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THURSDAY, Nov. 12, 1903.

At the solicitation of Senator Fulton, President Roosevelt has interested himself in the public land situation in Oregon, and promises to see to it that there shall be an adjustment of the forestry bureau and of the Interior Department which will be satisfactory to the people of Oregon.

Recognizing the progress made toward solving the problem of aerial navigation, and the possibility, if not the probability, of remarkable achievements in the air, the Exposition has offered a grand prize of $100,000 to the airship which shall make the best record over a prescribed course, started by captive balloons, at a speed of not less than 20 miles an hour. Quite a large number of aeronauts have announced their intention of competing. It is hoped that some of them will be able to carry off the great prize. There are other prizes for balloon races and contests of various kinds aggregating $50,000.

The Fifty-eighth Congress convened in extraordinary session at noon Friday, in accordance with the proclamation of President Roosevelt, for the purpose of enacting legislation necessary to make effective the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The house assembled the largest membership in its history and the scene before the gavel fell in that body, was one of animation. The Capitol building presented the appearance of a new structure with its coat of white paint and complete renovation within. Crowds of eager spectators, both men and women, thronged the corridors and rotunda of the Capitol early in the day, and the galleries, to which admission was had by card only, were taxed to their capacity long before the hour for assembling arrived.

NO EXTRA SESSION NEEDED

In the Opinion of Representative Hale.

No proclamation has been issued for a special session of the legislature. Opinions of the members as to the necessity of a special session are not uniform nor are the members generally inclined to give the governor any assurances, whether the session, if convened, should confine its efforts to an attempt to remedy the assessment law, or whether it should enter the field of general legislation. Judge Hale expresses the opinion that there is no urgent necessity for a special session except to relieve Multnomah county of special legislation; as to the other counties, they can continue to issue warrants in violation of the constitution as heretofore. School districts and municipalities can make necessary assessments, or borrow funds for current expenses.

The judge is in favor of confining legislation, of the special session, if convened, to the one subject of remedial tax legislation, and predicts the repeal of the Phelps law and a return to the old law, which can be accomplished in one day.

HAD A PLEASANT TIME

Mr. Wright Returns From His Alaska Trip

W. G. Wright returned last week from a trip into the interior of Alaska, buying platinum. He visited the Slate creek country in the Copper river district, 250 miles inland from Valdez. The journey in was made by pack train, but as it is impossible to get horse feed, the horses were used on reaching their destination. The return journey was made by boat and by foot. Mr. Wright travel[illegible] about 500 miles and walked 300 miles of that distance. Prices in that country are rather stiff—$60 per sack for flour, $1.50 per pound for bacon wages $7 per hour and everything else in proportion.

Alaska is divided naturally into two sections with entirely different climatic conditions—the Copper river district, which is mostly glacial and semi-tropical, and the Yukon district, which has a mild climate where vegetation flourishes in the summer months. It was in the latter part of Alaska that Mr. Wright travelled. He weighed 200 pounds at St. Michaels on the return trip, and at Nome, 20 days later, he tipped the scales at 170. A touch of sea sickness was the cause.

A Pertinent Inquiry.

Do you know that for a little more than it costs to take your family to the cheaper class, you can have a gramophone which is equal to a dozen, the best performers rolled into one? It will reproduce all the songs, speeches and musical selections that you wish to hear. You get a combination of an orchestra, theatre, concert and no end of moral and delightful entertainments. Nothing better than the assertion that the Gramophone entertains everybody everywhere. Those who are not familiar with this wonderful instrument have much to learn that will add to their pleasure.

The Columbia Phonograph Co., 125 Geary St., San Francisco, headquarters for gramophones and talking machine supplies of every kind, will send an catalogue on application.

For sale by W. A. Paddock.

DID THEY WEAR?

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Shoes that wear sold at Moderate Prices.

Red Star Store.

GOLD AND SILVER OUTPUT

That of Gold Increases While Silver Decreases.

The gold and silver of the United States for the calendar year of 1902 as estimated by the director of the mint is:

Gold, $80,000,000; silver, $72,000,000.

The product in the Pacific Northwest states:

Alaska, $8,345,800 silver, $118,950.
Idaho, $1,457,000; silver $7,569,842.
Oregon, $1,815,700; silver, $120,630.
Washington, $272,200; silver $.800,323.

The estimate of the world's production of gold and silver is:

Gold, $296,000,000; silver, $216,000,000.

