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THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1904.

The democratic presidential
convention is now in session at St. Louis.
Parker will probably be the choice,
though opposed by Bryan and his fol-
lowing. There seems to be no possi-
ble chance for Hearst, Gorman or any
of the others who have been mention-
ed in connection with the nomination
and the candidate will be either Par-
ker or a "dark horse."

The report of the casualties of the
Fourth is "something fierce," some
2000 people being killed, maimed or
crippled. Some were drowned and
some killed or injured in runaway
accidents, but by far the greater por-
tion of the maimed are victims of the
high explosives which are placed as
playthings in the hands of children
and other indiscreet persons. Fire-
crackers and bombs grow more daily
each succeeding year. It is certain
that the indiscriminate use of the
more dangerous explosives will have
to be prohibited by law. Many lives
would be saved if this were done
promptly.

It is time for some of the people of
Southern Oregon to stop running
down their own country. A person
who goes from Grants Pass to the
scene of the recent gold find, hears all
along the route that it is no use to
go, that there is nothing to see, that
it is only a "pocket" and don't amount
to anything anyway. If the visitor
perceives and ignores the discouragements,
he finds one of the most aston-
ishing gold deposits ever made on the
coast and located in a true contact
vein. But there is no doubt that the
pessimistic doctrine preached by some
of our residents turns many visitors
away with the idea that there is nothing
here.

SEPTIC SEWAGE TANKS

Something of Theory of the Process
and Its Construction.

Since the publication of the successful
installation of the septic sewage
tanks at the Chewama Indian School,
the Asylum Farm at Salem, and at
other places, many inquiries are daily
being made from districts suburban to
Portland and from country sections
where there are no sewerage facilities,
asking questions concerning the con-
struction of the tanks and the installa-
tion of the service.

The system is being adopted at the
Mount Tabor Sanitarium, and Dr. W.
T. Williamson, of that institution,
has explained, for the benefit of those
desiring to know something of the
theory of the process and the con-
struction of the septic tank.

A septic tank is, freely translated,
a case of bug eat bug. It is an old
as the cesspool of the farmhouse, and,
according to medical authorities, yet
in its infancy, not being understood
but by a few people who have taken
time to investigate the subject.

There are two bugs mixed up in the
eternal conflict of nature to purify
conditions, but for them to do the
best, peculiar conditions must be ob-
served. It is the province of the
septic tank to provide these condi-
tions. In the first place, the whole
necessity of the process depends upon
lack of current. The contents of the
tank must be as nearly absolutely
quiescent as is possible. In the sec-
ond place, the tank must have a cer-
tain specified size, proportionate to
the size of the building to be served.
In order to do away with as much of
the disturbing current as may be, it is
necessary in producing the best results
to place the point of deposit for the
sewage as nearly on a level as possi-
ble with the pipe of ingress at the
tank. This is done to cause a slow
feed into the tank. Again, the pipe
of ingress must be bent downward
from the surface, the point being
about half way from the surface of
the contents to the bottom of the
tank, being so arranged as to create
the least disturbance in the fluid mass
by the influx from the pipe.

The pipe of egress is constructed
like the other, being bent downward,
the whole scheme of construction
being to allow the first fluid emitted
into the tank to escape first, with as
little disturbance as possible; the
more complete the stagnation, the
more successful the process.

The tank itself is made of brick,
stone or cement, and must be tightly
covered to exclude the light.

The theory of septic sewage is the
warfare of microbes, or bacteria, upon
decaying matter. It is a process of
chemical change, induced by these
bacteria.

There are two active agents in the
septic sewage process, the aerobic, the
bacterium having a great affinity for
oxygen, and which thrives and works
in the light, and the anaerobic, the
opposite of the first which perishes
in the light, but which in the dark
and oxygenated contents of the septic
tank, is a highly vitalized organism,
which seizes and devours every atom
of a nonoxygenic nature, coming into
its reach.

The anaerobes live and multiply in
great numbers on the under surface of
the crust forming on the top of the
fluid contents of the septic tank, and
as fresh material is emitted into the
place, it is attacked by these bacteria,
and changed from a poisonous sub-
stance into that which is perfectly
harmless and nonpoisonous.

It is estimated by medical authori-
ties that about 78 per cent of the
poisonous contents of a rightly-con-
structed tank will be converted into a
harmless, tasteless, odorless and color-
less fluid by the chemical changes

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LIVE MEETING OF MINERS NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY

Preparations to Entertain Delegation Coming in August.

A meeting of the Oregon Miners' Association of Grants Pass and of other citizens was held at the opera house on Tuesday evening for the purpose of enlightening the organization and of preparing for the entertainment of the delegation of miners and mining men, 300 strong, who are expected to be in Grants Pass about the 25th of August.

