noted mining expert who has just completed a tour of the mining fields of the United States and Canada, is now in Portland and does not hesitate to say that millions of dollars of undeveloped mineral wealth lie within easy reach of this city. The time is rapidly approaching, he says, when outside capital will take the necessary steps to convert this rich hoard into coin, and he urges the people of Oregon to forestall such effort and keep the wealth for themselves.

To the Telegram, Mr. Weber said: "After three and a half years tour in the United States and Canada, visiting the various mining camps and studying the mineralogy and geology, one must be prepared to judge of conditions.

"Last year I made a complete tour of the Mother Lode in California, from Madera county on the south to Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador, Eldorado, Placer, Butte, Plumas, Shasta, Trinity and Siskiyou counties on the north, and then to Ashland, Jacksonville, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Galice Creek, Merlin, Bohemia and Blue River in Oregon. Last month I came again to Oregon to study this wonderful belt of mineral. I find that in California we have the older andesites, but that in Bohemia, Blue River, Elkhorn and Quartzville we find the more recent andesites; such as at Cripple Creek, Colo. I understand prospectors are opening up very good prospects at Mount Hood. I saw some of the ore, and it has the same characteristics as the ore in Bohemia, Blue River and Quartzville. While looking over the map one can readily see the trend of the ore chutes. I believe this wonderful belt of low-grade ore extends for hundreds of miles in Oregon, and that some day this state will awaken to the fact that millions upon millions of dollars' worth of minerals are lying dormant at the very back door of Portland.

"Today I inquired who was the Oregon State Geologist, and I was informed you have none. Think of a state that is crowding hard many of the Western states in wool, hops and agriculture, and which bids fair to lead, being without a State Geologist!

"In an experience of very many years and an examination of thousands of mines and their formations, I am frank to say that this andesitic flow, with its dikes of basalt, trachyte, phonolite and meta rhyolite is the repository of very great riches.

"Thirteen years ago, when the mines of Cripple Creek, Colo., were discovered, the mineralogist and geologist said that gold in paying quantities could not be found in a basaltic region, but today Cripple Creek is the richest mining camp in the world, producing over \$20,000,000 annually.

"I believe that some of the great future gold fields of the world are to be found along this belt in Oregon. Such fortunes as the great Comstock, in Nevada, made for Fair, O'Brien, Mackay, Flood and others, will be made along this belt.

"While visiting these camps I saw failure after failure, because unscrupulous experts and promoters urged, after a few tons of free-milling ore were exposed, the erection of a mill. While it is true there is some free milling ore on top, the base sulphides soon appear, and then the prospect is abandoned, and the stockholders are out, and another failure is recorded against a district, whereas, had a scientific metallurgist been consulted who would have recommended either smelting or chlorination, today these prospects would have been developed into dividend-paying mines.

"Over seven-tenths of the ore I saw was concentrating. These concentrates can be treated with chlorination right at the mine, as chlorination plant to treat eight or ten tons of ore can be erected at the mine for \$10,000 to \$12,000. The cost of treating will not exceed \$7 per ton. On the Mother Lode in California, where wood and water are bought, concentrating is being carried on for less than \$7 per ton. Oregon having plenty of wood and water, especially along this belt, surely can do it as cheaply. At Colorado City, Colo., chlorination is successful for less than \$5 per ton.

"When Oregon shall be laced and interlaced with railways as Colorado is, these concentrates will be shipped to smelters. Portland being a common center is the place where large smelters should be erected; for here the flumes are near, the coke cheap, and a smelter must succeed. In some districts the ore has zinc, silver, gold, copper, lead and iron, arsenic and antimony. None of these are detrimental to chlorination, but are to be regarded.

"While reporting to a London banker the other day, I estimated if the ore went \$5 per ton in gold, silver and copper, a dividend profit can be made, as these three metals can be saved by chlorination. I know where there are hundreds of thousands of tons of ore that will go over \$5 per ton.

