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Our city election will occur in December and may be a more exciting event to Grants Pass than the presidential election. The voters must bear this in mind and should not fail to register with Auditor Maybee during the present month.

The Grants Pass Mining exhibit is growing steadily, new ores and exhibits being brought in from time to time. The reading room is progressing in popularity and the visitors are many. This is one of the very best public institutions ever inaugurated in the town and should have the continued support of all the citizens.

Less than three weeks now remain before the presidential election which will be held on November 8, and the political atmosphere is hardly ruffled. In Oregon we are obliged to spur our memories in order to realize that this is presidential year. It is announced, however, that a legion of spellbinders will be turned loose in the state soon to spur up the republican enthusiasm and bring Roosevelt's majority to 30,000, which is the mark at which the committee is aiming.

Another great battle has occurred near Mukden and again the Japanese have been completely victorious. The aggregate losses are said to have reached 70,000 and though this is probably an exaggeration, there is little doubt that this will have a place among the most sanguinary battles of history. The Russians fought with the utmost bravery, but the results of the battle prove that the Japanese outclass them in the field. They are fiercer and faster fighters and their generals are quicker to see and profit by advantages. The later reports that the Russians are again offering a stubborn resistance to the Japanese advance, but the general expectation is that the result will be in line with those of the preceding battles. The capabilities of Kuropakin seem to be taxed to the utmost to extricate his army from positions of extreme peril, resulting from the confusion of his defeats and in this regard, he has been thus far successful.

MONDAY EVENING'S FIRE

Office Occupied by Wright & Son Gutted by Fire.

A fire occurred on Monday evening at the building occupied by W. P. and W. G. Wright, on Sixth street just north of the Josephine hotel. It is a one story iron and wood building occupied by W. G. Wright with assay office and laboratory and by W. P. Wright with engineering and drafting office. The origin of the fire is not certainly known. It started in a small room used as a store room and it appears likely that it may have been caused by the ignition of chemicals. W. G. Wright and H. W. Krebeck had been working in the building but the fire started at too remote a point from their operations to have possibly originated there. They had been working at the furnace which is fed by gasoline but no ignition of this inflammable fluid occurred even when the fire was burning most fiercely. The fire company responded promptly to the alarm and the flames were mainly confined to the room where they originated. The damage by water greatly exceeded that of the flames. Valuable papers and maps belonging to W. P. Wright were flooded and ruined and instruments are missing and cannot be found. In the assay department the apparatus was generally displaced and demolished. One of the most serious losses was that of a large map of the county which had been completed by W. P. Wright who was making preparations to have it lithographed and to have copies on sale. W. G. Wright had insurance on his apparatus to the amount of \$100. W. P. Wright had \$500 insurance and there was \$300 on the building. These amounts will probably cover the losses. On Saturday the final payment of \$3000 was made to A. H. Carson, whereby Foster & Gunnell become the owners of 57 1/2 acres of mining ground on Oscar Creek. This is a valuable piece of property lying immediately below the famous Oscar creek placers owned by Jewell & Hayes. A consolidation of the properties is among the possibilities as such a combination would greatly facilitate the operations and make possible much more systematic and efficient work.

HARDMAN PIANOS.

(In the advertisement in these columns last week the following description appeared under the head of the Hamilton. It should have been headed Hardman.)

Have a new improved scale, with full metal plate, elegant figured cases with paneled ends, doubled veneer inside and out, artistic pilasters and trusses, paneled fronts, top and bottom. All mouldings are solid. Top panels are artistically carved by hand, full front swinging music desk, and rolling fall with continuous hinges on top and fall board. Patent mouse proof pedals and guards. Three unisons, overstrung bass, patent repeating action, with brass hammer butt flanges, ivory keys, and polished ebony sharps and seven and one-third octaves. Could any piano be constructed better? Sole in Oregon by Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker.

Buy your piano at bottom prices. We save you all unnecessary profits. Our plan of purchasing 2000 pianos a year from our distributing point and of concentrating at one point the purchasing power of a business taking in six states, has been recognized as the cheapest for the consumer. And right now in Grants Pass you have the fullest benefit of our "PURCHASING AND SELLING SYSTEM" and can secure a satisfactory choice here as well as in Portland through our "order system" if you don't like anything on hand. We are more careful each time we order for any of our many stores, a shipment of pianos from any one of the 20 different factories we represent. Yes, we are more careful than we would be if purchasing an instrument for our own home. Now is the time to purchase your piano. With the long winter evenings coming on, you'll need music. Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co., L. O. F. Bldg., J. M. WARD.

A Question of Tacks.

Any reader of this paper, sending 25 cents in silver, by postal note or one and two-cent stamps, will be sent THE DAILY JOURNAL one month; or THE SUNDAY JOURNAL two months; or the SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL three months or the WEEKLY JOURNAL four months, and in addition a match safe filled with tacks, postage prepaid. Address THE JOURNAL, Portland, Oregon. L. O. Sandberg last week purchased from M. W. Wheeler the McKinney place about three miles north of town on the Gratiot Hill road.

