THE COURIER.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

We invite correspondence from all sections on subjects of local and other interests.

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EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.

The Cutting case rests now in the hands of a government agent sent down there to investigate. It is virtually laid on the table.

W. F. Benjamin is now acting editor of the Roseburg Plaindealer, vice D. S. K. Buick, who has gone east with the Oregon exhibit car.

Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, recently dethroned by a mob, is so rapidly gaining favor with the people and soldiery that his reinstatement is very apt to follow.

John F. Swift has been nominated for governor by the Republicans of California. The Chronicle takes occasion to "land him to the skies" as peculiarly fitted for the office. The Democrats nominate Bartlett for governor. Both men are strong and the fight will be a close one.

The greatest war of the century is said to be near at hand, involving the great powers of Turkey, Roumania, Bulgaria, Austria, England, Germany and France. If the ball opens, up goes wheat. Let us not hope for war, but if it comes over there, Oregon will be benefited financially.

Isaac Hiatt, who shot and killed J. O. Pierce near Dilley a few days ago, had an examination before Justice Collins at Hillsboro on Wednesday of last week. The court found that the crime of murder had been committed as charged, and held the defendent to answer before the grand jury without bail.

The editor of the Moscow Mirror is very hard up, as witness the following double-leaded editorial paragraph: "We would like a number of old gunny sacks that are worthless for holding grain, to be given us on subscription by those in arrears. We want to use the gunny sacks to make us some underwear. Those who have neither gunny sacks or money can bring us some wood. If we can't have underwear we can fire up providing you bring the wood. Please send us some old flour sacks for Sunday."

Do you want the flour well shaken out of the sacks, if so, we can furnish you with some, and by that means keep business inside of the profession and in a sly way boy-cot our subscribers who do not pay promptly.

It is rumored that train time on the O. & C. R. R. will be changed for the fall and winter schedule, so as to make closer connection and shorter time for the through trip between Portland and San Francisco. The rumor saith that the time between Ashland and Portland will be shortened several hours, that the trains will arrive here about midnight and leave, also, somewhere about that time. Postmasters and and express agents down this way will "kick" if such a schedule should be adopted.—[Ashland Tidings.

This would bring the trains in here early in the evening, perhaps before dark. This would be a great benefit to Grant's Pass and it is a change which we will enjoy sooner or later. Competition between the various railway lines will stir the O. & C. R. R. up so that Grant's Pass will receive trains in daylight instead of night.

The Umpqua River railroad project moves ahead in good shape. Sufficient funds have been secured to complete the survey, and it is hoped to have the surveyers in the field within ten days. The details of the organization of the company are not yet completed, but are being arranged as fast as possible. This enterprise seems to be touching the latent energies of our people; they are taking hold of it with a will. Let the ball roll on. We must have a railroad to the coast.—[Drain Echo.

The Echo deserves much praise for its aggressive work in the pushing of this question, and it is to be hoped the enterprise may be a success. Competition is the only way to a reduction of freights and fares on this coast, and we might as well come right down to a realization of that fact and as a measure of relief, do all we can to create competitive lines of railways, boats, wagon roads or anything else that opposes monopoly, being careful, however, to determine the difference between monopolies and well spent capital.

METHOD OF ASSESSING.

It is not our purpose just now to discuss in detail, the subject of assessments and the manner in which they should be levied upon the tax payers of a county for purposes of sustaining county and state governments, but it does seem to us that a great error exists in the manner of assessing. For instance, property of all kinds is assessed at about *one-half* or *two-thirds* its real value, which necessitates a high rate of taxation, that is a large number of mills on the dollar, in order to raise a certain number of dollars necessary to meet current expenses of government. The rate is therefore fixed high, say for illustration, at 25 mills on the dollar, which, we believe, is the rate at present in Josephine county. Now suppose a keen, shrewd, practical man from some of the very economical states east comes out here as many of them do, and upon examination, find that we maintain such a high rate of taxes his opinion is at once fixed that it is a bad place to invest money, and he probably goes away without learning that the taxable property in the first place was assessed for about one-half its real value, or but little over that. And should he be told that such was the case, his first impression would be hard to remove, for he, like most men, would think that perhaps the assessor who assessed upon a basis of that sort, might levy the valuation high on him and low on every body else. Now suppose on the other hand that property was assessed at its full value, and in comparison the per centum of taxes on the dollar down as low as about fifteen mills, the stranger would be favorably impressed with the county government, his capital would be induced, and he, perhaps, while acting under favorable impressions, would buy a farm among us and become a valuable acquisition to our population. We have no doubt the policy pursued drives away men of means who would otherwise become settlers. The final result of the two methods we admit is just the same, but it requires too much explanation to make men who have been accustomed to a tax of about 15 mills on the dollar, believe that there is no difference between an under-rate levy and high millage and a plump levy and low millage. The first impression is against high levies and percentages, and as people do business now days largely on first impressions, we think the county loses by this system of false economy. We are talking about the entire State and not a single county of the State.

