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## Real Estate

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The Real Estate Men

Houses to Rent. Money to Loan.  
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## Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co.

PAID UP CAPITAL STOCK \$25,000.00

Transacts a general banking business.  
Receives deposits subject to check or on demand certificates.  
Our customers are assured of courteous treatment and every consideration consistent with sound banking principles.  
Safety deposit boxes for rent.

J. FRANK WATSON, Pres.  
R. A. BOOTH, Vice-Pres.  
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## First National Bank of Southern Oregon

R. A. BOOTH, Pres. J. C. CAMPBELL, Vice-Pres. H. L. GILKEY, Cashier.

CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000.00  
Surplus and Undivided Profits 12,000.00

Receives deposits subject to check or on certificate payable on demand.  
Sells drafts on New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.  
Special facilities for making collections through numerous correspondence.

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## Bert Barnes,

Reliable Watchmaker

At Clemens' Grants Pass, Ore.

## G. A. Cobb Real Estate Company

Sells Real Estate and Personal Property of every description. Such as improved or unimproved farms, vacant lots from \$25 up, or anything you have to sell will handle on commission. We also make a specialty of buying and selling horses.

We also buy and sell junk and second-hand goods. Houses to rent. Collections made. If you want to sell or buy anything see us first. On Front street in large brick.

## Trunks ..Suit Cases..

If you expect to travel we have just what you need in the line of Trunks and Suit Cases. We are prepared to supply you with anything you may want in that line at prices to fit your purse. It costs you nothing to look over our lines and get our prices.

## The Hub Clothing Store

S. Garfinkle, Proprietor

SOUTH SIXTH STREET NEXT TO LAYTON HOTEL

### GALICE TO WIN GREAT RENOWN

Famous Mining District Now to Produce Monster Maize.

Miss Ida Raybell has been ill for several weeks but is now convalescent.

L. B. M. Simmons, manager of the Rand Mining Co., is in Tacoma on business for the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wrotten (nee Haven) have returned from their honeymoon tour spent in the Pass.

The Alameda and Rand Mining Companies have shipped some fine ore to Portland which will be on exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Dr. L. A. Kent, of Portland, has returned home after a short sojourn in Galice. The Doctors is an ardent fisherman but—well, better luck next time "Doc."

Saturday night witnessed the dedication of the Rand Mining Company's new office building, a most enjoyable dance was indulged in by 20 couple, after which refreshments were served.

D. L. Smith, secretary of the Rand Company, has been spending his spare moments in exploiting the virtues of a mysterious fodder, imported from the valley of the Nile, in Egypt, where according to "the literature" it grows to such height that a forest of red fir would look like a pack of dachshunds in comparison. It was at least two moons ago that D. L. said the magic words and covered up the seeds, but up to the present writing the careful prepared soil is as barren as the Sahara, and now the sickening fear is gnawing at D. L. that he has planted the seeds upside down and the inhabitants of the Orient are reaping the fruits of his labors.

### Kerby Notes.

We are sorry to report the death of Peter Summers. He was ill for some time.

The Old Fellows and Woodmen met in their respective lodge rooms Saturday night.

Rev. Mr. Buche preached here Sunday evening. It is encouraging to see large numbers attend church services.

A meeting of stockmen was held on the afternoon of May 20th at W. O. W. hall. The meeting was well attended. The association is doing excellent work and promises much for the future of cattle raisers.

The Ladies Aid of Kerby gave a social at the Payne dining room, where ice cream was served. The proceeds go toward a church building in Kerby. We congratulate the Ladies Aid Society for its heroic service in the midst of a difficult field.

In the evening of May 20th, being the same date of the social, some young folks opened the W. O. W. hall, and gave a dance. The young people spent a very enjoyable evening. We old folks are glad to see the young young people enjoy themselves in the right way. Subscriber.

### Real Estate Transfers.

G. F. Seeley to C. N. Matthews, Lot 16, block 8, H. B. Miller & Co.'s Addition.

Wm. Spensley to J. O. Booth, 2 1/2 acres in north end of city.  
The above sales were made through the Real Estate Agency of Joseph Moss.

### PIONEER MINER FOUND DEAD IN HIS CABIN

Had the Record of Sinking the Deepest Shaft Ever Put Down by One Man.

