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Late operations in the Russia-Japan war are reported as all in favor of the Japanese. In three days hard fighting, they forced back the Russians and occupied Kaping, Cingtan, the key to Port Arthur, is also reported captured by the Japanese, who are moving with remarkable celerity.

The populist party, in convention at Springfield, Ill., last week, nominated Thomas E. Watson of Georgia for president and Thos. H. Hibbles of Nebraska for vice-president. This once powerful political organization has dwindled until the public, seeing the reports, is surprised to remember that there is such a party.

In point of literacy, Oregon stands third among the states of the union. This fact should be called to the attention of some of the immigrants and visitors from the eastern states, those that consider themselves thrust out upon a wild frontier when they step off the train in Oregon. Oregon has plenty of wildness in its composition but it is confined to the scenery and physical conditions and does not extend to the people who are tame and have their percentage of culture.

The nomination of Judge Parker for president by the democratic party is a victory for the gold standard, conservative wing of that party as opposed to the Bryan element which controlled in 1896 and 1900. In the late convention, W. J. Bryan was cheered by the galleries, but his word had little weight with the convention. In the closing hours of the meeting when the excitement was high, the convention being in debate on Judge Parker's sound money telegram, Bryan was snubbed mercilessly by several of the delegates.

In the past two weeks we have had two unusually severe electric storms and several trees on ridges in sight of town have been set on fire by lightning. This is in utter defiance of Governor Chamberlain's annual message regarding the setting of fires and shows the futility of attempts to keep fire out of the woods by edict. It is another illustration of the error of the system adopted for forest preservation, which, is founded on the idea of keeping all fire out of all the forests forever.

The city council, at its last meeting, refused to renew the saloon license of Henry Walter of the Oregon saloon. Heretofore, when a saloon man gave a satisfactory bond and presented his money the license has been issued. The present council requires a stricter observance of the restrictions and demands of the city law in regard to the saloon business and this action of the council is an example by which the other saloon men of the city have not been slow to profit. The council are endeavoring to keep the saloon business of Grants Pass up to the standard of decency which the law requires.

A telegram from Judge Parker, declaring in favor of the gold standard, caused quite a flurry in the democratic national convention. No money plank had been inserted in the democratic platform, its omission being made in the interests of harmony, as the two wings of the party differ so widely on this question that a declaration in favor of the gold standard or free silver would in all likelihood cause a split in the party ranks. The convention, after some debate, sent a telegram to Parker saying that, as the platform was silent on the subject, there was no good reason why a gold standard man should not accept the nomination. Bryan declared that the telegram from the convention was equivalent to a declaration for the gold standard, but he was frownced down and the message sent as the official utterance of the convention.

Mining in Mexico.  
Walter de Varilla, a former resident of Grants Pass, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. de Varilla is manager and consulting engineer for the Laddington Exploration Co., an English syndicate doing business in Mexico. They are owners of the celebrated Santa Maria property, which has already produced \$3,000,000. This mine, with three others—the Tajo, La Grande and Azatlaland, (which has since been lost to the civilized world) supplied the Spanish government when in its glory, with over a million dollars per month in gold. The Tajo alone has produced \$103,000,000.  
The Laddington company have now about \$3,000,000 blocked out and will erect a 20-stamp mill and cyaniding plant. Heretofore, the ore has been shipped to the Selby works for treatment.

HALF PRICE ON  
SUMMER DRESS GOODS.  
REMNANTS BELOW COST.  
RED STAR STORE.

TRACES OF CINNABAR RETURNED FROM ALASKA  
Amalgamated Gold Found 40 Feet Below the Surface.  
W. C. Slade, who has a placer mine on Sucker creek, a tributary of Johnson creek, near California Bar, has also located a four foot ledge of gold bearing quartz, particularly on his placer claims. Mr. Slade is a firm believer in the existence of his section as a mineral district and believes that in addition to gold discoveries that valuable deposits of cinnabar will in time be uncovered. Mr. Slade says he has found amalgamated gold in running drifts, 40 feet below the surface, the age of the gravel deposits being such as to preclude all possibility of having been placed there by human agency. Then, also, he has secured particles of native quicksilver, while panning traces on the mountain side.  
A good find was recently made on Sucker creek near California Bar, by Jess Burnett, who noticed pieces of quartz gold in a placer on the gold in a placer on the creek and set out to discover the source. After some search he struck the traces on the hillside and followed it up. He has two ledges running parallel with each other and a number of small veins or stringers. These "dip" together and the indications are that they will unite lower down in a strong ledge. The surface quartz carries values at the rate of \$125 per ton, while he has considerable ore producers that gold in quantities that makes it profitable to carry it from the mountains and pan it in the creek. Mr. Burnett is certain that he has a valuable property and is doing effective work to prove the worth of the find.

Clearance Sale  
Summer Wash Goods  
E. C. DIXON,  
Dry Goods and Shoes.