"Sooner or later, the eastern capitalist will come to Oregon, and these remarkable deposits of low-grade ore will attract their attention, and as if by magic cities, such as are seen in Colorado, Utah and California, will spring up, and then Oregon will awaken when the spoils are for the eastern people. These andesitic re-

gions being precipitous, are ideal places to run tunnels, and most of the canyons have plenty of water, and the mountain sides are covered with wood. The veins as a rule are large, and the trachyte and phonolite oftentimes contain auriferous pyrite in paying quantities, so that with these veins and dikes, both in pay, one can see at a glance that the ore need not be high grade to make a tremendous paying proposition.

"Very rich pockets likewise form. I saw some ore that Dr. Chance took out years ago, that is very rich. These rich pockets will help swell the dividends.

"The ore being a sulphide, not free milling, large capital will be required to erect plants. Sulphide ore being more permanent, and the ore chutes large, capital will amalgamate and push development and block out large reserves, then build their plants, thus making sure for the investor, and a gain for the state."

### SALES OF OREGON LAND

#### The Past Year Was the Liveliest on Record.

The state of Oregon witnessed the greatest activity in its history in the settlement and sale of its public lands for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1903. The year broke all records, both as to the number of entries, the amount of lands disposed of, and the cash receipts from sales, combined with fees and commissions collected at local land offices.

During the year just ended there were in all 18,744 entries made in Oregon, embracing a total area of 1,844,088 acres of land. The enormous aggregate of funds derived from sales, fees and commissions was \$2,055,330, nearly four times the amount collected in 1902.

The unprecedented gains are apparent when these figures are compared with those of 1902, when there were but 11,702 entries in Oregon, covering 1,207,099 acres of land. In that year sales, fees and commissions amounted to \$498,281. These returns mean that the state of Oregon last year contributed in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000 to the reclamation fund, or twice as much as the state contributed in the two years preceding, when it turned in more than \$900,000.

The reclamation fund gets all cash receipts, with the exception of money for expenses of the land service, and the 5 per cent diverted to educational purposes.

Although figures, so far as available, do not classify the entries made in Oregon, the fact that over 18,000 new entries are reported is the best evidence that Oregon is attracting settlers in no small numbers, and home-builders and citizens of the desirable class are seeking out the state where they can establish homes under the most favorable circumstances. There is a guarantee that the new settlers are desirable citizens from the very fact that all entries, particularly those of the first half of the year, were most carefully examined to determine whether the entrymen were acting in good faith and in their own interests, rather than in the interests of others.

### WILL SHOW AT MEDFORD

#### Ringling's Circus Will Be There on Saturday.

Intense interest has been aroused in this community by the announcement that Ringling Brothers' immense circus is to exhibit in Medford, Saturday, August 29th. Several big excursions will go from this vicinity and local people will be well represented at the big show. Those who go from here should make every effort to arrive in time to see the magnificent new free street parade, which is given in the morning preceding the opening performance. Three miles of parade glories are divided into 30 sections, and each section is a show in itself—a parade such as the world has never seen before. In this wonderful display are shown 108 beautiful deer, hares and cages of rare animals, a herd of 40 big and little elephants, 30 horses, and over 1000 people. One section of the procession is devoted to magnificent and costly floats representing Germany, Russia, England, France, India, Persia, Scotland, the United States and other countries. The performance that follows, and which includes the superb spectacular production of Jerusalem and the Crusades, is the most magnificent display of arctic wonders ever presented by the amusement enterprise in America. The menagerie is filled to overflowing with rare beasts and birds, including the only baby elephant bred and successfully raised in the United States, the only rhinoceros in captivity and the last living pair of giraffes.

### JOSEPHINE COUNTY HOPS

#### This Season's Yield Good and Quality Excellent.

Hop picking in the Josephine county yards will begin next week. Some of the yards will commence picking on Monday, while others will start in at the middle or the last of the week. At the present time the pickers are flocking to the yards in small armies, camps are being arranged and preparations made for the toil and the gaiety of the hop picking time.

The acreage of hops in Josephine county this year is probably about 400 acres. About a dozen growers have about 300 acres in the aggregate, in tracts ranging from 15 to 50 acres. The remainder is in smaller tracts of a few acres each. There are two principal districts in which the Josephine county hops are grown; the Rogue river bottom lands below Grants Pass, near the mouth of the Applegate, and the Applegate valley in the vicinity of Proutville. The heaviest grower is John P. Ranzau, who has a tract of 90 acres in hops. The Denzau yard has 27 acres; and the DeRozum yard about 25. Mrs. M. Ranzau has 25 acres; H. L. Robinson, 18; W. T. S. Patton, 15; and L. L. Jennings, 15. These are the principal growers of the Rogue river district.

