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The Japanese in Oregon have contributed nearly \$30,000 to help their country in the war and are giving constantly. The Japs are intensely patriotic and in that point they have an incalculable advantage over the Russians.

It took a supreme court decision to settle the question as to whether or not Chief of Police Hunt of Portland should enforce the anti-gambling laws of that city. Hunt, it seems, had been contrarily instructed by his superiors. It would be interesting to hear the construction which these officials put upon their oath of office.

The Glendale News tells of a certain recent day when the thermometer registered 110 in Grants Pass. It does not give the source of its information. On the day in question, which was a hot one, the official observer recorded 102 as the highest temperature. The Courier recently published a comparison of the maximum temperatures of Grants Pass and Glendale for a period of ten days. The comparison was not at all in favor of Glendale but the figures were taken from the records of the voluntary observers of the two places and broken thermometers on sunny sides of houses were not consulted.

Politics is a game. The offices are the prizes. There has been a change in the Portland, Oregon, postmaster-ship. Presumably all of the candidates were equally competent, because from first to last not one word was said as to their fitness for office, but the sole discussion was, and a very anxious discussion, which one can the machine least afford to offend by turning him down? Young people should remember that politics is a game.—From the Pacific Monthly for August.

Toll Road is Now Open.
Tuesday of last week the toll gates on the Gasquet road were thrown open and the highway made free for all travel. This is what should have been done on decess of the builder, Horace Gasquet. Next year if possible a free ferry should be put on Smith river and run during the winter months until such time as the finances of the county will warrant the more expensive undertaking of spanning that stream with a bridge. The acquisition of the road is to be rejoiced over. We will in a short time enjoy greatly increased traffic with Southern Oregon.—Del Norte Record.

THE OPINION OF AN EXPERT
Possibilities of Mining in Southern Oregon.

A. Geiser, who recently made a trip to Southern Oregon, accompanied by Roy H. Miller, cashier of the First National bank of Sumpter, to inspect its mineral resources, is again among us. He is a successful operator in the mines of Eastern Oregon, and had a large interest in the noted Bonanza mine when it was sold for \$750,000. We consider it very fortunate for this section when mining men of his experience and ability are attracted hither.

The Sumpter Miner says:
Mr. Geiser was at Grants Pass, Medford, Jacksonville, Ashland and various other points in Jackson and Josephine counties. He speaks this briefly of his trip:
"We were first on a prospecting trip and taking a general view of the country. In my opinion it has great possibilities in a mining sense. In the matter of quartz mining the ledges have hardly been touched; but that they exist and that it will pay to work them is evidenced by the amount of placer gold which has been in the past. These placers have been worked the last fifty years, and while many of them have been exhausted, there are some which still pay to work. One acre in the Jacks-n Creek vicinity has yielded \$45,000 in times past, and the general region in this quarter is credited with \$17,000,000 during operations extending over the period mentioned.
"As stated, the ledges have been practically untouched, and the surface showing indicates that there are rich deposits beneath, as also is to be inferred from the placer gold. I saw only one mill which impressed me as being operated on systematic lines. This was the Greenback thirty-stamp plant. This mine is well conducted. One can go through it in full dress without danger of getting his clothing soiled. There are a number of other mills in the country, but for the most part they are patent arrangements, with about the same efficiency that these show in other localities.
"But the country is all right in my opinion, showing vast possibilities. In addition to its mining resources, it has vast agricultural and fruit interests."

Piano Tuning.
J. M. Ward, salesman and tuner for Allen & Gilbert-Bamaker Co. of Portland, Oregon, has settled in Grants Pass with his family and solicits orders from anyone desiring first class work. A special rate will be made to all who enroll their names on a list to be made up by September 1st, work to be done when desired by patron.
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THE HOP CROP IS GOOD A SWIMMING RATTLER

John Ranzau Has Nearly 100 Acres This Year.
The Josephine county hop yards are looking fine and are in much better condition than those in the Williamette valley, which were visited by Mr. and Mrs. John Ranzau who returned last week from a trip to the northern part of the state. They visited many of the larger yards and while some of them are in good condition they all show the effects of drought, and the output will be light. Mr. Ranzau has about 100 acres of hops which will yield on an average 1000 pounds per acre. He has a system of irrigation the water being supplied by two big water wheels and the entire field receives careful attention. Mr. Ranzau, who has the reputation of getting the top notch price for his hops is looking for even higher prices this year. Mr. Ranzau is advertising for 100-hop pickers.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends who rendered assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of Ora Cook St. Earle and to those who assisted at the burial.
Harry St. Earle,
Jas. Nealey,
Elizabeth Nealey.

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The Report That Fish Are Dying By Thousands is Without Foundation.

Personal Investigation of Courier Proprietor Shows That Salmon are Dying Dam.
Can you imagine that a company like this would allow tons of fish to die right under their very noses and the carcasses be left to breed pestilence among their own families? Personal investigation along both banks of the river for some distance below the dam failed to reveal the remains of even a half dozen salmon that had met their death where thousands have been reported to die daily.