BETTS INSTANTLY KILLED  
Rescues Wife and Child But is Struck by Engine  
A tragic ending of a pleasant day's outing overtook a party of Gold Hill people at the Ray dam, Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock, when William Betts, one of the number, was almost instantly killed by a freight train.  
The deceased, with his wife and child, was standing on the Southern Pacific track, looking down at the river and watching the salmon making their way through the new fish way. While their attention was thus taken, and while the roar of the falling waters was in their ears, a north-bound freight train tore around a sharp curve in the track and bore down upon the group. There was hardly a moment in which to act, but Mr. Betts is reported to have heroically assisted his wife and child from the rails, until it was too late to insure his own safety. He was struck by the engine and hurled down the embankment a distance of 40 feet, on to a pile of jagged rocks below. He was breathing his last when picked up and death was almost instantaneous.  
Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Betts, who is recovering from her injuries. The services were held at 10 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Betts, who is recovering from her injuries. The services were held at 10 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Betts, who is recovering from her injuries.

HOW DOES A MINE LOOK  
You Cannot Decide Before You Find It.  
The prospector who starts out on his quest for a mine with a fixed idea of how his mine must look is likely to be disappointed. The secret of successful prospecting lies in casting aside all preconceived notions and to overlook nothing. A few years ago no prospector believed that gold or silver ore would be found in a dike. Now it is known that many dikes carry valuable ores of gold, silver and copper. Many still think that it is useless to look in limestone for a gold mine. The fact is there are numerous valuable gold mines in limestone, and not infrequently limestone or marble contain paying gold. That any particular formation or combination of formations is necessary to the occurrence of good ore is another fallacy. The old miner's expression "gold is where you find it" is a truism that no prospector can afford to forget. As a rule large white quartz croppings do not carry payable values, though there are important exceptions. One of the best indications of a permanent and valuable vein is a soft, decomposed and mineral-stained country rock along the course of the vein, no matter what the character of the rock. The outcrop accompanying veins, large and small, which become great producers of gold, silver, copper, lead and other minerals, usually shows extensive mineralization of the country rock along the course of the vein, and generally the rock has become softened by the decomposition which has taken place at and near the surface. The characteristic features are brown or red iron oxides, soft ground, and honeycombed quartz. Greenstones (diorite, diabase, etc.) are altered to soft yellowish brown rock which can be easily picked. Black slates are bleached nearly white or light yellow, sometimes are stained brown or even red, and are soft and easily picked. Schists become brown or red. Andesites often show kaolinization as well as stains of iron oxide. Black oxide of manganese and iron oxides are the most common signs of the vein proper, as well as the masses of ferruginous quartz. The prospector should be able to recognize an outcrop when he sees one, but such is not always the case. In one instance two men, who discovered a valuable mine, were placer mining below it, and sat on the outcrop of their vein to eat their lunch for several weeks before discovering that the rock was rich in gold.—Mining and Scientific Press.

Merlin all right, but they will ride the trains out hobo style and the result will be that they will in all probability take up residence at Hotel de Lewis. There is a heavy penalty attached to this kind of stealing.  
Leland Sittings.  
Frank Fletcher has returned from the Pass; he reports business, solid in that town.  
Died—Magge, an old man, who has been a citizen of this place for a long time. Old age was the cause of his death.  
Miners are coming in from the hills. They report good finds; which want to buy more pack horses, some are in great demand.  
Henry Lee of the Dewdrop has gone to Seattle for recreation. The placer people who want recreation, come to our town to receive the cool breeze that springs up in the afternoon.  
A good many people who have been away from here for quite a while, have returned to stay, as the climate and water suit them. As one man said, he went to California to make a home, but it was so hot, and remembering the cool, invigorating climate of Southern Oregon, he came back to stay.  
Warm dry weather predominates, although the weather is not hot enough to cause prostration. Last week we had a very light shower, enough to lay the dust; plenty of rain signs south of us.  
Spring sown grain is rather light; take the hay crop altogether, it is good; as one of our citizens said, we are blessed with good crops, while in some parts of Oregon, we understand the crops are light. We will have plenty of hay to export, also beef cattle.  
In reading of the Democratic Convention at St. Louis, we are glad to learn from the last report that Bryan and Hearst are being ignored by the wisest heads. If the republican party is going to have an opposition at the next election, let it be a democratic party, not a wild cat scheme or in plainer words, by wind bags, as Bryan and Hearst. As we are getting along all right, more money in the treasury than ever before, so such people should be ignored and not have a hearing in the convention.  
One evening last week the fire alarm was sounded, as the Hotel Leland was on fire, the fire started in the ladies dressing room. The bucket brigade was brought into use and the fire was soon extinguished, although some of the wearing apparel belonging to the ladies was soiled by fire and water. In a very short time the fire would have burned the hotel and all of the buildings on Front street, had it not been for the prompt action of the bucket brigade.  
The blackberry crop will be large; Everybody is happy, no sickness to report, so with plenty to eat and a clean conscience and good clothes to wear, we are a contented people, also prosperous. Wide Awake.

