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## THIS MEANS MUCH FOR THIS ENTIRE VICINITY

Welcome News Regarding the Proposed Opening of the Granite Hill Mine.

It is most gratifying news to the people of Grants Pass, and particularly those interested in mining in Josephine county that the American Gold Fields Company will soon resume operations on its big Granite Hill mines of Louse Creek district. The information comes from the headquarters of the company, at Chicago, that the difficulties which caused an unfortunate entanglement of the financial affairs of the company at a critical moment, have been cleared and that things will soon be humming again out at the camp. By issuing \$100,000 first mortgage bonds, for which the stockholders are liberally subscribing, sufficient funds have been secured to pay off all indebtedness, and place the affairs of the company on a sound footing. The suspension of mining and mining operations on the Granite Hill over a year ago came about through no fault of the mine itself. It was caused by a combination of circumstances that the wisest could not foresee, the prime cause being the sudden flooding of the property when a subterranean reservoir was struck. The unwatering of the mine and the subsequent adjusting of the machinery required considerable time. Just previous to the striking of the flood, the ore body had attained both a wide and a most staple character, and the returns, through the medium of the 20 stamp mill were such as to bring the brightest gleams of hope and assurance of prosperity to the owner. And these hopes were never lost. The management did not give up. A number of the leading men of the company, among them being Mr. Morphy, the manager, came to the rescue. In order to tide the company over its financial difficulties, Mr. Morphy gave liberally of his private funds, and backed his faith and confidence by turning over valuable real estate and other property.

The company has not allowed things to "run down" out at the mine. Granite Hill is far from being an "abandoned camp." Superintendent Charley Morphy, Foreman Thomas, with a crew of several experienced mining men, have been constantly on the mine, and both the underground works and the splendid equipment have been kept in working condition. The water problem is solved, and the mine is today in better condition than ever before. Developed to a depth of 500 feet, with nearly two miles of underground work, with a vast body of stable ore exposed, equipped with the finest hoisting plant in the state, with a 20-stamp mill and complete auxiliary six table Frovanner concentrating plant, and an electric power plant supplied with energy over the aluminum lines of the Condor company, the Granite Hill certainly does not look like a "worked out" "pinched out," "abandoned" proposition.

It is anything but this. The edge is from six to 12 feet wide with ore that does not "run up into the hundreds," but which is certain in its values of from \$7 to \$10, with portions on the hanging wall that carries \$20 to \$30. It is friable quartz, milling easily and assuring an absolute margin when mined in quantity. The 20 stamp mill can handle from 75 to 80 tons daily during two shifts, and the immense quantity of ore available by overhand stopping, as well as the convenience of arrangement of the equipment, allows the mining and handling of the ore at a small cost per ton.

Besides the Granite Hill claim proper, there are more than half a score other ledges on the company's holdings, some of which, notably the Red Jacket, Terry, and Ida, which have been developed to a depth of over 200 feet. The holdings cover more than 1000 acres on the two forks of Louse Creek. There is a vast acreage of rich placer ground, equipped with ditch and pipe, and the whole is covered with magnificent fir and pine timber. The company owns and operates its own sawmill and has built a prosperous mining town on its holdings. There is a postoffice, store and telephone, with daily mail and stage from Grant Pass. Now that operations are to resume, the camp will become more lively and active.

## ARRESTS TO BE MADE FOR ILLEGAL VOTING

Much Interest Being Taken in the Approaching City Election—Registration Heavy

As the time for the holding of the city election draws near interest in the outcome becomes more intense. Already there are some rumors floating around which would seem to indicate that the battle of ballots next Monday may not be so very tame after all even though no primaries were held.

Two of the candidates which were named for councilmen, at the caucuses, held Tuesday evening, November 19, as directed by the city council, did not qualify and are therefore out of the race, entirely. These are Lincoln Savage, in the Third Ward and W. J. Stovall, in the Fourth. This leaves an open field for Chas. Burkhalter, in the Third and for Frank Fetsch, in the Fourth.

As to who will be elected Mayor seems to be somewhat doubtful, friends of both Mayor Smith and Mr. Hall claiming that their man will come out with the highest vote. However, there are some elements entering into the contest, which make the results somewhat in doubt.