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Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis is the largest institution of learning higher in the state. It has 500 students and 33 instructors with Dr. Thos. M. Gatch as president. The school has 500 graduates receiving an average of about \$1500 per annum; while the highest salary paid on the Pacific coast is received by W. F. Herron, of San Francisco, who is a graduate of this college. Tuition free; board \$2.75 per week; books about \$10 per annum. Courses of four years in pharmacy, mechanical, electrical, civil and mining engineering, English, household economy, military science and tactics, music, horticulture, natural science, drawing, book-keeping, typewriting and stenography. Certificates from high schools and colleges accepted; a sub-freshman department has been provided for eighth grade graduates who do not have access to school privileges. School opens Sept. 20th. Catalogue free.
Registrar J. B. Horner will be at the Western hotel between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, August 18th, for the purpose of examining applicants for entrance, and meeting others desiring information concerning the college.

Wilderville Items.
Eugene Sams is on the sick list.
George Sheehan is able to be around again.
We are having rather hot, smoky weather of late.
The sick reported last week are now able to be on the go.
W. Roberts is marketing his peach crop, which is very good.
A Mr. Ritter has bought the ranch known as the Strong ranch up on Slate creek.

Why not get up a free delivery mail route through here? How many have in so many other places?
Alec Jess and Tommy Ames are through here haling hay for J. Hocking, R. M. Robinson and J. Wagner.
Ernest Lewis while working on Applegate was driving a team and one horse stepped in a hole and broke its leg.
W. McCollum and J. Hocking went to the Pass on Tuesday of this week to locate the tuberculosis and the crowd that is to hold the camp meeting on Slate creek.
Zanol.

Provolt Items.
E. C. Smith and wife of Grants Pass were at Provolt Tuesday visiting relatives and friends.
Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Buck of Stirling were visiting relatives at Provolt one day during the week.
Miss Hazel Zumwalt who has been visiting friends at Provolt for the past few days, left for Talent Saturday.
The candy pull given Wednesday evening at the Powell creek saw mill was greatly enjoyed by the many young people present.
Rev. E. Badger of Provolt left Saturday for Phoenix where he will hold services before returning home. He will make Ashland a pleasant call.
Martin Perroll of Applegate passed through Provolt Monday on his way to Grants Pass. He will return later with a load of dry goods for the store of J. W. Perroll, merchant and postmaster at Applegate.

August 14 there will be a basket dinner at the Provolt church. It was formerly known as the Moon & Willard grist mill. All are invited to come. Preaching will be conducted by Rev. Badger.
News was received from Redding, Cal., Aug. 3, that George F. Lewman had found 6 1/2 ounces of platinum while cleaning up in his placer mine, beside a satisfactory amount of gold. Some of the platinum was in the form of nuggets.

The base ball game between Applegate and Grants Pass resulted in a score of 8 to 0 in favor of Applegate. Sunday, the 14th, Applegate and Jacksonville will play on the Ferndale grounds, one mile from the Applegate postoffice.
The Mt. Lion mine is again making the mountains and valleys re-echo with their stamp mill on Mission Flat. This mine has been worked for years and the owners are still getting good returns from the rock which is being crushed. A crew of men are at work night and day driving a tunnel into the mountain.

DIED.
ST. EARLE—At Grants Pass, Monday, August 7, 1904. On wife of Harry St. Earle, aged 31 years.
Mrs. St. Earle was a native of Josephine county, her grandparents, the Yameos, having been among the first settlers. Their last residence in Grants Pass covers about a year. Mrs. St. Earle has been sick and confined to her bed a greater part of the time for the past nine months. The body was taken to Pleasant Valley cemetery for interment.

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Leland Sittings
We have no sickness to report.
Homer Wilson took in the Pass last week.
Our school house is being moved to Leland.
The people that came from Utah for their health are coming out all right.
If teamsters want work hauling wood they can secure a job from T. J. Mackin.
Our general postmaster, Henry Ball, is ever ready to hand out the mail. He is especially courteous to the ladies.
Mr. Williams of the Ajax mine on Mt. Reuben, made our burg a call. He reports everything progressing nicely on that mountain.
Mr. Phillips of the Hotel Leland is doing a good business. He is a very genial and considerate man and does all he can to make his guests comfortable.
The laborers in this vicinity are being well recompensed for their work. \$1.50 and board for haying and other work. Some of our laborers went to Rogue river valley to work in the hay field. They report only \$1.25 per day. Quite a difference in the price of work.
A little rain to lay the dust would be good. Stock is doing well on the range. We think in the burnt district stock will suffer for the want of grass. Vegetables of all kind are plenty so with plenty of hay to export we are well fixed for the coming winter.
We are having quite warm weather, although not so warm as to stop laborers from work. Teams and men are working at their regular work. The air is quite smoky with the fire in the hills; in this vicinity there is no fire, but up on Gravel creek the fire is burning, also in the vicinity of Merlin.

Coming Events.
Aug. 10, Wednesday—Teachers examinations for state and county papers at court house.
Aug. 22-27, Monday-Saturday—American Mining Congress in session at Portland.
Sept. 19, Monday—Annual reunion of Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors at Jacksonville, continuing four days.

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