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THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1905.

A review of Siebel's bill to whip wife beaters has been ordered. It is not likely that this measure will be favorably reported by the committee.

It is probable that the present legislature will revise the long suffering Oregon game laws to some extent. One of the proposed measures is the creation of a hunter's license.

From all appearance a crisis is at hand in Russia and a revolution may be beginning. Labor troubles have precipitated the disorder which may develop into a conflict for freedom in which the entire people may participate.

The French Revolution was not beaten out of existence in the first few days by the military power, it is very likely that the existing government will be overthrown. If this occurs it will be through bloodshed and scenes of horror such as have been seen hitherto when an oppressed people rise against their despotic rulers.

The more oppressed, beaten down and brutalized a people become, the worse the revolution when they rise and the larger the price the oppressors pay in the day of reckoning. The French Revolution was an object lesson which other powers heeded with profit. The lesson has been lost on Russia where the oppression of the serfs continues in much the same manner that it did in France a century ago.

Even if the present insurrection fails the victory of the despotism will be only temporary. Sooner or later the revolution will come unless there is accession to the reasonable demands which the government now characterizes as "insolent."

A clear headed and reasonable man at the head of the affairs in Russia might do much to avert the catastrophe but Czar Nicholas is a weak man, a mere figurehead and a tool in the hands of his advisers who are generally scheming politicians exploiting the country for their own profit.

After having met the petitions of his people with bullets, the sole answer or even notice which they were accorded, the czar is now said to be prostrated with grief. It is an ill time for prostration of any sort and this one fact proves the man unworthy of his high position. The war with the Japanese is now a matter of secondary importance to Russia.

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FISHERMEN IN HARD LUCK

No Winter Run Yet of Salmon in Rogue River.

The Rogue river fishermen have been in hard lines since the opening of the season, the first of January, and have hardly made expenses. The run of fish has been so light that the fishermen have not much more than supplied the local market. Usually large quantities of salmon are shipped to Portland and Willamette Valley towns, but so far this month only a few small shipments have been made. It was expected the freshest New Year's week in Rogue river would bring the first run of salmon, but so far no winter fish has appeared, and none are expected until the river has a raise. It is now at a summer stage and but two feet above extreme low water mark.

The three varieties of salmon in Rogue river have distinct seasons for their annual run. The steel heads come in from the ocean during the winter months and work their way to the headwater streams to their spawning beds. During the spring the chinooks make their run and then in the fall the silverides appear. It is now so late in the season that it is quite certain that with the first big raise in the river the steelhead run will set in and the fishermen's harvest will be on. There were eight boats in the local fleet but it now numbers 10, two boats having been added last week. A number of Dago fishermen from Astoria came to Grants Pass just before the opening of the season, but the local fishermen, convinced them that there were more boats than fish in the river, and further that this climate was not healthy for outside fishermen so the foreigners departed.

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A WHITE HEADED EAGLE

Invades Poultry Yard and is Killed By Bert York.

A white headed eagle which measured over seven feet from tip to tip of its wings was killed on Applegate a few days ago by Bert York. The bird had invaded the poultry yard of Wm. Messenger who lives near Murby and pounced upon one of the biggest geese of the flock. Mrs. Messenger, hearing a commotion among the poultry, geese screaming and chickens cackling, ran out to see what was the matter, whereupon the eagle abandoned its prey and flew away a short distance. After changing its position a few times it alighted on a tree on the opposite side of the Applegate river when Mr. York, taking a long shot, was successful in bringing it down. It was a marvelously ferocious looking bird with wicked beak and talons some two inches long. Mrs. Messenger stuffed the bird to preserve it as a souvenir. The goose was so badly mangled that it had to be killed.

Wilderville Items. Mr. and Mrs. Clark went to Merlin last week. Joshua Ranes is suffering with rheumatism. Bertia Lindsay sustained an injury to her arm by falling from her horse. Rev. Clark preached last Sunday at the church at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

Mr. Simmons of Jerome Prairie visited friends in this locality last week. Rev. Pany of Alhousa made a short call in this neighborhood last week. Mrs. Mannon has gone to Portland after visiting her relatives here for several weeks.