There was a large attendance and a lively meeting. Speeches were made by B. Thomas, president of the board of trade, A. L. Morris, secretary of the Oregon miners' association, Mayor H. L. Gilkey, R. L. Cox, Dennis H. Stovall, A. E. Voorhies, Col. Crawford and others. It was decided that committees be appointed from the miners' association and from the board of trade to co-operate with one another and arrange for the entertainment of the visitors.

After the adjournment of the general meeting, a short meeting of the association was held to elect a vice-president and appoint the committee. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Dennis Stovall. For vice-president, H. E. Foster was nominated and unanimously elected. Mr. Foster then took the chair and appointed the committee, naming W. B. Sherman, C. L. Mangum and C. H. Poindexter.

New Music Received.
The Grants Pass Music House is receiving sheet music almost daily. Whenever a popular piece is received at the stock houses, we are at once supplied with copies. Among the latest received are:

- Dolly Dimple, twopenny.
- A Daughter of Shiloh, twopenny.
- Queen of Hearts, waltz.
- Kale Karney.
- Look Out For the Coon in the Moon, There Are 57 Ways to Catch a Man, My Boo Boo Baby.
- Just a Glimp of Heaven in Her Eyes, If We do not have in stock what you want, we will order for you.

Lost.
A Masonic emblem was lost on the way to the cemetery Tuesday. Finder please leave with R. W. Clark or some member of the lodge.

Clearance Sale

To make room for our New Fall Stock we will close out all Summer Wash Goods, Shirt Waists, Crash Skirts, etc., at a great reduction. It will pay you to look them over.

Summer Wash Goods

E. C. DIXON,
Dry Goods and Shoes.

A COMING QUARTZ MINE

A Ten Foot Ledge Which Pays Free Gold.

A good deal of prospecting is going on in the south end of the county and the mining industry is quite active there. Among the important prospects which are now being developed is the "Merlin Ledge" quartz claim situated near the junction of Secker and Dundan creeks. This property is being demonstrated by C. E. Platts of Eugene and Wm. Platts, lately of the University of Oregon. They have a large proposition under development. A ledge averaging 10 feet in width gives values from \$10 to \$20 to the ton and pays free gold at the surface. Another ledge of good size and showing high values runs parallel a few yards away. They also have a "Merlin" vein which produces gold at the rate of 25 cents to the pan. All indications point to show a valuable mine when more fully developed.

Chauvinism at Ashland July 13-22.
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Merlin Items

Ada Brockman visited in Merlin over the 4th.
J. A. Mears and wife and son returned from Wilderville Tuesday evening.
A church social will be given in the near future. Date and plan will be announced next week.
Roy Kayser visited with his folks on the 4th. Roy works for Conger boys at Wilderville Mill.
O. T. Smith was in Grants Pass last Tuesday. W. M. Jordan also had business in the metropolis.
Some are still celebrating the 4th. Independence day has at least 96 hours in it according to the way some of the patriots (7) celebrate.
One of the Reynolds boys returned home recently with an injured knee. It was hurt playing, and he is getting along as well as could be expected.
R. V. Mears has announced that Rev. Connell of Grants Pass will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday evening the 17th inst. Everybody is invited.
The Methodist church in Merlin has been moved and is now in a more desirable position. The society are contemplating putting a belfry and entrance on the church, which will add greatly to the appearance of the property.
Order seals and rubber stamps of A. E. Voorhies.

LIVE NEWS FROM PROVOLT

Progress in Mining, Lumbering and Agriculture.

The hop yards at Provoit are all shut down until hop picking.

W. M. Sonson of Provoit made Grants Pass a pleasant call Friday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Orley Fields, a nine pound boy.

T. Cameron of Uniontown, was visiting friends and relatives at Williams this week.

Mrs. L. W. Smith and daughter, Miss Caroline made a business trip to Grants Pass Monday.

John Lettner, of Grants Pass, was at Provoit Tuesday and on Wednesday, he left for Jacksonville, accompanied by W. M. Sonson, and J. P. Layton, who will be his witnesses while proving up on his homestead at Provoit.

There will be a basket dinner given at the First Christian church Sunday, July 10. Everyone is invited to come and bring a basket. There will be services at 11 and 2 o'clock the following day. Services will be conducted by Rev. E. Badger of Provoit.

There are hops on the vine as big as marbles at the present time. There was a bunch of them brought to town Saturday from the Leach yard, on the Sonson farm to show. They are much earlier than last season, for some reason, although the weather is very poor for hops.

R. W. Bollers' hop-yard at Williams looks quite busy this season, for some reason. I don't think it was on account of bad management on the owners' part, but the men were not experienced in that business. There is a great many that didn't come out enough to train. B. W. Baldwin's yard, to my knowledge is not as good as last season, but the Estes yard on Applegate is better than last year.

