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The Japs are doing a "Rash" business.  
This is the season of the Chinese new year when the Celestial caste adds his cares and worries and goes in for a season of perfect enjoyment. Those who visit the Chinese during this season cannot help being impressed with their spirit of the time, which is one of generosity and good will to all mankind.

A late dispatch from Washington says that Secretary Hitchcock has notified the Oregon senators that neither Receiver Booth nor Register Bridges, of the Roseburg land office, can be re-appointed. His opposition to Booth's re-appointment is well known but has not been considered unfavorable to the appointment of Bridges.

Many of the Japanese laborers who have been employed in the United States are going home to have their part in the war. It is one of the advantages which Japan possesses over Russia that the Japanese are deeply patriotic and eager to fight for their country. The Russian soldier may be a Cosack, a Polo or a Tartar and his patriotism may range from indifference to subdued hostility to his government.

Commissioner of Pensions Ware has subjected himself to considerable deserved criticism in his manner of handling claims for Indian war pensions. He has been rejecting claims right and left and in a test case was recently overruled by the secretary of the interior and the pension granted. This commissioner should be replaced by one who knows how to give fair treatment to the few surviving Indian war veterans, a class of men to whom the country owes a debt that \$5 per month will scarcely cancel.

During the week has passed the anniversary of the birthday of Lincoln, a man esteemed more and more as the years go by. In his life, Lincoln was not appreciated nor understood. It required the distance of years to make the greatness of the man apparent to the popular view. In his life he worked constantly against abuse, censure and criticism and must of necessity have considered his task as thankless. Not until after his death were his wisdom and worth appreciated. He was the man for the time and was brought forward to meet the time.

John D. Shafer, for eight years a congressman from Colorado, a democrat, voluntarily relinquished his seat on Monday and asked that the constitution, a republican, be sworn in. Shafer's election had been secured by fraud in which he himself had no part. When convinced of this he resigned. Instances like this are remarkably rare in political life and so it is to be hoped that Shafer's example will be of service in furthering the principles of honesty in political circles. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson of Iowa once resigned a seat to a contestant but that was done for the furtherance of a political party and therefore his example has not the brilliancy of Shafer's.

Senator Mark Hanna, admitted by friends and foes to be one of the brainiest men of the age, died in Washington on Monday of typhoid fever. For some time previous it was known that he could not live and a premature report of his death was circulated two days previously. Senator Hanna was one of the foremost leaders of the republican party and an admitted presidential possibility. He was an immensely strong and vigorous man. In his position as manager of the first McKinley campaign, he was subjected to a storm of abuse and vilification such as has seldom fallen to the lot of any public man. From so insappreciative a beginning his public career has been a remarkable triumph and at the time of his death, he enjoyed almost universally the respect and appreciation of his country.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS

H. B. Miller in the Midst of Hostilities.  
Advised received at Washington from the far east via London go far to confirm the reports of the third battle at Port Arthur, which was received at the state department last Friday afternoon. At that time special correspondents sent out the news marked unverified, but which was believed to be correct except that the details were lacking.

Another dispatch from Tien Tsin states that there is fierce fighting between the Japanese and Russians near Wu Ju on the Yalu river. No particulars are obtainable but owing to the fact that the Japanese are rushing troops into Manchuria, high officials in the naval and war departments believe that land troops have

met in large forces and the news of the first land engagement will be forthcoming so soon as correspondents can overcome the censorship, which may only be accomplished by irksome journeys to outlying cities free to a certain extent in the transmission of reports.

Recent dispatches from Manchuria make mention of the efforts of the American consul, Henry B. Miller, at Niu Chwang, to prevent ill treatment of Japanese refugees by Russian soldiers. Mr. Miller is an Oregonian, and before his appointment to the consular service he was a resident of Grants Pass. He was appointed about two years ago, upon the recommendation of Senator Simon, and about a year ago, he returned to this country for a brief visit. According to the dispatches, many Japanese refugees in Manchuria had been arrested by the Russians and Consul Miller has made intervention in their behalf, with good prospect of securing their release.

Republican Committee.  
A meeting of the republican state central committee was held in Portland Friday. The most important business transacted was fixing the time, place and representation in the coming state convention. It was decided to hold the convention in Portland on Thursday, April 14, this assemblage to include 367 members or delegates representing the counties of the state. It is also recommended in the call issued therefor that primaries be held in the voting precincts on Saturday, April 3, and county conventions on Thursday, April 7.

