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BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME
TO BE UNDERTAKEN

Colonel Draper Plans to Dam
Illinois River and Develop
Great Water Supply.

Colonel T. Wain-Morgan Draper, the San Francisco capitalist and promoter, who brought about the development of the Takilma copper mines and the erection of a smelter at that place by Colorado capitalists, and who later has induced California parties to undertake extensive drilling operations, with steam portable drills, to ascertain the value of the placer land of this county with a view of putting in dredgers, has now turned his attention to irrigation and a water supply in the Illinois Valley. Colonel Draper's plan is to put in a great stone and concrete dam across the left fork of Illinois river near the point where that stream forks four miles south of Takilma. A great lake would be formed that would make storage to hold a body of water large enough to supply all the upper section of the Illinois basin.

A large water supply for the summer months is an imperative need for the development of the mineral and agricultural resources of the Illinois basin about Takilma. The Illinois river at this point carries an immense volume of water during the wet season but the streams get very low during the dry months. To equalize this water supply is the scheme that Colonel Draper is about to undertake, and he expects to be able to store enough water to greatly lessen the floods of winter and to make possible ample water for mining and irrigation purposes during the summer. It is quite certain that the Takilma smelter will be enlarged and other smelters will be erected in that copper belt and to provide them with an adequate water supply by gravity will be one purpose of the artificial lake to be created in the upper part of the valley. Below Takilma the Illinois valley widens out and there are thousands of acres, now idle and growing to brush, that would make fine hay, grain and fruit land were it under irrigation. Much of this bottom is supposed to be rich in gold and many placer claims have been filed upon it. Dredges will be used to work this ground and to supply water for floating the dredges and for washing the gravel will be another of the purposes of Colonel Draper's reservoir scheme. It is a big undertaking and may not be consummated for five years, but it is sure to be built, as will be many other similar reservoirs that will be constructed on the streams of Rogue River Valley, in the development of this section of Oregon.

Wheat Not a Big Crop.
County Superintendent Lincoln Savage returned Monday from Central Point, in the vicinity of which he is having a large, steam thrasher operated, it being in charge of M. L. Hurley, who has run it for the past eight seasons. Mr. Savage says grain is not yielding as heavy as was expected in Jackson county. A few fields are extra heavy, but many are very light.
Threshing has commenced in Josephine county by the two machines in the Applegate valley and the one in the Illinois Valley. The yield, as reported, is fairly good but not so heavy as was expected. The quality, both in this county and in Jackson is very good. Rogue River Valley is not a grain growing territory, as such land as would produce wheat is being put to alfalfa or fruit trees and the bulk of the flour and feed consumed here is imported, the local crop not supplying more than a fourth of the demand.

THE OPP MINE SOLD
FOR BIG SUM

Mr. Opp Sells to New York Parties
His Interest For \$125,000
—Mill to Be Enlarged.

The sale of the controlling interest in the Opp mine, which has been consummated by Foster & Gannell of this city acting for the owner, J. W. Opp, of Jacksonville, to Albany-New York parties represented by Richard Murphy of that city, is one of the most important made in Southern Oregon for the past year. Mr. Opp held seven-tenths of the stock of the Opp Mining Company, the other three-tenths being held by Fred T. Perry, of Jacksonville, and Dr. J. F. Reddy, of Medford, and for his stock Mr. Opp received \$125,000. Mr. Perry and Dr. Reddy stated that they will retain their stock.

The Opp mine is equipped with a 10-stamp, electric power mill, erected last fall, since which time the mill has been in highly successful operation. The building was erected for 20 stamps and it is reported that the new management will at once install the additional 10 stamps and the concentrators. For the present the mill will be under the management of Foster & Gannell. These gentlemen are also in charge of the Oregon Belle located five miles west of the Opp mine, upon which they have installed a 10-stamp mill, and placed it in operation two weeks.

There are 215 acres in the Opp tract and on it six well defined veins have been opened up. Nine tunnels have been run, embracing over 3,000 feet of work. All the veins show good values, and this summer two strikes of exceptional richness have been made.
The Opp mine is considered by mining men to be one of the most promising in Southern Oregon and certain to become a great gold producer.

WILDERVILLE NEWS NOTES

Forest Fires Fill Air With Stifling
Smoke—Events of the
Week.

Miss Emma McCann visited a few days at Merlin.

Jim Hooking and Arthur Erickson are at Portland at present.

Alex Jess has been busy the past 10 days baling hay in this neighborhood.

Ada Morris, of Medford, is visiting a few days with her cousin, Emma McCann.

Vessie Martindale of Grants Pass, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yancy McCollum.

Claudius Robinson has been quite busy canvassing for a doctor book and has had good success.

Mrs. Martha Wells and children of Medford are visiting relatives and old neighbors in this vicinity.