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NO VOTE ON PROHIBITION

Petition Filed Fails to Meet Requirements.

Josephine county will not vote this year on the prohibition issue, as has been expected since the passage of the local option law last June. The next election at which the question may again be raised will be in June 1906.

The reason that the question will not be voted upon at the coming election is that the preliminary requirements were not complied with accurately enough to meet the demands of the law.

The friends of prohibition circulated a petition and supposed that they had secured enough names to have a vote on the question, 10 per cent of the votes cast at the last election being required to secure this result. The petition bore over 200 names and the required number was 184. On checking up the names, however, it was found that many of either were not registered voters or had registered in precincts other than those designated on the petition. These names would not pass muster under the law and consequently had to be stricken off, which so depleted the petition that it fell below the required number some five names. There being no time to circulate a second petition, the saloon question in Josephine county was tabled for the next two years.

A. U. Bannard—Undertaker.

Wilderville Items.
Emma McCann has been on the sick list the past week.
P. M. Corum's sister has been visiting him the past few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sams have moved into their new house and the old residence is torn down.
We have been having fine rains and people are raking in their fruit and grain preparing for winter.
Mr. Roberts' children, who have been having quite a seizure with the whooping cough are reported better.
Some of the young folks went over to Mr. Armstrong's last Saturday evening to a party. All report a good time.
Our new pastor, Rev. Mr. Clark preached an excellent sermon Sunday at 11 a. m. and also at 3:30 p. m. His wife is with him.
There were several men worked on the parsonage Wednesday of this week; as winter is coming on the parsonage should be finished. People should be interested enough in the gospel to prepare a place for the minister and family to live in.
The young folks met at W. S. Robinson's for an apple cutting and as the weather was bad they turned it into a play party. They reported a good time. Zanon.

Some rare bargains in second-hand typewriters of all makes can be had at the Underwood Typewriter Agency, 65 Front St., Portland. Ask for samples of work and prices.

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OIL FOR COUNTY ROADS

Clackamas County Will Try Experiment Next Summer

T. F. Ryan, Clackamas County Judge, who had been to California with the Knights Templar, and amongst other things had inquired into the advantages of oiling roads in that state, was interviewed on his return last week by the Oregon City Enterprise. Judge Ryan seems to have been favorably impressed with the benefits of street oiling, and stated that next year the Clackamas county court will oil two miles of road as an experiment. The cost of the oil is only \$150 per mile, and it is said that a road so treated will bear three years of hard travel. It is needless to say that the Clackamas experiment will create general interest in Western Oregon, and if it is successful it will solve many difficulties that county officials have to deal with.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Walding, Knifan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Don't fail to examine the line of Air-Tight Stoves at Cramer Bros.

Provolet Items

Miss Ella Coffey of Provolet, made Grants Pass a pleasant call Wednesday.
Martin Pernoll and Mr. Grab of Bridgepoint, Applegate were at Provolet Thursday hunting cattle.
Remember the dance Thanksgiving at the public hall, Williams, Oregon. Numbers, \$2.00. L. W. Smith is the giver.
There was a neat little bunch of beef cattle—50 head—passed through Provolet on Friday en route to the Wintrout farm to be fed this winter.
James Flowers of Grants Pass was at Provolet Thursday. He will put in 30 acres of hops in the spring on the Williams Pernoll farm at Applegate while the rest of the farm will be put in hay.
Charles M. Beardon, one of our prosperous farmers is engaged hauling back hay to Grants Pass. Hay is still holding its own. Loose hay is \$10 per ton, baled hay, \$15 to \$16 per ton. There has been some bought for \$8 and good grain hay for \$9 per ton.
The heavy rains that have come have found lots of hay down in the fields through the valley and also in the stacks waiting to be baled. This hay will probably be damaged to a certain degree. S. Provolet has about 12 tons of clover hay in the field which will be damaged and probably ruined before the rain ceases, as it has now been raining for five days.
Thos. Lewman has been baling hops for the past few days for Louis Loesch of Provolet. Mr. Loesch's crop this season was good. He will have 16,000 pounds this year to put in the market, of which half are contracted for 30 cents per pound. The rest will bring near 30 cents which is the highest price paid since 1887. Hops were then \$1.00 per pound, which will probably never be seen again.
Richard Vining and brother of Astoria Oregon have purchased the farm of Amos Strimp of Laurel Grove, for the sum of \$1600. There were cattle, farming implements and also a good water right in the Laurel Hill Ditch Company's big ditch, which flows from the Applegate river through it in the bargain. Mr. S. will soon leave for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will make their home in the near future.
Sam Neas of Grants Pass was out the first of the week to the Rehkopf hop yard on business and to see about baling hops. Mr. Neas will act as manager since the death of J. A. Rehkopf of Grants Pass. We have learned that the farm recently purchased by Mr. Rehkopf will be put out in hops as planned before the death of Mr. Rehkopf. The yard will contain 30 acres and will be put out in 1905 if nothing prevents. Edward Estis will be employed as manager.
Why is Provolet an industrious little burg? Because it has one of the best localities in the valley. It is the headquarters for the mining industry of the Williams creek valley and sawmilling industries, also a number of farmers from the Applegate make this their trading quarters instead of Grants Pass or Jacksonville. They have in the summer and spring base ball and croquet going every Sunday and ice cream and cake for lunch in the afternoons each Sunday and a live correspondent to do their writing each week.
W. M. Sorenson of Provolet went to Grants Pass Thursday with a load of fine potatoes for T. B. Cornell of that city. Potatoes are selling at \$1.00 per hundred at the present time and in a short time will probably be \$2.00 for they are scarce in the valley this season, although there was a quantity planted, but few that came up or did any good at all. The scarcity of a thing is what makes it carry a good price, so that is the reason potatoes are high this season at Provolet and other small towns throughout the Applegate and Williams valleys.