Married—Frank McGothin and Miss Addie Thurston. The bride is a native of Oregon and resides at Humboldt. The groom is a farmer in the Applegate district. This happy couple were united in marriage June 26, at Jacksonville. Their many friends, on hearing of their return, gathered a crowd of about 60 ladies and gentlemen and gave them a surprise. After being treated they left for home, all happy.

We had quite a nice thunder shower at Provoit, but not quite enough, for the ground is so dry that it will require abundant rain to do any good at all. There are many crops suffering for the want of water, while it is time to do good, but two weeks from now it will be too late and the crops will be blighted. The dry weather is what makes hard times for the grain is scarce and flour is high and also makes many other things high in proportion. Some of the farmers who have water to irrigate with, grow because it makes so much bother. What if it does, suppose they had no water, then they would want what they didn't have. Without water, the soil of Applegate or any other valley in Southern Oregon won't sprout red eyed beans or grow them when swelled or sprouted with hot water. Then why do the people grow about either with water? There was the farm of J. Lewman; seven years ago it could be bought for a song, for it was nothing but a hot rock bar in the summer. Since it is covered with water, it is worth money and it would take good money to get it.

The closing of the Provoit school for the term was the occasion for a very enjoyable afternoon program by the scholars as follows:
Song by the school.
Address of welcome..... Elva Provoit
"The Moss Rose"..... Ella Jones
"The Little Red Rose".....
"Neva Shrimp"..... Lena Shirley
"Mary Smith"..... Mary Smith
"Little Dolly Rose"..... Gladis Smith
"What The Clover Talks"..... Amy Layton
"Two Roses"..... Edna Watts
"Lessons From Flowers"..... Amy Watts
Song by the school.
Oration—"The Father of Our Country"..... H. Perkins
"A Remembrance of the Fourth"..... Cora Watts
"The Soldier's Guard"..... Ora Lewman
"The American Flag".....
"John Monroe"..... Caroline Smith
Flag drill by the school.
"Somebody's Darling"..... Ella Jones
There were 13 visitors present and 32 pupils. Miss Story left for Phoenix Saturday, where she will start school soon. During her short stay at Provoit, she made many friends.

Wilderville Items.
The sawmills are taking a few days rest.
Mrs. Taggart is visiting her folks at Grants Pass.
The assessor made his usual trip through these parts and found everybody busy.
Will Brown is suffering with an abscess on the side of his head, which is very painful.
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson have gone to the St. Louis fair.
Mrs. George Creed went to Grants Pass with Mr. J. H. Williams on the automobile a few days ago.
James M. Hocking has gone to Klamath Falls to visit his brother, and work awhile if there is work in that part of old Oregon.
Uncle Art, after running around a year, has decided to come back to Wilderville, and was seen shaking hands with old friends again.
J. W. McCollum received the sad news of the death of his father, who was about 85 years old, who had gone with another son to California to spend a year. He had been there about six months.
George Yonkers' team came in contact with horns on the picnic ground on Slate creek the 4th of July, and they got so restless that they knocked George down and crippled him up considerably, but no bones broken.

The glorious Fourth of July has come and gone. The picnic on Slate creek was well attended; singing and speaking in the forenoon. There was some disappointment felt in not having their speaker, they expected in the afternoon and also the failure to have the magic lantern show at night. The fire works and balloon ascension were pretty good. Of course we had a beautiful dinner, as the women of Wilderville know how to get up a good dinner on such occasions.
No sickness to report at present. Nearly everybody happy and looking on the bright side of life. Zaoni.

For Sale.
\$500, 100 down and \$10 per month will buy a good business property in the heart of the city. Inquire Jos. Moss.

No. 713

Gets the Splendid Plume at Miss Weston's

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Leland's Siftings.

We read of cyclones in different states in nearly every paper. Here it is calm and serene.

The stage is running on the schedule time and is carrying plenty of passengers and express matter.

Col. Blaisdell, of the Macknare Flat placer mine, is having a large amount of packing done to his mine.

Some of the wood cutters of Wolf creek are coming here to cut wood for T. J. Macken. T. J. is handling lots of wood.

Some of our people will take in the Pass on the 4th, as there are always attractions in Grants Pass to entertain those that are seeking pleasure.

Mr. Burton was up from Mt. Reuben; he reports lively times on that creek. His company is running a force of men and are highly pleased with the prospects.

Our merchants are very busy boxing up freight for different mines. We will remember when Grants Pass once had this trade. Now our merchants sell goods as cheap as can be bought anywhere; that is encouraging for the settlers also the miners.

We are receiving some miners from different states. From their actions they are experts, probably sent by rich mining companies. In talking with them, they say the outlook for this country is good as the formation of the rock represents rich mines.