In the Applegate district, the Ranzau yard has 27 acres; J. A. Rothkopf, 25; J. W. York, 18; the Finley yard, 17 and the Baldwin yard, 16.

Growers estimate that the yield will be in the main a little lighter than last year. Some of the yards show an increase, while others show a falling off. But in all cases the yield is far in advance of all expectations earlier in the season. The spring and summer has been exceptionally dry, but this condition seems to have affected the yield but little. As to quality, the hops are excellent and the picking will be much cleaner than the average. The vines, while they carry a gratifying quantity of hops, have only a sparse growth of leaves. The hops are free from lice and a very excellent crop for this section is assured.

The Oregon Fire Association of McMinnville insures "B" class or brick structures, in which general merchandise, banks, drug stores, public halls, etc., are run at just one-half the expense of stock companies. The McMinnville Co. pay their losses promptly.

### THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

#### Report of the Grand Meeting in San Francisco.

The 37th National Encampment of the G. A. R. at San Francisco came to a close Friday.

General John C. Black was the unanimous choice for Commander-in-Chief to succeed Stewart, the retiring commander, who was enthusiastically received. It showed that during the year there were gains in membership of 8188; reinstated, 18,572; loss by death, 9355, leaving the membership at 350,000.

In accordance with the recommendation of the commander-in-chief, the encampment voted to authorize the pension committee to prepare a bill to give all soldiers past 62 a pension of \$12 per month.

A touching incident at the close of the commander's report was the presentation of a handsome jeweled badge of the order to General John C. Black. The tribute came from all of the entire Grand Army.

The National officials of the Woman's Relief Corps were presented Thursday and received with cordial greeting; also a representation of army nurses, Mrs. Eleanor C. Ransom, Los Angeles, Cal., who is 88 years old; Mrs. Elizabeth Tarpe, Aurora, Ill., aged 74, and Rebecca E. Frick, of Philadelphia, Pa., who is 80. General Nelson A. Miles visited the encampment and was received with great cheering. The General responded by a happy speech.

General Miles was moved to tears by a reception tendered him by the Spanish War veterans. It was a reception and welcome marked by unbounded enthusiasm.

The other new officers selected are: Senior Vice-Commander—Colonel C. Mason Keene, of California. Junior Vice-Commander—Col. Harry C. Kessler, of Montana.

Sergeant-in-Chief—George A. Harmon, of Ohio.

Chaplain-in-Chief—Winfield Scott, of Arizona.

Boston was chosen as the place for the next encampment.

Following its selection General Miles was called to the stand and made a brief address in the course of which he said:

"This is one of the most enjoyable events of my life. There is no company more dear to me than that of the brave men who served this nation. It is an inspiration to the people of this country to see their heroes moving from every quarter of this country to this grand re-union, and it has been an inspiration, a revelation and a consolation to you to realize that this is our country, saved by your valor, fortitude and sacrifice. Never was a war so desperately fought, never was a war fought with such sacrifice, and never a war ended so gloriously. When peace came, when the two contending armies had fought it out for the principles they believed to be right, the hands of brave men were clasped and they were brothers again and henceforth and forever will be one nation from the Lakes to the Gulf."

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# BARGAINS AND BARGAINS

### Refrigerators at Cost Ice Cream Freezers at Cost Camp Stoves at Cost.

### NEW GOODS THIS WEEK.

### Thin White Dinner Ware—Ewers and Basins—New Glass ware, Jellies, etc.

### More New Furniture, Book Cases, Iron Beds.

Furniture Lace Curtains Mattresses Cots Linenings Mattings Mirrors		Picture Mountings Graniteware Tinware Glassware Lamps Cutlery Woodenware
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### EXCURSION TRAIN WRECK

#### Terrible Railroad Accident Near Chehalis, Wash.

At 10:45 Sunday forenoon the Elks' excursion train was wrecked two miles below Chehalis, Wash., at the foot of a heavy grade. The blowing up of the engine caused the wreck. The train was running at a high rate of speed. The engine, tender and five cars went into the ditch. Two of the front coaches plunged down an embankment 50 feet high. Fully 400 people, mostly from Portland, were on the train. At present two are dead and fully 25 are injured. At least four of these will die.

