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THURSDAY, Dec. 24, 1903.

The supreme court of the state of Oregon has declared constitutional the initiative and referendum amendment adopted by the voters of the state at the general election of 1902.

The Liberty confirms the report that the Council of the War Office has considered details of Dreyfus' reinstatement in the army and the regiment he will command, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, has been chosen. It is added that a determination has been reached to deal rigorously with officers who express disapproval of Dreyfus' reinstatement.

Again the Gold Hill News has changed hands. A. T. Fetter, after issuing two numbers, sells out to E. L. Allen of Salem, who is an all-around newspaper man. The News has been improving with each issue and we look for a good paper from Mr. Allen. Gold Hill is a good location and a live newspaper could be a great benefit to that section.

The extraordinary session of the legislature called by Governor Chamberlain to remedy errors in the enactment of the new tax law at the last session, convened on Monday at Salem. The officers are the same as at the last session except the sergeant-at-arms. On Tuesday a resolution was adopted providing that the legislature adjourn sine die Wednesday evening.

Ashland, after a varied experience as a dry town, a high license, a low license town, has again gone "dry", a straight dry ticket being elected by Capt. H. S. Evans as mayor. The candidates all agreed to stand by the votes of the people and the saloonists can now look for other locations. Ashland is to be congratulated on the stand she has taken and her fame will go abroad as a residence town with good churches, good schools and a safe place to bring up a family.

Statistics compiled by the superintendent of the money order division, New York postoffice, show Christmas gifts of American coin reaching a total of \$1,408,900 were carried to Europe on the liner St. Louis, which sailed Saturday; Kaiser Wilhelm on Tuesday and the Oceanic on Wednesday. Of this sum, England receives \$625,359. The total amount forwarded in domestic money orders to points in the United States and Canada on Thursday alone was \$2,881,706.

Under Two Flags.  
A large number of Grants Pass people gathered at the opera house Friday night to witness the performance of the play "Under Two Flags" presented by local talent. Many were the surprises in store for the audience who little suspected the possibilities of the different actors. To say that it was well rendered is putting it mildly. Mr. Graham under whose direction the play was given is an artist and his playing was all that could be desired. Miss Laura Thomas as Clarette was perfect. Miss Thomas is at all times a favorite and the audience showed their appreciation by frequent bursts of applause.

Fishing in Gilbert Creek.  
Gilbert Creek furnishes a great deal of amusement for the youngsters at all seasons of the year. In the summer time when its waters resemble a tiny brook, the small fry with a bent pin on the end of a string can find plenty of entertainment endeavoring to hook minnows. But during the winter when the water is higher, many big salmon and trout run up the creek to quite a distance and then it is that the bigger boys, and girls, for that matter, have their sport in trying to land a salmon. But spots are laid aside and garden rakes, pitchforks and any other implement that is handy is called into play when a salmon gets stranded on a riffle. Of course the salmon is "sore" but it is sport just the same, even if the fish is turned loose again. Salmon trout are in good condition and many have been landed during the past week and have held a prominent place on the bill of fare of residents along the creek.

Notice to School Clerks.  
To District School Clerks of Josephine County:  
The rate of school tax for 1904, that the county court will have to levy in order to aggregate an amount which shall be at least \$6 per capita for each child of school age in the county, as per the new school law, will be about 9 1/2 mills on the dollar. This will give to each district about twice as much from the county fund as was given last year.  
All districts needing a special tax for certain purposes can make the levy as usual in the month of January.  
Yours truly,  
Lincoln Savage, County Sup't.

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. G. KINSEY, pres.  
J. H. BROWN, sec'y.  
Grants Pass, Oregon, December 15, 1903.  
Please Settle.  
The Fair Store accounts of D. Frederick have been placed in the hands of B. A. Williams for collection. All persons owing him are requested to call and settle.

Local Teachers Institute.

The local institute held at Merlin last Saturday was a decided success, although several teachers whose names appeared on the program were not present.

