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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1904.

The Russian warship Lena dropped into San Francisco harbor and caused quite an official flutter. The Japanese consul insisted that the vessel should depart immediately but the navy department has decided that she may remain until necessary repairs are made. A close guard is maintained to protect the vessel from the wrath of the Japanese residents.

The later and fuller reports of the great battle of Liao Yang show that the Russians were more severely defeated than was admitted in the first reports. Their retreat to Mukden was quite precipitate and in the nature of a running fight. The Japanese are giving them absolutely no rest and no peace. The latest reports indicate that the small brown men are about to compel another battle with their bearded adversaries. A shortage of food supply is said to prevail in the Russian camp on account of the inability of the army to keep up with the provision trains.

According to a strict literal interpretation of our Sunday closing ordinance, it is unlawful to keep hotels and restaurants open on Sunday. But to close business houses of this character would be absurd and far outside the intentions of the framers of the law. The fact that the law literally does not except the eating houses hampers its entire operation and jeopardizes its whole efficacy. The Sunday closing ordinance under which the city government worked during the first months of the year was a good one and there is a strong opinion that the council made a grave mistake when they tampered with it. The present ordinance is identical with the state law.

Mineral specimens are coming in steadily at the mining exhibit. The exhibit is remarkably good considering the time it has been in existence, but it can yet be made far more extensive and representative of the district. Miners and mine owners will be well repaid for their trouble in sending specimens in the added standing which more public knowledge will give their properties. Every mine in the county and tributary territory should be represented. The register shows that a good percentage of the visitors are eastern people and all who have the welfare of Oregon at heart, are anxious that they should take home with them the best possible impression of Oregon. The mineral excellence of our district as demonstrated by the exhibit is a revelation to most of our visitors.

TO DEVELOP OUR STATE

Oregon Development League to Meet in This City.

A meeting of the Oregon Development League will be held in Grants Pass on Friday, September 23. There will be two sessions, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. This will be the league's Southern Oregon meeting and it is greatly desired that there should be a full attendance from all the towns of the Southern Oregon district which includes all the territory between Roseburg and Ashland. Vice-President F. J. Blakeley of Roseburg will preside and Secretary Tom Richardson of Portland will be present. Able speakers will address the meeting which is certain to be full of life and interest.

The Oregon Development League is an association of organizations with the object in view of developing the state. Over 30 Oregon clubs now hold memberships.

COWS DERAIL A TRAIN

Cowcatcher Fulfills Its Office Near Jones Creek.

Number 10 passenger train due to arrive in Grants Pass at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, ran into two cows at Jones creek, two miles east of town. The forward truck of the engine was thrown from the track while the cattle were literally torn to pieces and strewn along the track for a distance of 200 yards. An engine was sent from Grants Pass and after two hours of hard work the locomotive was placed on the track and the train proceeded to Grants Pass where the dead engine was cut out.

The passengers were considerably shaken up and it is considered fortunate that no serious injury resulted. Some of the Grants Pass passengers walked from the scene of the accident to town, arriving some time before the train.

RICH SYLVANITE ORE

Mountain Lion Mine Producing Rich Rock.

The Mountain Lion mine is producing a quantity of remarkably handsome sylvanite ore, with values running into thousands of dollars to the ton. C. H. Poindexter recently brought in some remarkably handsome samples, literally full of the mineral, which yields gold at the rate of 60 per cent.

The Mountain Lion's five stamp mill is running steadily on a good quality of ore and the camp is one of the nearest in appearance and most convenient in arrangement in Southern Oregon.

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SILVER CREEK TUNNEL WORK AT CONSOLIDATED COMPANY HAS 300 FEET MORE TO RUN

P. V. Metts, manager of the big Silver creek basin project, spent several days in Grants Pass this week. The work at the pass is being vigorously carried on and some 600 feet of tunnel is completed. The ditch is finished and the saw mill is ready for operation. The tunnel will tap the basin at a depth of about 210 feet from the surface but Mr. Metts does not think the basin will be bottomed at that point and that it will be necessary to extend the tunnel some little distance farther in order to reach the bedrock on a working grade.

Some 300 feet of tunnel yet remains to be run before the basin is tapped. After the tunnel is put through, it will be enlarged and re-timbered and large double flumes will be installed. The gravel deposit which this tunnel will open is immense. The basin is two miles long and varies in width from a few rods to half a mile. It is presumed to be over 300 feet in depth at the lower end. The basin has been caused by an immense rock slide which has filled up the creek canyon.

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WINDOW GARDENS.
CHILD DROWNED IN TUB

An inexpensive way to beautify streets and residences. There is a little bit of Paris along West Walnut street, Philadelphia, that is really worth seeing—the window and balcony gardens, we mean, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. The City Parks association is to be commended for its thoughtfulness in agitating the idea and congratulated upon the success of it.

Window boxes are very old institutions, and yet in Philadelphia and other cities and towns they are comparatively few instances that they are found. The proposition to encourage them, when it came before the association, met with ready response. West Walnut street is a central locality, and the fact that several home owners had long taken pride in making a bright exhibition outside their windows led the association managers to turn their attention first of all in that direction. Their appeals to the owners have been exceedingly satisfactory.

The pretty boxes have multiplied, and surely it will not be long before most of the houses will bear these decorations, which not only add to the attractiveness of the residences themselves, but give pleasure to all who pass along the street. It would not be surprising if window and balcony boxes should become a fad, and when that comes about it may spread to numerous streets.

A 500 FOOT PAY CHUTE FINDS MORE TELLURIUM

Large Bodies of Ore Opened at Granite Hill. The Granite Hill mine is now making a showing which surprises even those who have known the property since the beginning of its development and who have always had the utmost faith in its excellence. An ore chute 500 feet long, the vein being five or six feet in width, is exposed at the 200 foot level. The ore is all good milling rock. At the 300 foot level a two foot vein of ore is uncovered which yields high values. The company is steadily operating five stamps of the mill, but the work is at present directed more toward development than production.

Merlin Items. Could't find our pen last week. Victoria Mitchell has gone to Eugene to commence her fall term of school. Dan may go later.

Woodville Items. Mr. Whipple went to Medford Friday. Mr. Hale was in Grants Pass on business. Mrs. Schindler was in Grants Pass on business. Mr. Lillie of Grants Pass was a visitor Tuesday.

Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization for Josephine County, Oregon, will meet at the office of the County Clerk, Monday, Oct. 3rd, 1904, at 9 o'clock A. M., and will remain in session each successive day for one week. All parties interested are requested to appear and examine their assessment for the year 1904, and have all errors corrected, if any there be, as no corrections can be made after the adjournment of said board.

Provolt Items. Charles Fields of Provolt made Grants Pass a call the last of the week. The Lowman of Provolt made a business trip to Bridge Point, Applegate, Saturday.

Wilderville Items. J. M. Hocking made a trip to, or near Kerby this week. School has commenced again with P. M. Corum as teacher.

W. S. Robinson's large new house is looming up fast. The M. E. parsonage is going on nicely with J. B. Robinson and J. A. Mears as carpenters.

Salvation Army News. Meeting every evening, Slavation Army hall. Capt. Staines, just returned from a visit to England, South Africa and Australia, where he went to look into and examine the work of the Salvation Army in those lands; in the charge assisted by Lieut. Ward of San Francisco.

Coming Events. Sept. 19, Monday—Annual reunion of Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors at Jacksonville, continuing four days. September 23, Friday—Oregon Development League meets at Grants Pass. Sept. 26, Monday—Circuit Court meets. Oct. 5—Wednesday evening—Walter Thomas Mills in the Opera House, political address, admission free.

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