Mrs. H. D. Jones and Fred Lovelace are on Williams creek visiting Mrs. Jones' brother, George Hoxie.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sams' baby is poorly. Dr. Longbridge was called out by telephone Monday of this week. The little one is better at this writing.

J. Hooking had a three-months-old calf to get down among logs and willows and was not found for 14 days. When found it was more dead than alive, but with the best of care it is doing well. Uncle Fuller.

Mrs. J. Hooking is expecting to receive a visit from her son from Kansas.

Mrs. H. D. Jones and grandson left Monday morning for Williams creek to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. C. K. McCann and her daughter, Anna, started for Portland to attend the fair Thursday morning.

Miss Pearl Lewis left Sunday for Mr. Hussey's where she intends to pack peaches for a couple of weeks.

Miss Ada Norris from Medford who has been visiting Miss Emma McCann, returned home Thursday morning.

All that is necessary to obtain smoked meat is just to hang it up outside. We will surely smother if it don't rain.

BIG SHIPMENTS
MADE OF PEACHES

Merlin Leads Josephine County
as Shipping Point for
Peaches

Rev. Clark occupied the M. E. pulpit Sunday.

Messrs. Cousin and Roof of Galice spent Sunday in Merlin.

A new hotel in Merlin is being talked of, to be erected soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fry are planning a trip to the fair soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Light of Leland, visited near Merlin over Sunday.

J. Krater, of Gold Hill, is visiting his niece, Mrs. A. S. Rosenbaum, of Merlin.

A. B. Curtis, who lately returned from California, is still visiting friends in and near Merlin.

Mrs. Henry Miller of Leland, spent Wednesday in Grants Pass visiting with friends and in shopping.

Miss Josephine Crow goes to Grants Pass to take the teachers examination this week. Miss Crow works for state papers this time.

Peaches are being shipped from Merlin by the quantity. W. M. Crow expects to have 2500 or 3000 boxes and Chas. Dory 10,000 or 12,000 boxes.

Miss Blanche Pannell, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Bethers, started for her home in Kansas last Friday. She will stop at several places visiting friends on the way.

Numerous teams are engaged drawing lumber from Conger's mill, the ferry across Rogue river having been completed some time ago. They have about 30 days hauling yet.

Jas. Neely and daughter, Mrs. J. C. Cochran, are raticating at Bybee Springs for awhile. Mr. Cochran joins them on Friday and they will all return home next week.

The people of Merlin have a treat these hot days by Mrs. Rosenbaum keeping an ice cream parlor. Strange how hungry one will get for ice cream when they know they can get a big dish for 10 cents of Mrs. Rosenbaum's best make.

Merlin has the appearance in every way of a lively town. Your correspondent met E. D. Clanton, the new merchant, who is opening up a large amount of goods in the new store building. Mr. Clanton has the air and manner of a gentlemanly business man, and as such we welcome him into our town.

Tuesday we noticed Al Cousin in our town, on business.

Will Trimble is putting up a blacksmith shop in Merlin.

Several families of Merlin are preparing to go to the hop yards to pick hops.

Miss Ida Reynolds left for Mr. Crow's Sunday morning to pack peaches.

Carl Yan y and Will Reynolds went to Grants Pass Wednesday on business.

Miss Edna Keyte went to Grants Pass Monday morning to spend a few days with her aunt.

Several of the Grants Pass young people were seen riding around in our town Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson started for Bandon Monday morning, where they will spend the coming winter.

W. A. Massie is spending a few days at home, while his two sons are attending his work at the ferry.

Wednesday morning Ed Yancy and son, Frank, and several others left Merlin for Leland to work on the ditch.

Miss Anna St. John returned home Saturday from Hugo, where she has been spending a week with her friends.

Mrs. Ida Garoutte who lives upon Quartz creek about five miles from Merlin is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ed Yancy.

The Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools have united for the month of August as it is too warm to attend Sunday School in the afternoon.

Master Arthur Jones has been visiting his friends the Massie boys, at the ferry, since Saturday until Tuesday morning, when he arrived home.

Thursday evening after prayer meeting a number of the young people spent the remainder of the evening with Mrs. F. P. Jones and family. They passed a pleasant evening together, with singing and music.

Rheumatism
When pain or irritation exist on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment gives prompt relief. E. W. Sullivan, Prop. Sullivan House El Reno, O. T., writes June 6 1902: "I take pleasure in recommending Ballard's Snow Liniment to all who are afflicted with rheumatism. It is the only remedy I have found that gives immediate relief." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at Medel Drug Store and Rotermand's.

21 Jewels.
ELGIN WATCHES

Letcher's Jewelry Store
Lowest prices on Elgin and Waltham watches. Bring your watches and jewelry that need repairing to me. All my work is warranted.

A RED TAG SALE

It means that all goods marked with red tags are being sold at reduction prices at the Red Star Store.