Great interest was manifested as was shown by the goodly number of the residents and patrons of the school who were present.  
Prof. McConnell handled his subject "The Boy in School" in his usual off-hand manner, which never fails to bring out all the good points. Misses Mary Day, Millie Frier and Josephine Crow each read a paper on their respective subjects, that would have been a credit to any high school or college teacher. Miss Florence Barrett read an excellent paper which was read by Sept. Savage.

Mrs. Alice Bacon read an excellent paper on nature study in which a host of valuable thoughts were brought out.

Supt. Lincoln Savage handled his subject "The Personality of The Teacher" with great care and earnestness outlining the many qualities on the board, and bringing out the many valuable points in his discourse in a pleasant, yet forcible manner, which is so characteristic of the man.

Hooligan Family at Large.

The Hooligan family was at large Tuesday in the vicinity of Kerby, or at least were billed to appear at the H. K. S. hall at 1 o'clock. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Kerby school and was a "blooming" success.

Work Among Klamaths.

Rev. J. L. Beatty missionary to the Klamath Indians will give an address at the Newman M. E. church Sunday night on the subject of the Klamath Indian work.

If you want to spend a part of your Christmas vacation in a profitable way, come with me and I will show you a heavily timbered quarter section of vacant land which you can file on and buy of the government at \$2.50 per acre. Think of it.—W. B. Sherman, Room 15, Masonic temple, Grants Pass.

Choice Papers at Clemens.  
Holiday Books at Clemens.

More Mining Machinery.

The Granite Hill mine will soon be equipped with the biggest hoist in Oregon, a machine operated by steam and capable of lifting 1 1/2 to 2 tons 1000 feet per minute. Pumps will also soon be installed and the work of transporting the heavy machinery for the mill will be in progress in a few weeks.

J. M. Layman, who is now in Illinois, writes that machinery consisting of a 10-stamp mill, compressor, two air drills, a concentrator and other smaller articles, have been purchased for the Comstock mine on Greens' creek and will soon be shipped. This property was known as the Dowell property and is about four miles from Grants Pass.

A Talented Soprano.

Under the above heading, the Portland Telegram of last Saturday printed a likeness of Mrs. Gault and speaks of her in the following complimentary manner:  
"Mrs. James Lester Gault, who recently returned from Grants Pass, where she resided for some time, has been cordially welcomed in social musical circles. Mrs. Gault possesses an exquisite soprano voice of excellent range and beautiful quality. She is a very talented musician, and her work is always of a high order."

A Large Photograph.

Probably the largest photograph ever made in Southern Oregon was a panoramic photo of the Golden Drift Dam, made by C. L. Clevenger and was sent to Chicago to C. W. Ament as a Christmas present from his son M. C. Ament. The picture was an excellent piece of workmanship, it was six feet two inches long and 30 inches wide and taking in a scope of country not less than half a mile in length along the river, showing the dam and all the property controlled by the Golden Drift Mining Co.

As a progressive workman and one who is thoroughly a'ive to the demands of his profession, Mr. Clevenger surely deserves a great deal of credit.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Leland Siftings.

Business is quiet at Tunnel 9. Quite a force of men are employed retimbering the tunnel.

The health of the people is good. Most of the farmers have their crop in. Some have not, but that is always the case.

T. J. Macken is kept busy delivering goods. In his absence, Henry Ball is first clerk; Henry is very obliging to his customers.

The death of L. N. Browning has cast a gloom over this community as he was an old settler of Grants Pass. At present there are but a few of the pioneers left.

We read of the cold weather, being 20 degrees below zero in parts of the Atlantic states. So far we have had but little frost; so far has been growing steadily; stock is doing well on the range.

October was a dry month so farmers could not seed their land, so the grain was put in later; it is coming up nicely and making a rapid growth. Frosts in November destroyed the blackberry crop.

We are having quite a spriggle of cloud juice, so the miners are having an abundance of water. They were taking a lay off for awhile, but now work is renewed. Some of our people went to the Pass last week, presumably to purchase goods for the holidays.