An aged miner known as Little Adam Schmitt, who for years past has mined on Jackson creek, was found dead in his cabin last Friday. Little Adam had not been to Jacksonville for two weeks and his friends went to his cabin and found him lying on the floor and a partially empty bottle of strychnine on the table told the cause of his death. Little Adam had worked a placer claim each winter for years and had taken gold sufficient to meet his wants. The past winter being very dry he had so little water that he could not mine to any extent, and being too old and too much of a recluse to go out to work he found himself in want and becoming discouraged ended his existence. Little Adam was 70 years old and known to all the old-time miners of the Jacksonville district. He was a well educated man, quiet and kindly and well thought of by those having his acquaintance, but what was the cause that led him to live the life of a hermit he never told, for he never mentioned his past life, but it was supposed by those knowing him best that a girl, in the years ago, in the far-off Fatherland was the cause of his burying himself from the world.

Southern Oregon has hid in its fastnesses many such men, who for the death of a loved one, the fickleness of a woman, financial reverses or some other cause fled from civilization and became a hermit miner in some placer gulch. Nearly all of these hermits are men of good education, and some even are called graduates and their correct language and polished address prove that they had been the time when they could have been the equal of any in the literary gathering or the social function. Many of these recluses never visit a town except to get supplies and their mail, of letters there are none, but of magazines and papers a plenty.

Strange things these recluses will accomplish, and Little Adam successfully carried out a mining undertaking the like of which was never probably equalled by a lone miner. Some years ago he discovered a ledge on his claim and to ascertain its value he sunk a shaft over 40 feet deep, and with not a person to help him. He rigged up a windlass and bucket for hoisting the rock and a ladder for himself to go down and up on. He would descend to the bottom of his shaft drill a hole, then bring his tools to the surface and take down a charge of blast powder, insert it in the hole, light the fuse and then at a lively rate slip up the ladder and get away from the shaft before the rock would shoot out of the shaft. When the smoke would clear out he would replace his rope ladder, let down his bucket and then go down and fill it with rock and returning to the surface he would hoist it up, repeating that operation until, all the loose rock was gotten out. Patiently Little Adam worked on his shaft for months at a time during the dry season, when he could not operate the rocker at his placer diggings, and with a persistence that was worthy of a more practical undertaking, he did not cease his work until he had gone to such a depth as had proven to himself that his ledge was barren of the golden riches for which he was searching. That his method of sinking the shaft was both extremely laborious and highly dangerous and withal very slow is known to all miners. Had he ever made a miscalculation as to the length of the fuse or had a slip when climbing his frail, unstable ladder, he would have been torn to pieces by the flying rocks and Little Adam would have spared the sorrow of want in his last days and the terrible ordeal and suffering of a death by strychnine.

### Attention, Old Soldiers!

Attention! G. A. R., W. R. C., Soldiers, Sailors and ex-confederates, you are requested and invited to meet at G. A. R. headquarters at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday, May 28th, and march in a body to the Presbyterian church to attend Memorial services at 11 o'clock sharp. And at 1 o'clock on May 28th to march in a body to the opera house, where Decoration services will be held at 1:30 o'clock p. m. sharp.

The County Judge and county officials, Mayor and common council are expected to take seats on platform May 30th.

By order of  
JOHN PATRICK,  
Commander  
J. E. PETERSON,  
Adjutant.

### Growing Aches and Pains.

Mrs. Josie Samner, Brimwood, Texas writes, April 15, 1902: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for three years. I would not be without it in the house. I have used it on my little girl for growing pains and aches in her knees. It cured her right away. I have also used it for frost bitten feet, with great success. It is the best liniment I ever used." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 For sale by Rotermond and The Model Drug Store.

### A Wood Proposition.

So long as 100 cords of oak, laurel, fir, maple and alder lasts, to save handling, we will deliver from the wagon to you, at your premises, as it is hauled in, five cords or more of sound wood at \$1.50 per tier. Call and see. Phone 484, Grants Pass Fuel Company.

### BIG STRIKES AT MONUMENTAL AND TAKILMA

Big Ore Bodies Opened at Each Mine—Smelter to Start Middle of June.

Colonel T. Wain-Morgan Draper came in Sunday from the Monumental mine to attend to some business matters and returned Monday to Takilma. Colonel Draper stated that a big strike had been made at the Monumental mine last week that disclosed a vein of vast extent and rich both in gold and copper. So good was the showing of the vein that he brought in a box of the ore and sent it by express to J. O. B. Gunn, of San Francisco, who is president of the Monumental Mining Company, that he might see it and show it to the other stockholders and to have an assay made. Development work is being steadily pushed and will be continued until sufficient ore is found and blocked to warrant the installation of a smelter, for Colonel Draper does not propose to put up a mill until they find out how much of a mine they have.