J. C. K. McCann, our genial storekeeper made a business trip to Grants Pass Monday. An enjoyable family reunion was held last Sunday at the home of Charles McCann.

Mrs. Woodard, Miss Eggers and Yancy McCollum are on the sick list, but not seriously ill. The debate at the school house last Friday evening was interesting and instructive. The subject was the Russian war.

Ennis Robinson was unable to attend school for several days by reason of an injury received to his shoulder while playing. Yancy McCollum and son are here from Newberg, Or. So soon as Mr. McCollum selects a farm, he will send for his family.

Mr. Verdin has returned from Grants Pass where he has been for the past three or four months. He got here to see crutches. The entertainment at the church was well attended and about \$4 was raised toward the organ fund. So soon as the organ is paid for it is planned to raise the money and purchase a bell for the church.

Our Sunday School is doing nicely and should be the center in all the churches all over the land. There is much good to be accomplished through the Sabbath school.

The term for the Wilderville school is now half completed, there being but four more months. The school is under the charge of P. M. Corum and it is very successful.

Golden Gleamings. Placer mining is greatly retarded by a lack of water, owing to the dryness of this winter. Mr. Irvine and son have gone to Vancouver, Wash., to spend the winter with her son, Robert. Mr. Howell from Washington is prospecting in this vicinity and if he finds a mine will locate here.

Mrs. Irvine and son have returned from Williams where they have been for some time on a visit with relatives and friends. The many friends of Miss Loban, regret to hear of her serious illness and hope that she will soon be in usual good health. The Blalock Howell mine is showing up well and some good ore has been found, and it is getting richer as greater depth is reached. Mr. Perkins and Ward Loban are working the Bear Gulch placer mine this winter. This has been a good paying mine and they will be sure to have a good clean up.

Perkins & Son are working the Red Bank placer mine on Coyote creek. They are getting gold from the creek rocks to be sure and expect to have a big clean up in the spring. Some fine Bear ore in which native copper can be seen has been found in Coyote creek. The ledge from which it is evidently rich and would be a big find to the lucky miner. The Spotted Fawn quartz mine on Coyote creek owned by M. R. Thompson was bonded last week. The parties are now at work upon it pending development work at a rapid rate. The new road is becoming almost impassable as the mud has been stirred to unknown depths by the teams hauling heavy loads of freight from the railroad at Wolf Creek to the Greenback mine.

Mr. Gordon of McMinnville and who is secretary of five mining companies is spending a few days here while looking over the mining resources of this section. He is well pleased and thinks that this district has a bright future for it.

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THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Makes His Appointments and All Confirmed But One.

A regular meeting of the city council was held last Thursday evening at the city hall. All the members answered at roll call, there being present Mayor Good, Councilmen Hair, Williams, Hall, Dean, Randle, Cass, Smith and Fitch and Auditor Mayboe.

Chairman Hair reported but one case of diphtheria in the city and that was a mild case and that the house was under strict quarantine. Dr. Flanagan, the attending physician, was confident that the child would soon be well of the disease and that no danger was to be feared from the case.

The names of D. E. Dotson and Harry Marsh were presented for confirmation as members of the fire department.

The street committee to which had been referred a petition asking that bicycle riding be prohibited on the 3rd and 5th street sidewalks between 3 and 6 streets, recommended that an ordinance be drawn to prohibit riding on the sidewalk on the east side of 3rd street.

The following bills, having been approved by the finance committee, were ordered paid: F. A. Barnett, rent of building for section and placing same in readiness, \$ 7.00 Conklin & Willis, gravel for streets, 27.92 S. C. Neas, blacksmithing, 8.25 To Restaurant, meals for prisoners, 6.75 Tom Booth, labor on streets, 7.20 W. H. Beaton, labor on streets, 19.50 J. A. Mahoney, labor on streets, 1.75 J. T. Sayle, labor on streets, 2.25 W. D. Cooper, labor on streets, 1.00 Dave Morrow, labor on streets, 8.75 George Holman, labor on streets, 10.00 H. B. McIntyre, labor on streets, 1.50

The regular order of business having been disposed of and this being the first regular meeting under the new administration Mayor Good announced his appointments on the various council committees and of the various officials named by the mayor.