Some of the wood cutters are leaving the old wood camp and going to new camps; people will move about looking for something better. Times will be good here as large contracts for wood have been let. That means an increase of trade for our merchants, higher sales for our gardeners and all other branches of business.

We read of quite a large part of Oregon and Washington that is settled, but have no transportation facilities, so it is uphill work for those farmers and stock raisers. Here in Southern Oregon, we have good transportation and good market for everything we raise. Good safe for beef cattle and unlimited range; plenty of pretty girls for the unmarried, widows for older men; good schools to educate the children.

Wide Awake.

East Provolt.

H. Sparlin of Williams was at Provolt Monday.  
W. Sonson of Provolt was at Grants Pass Thursday.

Charley Rose made a trip to Medford this week after a load of flour.  
Martin Pernoll of Bridgepoint, Applegate was at Provolt Tuesday.  
C. H. Cincald of Baltimore was at Provolt this week, having some work done.

Zeb Hyde of Laurel grove passed through Friday on his way to Bridgepoint.  
Arthur Bilget of Williams passed through Provolt Wednesday on his way to Medford.

Bill Jones of Provolt was at Grants Pass Tuesday to attend the Odd Fellow's meeting.  
Davy Johns the Williams postmaster, was in Grants Pass this week getting Christmas goods.

Lus Loach one of Southern Oregon's famous hop growers was at Grants Pass Tuesday on business.  
Mrs. Ella Wilkins of California is visiting relatives on Williams Creek. She will return to McCloud next week.

L. W. Smith the Provolt blacksmith and merchant was at Grants Pass Monday after a load of freight for Christmas.

W. R. Nipper of Grants Pass is at Provolt this week looking after saw mill property that is situated on Powell's Creek.

Mr. Lewis of Hamburg was at Provolt Monday purchasing lumber from the Powell creek sawmill Co., to make four boxes.

Mr. Nipper, one of the owners of the Murphy Boom and Lumber Co. was at Provolt this week looking after logs for the spring run.

Will York a cattle man of Davidson was at Provolt and Williams this week trying to buy yearling calves while they are at low figures.

Thousands of feet of logs are in the rafts and on the banks of Applegate, all along up the valley, to be floated down the river. The big saw mill at Murphy, but are unable to



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ONE NIGHT ONLY  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30  
THE SEASON'S GREATEST EVENT  
B. C. WHIFNEY PRESENTS  
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IN THE BIG MUSICAL CUT-UP  
"THE HEAD WAITERS"  
MORE MUSIC THAN A COMIC OPERA.  
LAVISH IN LOVELINESS.  
Prices: 25c, 50c, 75c.  
The curtain will go up promptly at 8 p. m.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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

TRUSTWORTHY lady or gentleman to manage business in this county and adjoining territory for long term month of Williams Creek. Terms, logging outfit, buildings, \$100 worth of lumber in yard, all for \$3,000. Enquire at this office.

FOR SALE.  
PIANO—Nearly new piano at bargain. Easy terms. Enquire at this office.

SAW MILL—A good saw mill plant to sell, capacity 25,000. Situated in the heart of a good timbered section near mouth of Williams Creek. Terms, logging outfit, buildings, \$100 worth of lumber in yard, all for \$3,000. Enquire at this office.

30 acres, all improved, 12 in orchard, 8 in hops, 100 horses and two cars, 5 miles from town. Will sell all or part. E. W. Turner, Grants Pass, Oregon.

A SPAN of good work horses, sound and active, 9 and 10 years old and weigh 1500 to 1800 pounds, guaranteed to be as represented, can be bought at a reasonable price. Also double and single harness, one cart, one new wooden wagon, 8 inch tires, almost new, and farm tools. Apply at Courier office.

SOLE TOP DRESS and receiving club for sale cheap—Courier office.

TO rent, furnished, 10 days. Dr. C. R. Eary, Tule, Oregon.

