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Grants Pass may reconsider its resolution not to accept a Carnegie library, when it learns that one Eastern state has more than a score of these knowledge storehouses and is not yet bankrupt.—Telegram.

From a reliable source it is learned that the much-talked-of Colombian invasion has been greatly exaggerated. About 400 veteran soldiers, known as the Battalion Tiradores, under the command of General Picatrat of Martinique, attempted to open roads across the mountain ranges on the way to Atrato River. After a few days of forced marching through swamps, a large number of soldiers died from exposure and exhaustion. To add to the misery of the invaders, their provisions became exhausted and the Colombians were forced to return to Cartagena. Nothing was accomplished by the expedition and no surveys were attempted. The Tiradores realized the hopelessness of their task and were glad to return.

**OUTLOOK FOR C. C. RY.**  
Vast Timber and Mineral Wealth Can be Opened.

W. B. Sherman, the timber man has been requested to make a report to the promoters of the new railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City, regarding the amount of timber that the new road will open up. Mr. Sherman has cruised a greater part of the country along the right of way and has had from three to five men cruising for him, and from reports on file in his office he has compiled a statement which he submitted as follows:

As per your request, I herein hand you report of the timber tributary to the right of way to the proposed R. R. from Grants Pass to Crescent City. I find it to be in townships as follows:

Township 37 S, R 7 W	308,000,000
" 37 " 8	350,000,000
" 37 " 9	335,000,000
" 38 " 7	245,000,000
" 38 " 8	212,000,000
" 38 " 9	218,000,000
" 39 " 7	284,000,000
" 39 " 8	290,000,000
" 39 " 9	317,000,000
" 40 " 7	260,000,000
" 40 " 8	282,000,000
" 40 " 9	264,000,000
" 41 " 7	288,000,000
" 41 " 8	210,000,000
" 41 " 9	167,000,000
" 42 " 7	128,000,000
" 42 " 8	168,000,000
" 42 " 9	140,000,000

California—  
Township 18 N, R 3 E, M 100,000,000  
" 18 " 4 " 460,000,000  
" 19 " 3 " 16,000,000  
" 19 " 4 " 20,000,000

Which is a grand total of 6,007,000,000. Besides this there are several very heavily timbered townships on the head waters of the Applegate Creek and the Atholone locality, together with some very heavily timbered tracts west of your right of way which is unsurveyed, and which I have not cruised, but believe they will carry one-third as much timber as I herein report.

As for the Red Wood timber in California through which this right of way passes, I am unable to give any estimate as to the amount of timber tributary to this road.

Hoping this will furnish you with the desired information, I am,  
Yours truly,  
W. B. SHERMAN.

Mr. Sherman says he submitted the report to two of the best posted timber men in this section and they say the figures are a very fair and conservative estimate. Regarding the marble and mineral deposits that will be made more accessible by a railroad, Mr. Sherman says:

There are 14 marble claims on Cherry Creek, also mountains of valuable marble on Sacker Creek, 14 miles above Atholone, to which the attention of the public has recently been called through the columns of the press.

On the lower Illinois there are, perhaps, 20 copper claims, staked, they are yet largely undeveloped and the values unknown. On the east fork of the Illinois 100 copper claims have been staked. The Waldo Smelting & Mining Company own five quarter sections of patented lands, and twenty claims patented, or for which patents have been applied, which is a very promising proposition. These claims are in Townships 40 and 41, S., R. 8 west. These lands are also very heavily timbered. There are 15 unpatented claims in the same locality belonging to J. O. B. Gunn and others.

Prescott Peak is an enormous mountain which is a solid body of copper ore. In the Sanger group at the foot of Prescott Peak there are about 25 claims, both copper and gold, and containing traces of silver. C. L. Mangum also has a large group in the locality.