The following are the figures for some of the leading countries:

Mexico, $10,000,000; $78,000,000.
Canada, $21,000,000; $55,000,000.
Africa, $39,000,000.
Australia, $21,000,000; $10,000,000.
Russia $22,000,000; $2,000,000
Japan, $1,000,000; $500,000.
China, $9,000,000.
Corea, $3,500,000.
British India, $10,000,000.

As compared with 1901, these figures show an increase in the production of gold of 10,000,000 ounces and a decrease of 8,000,000 ounces in the producton of silver.

If you know of a birth, marriage or death, we would be pleased to have you notify us in time for publication in Courier.

DIAMONDS FOR MISSIONS

Fifty Four Dollars and a Diamond Ring.

Miss Frickey, of Salem, organizer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, held services at the Newman M. E. church last Sunday and made an earnest appeal in the interest of the cause she represents. At the close of her address a thank offering was taken up and the contribution plate contained a total of $54 and a diamond ring. The ring is a good one and in the open market would bring from $50 to $60.

Good Citizenshtp Meeting.

Good citizenship meetings will be held in Grants Pass on Thursday evening at the M. E. church, South, and at the Christian church Saturday evening. Dr. G. L. Tufts and Capt. L. D. Malone of Portland will be present and will give addresses at these meetings.

Dr. Tufts will occupy the pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday morning and Capt. Malone at the Presbyterian church in the morning. Sunday evening a mass meeting will be held at the opera house.

A Love Letter

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed salve for sores, burns or piles. Otto Dodd writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica salve cured me. Its the best salve on earth. 25c at National Drug Store.

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LONG JOURNEY ENDED

Brothers Arrive From Salt Lake by Team.

M. J. and Ira I. Howard arrived in Grants Pass two weeks ago having traveled from Salt Lake by the way of New Mexico, Arizona and California, a distance of 2300 miles by team. They started in November 1902, being on the road nearly 11 months. They stopped for a week or more at many points along the route. At Los Angeles Ira Howard was met by his wife and daughter, who continued the trip with them. Last week he bought out the Home Kitchen and will conduct the restaurant in the future. Their father, J. N. Howard arrived here from Tillamook in June and has bought property and located here.

Tablets and box paper at cost at the Courier office to close out. We have up to date styles.

A. A. C. BOYS ENTERTAIN

Give Social Hop at Clemens' Hall November 4th

A most delightful social hop was given last Wednesday night at Clemens' hall by the American Athletic Club. Over 100 invitations had been issued, but the attendance was not so large but what all could comfortably enjoy themselves. Dancing programs in black and orange were given out at 9 o'clock. Punch was served to the dancers throughout the evening, and at 12 o'clock a most delicious lunch was passed. The Demaree orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. The affair was a success in every particular.

This is the first of the series of dancing parties the boys intend to give during the winter.

A carload of sewer pipe and Chimney pipe received last week by Cramer Bros.

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GRAFT VICE IS GENERAL

A Writer Says It Permeates All Classes.

"Grafting threatens the very life of the nation," is the caption of an article which appeared in a recent issue of the Brooklyn Eagle.

After calling graft "the meanest and lowest form of thievery," the Eagel's special writer says:

"Grafting is by no means confined to the petty and wholesale robbing of the community by public officials. There is the grafter who is false to the interests of his employer; the grafter who uses his position with a corporation or company to a dishonest end. In every branch and ramification of the business, financial and industrial world is found the grafter, smug of face, discreet of tongue—a snake warmed in the bosom of the one he systematially plunders. This spoilation has become the besetting and shameful sin of the American people.

"There is hardly an occupation or profession which does not afford opportunity for graft. The time has come when graft is a recognized and conventional factor in determining the incomes of those who profit thereby. If the Benedict Arnolds of a city the size of New York or Chicago were to march in solid rank past the respective city halls, it would take them long to pass, and it is feared they would be greeted and applauded by throngs of envious and admiring followers.

"We may accept it as a self-evident proposition that the man who buys his way into office intends to steal his way out of it. These are the professional grafters; they make no pretenses of a fine-spun morality. But equally dangerous and far more despicable are the grafters who pose as respectable members of society. The grafter of the slums has his counterpart in the genteel, educated character in broadcloth, who prates of patriotism and asks the blessings of Providence upon his peculations.

"This is the only nation in the world where the holding of a public office raises a suspicion as to the character of the incumbent. We have not enough civic pride to outweigh the energy and the influence of the grafter. Since this astounding and deplorable state of affairs obtains in no other nation, the inference is clear that we have reached a low moral plane.

"The grafter is an effect, not a cause. He is the retainer of dishonest business interests; the henchman of those so carried away by the lust of greed that they do not hesitate to plunder their fellow citizens through the bribed co-operation of those who are elected to protect their interests.