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AN INDIAN FIGHTER DEAD

Capt. Nolan, Fought in Rogue River Wars

Captain P. C. Nolan, prominent farmer and Lane county pioneer, died at his home at Creswell, February 9, 1904, from stomach and bowel troubles. The funeral was held Wednesday.

Mr. Nolan was born in Missouri, September 29, 1850. He remained at home until he was 16 years old, when he enlisted for service in the Mexican war. He served 18 months, after which he returned home in 1875. In May, 1880, young Nolan started across the plains for California. After a journey of four months he reached his destination and engaged in mining. He continued that occupation for two years and in 1882 returned to Missouri via the Isthmus of Panama. In 1883 he again crossed the plains with an expedition, taking with him his mother, Mrs. Sarah M. Nolan, and his brothers and sisters. While crossing the plains the Nolan family became separated from the party of emigrants and were lost in the mountains for 42 days. They finally were rescued and were nearly starved before they were found. This occurred in Eastern Oregon.

Upon arriving in Lane county, Mr. Nolan took up a donation land claim at Creswell and has lived there since.

In 1883 he enlisted in company B, Oregon mounted volunteers, and was afterward elected lieutenant for service in the Rogue river Indian war.

Mr. Nolan reorganized it and he was chosen as its captain. Under his leadership the company went back into service and did active work in putting down the rebellious Rogue River Indians.

After his discharge, Captain Nolan returned home and was married to Miss Lena Jane Stewart on January 1, 1887. To them two sons were born, George K. of Astoria, and James E. of Creswell. The first wife died in 1892 and Captain Nolan was married again in 1897 to Mrs. Melissa R. Davidson. They have one daughter, Miss Vera Nolan. He was an uncle of J. D. and Phil Stevens of Grants Pass.

Captain Nolan was a Mason and was always allied with the democratic party. He was a good citizen and was respected by all who knew him.

A. E. Voorhies Photo Supplies.

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BANK CAVES ON A MINER

John Virgum's Leg Broken at Stratton Creek Placer.

John Virgum was seriously injured on Thursday at the Stratton creek placer mines. He had left Grants Pass on the early train the same morning to begin work at the mine and had been on the ground only about half an hour, when he was injured. He was making an examination of the ground near the bank which was only about eight feet in height and to which he paid little attention. Catching him unawares, a small cave of earth fell from the bank. Virgum's leg happened to be in a hole in the bedrock and was imprisoned by the falling earth and rock in such a manner as to break the leg just above the ankle. Virgum was taken out to Merlin on a stretcher and was brought to Grants Pass on the night train.

Stratton creek is a small tributary of Rogue river coming in from the north side about two miles above Galice.

COMING EVENTS.

- Feb. 18, Thursday—Jessie Shirley, opera house. "A Modern Magdalen."
- Feb. 19, Friday—Supper served at I. O. O. F. hall by Baptist young people.
- Feb. 19, Friday—"The Deacons Daughter," opera house.
- Feb. 20, Friday, afternoon—Rip Van Winkle, "Evening"—The Blue Grass of Old Kentucky, opera house.
- Feb. 22, Monday—Knights of Pythias anniversary ball.
- Feb. 23—Tuesday—Social at Christian church parlorage.
- Feb. 26, Friday—Musical Recital by Miss Ethel Palmer at opera house, auspices Woman's club.

Oliver Plows at Cramer Bros.

KILLED BY CATTLEMEN

Masked Men Kill Sheep by Thousands.

The following report comes from Silver Lake: The herder for the McKane sheep camp in from the sheep camp near Christmas Lake Wednesday bringing the startling news that the camp had been visited by five masked men the night before and the larger part of the band of sheep were slaughtered.

The five masked men were all heavily armed and proceeded to do their work in a deliberate way. The herder was first taken care of and while one man guarded him, the other four proceeded with their part of the work.

The sheep had been corralled for the night and were easy to get at. They took the night for their work, using knives, clubs and guns in the wholesale slaughter. With the approach of day they took their departure with the parting injunction that other sheep using that range would be treated in a similar manner unless they were moved soon.