There are 50 claims in the Shelly Creek district, including the Monumental group, Albright and Turner group in Township 41, S., R. 9 west has a fine showing for a large body of ore. Sowell group, Stewart group, and Graylance group, together with other smaller holdings, and hundreds of thousands of acres of undeveloped and unprospected mineral lands, which will be opened up if this road is built, together with the enormous stock and fruit growing industries which the building of this road will develop, will furnish enormous traffic for maintaining this road, which will make it a very paying proposition for the company, and if this road shortens the distance between Portland and San Francisco six hours, as is expected, it will make a junction at Grants Pass, which will be a great thing and by which our business houses will all be greatly benefited, and an abundant passenger traffic harvest will be constantly reaped by the company.

**FIRE AT GRANITE HILL**  
Destroyed Blacksmith Shop and Change House.

A fire at the Granite Hill mine Sunday night destroyed the blacksmith shop and change room which contained a dozen or more rubber suits belonging to the workmen. The fire which caught from the stove pipe in the change room, was discovered at about 9 o'clock and the workmen summoned to protect the shaft house which was located only about 30 feet distant. The fire was kept within bounds and confined to the ore building.

F. E. Wilkes, the millwright who is in charge of the construction of the new mill attempted to climb on the roof of the burning building but lost his footing and fell to the ground, a distance of 12 or 15 feet, striking on his back and rendering him unconscious. He was not seen by the workmen until some time later when he was discovered and dragged out of harm's way just in time to prevent being further injured. His back was somewhat sprained, but fortunately not seriously.

Superintendent Wickersham was somewhat burned about the hands. It is reported that the Granite Hill company will replace the clothing belonging to the men.

**Two New Bricks.**  
Jos. Rauch has commenced work on the foundation for a new brick store on South Sixth street next to the Scott-Griffin building. The building will be one story and about 50x50 feet to be divided into two store rooms and will be for rent.

J. O. Sandberg who recently arrived from Randolph, Neb., was not slow to see the value of Grants Pass property and has purchased a 20-foot business lot on North Sixth street near J. M. Booth's insurance office. Work has been commenced for the foundation of a two-story 25x50 foot brick, which will be for rent.

Call at the National Drug Store for bargains in books and holiday novelties.

**HIT BY TELEGRAPH POLE**

James Madison Dies From Injuries Received Near Hugo.

James Madison employed on the Western Union Construction crew was injured near Hugo Saturday shortly before noon, and died the same day. The crew was distributing telegraph poles along the S. P. line, a number of men with short crow bars station themselves at each end of the car of poles and shove off the poles one by one as the train is under slow motion. Madison was working at the small end of a pole which must have caught on the car as the butt end struck the head. He thought he was not severely hurt and walked alone to the bank car on the work train. He soon became worse and was brought to Grants Pass on the fast freight, but died during the afternoon.

Madison was a native of Denmark, having no relatives in this country. His remains were sent to Portland Sunday and taken charge of by the Danish Aid Society of which he was a member.

The republican convention will be held in Chicago beginning at noon on June 21, next. The republican national committee reached this conclusion Saturday and adjourned subject to the call of the chairman, Pittsburg and St. Louis were the rivals of Chicago for the convention. The vote stood 43 for Chicago, 7 for Pittsburg and one for St. Louis. The work of the committee was harmonious throughout. Several minor questions were referred to special committees. Included in this list was a representation asked for by Porto Rico, Hawaii and Lazon, the socialist problem and the political rights of the negro. A committee headed by Senator Scott of West Virginia was named to make all the arrangements for the convention.

Austin's Report Cards for school use for sale at the Courier office—75c per hundred.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Leland Siftings.**

We are having cool, cloudy weather at present, with a very light rain. We understand Mr. Esby is running two stages this winter in connection with the carrying of the mail.

Newell Dyrest was seen on our streets last week. He furnishes our people with beef; he says cattle on the range are in good condition.

Henry McMichael is driving J. C. Lewis' team to and from Leland at present. Mr. Lewis' mine is shut down on account of insufficient water. That means a lot of men laid off, who will be idle until more rains come.

Times are looking up in this vicinity. From the outlook, times will be good in Leland in the future. Large contracts have been given by the railroad company for railroad wood. We understand that T. J. Macken is the contractor. Tom is a ruster, having a store in Leland, he can keep his men supplied. Tom has a large amount of timber land, so he can furnish the railroad company with plenty of wood in the future.