We are having nice weather, but too dry as crops are needing rain. Last week we had rain enough to lay the dust. We think from the distant thunder south of us, that Hugo had a good rain. Crops that are irrigated are good. The hay crop is above the average; most of the first crop is cut.

Our cold, healthy spring water is as good as can be found anywhere, as a farmer remarked that Leland had as good water as he ever drank. The health of this vicinity is good, as we have no stagnant water to create fever. If farmers in the east knew of our healthy climate, also of the possibilities of building up good homes, we would have a greater immigration. The most of our immigration this spring has been of the laboring class. They are not the class to build up a country.

Our hotel is doing a big business; with the increase of business Mr. Phillips contemplates building an addition to the hotel. People wonder why so many people stop here. The question can be answered easily. Our mines attract miners from a distance as the mines that have been properly opened, have proved rich. Those miners who can read formations, like the quartz of this country. We have men here who know to be quartz men, who do not know the difference between a piece of quartz and a piece of grindstone. Such people will go over the country and dig holes here and there and say: "O, there is nothing here," so will go away and give this place a bad name.

Wide Awake.
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Royal Arch Masons - Heaton Chapter No. 28 meets every Saturday night at 7:30 P. M. Masonic hall. H. C. Bozinger, W. M. J. E. Peterson, Sec'y.

Knights Templar - Melita Commandery No. 8, meets second Friday of each month in Masonic Temple. W. H. Hamaton, Em. Com. Geo. H. Gallops, Sec'y.

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I. O. O. F. - Golden Rule Lodge No. 78, meets every Saturday night at 7:30 P. M. F. H. Dean, Sec'y. N. G. Young brothers invited.

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Rebekahs - Etna Rebekah, No. 49, meets second and fourth Monday, I. O. O. F. hall. F. H. Dean, Sec'y. N. G. M. Jennie Davis, Sec'y.

United Artists - Grants Pass Assembly No. 49, meets alternate Tuesdays at 8 P. M. U. A. hall. MRS. E. A. GIFFITH, FRED MENZIEB, Sec'y. Master Artisan.

Woodmen of the World - Rogue River Camp No. 33, meets second and fourth Fridays at Woodman Hall. Geo. H. Slover, C. C. C. E. Maybee, Sec'y.

Women of Woodcraft - Azalea Circle, No. 182, meets first and third Mondays at Woodman hall. Mrs. M. E. Denny, Mrs. Loue Frier, Clerk. U. N.

Modern Woodmen of America - Grants Pass Camp No. 387, meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Woodman hall at 7:30 P. M. W. T. Goulder, Clerk.

Foresters of America - Court Josephine No. 28, meets each Wednesday except the first, at A. O. U. W. hall. F. G. Stricker, F. S. F. Fetsch, C. R.

Josephine Lodge, No. 112, A. O. U. W. meets in A. O. U. W. hall, Dixon building every Monday evening. F. W. Higginson, M. W. B. A. STANARD, Recorder.

Hawthorne Lodge, No. 21, D. of H., A. O. U. W. meets every alternate Tuesday evening in A. O. U. W. hall, Dixon building. Mrs. A. McCARTHY, U. of H. Mrs. Lydia Dean, Recorder.

Royal Neighbors of America - Edith C. Stipe Camp No. 266, meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at A. O. U. W. hall. Dixon building. Mrs. A. McCARTHY, U. of H. Mrs. Lydia Dean, Recorder.

Order of Pendo - White Rock Council No. 196, meets in Woodman Hall Saturday nights. Geo. A. Hysler, Counselor. MARCUS W. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Red Men - Tahkima Wigwam No. 29, I. O. R. M. R. G. Smith, Sachem. O. A. THOMAS, Chief of Records.

Knights of the Maccabees - Grants Pass Tent, No. 13 meets first and third Thursdays at Woodman hall. Wm. Alfred F. A. Mowbray, Record Keeper.

Ladies of the Maccabees - Grants Pass Bire No 18 holds regular "Reviews" first and third Thursdays at A. O. U. W. hall. Visiting sisters cordially invited. Mrs. Delia Hale, L. C. Mary Simmons, Record Keeper.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America - Union No. 114 meets second and fourth Fridays of each month at A. O. U. W. hall. B. D. Urie, R. Sec. J. P. Galeener, Pres. D. A. Fitzgerald, F. Sec'y.

Knights of Pythias - Thermopylae No. 30, meets each Tuesday night 7:30 W. O. W. Hall. M. T. Uley, C. C. TOM WILLIAMS, K. of R. and S.

Grand Army of the Republic - Gen. Logan Post No. 28, meets first Wednesday at A. O. U. W. hall. JOHN PATRICK, J. E. PETERSON, Adjt. Com.

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