Registration has been unusually brisk, City Recorder Clements having as high as 70 per day during the past week. The total registration is in the neighborhood of 500. There are those who claim that there has been some illegal registration and they are making preparations to challenge such persons at the polls, Monday and if said parties are found to have made false registration, they will prosecute them to the full extent of the law. The city ordinance governing such things differs materially from the laws which have to do with the state and a national elections. No one who has not been a resident of the city of Grants Pass for a period of six months, just prior to the holding of the election is nonentitled to vote at the same. This provision has knocked many a citizen out of what he thought were his rights, as he figured on the law being like that governing the general elections. The poll books have been closely scanned by interested parties and it looks as though there was going to be some excitement to enliven the election day proceedings.

The election of T. P. Cramer in the First Ward, is conceded, as he has no opposition. The same is true of Chas. Burkhalter, in the Third and of Frank Fetsch, in the Fourth, and so the contest narrows down to the vote in the second, where the friends of the two candidates, Dr. W. W. Walker and Jas. Tuffs are lined up in good fashion. It is alleged that that is the ward where the most of the illegal voting will likely take place. The temperance people think that much depends upon the results in that Ward. If their man wins out, they will claim a majority of one in the city council, but in case he fails of election, then they expect the council will be a tie, when it comes to voting upon matters of a moral nature.

The results can only be guessed at and nothing positive will be known as to who is chosen for Mayor or alderman in the Second Ward, until the polls have been closed Monday and every vote is counted.

## TO THE VOTERS OF GRANTS PASS.

At an authorized meeting held in the Court House last Wednesday evening, I was nominated as a candidate for Mayor for the City of Grants Pass. I have accepted the nomination and leave the result to the voters. Having been asked for a statement will say: I represent no creed, sect or combination and if elected will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability in the interests of all and to the prejudice of none. The business interests of the City will have my earliest attention and in connection with these interests, I approve the enforcement of all laws and ordinances.

Grants Pass, Oregon, Nov. 21, 1907.  
L. B. HALL.

## WHERE MR. HALL STANDS.

Since the publication of Dr. Smith's card in the Observer of the 27th inst., this paper has interviewed L. B. Hall as to his position on the matter of the enforcement of the clause in the contract between the city and the Water & Light Company, which provides

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## THANKSGIVING WAS VERY GENERALLY OBSERVED

Grants Passites Had Ample Reason to Be Thankful and they Certainly Were.

The Courier scribe was endeavoring to ascertain who were thankful in Grants Pass, yesterday, and some of the reasons for being in that frame of mind, with the following result:

Judge Jewell: "That we are getting the affairs of Josephine county in such good condition."

Secretary Andrews, of the Commercial Club: "That our city and county are attracting many very desirable, new citizens, and that the Commercial Club has had a hand in the good work."

W. B. Sherman: "That I've got everybody thinking and talking about Tokay grapes and that the grape growing industry bids fair to be something immense in this valley, soon."

Geo. S. Calhoun: "That we have the best country on earth and that the people elsewhere are finding it out."

R. H. O'Neill: "Thank the Lord, the cats are all gone and I hope they will never come back."

Manager H. C. Kinsey, of the New Opera House: "For the way in which the people are taking an interest in the new playhouse, I am abundantly thankful."

County Clerk Cheshire: "Bless the Lord, those old holidays will end one of these days and then our office can catch up in its work."

Professor Rowell: "Gee, but I've got lots to be thankful for, chiefly for the splendid success which the two bands are achieving."

Cashier Jewell: "Ain't I thankful for the confidence the good people of this community have displayed in the manner in which they have acted towards our bank in these trying times?"

Several Old Bachelors: "My gracious, we'd be more thankful if another Leap Year was not so near at hand."

Many Young Ladies: "We are truly thankful that soon the Leap Year will be here, when we can select our own fellows."

Chas. Meserve: "Thunder and Mars I've got so many things to be thankful for that I hardly know where to begin."

Several Aspirants for the Grants Pass Postoffice: "Yes, we're very thankful that our fate will soon be decided."

Cashier Gilkey: "When we find the people putting such implicit confidence in our bank we cannot help being truly grateful."

Attorney Marcus Robbins: "That I am still enjoying single blessedness, even if some people would like to see me otherwise."