For the last week we have had frosty nights, but warm, sunny days. At present the nights are foggy, so the grass will grow; that means feed for the stock. We can read of storms, but here the weather has been quite warm, all kinds of farm work is being carried on—trimming fruit trees, and other work as though it were spring. We have no mining news to write this time.

People are busy plowing and sowing grain. How different it is in the Atlantic states, where, at present the ground is frozen and so cold that a person is pinched up with the cold. Here, at present the men are going about in their shirt sleeves. In regard to the roads—well, we have no roads, they are mud. People try to do their teaming in the fall so as to do but a little hauling in the winter, but the mines are always needing supplies, so teams must go, mud or no mud. Wide Awake.

**East Provolt.**

Elmer Throckmorton of Rush was at Provolt Sunday.

F. Benedict of Bridge Point was at Provolt Monday.

A. York of Missouri Flat was at Grants Pass Monday.

Lua Hanson of Humburg was visiting at Provolt Saturday.

R. Gocher of Williams was at our little burg Thursday.

Alex Watts of Provolt was at Grants Pass Tuesday.

John Perrell of Applegate was in Grants Pass this week.

Mark Baldwin of Provolt was at Grants Pass this week.

O. M. Knox of Powells creek was at Bridge Point Sunday.

Hallie Mansfield of Applegate was at Jacksonville this week.

Miss M. R. Lewman of Provolt was at Grants Pass this week.

C. M. Bexford of Applegate was on our side of the river Friday.

James Canady of Williams was at this burg one day this week.

Miss Marie Winfront of Thompson creek was at Provolt Sunday.

L. C. Hyde of Provolt was at Bridge Point Applegate Sunday.

Wood Jester of Grants Pass was visiting friends at Provolt Friday.

Fred Knox of Laurel Grove was at Bridge Point, Applegate, Sunday.

H. Kubli of Missouri Flat was at Grants Pass this week on business.

Willard Gillmore of Murphy was visiting relatives at Provolt Tuesday.

Ed Estes of Applegate was at Grants Pass this week visiting relatives.

**Prize for Ashland Boy.**

Last Friday's San Francisco Bulletin contained a prominent picture of Robert L. McWilliams of Ashland, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McWilliams, who is one of the five University of Oregon students who took part in the second, annual debate for the Rounheim prize of \$200. The five men who competed for the prize were chosen for the honor from a large number of students who submitted essays on the subject of the discussion. They are all prominent in student affairs and all but Mr. Loken, have been active in university debating. Mr. McWilliams belongs to the senior class and graduates the coming year. He has marked out for himself the profession of the law and is working steadily to equip himself for a successful practitioner.

The prize went to Max Thelen, who is a prodigy in this line and this trophy makes him the winner of all the first prizes offered for the season—which was expected. The San Francisco Chronicle account puts Robert McWilliams at the head of the other four contestants and with Thelen out of the way, he would have stood the best chance of securing the prize.

**At the Theatres.**

"A Little Outcast" was played at the opera house, Saturday night to a medium sized house. The company was a good one and gave a good show which was appreciated by the audience.

The "Old Jed Proonty" company billed to play at the opera house Tuesday night appeared, but on account of the small number of tickets sold, did not play. This company is one of the strong at companies to appear in Grants Pass this season and it is to be regretted that they did not receive encouragement. A "Nigger Minstrel" troupe or a "Tom" show seems to hit the popular chord in Grants Pass, they always get good houses and everybody kicks themselves afterward because they attended.

**A Strong Attraction.**

What the theatre goers want nowadays is comedy and light vaudeville at a price of admission that will enable them to take their families without spending an entire week's salary. Wiedeman's Big Show, an attraction well known here opens a week's engagement at the opera house on Monday, December 21st, presenting as an opening bill the pleasing story of the Nevada Hills, "Tennessee's Partner." It was originally produced at the Boston Museum five years ago and scored an enormous success. Seats to all parts of the house, 35c. Children 25c. No extra charge for reserved seats. Seats on sale at Horning & Deput's.