Colonel Draper stated the prospect drilling that he and a company of California capitalists were having done on the Illinois river and tributaries was progressing satisfactorily and that if the showing continued so favorable they would put in a big steam dredge this summer or fall.

Operations at the Takilma smelter are progressing very satisfactorily, so Colonel Draper reports. Ore is being delivered at the bins by Capt. McIntyre's teams at the rate of 100 tons per day and by the time the smelter starts, there will be several thousand tons of ore in reserve stock. The smelter is to be blown in on June 15, by which time everything will be in readiness for a big run during the summer and fall. Ore enough is now blocked out in the four mines that supply the smelter to keep the smelter running for the next year, but the lack of a macadamized road to Grants Pass to enable coke to be hauled in and the matte out will force the smelter to close down so soon as the fall rains set in, and 50 teams and 100 men will be laid off as a result of this shut-down. A big strike of very rich ore was made in the Queen of Bronze mine last week and that mine promises to become one of the great copper producers of the country. Notwithstanding the large amount of development work that has been done on the four mines held by the Takilma Company, work will be continued on them and they will be fully opened up and put in condition for turning out big quantities of ore by such time as a better wagon road or a railroad will give transportation facilities that will permit the smelter to be operated continuously the year round.

### Kodaks—Courier Building.

GRANTS PASS PRICES SAME AS PORTLAND

A Visiting Merchant Finds Goods Sold Here at Portland and Oregon City Prices.

That Grants Pass merchants are selling goods on close margins is a fact known to persons who are familiar with prices and freight and other charges here and with the prices and fixed charges in other towns of the coast. In proof of this is the statement of T. B. Thomas, who until recently for several years past conducted a large general merchandise store at Beaver Creek in Clackamas county. Mr. Thomas came to Grants Pass three weeks ago and he has carefully looked over the trade conditions in this city and in the other places in Rogue River Valley and he finds that the merchants of Grants Pass are practically duplicating the prices that obtain in Oregon City and even in Portland. Especially did he find this the case on dry goods, clothing, shoes, hardware, furniture and some other articles. And the strange thing to him was that the Grants Pass merchants were able to duplicate Oregon City prices, while having to pay a freight rate from Portland of from \$12 to \$21 per ton on their goods, whereas the Oregon City merchants have only to pay from \$1 to \$1.25 per ton freight from Portland.

As to the size of their stocks and the quality of their goods Mr. Thomas found the stores of Grants Pass to exceed his expectation and that they were the equal of the best towns in Oregon. While this condition of trade was exceptionally favorable to the residents of Grants Pass and vicinity Mr. Thomas did not see much in it to commend this as a place for him to engage in business and Wednesday he returned to Oregon City and will open a store either in that city or in Portland.

### Saved by Dynamite.

Sometimes, a flaming city is saved by dynamiting a space that the fire can't cross. Sometimes, a cough hangs on so long, you feel as if nothing but dynamite would cure it. Z. T. Gray, of Calhoun, Ga., writes: "My wife had a very aggravated cough, which kept her awake nights. Two physicians could not help her, so she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which eased her cough, gave her sleep, and finally cured her. Strictly scientific cure for bronchitis and La Grippe. At all druggists, price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Paper-Napkins—Courier Building.

### THE JONES CREEK MINING DISTRICT

Contains a Scores of Veins, Some of Which Prospect Very Rich.

The Jones Creek district, three miles east of Grants Pass, bids fair to become one of the big mining districts of Southern Oregon. While small in area, it is exceedingly rich in the number of veins it contains and the high class of ore that is found in them. Though only a comparatively small amount of prospecting has been done yet over 20 veins have been located and miners familiar with the district predict that as many more will be uncovered when the ground has been prospected.

On a 40 acre tract in this district owned by A. H. Meade, of this city, and C. C. Case, of Cottage Grove, seven veins have been located. Three have been opened up and they give evidence of proving to be rich properties. One of these veins, the Black Oak, is now being opened up and a pay shoot was struck last week in a shaft at a depth of 30 feet, that is yielding ore that averages above \$400 a ton. Ore is now being taken out and sacked and a shipment will shortly be made either to the Selby or Tacoma smelter. This vein was worked years ago, the ore being ground in an arrastre and the mine was made for a time by the operators. The pay shoot giving out the mine was abandoned and continued so for 30 years until the present owners took it up. It is the purpose of Meade & Company to continue development work until the full extent of the vein is known. The vein is steadily widening at the 30-foot level in the shaft it is fully a foot in width and it is expected that this width will increase as depth is reached. On the Horseshoe vein, which is but 100 feet distant, an equally good showing is made and about 15 tons of ore have been taken out and sold to W. G. Wright of Grants Pass, who worked it in his mill in his assay office, it yielding from \$15 to \$40 per ton.