Woodville Items.  
T. R. Townsend, of Roseburg is here on business.  
Mr. Carter went to Grants Pass and returned Saturday.  
Mr. Elmer Hagley returned from the east last Saturday.  
We had a good rain here Monday and considerable hail.  
Albert Milton and Mr. Neil have returned from Ashland.  
Mr. J. H. Whipple went to Jacksonville on a business trip.  
Rev. W. S. Smith of Oakland, was visiting Rev. R. Tweed Friday.  
P. C. Dodge went to Ashland Monday and will remain for some time.  
Mr. Hart, of Grants Pass and Mr. Moulton were in town Monday.  
Miss M. Shindler went to Central Point to visit friends for a few days.  
Mr. Potter and Miss Potter went to Grants Pass Saturday on a business trip.  
D. Colvig returned to Jacksonville for good after spending a short time here.  
Rev. J. V. Milligan, of Portland, was shaking hands with friends at the depot Thursday.  
Mrs. S. Boers of Wimer, went to Ashland and returned Saturday after spending a number of days at the big tent meeting in Ashland.  
Merlin Items.  
A. B. Cousin is home from Portland.  
And still they celebrate.  
Mrs. Cogill was shopping in the Pass recently.  
Ed Savage visited friends in Merlin this week.  
The usual number of births, deaths and marriages to report this week, i. e., none.  
Harry Keyte has returned from the Sucker creek country. He is quite well, thank you.  
The Methodist church people will enjoy a sociable Friday evening in the grove. Ice cream and cake will be served. All are invited.  
Miss Palmer of Long Beach, Cal., is sojourning at the Weidenmiller home. She is a sister of Mrs. Weidenmiller and is likewise pleasant and entertaining.  
John Ring left Wednesday night for Hudson, Wis. Mr. Ring came to Grants Pass about two months ago and says he expects to return next spring.  
Rev. W. G. Connell of Grants Pass will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church next Sunday evening. Brother Connell is well known and as well liked here.  
There is considerable talk of locating a sawmill near Merlin, which would be got-at-able from the Jump-off-Joe country. This would add greatly to Merlin's wealth producing possibilities.  
If Swallow does what his name indicates to the other candidates, and the other candidates take the usual bracer, will not the prohibition candidate "swallow" something that his platform forbids?  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lanterman will attend the Chautauqua at Ashland the latter part of the week. J. R. McCallister will go first and return and attend the post office while Postmaster Lanterman and wife enjoy this commendable educational feast.  
Some of the young men who have been living in Merlin are contemplating moving to Grants Pass temporarily. It is this way. They like

Woodville Items.  
My, how everything grows, since the rain.  
J. C. K. McCallister cut his hand with an ax, but not seriously.  
A nice load of Rogue River salmon came through our little village July 11th. They were very fine.  
Miss Lulu Conger had a hard fall from her bicycle one day last week, and hurt one arm pretty bad.  
Rev. Harrington of Grants Pass preached at Wilderville church Sunday, the 10th. Mr. Rymar came over with him.  
Mrs. Creed's sister from California visited at Mr. Creed's Sunday, this being the first time the sisters had met for 14 years.  
Wasn't that a fine rain we had Sunday afternoon, the 10th, accompanied with heavy thunder and lightning? Lightning struck near the Conger sawmill.  
Found—Near Canby creek, July 11th, sheep and lamb; any one claiming the same, and can fully describe them, can have them by calling on James Hocking, Wilderville, Oregon.  
William Anderson and family have moved to their farm on Rogue river. We hate to see them leave, but think some other neighborhood will be benefited by their living in it. Zanon.

THE CASES ACTED UPON  
A Number of Court Cases Already Decided Upon.  
Circuit court for the Josephine county July term has been in session this week and action has been taken in the following cases:  
Iva McCallister vs. O. A. McCallister, dismissed.  
O. S. Goodnow vs. W. H. Emerson, dismissed.  
R. Brown vs. Althouse Mining Co., judgment for \$1011.50.  
Kinney & Traux vs. Giles Davis, judgment for \$19.50.  
State vs. E. C. DeArmond, wounding an animal, dismissed.  
Eivira Hay vs. W. J. Fay, dismissed.  
F. H. Osgood vs. W. P. and W. G. Wright, dismissed.  
Benj. Rush vs. H. M. Gorham, dismissed.  
Elizabeth Grove vs. P. F. Grove, decree for plaintiff.  
M. I. Mullen vs. J. H. Mullen, divorce decree.  
Clara Childers vs. J. H. Childers, divorce decree.  
Southern Pacific Co. vs. H. H. Triplett, decree for plaintiff.  
J. O. Booth vs. Walter de Varilla, decree for plaintiff.  
Information has been filed against John Knapp, charged with rape and against Henry Williams and James Youm, charged with assault with intent to rob. These parties have been admitted to bail in the sum of \$500 each.  
Examinations are being held to investigate the cases of Andy Grimes and of Emmett Conger, each charged with assault.  
As this is not a jury term the criminal cases will have to hold over until the next term of circuit court in September.  
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Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens from \$2.50 up at Cramer Bros.  
Baseball Players and Foot Racers!  
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One Lady's Recommendation Sold Fifty Boxes of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets.  
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