The Evening Telegram has just issued a 64-page industrial number, setting forth the growth and future prospects of the Pacific northwest. It is an elaborate edition and profusely illustrated and is a credit to the state. The Telegram shows a progressive spirit that is commendable.

**WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS.**

**Literary Department.**

The literary department of the Woman's club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. M. Hair on Friday, December 18, 1903 at 3:45 p. m.

The following is the program to be given:  
Roll—Noted women writers.  
Life and character of Elizabeth Barrett Browning—Mrs. Young.  
Critical Study of Selected Sonnets—Miss Barnard.  
Talk—Mrs. Browning's Influence Upon Italian Literature—Mrs. Barnham.  
Conversation—Literature as an art—(a) The fundamental principles—Mrs. Clark. (b) Variety of composition—Mrs. Thomas.  
Harriet Sibbs, Sec'y.

**COOK**—Situation as cook. Leave word at Courier office. S. F. Clary.

**FOR SALE.**

A SPAN of good work horses, sound and gentle, 9 and 10 yrs. old and weigh 1300 to 1500 pounds, guaranteed to be as represented, can be bought at a reasonable price. Also double and single harness, one cart, one new Stockton wagon, 3 inch tires, almost new, and farm tools. Apply at Courier office.

**ROLL TOP DESK** and revolving chair for sale cheap—Courier office.

**360** acre fruit and stock ranch, 3 1/2 miles from Grants Pass, 100 fenced, 50 cleared, 10 in Orchard, fair buildings, good fruit soil, plenty of water, and timber and the best outside stock range in Josephine County. Price \$7.00 per acre, part cash. Address: Mrs. A. H. Chesmore, Medford, Ore.

**REPAIRING.**

FURNITURE cleaned and repaired, upholstering done, carpets taken up, cleaned and re-laid. Mattresses renovated, household goods packed for shipment. Apply to J. B. Ebarle Residence Sixth St.

**City Treasurer's Notice.**

There are funds in the city treasury to redeem all outstanding warrants protested to March 1st, 1904. Interest on same will cease after this date.

Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, December 17, 1903.  
Col. W. Johnson, City treasurer.

**Please Settle.**

The Fair Store accounts of D. Fredrick have been placed in the hands of B. A. Williams for collection. All persons owing him are requested to call and settle.

Blue Print Paper by the yard or roll at the Courier office.

**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 13, 1904 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, pres.  
J. H. BOOTH sec'y.  
Grants Pass, Oregon, December 15, 1903.

**"White" Is King**



We have accepted the agency for the Best Sewing Machine on Earth. Is your old machine giving perfect satisfaction? Why not exchange it for a White? Call and see the modern White at our store, or drop us a card and our representative will call at your home with a machine and give you an exhibition of its wonderful working qualities. Our terms are very reasonable.

**HAIR-RIDDLE HARDWARE Co.**  
Grants Pass, Oregon.

**Something Real Good for Holiday Presents**

Don't delay your visit to look over our Beautiful line of Imported Decorated China.



Just received an immense stock at Lowest Prices ever heard of in Decorated China. Come, look over our display. 50 cent line of Henty's Books reduced to 35 cents.

.....IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SANTA CLAUS.....

Toy land is open. We have a large assortment to select your load from. Talk about Bargains in Christmas Presents, why they will open your eyes with wonder. Come to Santa Claus' headquarters to look over our beautiful and useful Holiday display and bring the children to

**SMITH'S NEW YORK RACKET STORE**

**CHRISTMAS DOINGS**

**R. L. COE & Co.**

**THE BIG STORE**

**BIG CHRISTMAS BARGAINS FOR BUSY BUYERS**

BIG STOCK OF Ladies', Misses', Children's WRAPS

NOW ON SALE AT A CASH DISCOUNT OF 20 PER CENT

BIG STOCK OF MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

NOW ON SALE AT A CASH DISCOUNT OF 20 PER CENT

**CHILDREN'S DAY**

AT THE BIG STORE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH**

...BRING YOUR CARDS....

**A MOST COMPLETE AND GRAND DISPLAY OF USEFUL HOLIDAY GOODS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS Will Soon Be Here**

While you are making your Christmas selections, remember that we have a great many lines from which you can select a nice and appropriate present.