Another vein in Jones Creek district that is making a good showing is one that is being developed by Benjamin Batty & Sons. A tunnel has been driven in on the vein a distance of 80 feet and a vertical depth of 20 feet is now had and at this point the vein has attained a width of 12 inches, while on the surface it was scarcely two inches wide. A pay shoot, of free milling ore, has been struck of such richness that Mr. Batty and his son are mortgaging out from \$1 to \$6 a day. They are also getting out a quantity of ore and sacking it for shipment to a smelter. As the ore taken out pays their expenses they will continue their development work and fully open up the vein to learn of its extent and value.

There will be a Union Memorial service in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, May 28th, at 11 o'clock, preaching by J. B. Travis of Baptist church, in which service it is expected that all religious denominations will unite. May 30th being a national holiday, day set apart by the congress of the United States, composed of a body of men considered the greatest thinkers on the globe, and for and on behalf of those who gave their lives to save the unity of a nation, which through their sacrifice and perilous experience, has become the greatest nation of earth. It is therefore fitting that the citizens of Grants Pass should pay due respect to the departed heroes who have made it possible for us to enjoy and be a part of so great a nation. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Grants Pass, therefore most cordially invite the citizens of Grants Pass and vicinity, as well as all the children, to unite with them in appropriate services on that day, which in brief will be as follows:

In the forenoon, a detail appointed, will decorate the soldier's graves at the several cemeteries which have previously been rounded up and marked with a little flag.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m. sharp, services will begin in the opera house for which a very interesting program has been arranged. Rev. F. C. Williams of the Episcopal church will deliver the address, and H. C. Kinney will have charge of the vocal music.

After the exercises at the opera house, which will be about 3 o'clock, all societies, children and citizens are invited to form with us and march to the bridge over Rogue river, where the beautiful service of casting the first flowers of spring upon its waters, to be borne down to the mighty depths of the ocean, which is the sailor's winding sheet. These exercises will be conducted by the W. R. C. Committee.

Do Not Be Imposed Upon. Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates and is safest for children and delicate persons. For sale by Rotermond and The Model Drug Store.

If it is your own fault, if money is worth saving, its worth walking to People's market.

Mrs. F. O'Brien visited on Thompson creek last week, a guest at the home of Mrs. G. W. Winstrom.

Dick Hoffman arrived at Applegate Wednesday from California, where he has been working in a mine for some time.

The farmers of the Thompson Creek have organized an irrigation company to dig a ditch from the O'Brien fork in Josephine county, which will empty into Thompson creek and keep up this stream during the dry season. The ditch is to be two feet wide on the bottom and three on top, 10 inches deep and about two and one half miles long. The work was begun Wednesday with a crew of 14 men. Work will be rushed so that the ditch may be completed in time to bring in water for irrigation this season.

### Der Captain.

Why Suffer from Rheumatism? Why suffer from Rheumatism when one application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm will relieve the pain. The quick relief which this liniment affords makes rest and sleep possible, and that alone is worth many times its cost. Many who have used it hoping only for a short relief from suffering have been happily surprised to find that after awhile the relief became permanent. Mrs. N. B. Loggett of Yam Hill, Tennessee, U. S. A., writes: "I am a great sufferer from rheumatism, all over from head to foot, and Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that will relieve the pain." For sale by all druggists.

### STORE NEWS

Note terms at the bottom of this ad.

New Round Extension Tables  
Very reasonable prices.

New prices on Iron Beds

New Kitchen Cabinets

Hammocks—reduced

Tents—reduced

CARPET SALE STILL GOES ON—A few Remnants left; bring the measure of your room and buy a Carpet for it at one-third off.

Go-Carts—reduced

N. B.—Bring this ad with you; on any of the above named reduced goods its worth from 10 to 20 per cent to you.

## Thomas & O'Neil

The Housefurnishers

### MEMORIAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Union Services at Presbyterian Church—Exercises at Opera House and River.

### GROWS STRAWBERRIES FOR THE MARKET

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## PADDOCK SELLS CHEAP

to all the people all the time

## ...Paddock's Bicycle Den...