"Powerful and seemingly unassailable as is this alliance between criminal interests and criminal officials, it will be ground to powder when once the American people realize the shame which has crept upon them. There is brewing a revolution against venality, whether of the taproom or the counting room. When it bursts it will fill the jails with strangely assorted criminals."

Leland Siftings.

Our burg is full of new people.

Henry Lee made Grants Pass a business trip last week.

Henry Brockman has arrived from Washington, where he spent the summer.

Newell Dysert, near Placer is engaged in prospecting a ledge and is meeting with good success.

We have had a good soaking rain, so farmers can plow and improve their time in getting in their crops.

Newell Dysert makes our burg weekly visits with plenty of fat beef. Newell understands his business when it comes to running a butcher wagon; he has a good trade.

We understand the Clark Co. on Jump-off Joe have their bond extended for another month. That company is doing a large amount of prospecting on the claims they have bonded.

Mr. Espy, the mail carrier, is getting his stage fixed up in good shape for winter, new covering all around, so passengers will be comfortable in transit to Placer and other points.

Horse thieves have made their appearance in our vicinity. One horse was stolen from Grave creek. We understand the thief was caught at Merlin. Owners of horses are keeping a sharp lookout for them and if caught they will meet with a warm reception.

Mr. Gray from lower Grave creek made our town a visit last week. He reports the miners all ready for water. A long ditch is being constructed from Poor Man's creek, taken down Grave Creek to McNarr Flat and other mines in that vicinity. Big gravel channels have been known to exist but could not be worked for a lack of water. Miners who owned the mines only used gulch water, so their run was short, not more than paying wages.

We have no sickness to report. We hear in the vicinity of Hugo most everybody has severe colds. There is no complaint of that nature in this vicinity. Wide Awake.

Wilderville Notes.

Our school is not in session now on account of Mr. Corum's illness.

Mrs. Stone of Crescent City, is visiting with Mrs. Jones at Wilderville.

The children of Mr. Scot Robinson have been on the sick list the last few days.

We have some new neighbors, as a family has moved into Mrs. Sheehan's house about half a mile south of Wilderville.

P. M. Corum the Wilderville school teacher has been quite sick the past few days, but is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Sheehan had the misfortune to have a colt badly torn in the wire fence one day last week. Zanoni.

Wall Papers—Immense variety, lowest prices—Thomas'.

THE "BLOCK BEAUTIFUL."

Brooklyn's Plan to Improve and Beautify the Town.

Village improvement societies that find it difficult to interest their citizens in town beautifying might adopt the Brooklyn "block beautiful" plan to good advantage. The scheme started on one block in the City of Churches last year, but was soon taken up by other residents, and much was done to improve and beautify the town. The movement is to be extended this year, and already the Heights branch of the Women's Municipal league, which is the moving spirit in the matter, is at work among the residents of the city, particularly in the Heights section, and urging the extension of the work begun last year.

The object of the league is to encourage the beautifying of the city as far as possible, and one of the means adopted is the planting of trees, shrubs and vines and caring for and protecting those already growing. The league in its work proposes to secure permits for all those who may desire to plant trees in front of their residences and to advise with residents on the best kind of tree to plant and to give suggestions for the further beautifying of the exterior surroundings of the house as may be desired.

The league will also advise concerning window boxes, which add materially to the beauty of the house, giving hints as to their color and general design, so as to harmonize with the architectural appearance of the house.

Another scheme which the league is promoting is that of turning the yards in the rear of houses into gardens. The plan is to do away with the high board fences that separate the yards and in their places put a small wire net with a mesh of handsome design and by the planting of shrubs, flowers, grass and the building of arbors, covered with vines, to give the yards the appearance of small parks and afford a delightful retreat during the heat of the day.

AMBITIOUS TOWNS.

Every Child Has a Bank Account In Mons, Belgium.

Ambitions of towns are as remarkable as those of men. Of course, nearly every municipality desires to be prosperous, have fine schools, libraries and parks and increase its population. Many go beyond these ordinary ambitions.

For instance, the town of Mons, in Belgium, is desirous of abolishing poverty within its borders, says the New York World. To this end every child is officially registered as soon as it is born and a banking account opened in its name by the municipal authorities with a deposit of 20 cents. When the youngster attains his majority, a little nest egg awaits him to assist his starting in business.