We have put these goods at a very low price in order to close them out, and make room for Fall stock.

It is good for the buyers.

W. E. DEAN & CO.
RED STAR STORE.

Operates Placer on Oak Flat.
G. B. Ward of Selma, was in Grants Pass for several days attending to some business matters. Mr. Ward owns a placer claim on Oak Flat, on lower Illinois river, which he has equipped with a large giant and a big supply of water coming in under a heavy pressure. His ground is quite rich and easily handled and he had a very profitable run this past season.

Since he closed his mine the first of June he has been on an extended trip to Smith river and to Crescent City and only returned from the latter place last week to Kerby, where he stopped several days. Mr. Ward will return to Oak Flat about the middle of September to get all in readiness at his mine for a big winter's run.

Supt. Savage Holds Teachers Examinations.
County Superintendent Lincoln Savage began Wednesday and will close Saturday the semi-annual examination for teachers for Josephine county. He has assisting him on the board of examiners Prof. G. A. Savage of this city, and Prof. J. P. McCombe, of Merlin.

There are 16 applicants, two men and 14 women, and 10 are taking the examination for county papers and five for state papers.

If you want your property sold, list it with W. L. IRELAND, the REAL ESTATE MAN, COURIER BUILDING, ground floor.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
for children; safe, sure. No opiates

Machinery For Sale.
A 15 H. P. Russell engine, a No. 4 centrifugal pump, 200 feet 6-inch, double riveted pipe, 50 feet 5-inch pipe, 100 feet 6-inch belting, making a complete irrigating, or pumping plant. Also a turbine waterwheel, pulley and gears. All at a bargain. All kinds of machinery bought, sold and listed.

Grants Pass Iron & Steel Works.
Morrison Improved Hop Press at Craner Bros.

CLASSIFIED ADS.
PERSONAL.
Will write send address, G.

WANTED
WANTED—A waitress. Apply at Hotel Lorton.
WANTED—Woman to do family washing. Apply at Courier office.

WANTED—Large and small tracts of CHEAP land near the river. W. L. Ireland, The Real Estate Man.

HOP PICKERS wanted September 1, at Reymers' yard four miles below Grants Pass. Address R. A. N. Reymers, Grants Pass.

HOP PICKERS—150 Hop Pickers wanted for September 1st. Apply or address Mrs. M. Ranzau, six miles down Rogue River.

FIFTY HOP PICKERS wanted at Weston's yard, of 32 acres, three miles from Grants Pass, for September 1. Address C. L. Weston, Grants Pass.

TO EXCHANGE—A good residence lot for wood. A small tract of land in the edge of town for inside residence. See W. L. Ireland, The Real Estate Man.

EIGHTY HOP PICKERS wanted at the J. W. York hop yards. Picking will commence about September 1st. Call at yard or address J. W. York, Knibbi, Oregon.

PARTNER WANTED in one or all three of livery stable, lumber yard and blacksmith shop at Hornbrook, Cal. Will require investment of \$3,000 to \$5,000, part on time, if desired. Only a man who is a hustler and can give good references taken. Address L. H. Newton, Hornbrook, Cal.

FOR SALE.
Film—Courier Building.
FOR SALE—445 pony prero camera. Inquire of Geo. P. Craner.

FOR SALE—\$25 Columbia graphophone and 20 records. Will sell cheap or trade for wood. Address M. Courter office.

FARM FOR SALE—Two miles from Merlin, 100 acres—about 50 acres of good bottom land, 25 acres in cultivation, small house and barn and about 50 acres under fence, balance of land suitable for orchard or pasture. For further particulars address W. M. Crow, Merlin, Oregon.

200 ACRE ranch, good prero and apple orchard, small trails in abundance, water for irrigation, besides springs on every 40 acres; center of a good range country; two dwelling houses, big barn, every thing complete; well sheltered from frosts, good mining markets, one-half mile north of Tunesburg, price \$2,500. Inquire at this office.

QUARTZ MILL—One 5-stamp quartz mill complete with two 6-foot concentrators, 1 dodd, slime table, rock breaker, belting and everything pertaining to the mill, all for \$2500 cash. One big Sullivan steam air compressor, \$2000. This compressor will easily run 10 drills. One friction hoist \$450. Two 30-H. P. tubular boilers \$375 each. Call at or address Hotel Lorton, Grants Pass, Oregon.

FOR RENT.
THREE NICELY FURNISHED house keeping rooms for rent to man and wife. Inquire 32 1/2 and E street.

GOOD PASTURAGE for cows or horses, joining the town limits. For particulars call at Heck & Hays stable.

FOR RENT—A modern 6-room house in best location for \$15 per month. A good 5-room cottage for \$12. A good 3-room cottage for \$10. Two store-rooms W. L. Ireland, The Real Estate Man.