A THOROUGH PROSPECTOR

Low Browning's Success Is More by Knowledge Than Luck.
"Low Browning has made another rich strike," is the word brought to Portland by his brother, John Browning, who is now here for a short stay. Low Browning, although still a young man, has the reputation of being one of the most successful and lucky pocket-hunters that ever climbed among the gulches and mountains of Southern Oregon with a pick and goldpan. A few years ago, in company with Ed Hannum, he discovered the prospect that has since become the Greenback mine, considered the best paying property in Josephine County, or even in Southern Oregon, a depth already having been reached of 1000 feet. The discovery was made within a mile of the house where Browning was born and raised.
The two boys had been prospecting for a month or two with indifferent success, and had been following traces that indicated the presence of gold in that locality for several days. They dug down for two or three feet and came to a small stringer of rotten, rusty looking quartz, that appeared to be almost half gold. For a time the quartz was pounded up in a mortar and washed out in a gold pan; and finally the stringer developed into a good-sized ledge, with well-defined walls. An old fashioned arrastre was constructed, and about \$18,000 or \$20,000 was ground out.
Low Browning has been in comparatively reduced circumstances for the past two or three years, and his friends will be pleased to know that he has made another strike that gives promise of being something good. He invested his share of the proceeds of the mine in other lines of business, but his ventures were not successful. He had never done anything but mine, since he was old enough to work, and was out of his element in another line. He was liberal, and gave away hundreds of dollars. If a friend asked him for money he could not refuse. According to the story of John Browning, his brother has made the new discovery only a few miles from the Greenback, in the same mineral district. When a boy he put in considerably of his time working in his father's placer mine, while not engaged in prospecting.—Telegram

A picnic for the primary classes of the M. E. Sunday school was held at the grounds of the Newman M. E. church last Wednesday afternoon, under the supervision of Mrs. Orin Hood and others. There were some 75 little folks in attendance to whom the event furnished a season of unqualified joy. Refreshments were served and were received with most appreciative appetites. The crowning feature of the picnic was a foot race. This foot race is an annual affair and the competition therein is always very keen. Evelyn Pike was the victorious contestant. The picnic was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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Leland Siftings

T. J. Macken has a new clerk. Business is improving.
We have had another rain, so far farming purposes it is sufficient.
Mrs. G. W. Chapin and relatives have gone to Cottage Grove to visit relatives.
The Vulcan quartz mine at Placer has resumed work. That mine was idle for quite a while.
We have had a pleasant fall for work, no wind, no frosts, yet. Blackberries are in all stages, from blooms to ripe berries.
The late rain will retard wood hauling, but, as the wood contractors have had a long, dry spell to haul there should not be any kick coming.
One man picked a \$60 nugget on Mt. Reuben creek recently. The miners are busy fixing up for the winter. Mining news is scarce, this week.
Last week gave us some light showers of cloud juice, so the farmers can plow. The weather is cloudy with the promise of rain. The late rains have started the grass, so the outlook for the stock is good.
We have so sickness to report. Times are good, business is stimulated by the action of the republican party. In talking with some democrats, they say that Roosevelt has brought and maintained prosperity, so they don't see any need of a change, so will vote with the majority. How we remember when the railroad Co. sent only a few freight teams over the road weekly; now they are doing a big business.
The Lucky Queen quartz mine is putting up a quartz mill, as the amount of quartz and also the values justify the erection of a mill. The company has been hampered by parties owning land close to the mine. Reports say they wanted a large price for the land that was of little value, so the Lucky Queen mine bought ground close by so they can have ample room for tunnel and building purposes. So they are independent. Wide Awake.

The ladies of the Christian church will give a social at the parsonage Wednesday evening, October the 26th. All are invited.

Burdette Organ for Sale.

A fine Burdette organ, walnut case, high top and mirror, for sale at a bargain, on time. Mrs. Lura H. Groot, 1221 South Fifth street.

ORGANS.

We are getting loaded up on organs taken on exchange and till October 15th we will entertain any reasonable offer on one to close them out. Pianos are coming right along and organs accumulating too so its absolutely necessary that a few organs go. If anyone wants an organ now is their opportunity. The stock comprises Ester, Packard, Chicago Cottage, Story & Clark, Bardette and one piano case organ. Any organ or \$5 payments.
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