Mayor Smith: "When things have been moving along so nicely and the future of the city looks so bright, how could I feel otherwise?"

Merchant Coe: "Thankful, did you say? Why, bless you, when a firm has had such a fine trade, as ours has had, how could I feel anything but truly thankful."

Will Moore: "That my chances for capturing that postoffice appointment are so good, I'm devoutly thankful."

Grants Pass Football Players: "That we got away from Ashland with our scalps still intact, after such a drubbing as they gave us last week."

Sheriff Russell: "That I was elected to this office in a strong Republican county, and that, too, with only the paper in Jackson county saying a good word for me."

Merchant Truax: "Wouldn't you feel good, too, if you had a big establishment like ours and it did a splendid business as ours has been doing in the past?"

Geo. R. Riddle: "Guess I am thankful, all over, for the excellent trade we've been having and for the further good reason that Will Ireland has joined our ranks and we can now do much more business."

R. L. Bartlett: "That our only exclusive shoe store in the city has been enjoying an exceptionally good trade all along."

M. E. Moore: "That my big stock of new goods are going nicely and

that I can soon order another fine lot."

A. B. Cornell: "That my man Hall is going to win the Mayoralty honors, even if the opposition do call me 'Rev. Cornell.'"

Merchant Mashburn: "When business has been coming our way so nicely, I could not help but be truly thankful, as I certainly am."

Several Josephine County Fruit-growers: "We are exceedingly thankful that there has been such a grand and wide spread revival of interest in our industry."

J. Pardee: "It would be an impossibility, for me to even begin to enumerate the many things for which I am thankful, for they are so many."

Grants Pass Ministers: "For the truly brotherly feeling which exists among the various denominations we are devoutly grateful. There is no proselyting and all the churches are doing good work."

Several Saloon Keepers: "We'd feel a mite more like being thankful if we only knew, for sure that the others of Josephine county would not put us out of business, next June."

H. C. Bobzien: "When business has been coming my way so nicely, all through the year, I'd be ungrateful if I was not truly thankful."

P. H. Barth: "Our store has been having a fine trade and this is one of the great many things for which I am grateful."

Manager Robie, of the Williams Bros. Factory: "Well, I should say we are thankful for the fine business and the way the trade has been coming our way, all along."

Street Superintendent McLean: "That we did not have a big fire like Medford before our fire hydrants were tested and made ready, ought to make any fellow feel good and thankful."

County Treasurer Taylor: "That our banks are sound and solid and so I don't have to lay awake nights, thinking about the safety of the county's money, I have abundant reason to feel thankful."

Mayor-to-be Hall: "When I find my many friends determined to put me into office, I would be ungrateful if I did not feel thankful for the fact that I have so many such kind friends."

Joe Wharton: "That I managed to ride that Masonic, Sir William Goat into the order and to glory, is good reason for being thankful, not to say anything about the nice business I am building up."

Assessor Fallin: "That the county board did so little altering in my work and for the many friends who want me as the next Sheriff of Josephine county, I am very thankful."

Several Boys: "Ain't we thankful that we haven't been caught yet, taking off bicycles and hiding them? They say they will get us yet, so we had better stop the practice."

Prominent Citizen: "I would be still more thankful if our City Fathers would only go ahead and connect the railroad people to build that piece of needed sidewalk."

Letcher, the Jeweler: "My gracious man, how can I be expected to begin to tell all the things for which I am thankful? They're too many."

Manager Horn of the Southern Oregon Supply Co: "Thankful we are that our firm has been having such an unprecedented run of business all through the year."

A. U. Bannard: "I have many and great things for which to be grateful, not least of which has been the nice line of business which has been coming our way all the time."

W. J. Gardner: "We have only been here a short time, but already we have found the people are glad to get big bargains and they have been giving us a nice line of trade, for which we feel truly grateful."

Omens, the Druggist: "We have been having lots of reason for giving thanks, chief among which is the splendid business that has been ours, all along."

## CITY FATHERS LOOK AFTER MUCH BUSINESS

Many Matters of Importance Passed Upon by Them at the Regular Meeting.