FAIR STAMPS ORDERED

On Sale in All Post Offices the First of May

An order for the first of the new Louisiana purchase exposition postage stamps, which are to be placed on sale at all post offices in the United States May 1, has been sent to the bureau of engraving and printing by Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden. It calls for the printing of 90,000,000 of the one-cent stamps, bearing the portrait of Robert R. Livingston; 325,000,000 of the two-cent stamps, bearing the portrait of Thomas Jefferson; 7,500,000 of the three-cent stamps, with Monroe's portrait; 5,500,000 of the five-cent stamps, with McKinley's portrait; and 6,500,000 of the ten-cent stamps, with a miniature map of the United States showing the territory acquired by the Louisiana purchase.

The Southern Pacific has announced that a rate of \$67.50 for St. Louis and return and \$73.50 for Chicago and return from Pacific coast points will prevail during the World's Fair at St. Louis. These tickets will provide for a going passage within 10 days and for return limit any time within 90 days from the date of sale. There will be stop-over privileges in each direction within these limits. Tickets will be sold each month of the continuation of the fair on three or four days that will be hereafter announced.

PROPOSED PRIMARY LAW

Brief Synopsis of the Proposed Amendment

While the proposed primary law is not altogether unlike that which was rejected by the Legislature, it is very different from it in many material respects in that it goes more into the details and makes some very strict provisions as to the manner in which the primaries are to be held and the candidates chosen.

In the first place, those who desire the nomination for any office at the hands of their particular party, must first file their petition with the secretary of state or the county clerk, city clerk recorder or auditor, as the case may be, according to the nature of the office for which he proposes to run, which petition shall be signed by himself, which shall be held as evidence conclusive that he is the candidate for nomination by his party. All petitions for state or district offices shall be filed with the secretary of state, all county and judicial district offices with the county clerks, and all city offices with the city recorder or auditor.

This law in dealing with the qualifications of an elector goes a little deeper in the matter of registration than does the Australian ballot law, in that it requires the person who registers his vote to state to which particular party he is affiliated and expects to cast his vote. This done it will be impossible for that person to vote for any candidate, at the primaries except those named upon his ticket.

It is also prescribed that this law shall affect no political party except those which received at least 25 per cent of the vote cast at the last Congressional election of general election, as the case may be. This provision is made for the express purpose of excluding all such minor political movements of side parties as populists, socialists, prohibitionists, etc., and a man must either register as a republican, democrat or populist or whatever the leading parties may be, and he can not register as a gold republican or a gold democrat, but must be one or the other.

In case of an elector seeking nomination under this law for the office of senator or representative in the legislative assembly, he may if he chooses to place himself on record or pledge himself in any respect, include one of two statements upon his petition; but if he does not do so, the secretary or county clerk, as the case may be, shall not on that account refuse to file his petition.

Business men's lunch 5 to 6:30 Feb. 13. I. O. O. F. hall.

NUGGETS OF JACKSON

Big Pieces of Gold Found There.

An article in the Portland Telegram, several days ago gave the information that a \$40 nugget found at the Jewell-Hayes mine on Clear creek Josephine county was the largest that had ever been produced in the county. The Rogue River Courier thereupon published a list of big nuggets found in that county ranging from a \$3000 one found on Althosha creek in the early days down to \$60. There were \$300 nuggets \$400 nuggets and all sizes and shapes of nuggets.

The fact is, says the Modford Mail, \$50 pieces of placer gold were not uncommon in the early days and quite frequently chunks of the pure metal of that weight are found even now.

Not more than a year ago, a \$38 piece was taken from the D. J. S. Pearce mine on Poorman's creek, and there have been many other large pieces taken out, of which no record is to be found.

John X. Miller, who is one of the pioneer miners of this county remembers a piece of gold being found on Shively gulch, near Jacksonville, which weighed some \$550. This was in the latter part of the '70s.

J. T. Neff, now living near Central Point, found a \$400 piece on Wagner creek, in the early days.

A \$30 chunk was taken out of the McDonald mine near Tolo many years ago, and later, in 1895, Judge Reed, of Tacoma, and his associates found a nugget which weighed \$120 in the same mine.

Course gold is found in many of the placer mines of Southern Oregon; but the big chunks are only occasionally met with. At the first discovery of the Sterling mine, in running the first drift on the property, a piece weighing \$41 was taken out.

Ribbott creek in the south western part of the county, bears the reputation of producing nuggets of extraordinary size, and many pieces over \$100 in value have been found on that stream. Steve Oyster, who died a few years ago, and from whom Steve's Fork, where the Ore Grande and Missouri mines are located was named, unearthed a large nugget on this creek in early days, the exact value of which cannot be learned; but it was worth several hundred dollars.