Ladies' Fancy Trimmed Dress Skirts in Silk and Broadcloth.

Ladies' Underskirts in Silk and Mercerized Satene.

Ladies' Hand Made Opera Shawls, large square Shawls and Scarfs.

Ladies' Fir Trimmed Felt Slippers.

Ladies' Fur and Chiffon Boas.

Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, Parasols, and Gloves.

Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Fancy Hosiery, Etc.

An elegant line of Black Dress Goods in the latest Weaves—Trimmings to match.

Yours for good goods at popular prices.

**E. C. DIXON,**  
Dry Goods Clothing Men's Furnishings

**New Steel Turntable**

L. C. McCoy and his gang of 13 workmen are now putting in a new 30-ton steel turn-table near the road house. The table is the regular 70-foot type in use on the S. P. system and will accommodate the largest engine or car on the road. The work will be completed about the 15th of January.

Mr. McCoy has just installed similar turn-tables at Hornbrook, Siskiyou and Dunsmuir and will soon put them in at West Fork and Roseburg.

**Fire Insurance.**

Experience in all business is essential. I have 12 years' experience in fire underwriting. I have 12 picked companies as good as the best. Busy doing business at the old stand on Sixth street, south of the Western Hotel, and know enough about insurance to cover the risk when written, guarding your interest as well as the Company's. Strict attention to business. I also write Life and Accident Insurance.

J. E. PETERSON, Agent.

The Ashland Tidings reports that an extra eastbound freight met with an accident near Tofo, Sunday and Brakeman W. L. Cleveland sustained some painful injuries, which will keep him indoors for some days to come. The train broke in two, which threw the air on with such force that it produced a lively shaking up of everybody on board. Cleveland was in the caboose and the sudden shock threw him several feet, and he struck on his head, which was badly lacerated and bruised.

**Correspondence**

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**National Drug Store.**

**MARRIED.**

**BEAGLE—HANDLES**—At the Bellview school house, Sunday, December 6, 1903, Jas. Beagle of Ashland and Miss Ethel Randle of Bellview, Rev. H. N. Rosser officiating. The ceremony was performed immediately after Sunday school and the building was crowded to its capacity to witness the event.

**TYCER—GIBBS**—At the residence of H. H. Gibbs, Atholone, Oregon, November 21, 1903, by Rev. D. T. Summerville, E. F. Tycer and Miss Jennie Gibbs. Select friends were present and the occasion was a pleasant affair.

**DIED.**

**STALKER**—At Grants Pass, Tuesday December 15, 1903, John H. Stalker, aged 51 years, and seven months. The deceased was born in Jeddo, Mich., and came to Grants Pass about two years ago. He has been ill with typhoid fever for nearly five months past.

**STANLEY**—In Sams Valley, Nov. 27, 1903, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, aged 83 years, 4 months and 8 days. Deceased was the mother of Dr. Stanley of Gold Hill.

**BROWNING**—At Placer, Wednesday, December 16, 1903, L. N. Browning, aged 50 years.

**Holiday Silverware at Cramer Bros.**

**Renewing Telegraph Line.**  
The Western Union Telegraph Co. are renewing their line from Portland to San Francisco by putting in new poles and cross arms. Work was commenced here last week and a force of men will work both ways from here. A number of car loads of poles have been stacked up here for two years past in readiness for this work.

**Wilderville Items.**

Grandma Woodard is reported to be on the sick list.

R. M. Robinson is busy hauling his apples to Grants Pass.

Mr. Meers of the Methodist church preached at Wilderville Sunday.

Rev. J. W. McDougal of Grants Pass preached at Wilderville Sunday night.

Miss Emma Clark of Grants Pass is visiting a few days with Miss Orpha Stevenson.

Mr. Anderson of Anderson station made a business trip to this neighborhood last week.

George Lewis is getting tired of hatching and expects Mrs. Lewis home in a short time.

J. H. Barrow made a flying trip through these parts a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace made a trip to Medford for medical treatment for Mrs. Lovelace, a few days ago.

It is so rainy, news is scarce at present.

Zantoni.