The council committees are as follows: Judiciary—Hall, Randle and Cass. Finance—Smith, Williams and Dean. Street—Dean, Hair and Hall. Fire and Water—Williams, Cass and Smith.

Health—Hair, Smith and Fitch. Sewer—Fitch, Williams and Hall. Light—Randle, Cass and Dean. Mayor Good had kept his own counsel, and outside of a few, it was not known who were to receive his nominations for the positions at his disposal and when he read the list it made considerable surprise.

The nomination of auditor and police judge was voted on first, ballot stood four yes and four no for James Holman. It being a tie the vote and the charter requiring a majority vote to confirm a nomination, the Mayor concluded that nomination, which thus continues Auditor Mayboe in office until the next regular council meeting. His next nomination was that of Judge W. H. Hale for city attorney and the vote was unanimous. Then the name of George Finch for marshal was submitted and was endorsed on a vote of five to three. For city surveyor, H. L. Reynolds was given an unanimous vote. R. H. Gillilan was nominated for street commissioner and on a vote of five to three was confirmed. The day police man being employed by the city, no nomination was made and by the Mayor was continued in that position.

If the shells don't shoot where you aim you can't get the game—business is easily enough without the handicap of faulty ammunition—demanded Peters—the sure shot shell.

WANT SIGNS AND NUMBERS Grants Pass Houses and Streets Can't Be Found.

Serious complaint is made that both the house numbering and the street signs of Grants Pass needs a betterment. Many of the streets intersecting are without name signs, either having been destroyed or as in the case of many new streets have not been put up. The house numbering is in a worse state of confusion for many owners did not number their houses at the time that improvement was put into effect and very few of the nearly 300 new houses have had numbers placed upon them.

Grants Pass has passed the village stage when a building could be found by its proximity to some prominent object or other building. The town is now so large that the residents are no longer familiar with all sections of the city and they are at as much a loss as a stranger in finding a house by the old-time description that A's house is next to or across the street from B's.

It is a matter now of necessity that the streets have their names posted at all intersections and that all houses be numbered and if the city authorities could have this needed improvement made it would add much to the convenience of the citizens and to the metropolitan appearance of the place.

Dissolution Notice. Notice is hereby given that James Trimble and D. S. Cook of the firm of Trimble & Cook, blacksmiths, have dissolved partnership by mutual consent. James Trimble will continue the business, collect all debts and settle all obligations of the firm. January 1, 1905.

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BIG MONEY MADE IN HAY

A Farmer Who Realizes \$150 per Acre on His Meadow Lands.

A hay farm in Rogue River Valley is quite equal to the best gold mine of Southern Oregon as a means of bringing wealth to the owner and there are plenty of farmers who are able to give the figures to prove this assertion. Andrew Frakes is one such farmer. Mr. Frakes was in Grants Pass over Saturday for a load of supplies and to pay a visit to his father, William Frakes. Mr. Frakes owns 180 acres of land on Deer Creek near Dryden, the greater part of which is good meadow land and which he is sending down as fast as he can get it cleared of timber. He now has 45 acres to grass and will send 25 acres more this fall. He is raising alfalfa, red clover and timothy, putting each on the best adapted to it.

He irrigates his grass land and has one ditch that carries 600 inches and is now building another that will carry 50 inches. He has a good water supply and will put in other ditches as he increases his acreage to grass. Mr. Frakes continues his irrigation until the fall rains set in his theory being that where a meadow has had water all summer and then is turned dry during the fall months that the crowns of the grass are dried up and injured by the sun and the roots are parched and lie dormant. He finds he gets larger crops the following season to keep the grass growing during the fall months or rather to so fertilize it and stimulate it with a constant supply of water that it will grow during the entire season. He thinks that fall watering will add more than a ton to an acre's product.

As to the profit in hay, Mr. Frakes stated that his alfalfa averaged 10 tons to the acre this past season, besides yielding him pasture for the fall months. But Mr. Frakes is not a believer in extensive pasturing of meadow land. For his hay he is securing \$15 a ton at the barn, thus paying him \$100 an acre. As the cost of harvesting the crop is less than \$50 an acre, it leaves a clear profit of \$50 per acre, making hay land an investment equalled by few other ventures.