Broek, in Holland, aspires to the distinction of being the neatest town in the world, and certainly no expense is spared to make it so. The 2,700 inhabitants are so strongly bound by municipal rule that to throw a piece of paper or waste of any kind in the public street entails a twenty-five cent fine, and it is only recently that horses have been allowed in the streets. Once a year every house is visited by the town cleaners, who scrub it from top to bottom, inside and out, without any expense to the tenants.

The chief desire of Baroa, in Chile, is to be known as a second London, and within the last decade money has been poured out like water to make it an exact replica of the British capital. The streets have been laid down and named after those of London, while four competent architects were sent over to study London's principal buildings in order that they might be reproduced in miniature. Now, to crown all, a sum of $1,500,000 is being spent in diverting the course of the river Prabi in order that it may run through the town and be rechristened the Thames.

A TOWN FOREST.

Novel Experiment Being Tried in Brunswick, Me.

Brunswick, Me., is probably the only town in New England that is raising a forest of its own. The town owns a large common of about 1,000 acres, commonly known as the Plains. Several years ago Austin Cary, a Bowdoin college graduate, who is an expert in forestry, after looking the ground over, decided that it would be an excellent place to start a forest to be owned by the town.

The Plains are in most parts covered with a growth of scrub pines, says the Boston Globe, and in the open spaces Mr. Cary, with a corps of assistants, has been setting out white pine trees. For several years the town appropriated $100 a year for the purpose, but last year only $50 was appropriated. The work, however, was carried on the same as before.

Mr. Cary's report on the work done last year has just been made public. It is divided into four parts, planting on the Plains, maintaining two nurseries sown the year before, measures for fire protection and the improvement of the blueberry crop. It states that there are now 20,000 white pine trees growing on the common besides a blueberry plantation of some thirty acres.

Remove the Fences.

There should be no fences unless there is reason for it. Some persons seem to want fences just for the purpose of having them. Of themselves fences are neither ornamental nor desirable. The street and the walk sufficiently define the place. A wall may mean seclusion, and it may easily be made a part of the architectural features of the place. Walls usually work well into the planting designs of a home ground, but fences rarely do.

Broke Into His House.

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of chronic constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They are guaranteed to cure. 25c at National Drug Store and Grants Pass Pharmacy.

SECOND HAND CAMERAS.

I have a nubmer of second hand Cameras and Kodaks which will be sold at a great reduction if taken now. A $10 Cyclone, 4x5, for $4.75; a $20 Kodak at $12, and other bargains.

A. E. VOORHIES.

The big oak tree in the alley back of the White House grocery was blown down in the storm Tuesday night and fell on Geo. Binns' assay work shop. The tree is about 2½ feet thick at the base and had no tap root. The wonder is that it had stood up for so many years. The building was but slightly damaged.

A. U. Bannard—Undertaker.

INVESTED IN GOOD STOCK

And Now Has Valuable Holdings.

G. H. Howland, is feeling pretty good over his mining investments in Southern Oregon, says the Medford Mail. Something over a year ago he was persuaded by a friend, John F. Wickham, to invest $1500 in the stock of the Alameda mine in Josephine county. His investment called for stock at 20 cents per share. At the time he invested, Mr. Wickham guaranteed him a profit of 25 per cent within six months. Within three months he was offered 40 cents per share, or an advance of 100 per cent. That looked good to Mr. Howland and he invested $1000 more. The other day the company made arrangements for the erection of a plant with a capacity of 1000 tons of ore per day of the Improved Mineral Smelter Company, whose process has been very successful in treating the refractory ore of this section. The Alameda contains one of the largest bodies of ore on the coast. It is an extension of the famous Big Yank ledge of lower Rogue river, and, while the ore is low grade, there are almost limitless quantities of it. The company has two tunnels on the ledge, one 700 feet and the other 300 feet above the bed of Rogue river. In neither one of these tunnels have the walls of the ledge been struck. The ledge is cut by the river, which thus gives a depth of 1000 feet at least. The surface work shows a width of 125 feet and a length of 4000, and it is estimated that there are $50,000,000 worth of ore in sight. Mr. Howland, who has been over the ground informs us that there is nothing exaggerated in the above report. That, if anything, the proposition is bigger than reported.—Medford Mail.

New white sage honey, pure—White House Grocery.

WOOD NOTICE.

Sealed bids will be received by the School Board of School District No. 7, Josephine County, Oregon, until 7 o'clock P. M. December 1, 1903, for 150 cords of wood to be cut two feet long and delivered at the school houses in Grants Pass not later than September 1, 1904. Seventy-five cords are to be red fir and 75 cords black oak or laurel, all to be cut from sound green trees.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

C. E. MAYBEE, Clerk.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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