Much interest has been aroused by the action which the city council proposes taking, relative to the recent raise in rates by the Rogue River Water Co. The city fathers have waited upon the Water Co., urging that the old prices be maintained but all to no purpose, for they were informed that the corporation would close its mains, rather than concede the point in question. Other attempts were made to accomplish this, but these, too, were likewise failures. Now it begins to look as though the councilmen would yet accomplish their end, for it has been discovered that in 1904 an agreement was entered into by and between the city and the Grants Pass Water, Light & Power Co., when a bond in the sum \$1000 was given, binding the said corporation not to "increase its present rates for water or lights to private consumers, within the city of Grants Pass." This agreement does not expire until November 22, 1909.

The council, upon an opinion handed down by Attorney G. W. Colvig, will institute proceedings against the Water Co., for the purpose of compelling it to refund all money collected from patrons in excess of the old rates. City Attorney Colvig has given the Water Co., the proper notice and as soon as the holidays shall have ceased, he will commence proceedings against the said corporation to carry out the instructions of the city council. At the adjourned meeting of the city council, Friday night, the following matters were acted upon: J. H. Ahlf and others petitioned to have the electric light kept on 5th street, between G and H. This was laid on the table.

The following labor claims, assigned to Col. W. Johnson were ordered paid: O N Atwood, \$17.50; Wm Witt, \$17.50; P Dunn, \$17.50; C D Grimes, \$17.50; R E Clarke, \$17.50; C F Parker, \$13.75; J K Weatherman, \$18.75; J T Breeding, \$18.75; C Constant, \$11.25; G W Kinney, \$5; S F Claybourn, \$11.25; Wm Law, \$2.50; D S Schriver, \$13.75; Geo King, \$5; W D Finch, \$7.50.

Other bills were allowed as follows:

Superintendent Turner: "We are having lots of reason for being in a thankful frame of mind, for the schools of Grants Pass have been doing lots of good work, the teachers all pulling together nicely, and the parents have shown their hearty cooperation."

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## COUNTY WARRANTS ARE CALLED BY TREASURER

County Official Taylor Finds He Can Divide Cash With Holders of Warrants.

There are funds in the Treasury to pay all warrants registered prior to July 15th, 1904. Interest will cease from this date. Nov. 29, 1907.  
J. T. TAYLOR,  
County Treasurer.

## Bridge Proposal.

The County Court of Josephine, County, Oregon, will consider sealed bids for contract to construct a steel bridge across Rogue River at Grants Pass, Oregon, January 2, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M. Each party will be entitled to two bids: One on plan and specification now on file with the County Clerk, and one on plan and specifications to be furnished by bidder to be filed with County Clerk on or before December 16, 1907. Bridge to be 400 feet long and 23 feet wide.

11-22-07

A. L. Lovelace, representing "The Stoppers of the World," a mining men's organization is in the city for the purpose of interesting the mining men here in the proposition to organize a branch of the order here. He tells the Courier that he has received much encouragement here.

The entire Dixon stock of Dry goods, shoes, underwear, hats, etc., is being sold out at cost. 11-15-07

F O Wilcox, labor with team, \$86.50; C A Cogle oats \$30; P Proctor printing \$21.50; L A Lucas & Son mds \$2.10; G P Iron Steel Works, mds, \$26.50; Herbert Smith, mds, \$427.50; C G Gillette, mds, \$25.45; Col. Johnson stamps and stationery \$5.

The ordinance asked by the Thompson Land & Power Co. was ordered passed to each councilman for inspection and the fixing of rates for all water companies was postponed until later.

An ordinance levying a tax for municipal purposes was read and referred to the judiciary committee.

An ordinance was passed for the revision compilation and publication of all ordinances.

A report was read from County Clerk Cheshire showing that the city's assessed valuation amounted to \$1,423,715.

The City Auditor was instructed to hereafter file all important contracts with the city in the County Clerk's office.

It was decided to submit to the voters at the coming election the proposition of purchasing rock crusher and steam roller the same not to cost over \$7000.

## TRULY THANKFUL

For the excellent trade which has been coming our way during the past year and for the bright prospects that this will continue to be the case during the next year, and for the fine Turkey Dinner I am very LARGELY THANKFUL

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.	<b>R. H. O'Neill</b> THE HOUSEFURNISHER Front St., bet. 6 and 7	Stoves and Ranges, Graniteware, Agateware, Towels, Woodenware, Willowware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.
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