Mr. Frakes was in the stock business but he has sold all his cattle but three registered Herefords. The price of cattle being low and that of hay high left the margin the wrong side of the ledger to suit Mr. Frakes. He thought expects to again take up stock raising but it will be registered cattle and not common range cattle he will breed.

As to the prevalent belief that hay cannot be profitably grown on the hill land of Southern Oregon, Mr. Frakes is dead to that notion. He says that it is more to produce good crops of grass. To accomplish this it is first necessary to study the soil and select the variety of grass best adapted and then with deep plowing with a subsoiler and irrigation the hill lands will be as productive as the bottom land.

Another Good Man Gone Wrong He neglected to take Foley's Kidney Cure at the first signs of kidney trouble, hoping it would wear away, and he was soon a victim of bright disease. There is danger in delay, but if Foley's Kidney Cure is taken at once the symptoms will disappear, the kidneys are strengthened and you are soon sound and well. A. K. Ross of Morgantown, Ind., had to get up 12 times in the night, and had severe backache and pains in the kidneys and was cured by Foley's Kidney Cure. For sale by H. A. Rotenberg.

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Applegate Items.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weeks of Missouri Flat, last Thursday, a girl.

Rev. Austin closed his meeting at the Williams Baptist church last Tuesday.

C. H. Bayse and daughter Cera of Jacksonville were called down last week to see his mother, Mrs. Bayse, who is very low and not expected to live.

J. Clark and son of Talent were at Provoit last week looking at some property. They seemed well pleased with the country and will probably locate here.

Richard Lewman has been making rails for the past few days with which to fence the piece of ground that lays above his house and intends to put it in alfalfa this spring.

The Laurel Hill Ditch Co., has secured a ditch right of Geo. Dunlap and intends to move the head of ditch in the spring. This will prevent future trouble in case of high water and give them a ditch that will be permanent.

Mr. Gilgins who discovered a placer mine on the head of Miners Creek last spring is doing some work again this winter. After his discovery last spring he only worked a few days and picked up several pieces of gold, one worth \$40. He says the prospects are much better this winter.

James Flowers who has the Pencil farm rented to put in hops this spring is rushing his work along as fast as possible to get the ground in proper shape. He will set large posts about every 50 feet and then use wire to wire the yard. He says it will cost about \$3000 to wire the 30 acres which he intends to put in, but he says it is the cheapest in the long run. He also has a large ditch of water which he can use to irrigate the yard in case of a dry spring and make it yield double what it otherwise would. This will be the first winter and irrigated hop yard in this valley.

Two men stopped at the farm of Mr. Berry on Missouri Flat last week and wanted to buy some chickens. After purchasing the chickens and starting them in the boggy, they getting out without paying for them. Mr. Berry stopped them and while taking the chickens out of the pen the men struck her. At this Mr. Berry interfered and they drew a gun on him and told him to stand still. Mr. Berry went to Jacksonville to see Attorney Reames and see what could be done. Beta.

Leland Siftings We understand a change of ownership is soon to be made of the Steiner ranch formerly the Harkness place.

Many new settlers are coming here and they all are well pleased with this section. The climate especially pleases them, for the absence of heavy winds and rains like on the coast and the cold weather and blizzards of the East is very noticeable to them.

Most of our people have set their wood for the coming year, but some cut their wood from day to day as they need, for they let tomorrow take care of itself and when tomorrow comes, if they have not got any they borrow of their neighbors or go to the poor house.

Our roads have disappeared. We think they are about two feet below the surface of the ground by the depth the wagon sink in the mud. But if the cold weather and blizzards of the East is very noticeable to them.

Henry Lee has sold his interest in the Dewdrop mine to George Strain. Work has been resumed at the Copper State mine. Some fine appearing ore from this mine has been placed on exhibition in Leland. More miners and prospectors are going to the Mt. Reuben district and more mining is being done in that section than ever before.

That an early spring is at hand is known by the unusual large number of robins and other birds