Thirty years ago Wm. Herriott found a \$1,000 piece on Steamboat, which, by the way, has produced a goodly quantity of the precious metal, and about 10 years ago the late K. Kuhl bought from Chris Lausing a nugget from the same section for \$500. This last piece didn't have as much value as was indicated by its weight and appearance, and when melted fell about \$10 short of the amount paid for it.

A \$1300 chunk was picked up on Rich gulch, Jacksonville, in the early '60s by a man named McMillan, and another piece weighing \$1800 was found at the junction of the right and left hand forks of Jackson creek not many years ago.

It has been only three or four years since a nugget worth \$60 was picked up in the mud in Willow Springs creek.

T. P. Kahler not a great while ago found a pocket piece near where the Kay dam is, that bore down the scales to the tune of \$425.

While circulating around, getting the above facts, The Mail reporter interviewed J. S. Howard, the veteran miner and civil engineer. Mr. Howard remembered several remarkable finds, but said that those reminiscences were painful.

"I owned a claim near Jacksonville, said Mr. Howard, and had it about worked out, as I thought. I rented to a lot of Chinamen for \$50 a year, and within three months these Chinamen took out a piece worth \$800. For that reason, stories of lucky finds don't appeal to my sense of humor."

A MODERN MAGDALEN

Jessie Shirley Plays Here Three Nights.

American public held in higher esteem than Miss Jessie Shirley, the consequence of which is that Miss Shirley's bank account will be swollen by several thousand at the end of the present season.

Her success during the past year has been very phenomenal. Throughout the principal cities of Utah, Montana, Washington, British Columbia and Oregon, her progress has been a triumphant ovation, playing everywhere to the capacity of the biggest opera houses. Miss Shirley begins a three nights' engagement at the Grants Pass opera house, opening Thursday in her latest success "A Modern Magdalen," Friday—"The Deacons' Daughter," at the Matinee, Saturday—"Rip Van Winkle" and Saturday evening the great American play—"The Blue Grass of Old Kentucky."

Concerning the play "A Modern Magdalen," an exclamation says: "The success of 'A Modern Magdalen' is as a play centered, but it is unquestionable if in other hands than Miss Shirley's the measure of success would be so pronounced, for clever actress that she is—she is also clever herself in a business way to surround herself with an excellent company—and while in costume, Miss Shirley makes no addressing of them, yet she looks without hostile criticism all attention to the elegance of her various gowns. Nothing more magnificent being seen on the local stage. To Mr. Harry W. Smith, her manager, all praise is due, in not only securing the play, but bringing directly from New York the entire scenery and furniture of the original production."—Deseret Evening News.

COPPER OF SLATE CREEK

Ingram-Ramsey Mine Soon to be Active Property.

Development work on the Ingram-Ramsey copper property in the Slate creek district will soon be resumed. The mine is under bond to Samuel Bowden. In its external appearance this bears all the indications of being a great property. While the width of the ore body has never been ascertained to a certainty, it appears superficially to be about 50 feet. The ore gives copper values ranging from 25 to 22 per cent with large bodies of 10 and 12 per cent ore. As soon as the extreme wet weather is past, a shaft will be sunk on the ledge to a depth of 150 feet.

This property is situated about 17 miles southeast of Grants Pass and a short distance from the Kerby road. It lies between Butcher Knife creek and the left hand fork of Slate creek. The point of operation for prospective development is in the canyon of the left stream.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Leland Siftings.

Frank Fletcher made our burg a visit last week.

Mr. Eysfield's boy was very sick last week, but at present is all right. Dr. Bowersox of Glendale attended the child. We have no other sickness to report.

We are having severe storms for Southern Oregon. No wind to drive the rain in sheets, just a little sleet, then sunshine, then for a change an icy rain.

As soon as R. G. Virtus has time to consider his speech, he will present to the people of Leland a speech on the issues of the day in the light of the republican lamp.

Stock is needing little attention at present. People have fed for all stock. Hay is being exported where-as a short time ago feed was imported. The balance sheet is being turned.

The stage from Leland to Greenback got stuck in the mud. The team, in trying to pull it out, broke the same, so there it is. Our supervisor has forgotten to look over the road and fix it up in a few bad places.

We hear the Gold Bug is impossible. If that company had built a road from Leland with one-third of the cost, the road would be good in the winter, with a little flitting, as the country is solid road bed and not red mud as at the present location.