LOST.
LOST—A purse containing \$43.50 and other papers. A liberal reward will be paid for return of this purse to the Courier office. T. D. Malton.

MISCELLANEOUS
FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

CHURCH NOTICES.

St Luke's Church.
Morning service will be held in the church, Sunday, August 13 at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be the second in the series on the Lord's Prayer.

Presbyterian Church.
At the First Presbyterian church, corner Third and E streets, there will be services Sunday morning, August 13th, at 11 o'clock, when the pastor, Herbert H. Brown, will preach. His theme will be, "Behold, I Show You a Mystery." The Sunday School convenes as usual at 10 a. m. and the Christian Endeavor Society meets in devotional service at 7 p. m. The church will be closed in the evening to participate in the union service at the Baptist church.

Special Union Services.
The special Union Evening Service on Sunday will be held in the Baptist church, the Rev. Joseph E. Travis, pastor. The pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. H. C. Corbin, of the church of the Disciples of Christ, and it will be the occasion of his farewell sermon. The pulpit is cordially invited to attend this service.

Barber Shop Re-Opened.
The Hotel Josephine barber shop has been re-opened and two first-class barbers are in attendance. Neat bath rooms in connection.

Has Stood the Test of 25 Years.
The old, original GROVE'S Tasteless Chill Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay.

A. U. BANNARD invites your examination of his new stock of Furniture just opened. It is conceded by all to be the finest in quality and style ever shown in Grants Pass, and prices are quite below Portland or San Francisco. All goods marked in plain figures. We never quote large prices and so much reduction; do not have too. Come and see for yourself.
Goods sold on the installment plan and no extra price charged nor interest when paid as agreed.
A. U. BANNARD
Big Store North Side, 6th Street, Grants Pass

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Sells Drugs & Books
GRANTS PASS, ORE.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c. Enclosed with every bottle is a Ten Cent package of Grove's Black Root Liver Pills.

R. L. COE & CO. The BIG STORE
HAVE SOME
EARLY FALL BARGAINS THAT ARE TOO GOOD TO KEEP
You Will Save From 25 to 40 per cent by Buying Now

500 yards Colored Silks for Shirt Waist Suits, 75c quality, at.....	50c	1200 yards Nubbed and Plain Cecilians, all colors, extra good value at 75c, we are placing the entire lot on sale today at.....	50c
2000 yards Best quality Simpson Prints.....	4c	1500 yards Eiderdown French Flannels, regular 20c and 25c grades, all new Persian and French Patterns, elegant styles and qualities, entire lot now on sale at.....	12c
1500 yards Light and Dark Colored Outing Flannels.....	5c	2000 yards Dark Colored Duck, 12 1/2c grades, now on sale at.....	8 1/2c
25 dozen Pillow Cases.....	15c or \$1.50 per dozen	Boys Extra Heavy Ribbed Cotton Hose, 25c grades; you should not buy until you see them; now on sale at.....	17c
1000 yards Apron Check Gingham, good quality, at.....	5c	SPECIAL FOR HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES Just in—25 dozen Blankets and All Pure Cotton Comforters. No shoddy.	
60 dozen Children's 12 1/2c Heavy Ribbed Hose, reduced to.....	10c		

THE BIG STORE
Ever on the alert to offer attractive merchandise (and lots of it) to their customers, have just received a few wagon loads of Early Fall Cottons that can't help but appeal to every economical buyer as GENUINE BARGAINS. You may not need anything in the many bargains listed above just at this moment, but you will need them badly before many days. You can get them now and welcome. But Real Bargains have more buyers than sellers, which fact was fully demonstrated by our recent Big Mill End Sale.

Shoe Specials— We are now receiving our Fall Stock of the following well-known lines of the best makes of Shoes in America:

Our Leader
Hamilton & Brown's Genuine Vici Kid Shoes
Warranted All Solid Leather

Ladies	Children's
\$1.50 \$2.00 \$2.50	\$1 \$1.25 \$1.50 \$1.75 \$2

The Pacific Logger.
Strictly hand made and Water Proof.

Pingree's Gloria—\$3.50
20 different styles, Tan, Black, High Cut

Douglas Shoes—\$2.50 and \$3.50—New Fall Stock

R. L. COE & CO. THE BIG STORE

Sheet Music at 50 and 33 1/3% off

We have a large stock of SHEET MUSIC that will be sold at wholesale prices and some at less than cost. They're not old and out of date but all popular pieces. Among them are:

Synopated Rags, Pioneers' March, Social Whirl, Rose City March, My Irish Maiden, Hush, Hush, Hush,	Memories of the Past, She Sleeps Neath Oregon's Tall Pines, Regimental Daughter, When My Golden Hair Has Turned to Silver Gray.
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During week beginning Aug. 14 only
All music in the East window will be sold at above price.
SPECIAL CUT ON MANDOLINS
Only two left

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