Pierson Lee Doskey and Engineer Will Green are both alive but badly hurt.

Charles Farlemann, a fruit dealer of 252 Yamhill street, Portland, is dead. A tramp, who was stealing a ride, was killed instantly. His skull was crushed. A man was sent to Chehalis to summon aid. He arrived exhausted, having run all the way. At once a large relief corps went down from Chehalis and joined the effort to rescue the injured from the wrecked coaches. A flatcar was sent down from Chehalis and the injured looked after. All physicians in Chehalis and Centralia were summoned and at once went to work to dress the wounds of the injured.

Another passenger train was sent to the scene of the wreck and brought in the passengers who escaped injury.

### THE VERDICT IS SET ASIDE

#### Birdie McCarthy Does Not Get the \$22,000.

Judge Bellinger, in the United States District Court at Portland, Tuesday morning, knocked out the verdict for \$22,000 awarded by the jury recently in the famous McCarthy-Herford breach-of-promise suit, and in the course of his opinion, used the following language:

"My conclusion is that this verdict is so grossly excessive as to imply that the jury acted under the influence of passion or prejudice, and that it should be set aside. The motion to set aside the verdict and for a new trial is allowed."

Continuing, the decision sets forth that the award of the jury in the McCarthy-Herford case, together with the mortgage of \$50,000 against the estate, would probably be sufficient to wipe out the defendant's fortune, considering the nature of his property and the results generally attending the sale of possessions by legal process.

The decision assumes the position that it would have been to the best interests of Miss Birdie N. McCarthy, and all concerned, if she had taken the advantage of the second offer of marriage made by Herford, after he had been served with a copy of her complaint in the action against him for damages. This second proposition, the court holds, was as good as the original offer, and that she would have been better off to have accepted it, rather than continue the suit.

### ALFALFA ON APPLAGATE

#### First Grower Was David Hopkins in the '50's.

The only threshing machine on Applegate, and which is owned jointly by Jas. O'Brien, Miles Cantrell, Fritz John, Walter and Hermann Offenbacher, farmers who have the machine to thresh their own grain and for threshing for their neighbors, will be put in operation the last of this week. There is only about one-fourth the acreage that there was formerly grown in that valley, the farmers now having the greater part of their land in alfalfa. To the Applegate valley belongs the distinction of having the first alfalfa field ever grown in Oregon. It was in 1858 or 1859 that David Hopkins, then an Applegate rancher who died some years ago in Jacksonville, got some alfalfa seed, probably from California, and sowed a small patch. This new grass grew so well and yielded such large crops that it became the chief forage plant of Southern Oregon, but not for several years after its introduction, for farmers at first were distrustful as to its value as a hay crop. But within ten years after its introduction it had become the chief hay crop of the Rogue river valley, before the farmers having relied upon grain hay. With the introduction of irrigation in recent years the Applegate valley has become famed for its alfalfa meadows which are among the finest in Southern Oregon, its farmers finding it a more profitable crop than grain and they have dropped the latter until there is hardly enough grown in the valley for home consumption.—Sentinel.

### FELL AND BROKE HIS ARM

#### Little Lavone Colvig Meets With Accident Friday.

Lavone, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Colvig, who live at Dry Diggings, was the victim of an unfortunate accident on Friday. The young man was indulging his climbing propensities and got quite a hard fall, breaking his arm. Mr. Colvig brought him to town and the fractured limb was set. The injured member is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

Not Over Wise.

There is an old allegorical picture of a girl sacred at a grass-hopper, but in the act of heedlessly treading on a snake. This is paralleled by the man who spends a large sum of money building a cyclone cellar, but neglects to provide his family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as a safeguard against bowel complaints, whose victims outnumber those of the cyclone a hundred to one. This remedy is everywhere recognized as the most prompt and reliable medicine in use for these diseases. For sale by all druggists.

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