FOR RENT.  
TWO unfurnished rooms or furnished bedrooms, in a clean, bright, well furnished house, near city center, for rent. Terms moderate. Apply to Mrs. B. Harrison, Second street, Mrs. Stewart's house.

BOARD.  
BOARDERS—Man and wife or two ladies can find good board and rooms, in new cottage North Fourth street. Mrs. C. Cardwell.

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FURNITURE, cleaned and repaired, upholstering, new, carpeting, etc. 800 1/2 street and 10th. Mattresses repaired, household goods packed for shipment. Apply to J. B. Ellis, 10 1/2 Broadway Street.

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.  
There are made in the city treasury to redeem all outstanding warrants (noted to March 1st, 1904). Interest on same will accrue after that date. Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, December 11, 1903.  
Col. W. Johnson, City Treasurer.

Lady Celesta  
PALMIST  
Located at Western Hotel  
This Week Only.  
Full Life Readings only 50c and \$1.00.

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ABSTRACTS OF TITLE  
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Titles Examined, Perfected, Guaranteed.  
A. S. HAMMOND, ATTORNEY.

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 Saten.  
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, Mullers, 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

Widerville Items.  
Go to J. C. K. McCann for Christmas presents.  
W. M. Stringer was buried at the Widerville cemetery Sunday the 20th.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wells are to spend Christmas at Mr. Frank Stevens' home.  
There is to be a Christmas tree at Widerville Thursday night of this week.  
R. Lindsay and J. Hoeking, Jr. and Mr. Carmel, made a trip to town the first of the week.  
S. E. Robinson and J. W. McCollum went to Grants Pass on business the first of the week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace had to go to San Francisco to the cancer specialist. At last accounts Mrs. Lovelace was doing as well as could be expected. We hope she will return greatly improved in health.  
Still keep cool and cloudy, with an occasional shower. Zanoni.

BORN.  
FINDLEY—In Grants Pass, December 16, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Findley, a son.  
MARRIED.  
WILEY—OLIVER—At Ashland Wednesday, December 16, 1903, Geo. Wiley of Ashland and Miss Edith Oliver of Mountz.

BUY A TALKING MACHINE  
Until you have seen ours, New machines \$3.50 to \$55. Records 25c and up. See our hand machines at your own price at the BICYCLE DEN.

Don't Forget that a Choice Box of  
STATIONERY PAPER  
or a nice  
BOTTLE of PERFUMERY  
MAKES A NICE CHRISTMAS GIFT  
at CLEMENS Sells Drugs.

Grants Pass Real Estate...  
Nowhere in Oregon can an investment be made with greater safety than in Grants Pass real estate. Within the past year the town has increased one-third in population. All real estate values have increased, yet prices are still so low that those investing now are sure to realize handsome profits.  
The climate here is ideal. The mines are increasing in value and mining experts predict this is to be one of the greatest mining districts in the world.  
For further information call upon or address  
JOSEPH MOSS, The Real Estate Agent,  
who has the largest list of property with the best prices and terms.  
Property sold on the installment plan if desired.  
Office on "E" street, west of Sixth street.

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Of Automobile Bags, Purses, Card Cases, Letter and Bill Books, plain or mounted with Silver or Gold.  
Certainly desirable for Christmas-gifts.  
The very low prices we have placed on these goods will surprise you.  
Let us show you through the line.  
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CURTIS & Co.  
Has the Finest Stock of  
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Ever Brought to Grants Pass, Ore.  
We have the finest line of Solid Gold, Plain and Set Rings, Diamond Rings, Silver Novelties, Rodgers' 1847 Plated Silverware; a fine selection of Gents' Chains, Ladies' New Style Chains, Ladies' Locketts, Brooches and Bracelets.  
Every one is cordially invited to call and see Goods and get Prices, as Our Stock for the Holidays is fine and complete.  
We also have on the road one of the New Era Engraving Machines. This Machine will be here in a few days, and we will be prepared to do all kinds of Engraving.

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