Men are coming from California looking for work, as most all work has shut down in that state at present. The demand for laborers is large in this vicinity. A part of our wood cutters have covers to work under while it rains, so they don't lose any time while sawing.

A man stopped off here to look up the socialist order. He wanted to organize a socialist club, but he could not find any material to form a club, so he said he would go on to Hugo, where there are a few believers in that doctrine. Our people here are solid republicans, with a sprinkling of democrats.

A man stopped off at our town during the rain storm. He asked if it rained like this all of the time in Leland. He said he had heard that Oregon was the wettest, stormiest state in the Union. We told him he was laboring under a great mistake. In fact, Southern Oregon was not included as Oregon when we took in the rain fall of the state. If he wanted to see rain by the month, he must go to the Portland country. We only got the tail end of the rains here in Southern Oregon. "Well," he said, "if this storm is only the tail end, what must be the body up north?" He said he had gone far enough north as this climate was damp enough for him.

Slate Creek Items.

The stage between Grants Pass and Crescent City could not cross the streams Monday and had to lay off.

The farmers have put in a good portion of their crops, but the storm has stopped them from work for the present.

The snow is reported very deep on the mountain this side of Crescent City the mail being carried on horse back.

W. H. Devere expects to do some butchering as soon as he gets his boat built, which will enable him to get to his pig pen.

We hear it whispered around that there will be another wedding in Slate creek vicinity shortly. It seems to be contagious.

We understand they had another debate at Wilderville on the question of Woman suffrage. Wilderville won (Slate creek wasn't represented) and it was decided to let women vote if they wanted to.

The hardest rain storm of the season is now on Slate creek was higher this week than we have seen it for years. The high water has done considerable damage by washing away ditches and fences.

There was no school Monday on account of high water. The school is getting along very well under the charge of J. H. Austin, the attendance being larger than in the past. Several will graduate this term.

Several of our farmers are making preparations to set out orchards this spring. Fruit trees do well in this section and it is a wonder that the business has not been gone into more extensively than it is at present.

Democratic Committee.

The Democratic state central committee will meet in Portland on February 22, in order to determine the time of holding the state convention and to fix the basis of representation. The call for the meeting of the committee was issued Tuesday by the secretary, R. W. Montague, acting under instructions from the chairman, Sam White.

PUBLIC WAGON ROADS

Inexpensive Way to Keep Them in Good Condition.

In an article published recently in the Pittsburg (Mo.) Leader on the use of a road drag the writer says: "Our people are noted for being a conservative people and have to be shown. I wish it were possible to have every progressive farmer and up to date citizen in the country here in Platte township today. We would give them an object lesson that would convince the most skeptical. But, being convinced, would they take the personal interest to take hold and help? "We have been using what is known as the King road drag, and if used at



DRAWING A ROAD.

The right time one man and three horses will do more and better work with it than three men and six horses can do with an expensive road grader, working, as is the custom, at the wrong time.

"Suppose we figure on this a bit. We will say there is a farmer every half mile that has sufficient civic pride to want to see our county in the front rank instead of the rear. The months of March, April, May and June are the ones the roads need the most attention. September and October they will need some. An average of one dragging for every ten days for those six months would be eighteen draggings. We will allow thirty minutes to each dragging of a half mile, which makes nine hours, or less than one day. As a matter of fact it only takes about twenty minutes to go the half mile and back, and we have found that we usually have the team harnessed anyway. If not, the ten minutes allowed in the above calculation is ample time.

"Then we will say that the above mentioned progressive farmer wants to see his half mile of road clear of weeds and set to blue grass. The blue grass will get there all right if we keep the weeds cut a couple of years. The weeds won't make a very rank growth in blue grass sod. We will allow one hour to mow the half mile twice, and that makes an even ten hours, or one reasonable day's work. That will leave \$1 of toll to work to help keep ditches open and culverts fixed. I think it would be a good policy for the road commissioners to allow one day's work for man and team for every half mile of road kept in order by the above way of working.

"In our vicinity we commenced dragging the roads the last of March. Some have been faithful and dragged whenever needed, and I can say without exaggeration that when it is not too wet and slippery it is a fairly good bicycle track and all the time a good road to drive or haul a good load over. It is now free from ruts, and two big sleds or other vehicles can drive side by side with greater ease and pleasure than on any other drive over the streets or roads in or near either Plattsburg or Cameron."

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