Hon. Binger Hermann is visiting the old homestead at Myrtle Point. We of Southern Oregon should be proud of having such a man as Hermann in congress as our representative. Born and raised on a farm his sympathies are all with the people, and especially with Southern Oregon. Speaking of Saulisburys disposition of the mail question he says:

"I read this a. m., your editorial on that mail service by Saulisbury & Co. and I share a part of your indignation. I remember well that a leading inducement to our efforts in shortening the schedule to 19 hours was the hope that this would necessitate the putting on of a fast and commodious stage line."

There ought to be a revision of the contract system governing the letting of mail routes so that the whole disposition of the manner of performing service does not rest with the contractor and his subcontractors or agents. The department aims to be strict, yet by a bad arrangement a single contractor may take all the mail contracts in the United States and if he finds out that he has bid them too low, then he turns himself loose cutting and slashing both the schedule and the number of trips to be performed and through an unfair pressure he may succeed in deranging any or all of the routes so as to deprive the people of their rights and privileges as contemplated in the contract.

We are told by postmaster Woodbury, that the mail-carrier has now abandoned the wagon road on the other side of the Low Divide until he gets to the top of the Magrew mountain. He goes from Simth River to the Divide, then to Gasquet's and from that point follows the trail until it intersects with the wagon-road on the Magrew mountain.—[Record.

The wagon road does not go near Magrew mountain, but this does not effect the main question. The fact that the Wimer wagon road has at last been annihilated will no doubt end the strife over that expenditure of $20,000 in the attempt to build up commercial relations between two counties, one in Oregon and the other in California. In two years from now a wagon cannot be got in and out of Del Nort county. Mr. Gasquet will not build a wagon road to the Oregon line, but he will keep up a good trail so that the business will be so divided that a wagon road cannot be sustained and it will become impassible in one more winter. We truly hope the people of Crescent City will not hold serious hatred toward us on account of this blunder financial. We feel as though our large outlay of capital and time trying to develop the country has made us many enemies in California. At one time we felt great pride in the matter, but both the pride and money invested have "gone where the woodbine twineth."

The mail service is hardly being carried according to schedule time, but the contractor's agent is doing the best work possible under the circumstances. More time should be given, as it is a losing and very difficult task to carry the mail 120 miles over a rough road in less than 24 hours in the most favorable season of the year.—[Times.

Instead of 120 miles it is but 105 miles. The history of this whole question is this: The contractor took the contract at less than half the cost of running such a service. If the road was level all the way the service could not be performed for $5,000. Now his agent is busily engaged skinning the people in order that he can grind out a miserable existance to their detriment as well as his own. The Times editor is very sympathetic. Do you know Mr. Nickle that this very agent says: "We don't care anything about the people," and that "we will buy our feed and ship it in" to Josephine to supply the line. Does not the price bid and the manner of performing service show that they care nothing for the people's interests and very little for the postal laws? What difference does a rough road make with a pack mule. From here to Waldo the road is the finest in the state. From there over, they pack the mails on mules and they pay no attention to any portion of their contract but do just as they please and defy everybody.

The whole drift of the public mind to-day seems to be on the gold-producing portions of Southern Oregon, or the broad prairies of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho Territories and Yaquina bay.—[Telephone.

Yes, we are aware that there is more mining talk in Portland and elsewhere about Southern Oregon than ever before. Capt. Ankeny remarked a few days ago while in our presence that Southern Oregon had of late been sending out some quartz "that began to look like quartz." We expect a great deal from the mines of this country. In fact, it is distinctly a mining country, with the advantages of fruit, grain, vegetable and hay lands added, which will render mining less expensive.

Jacksonville Items.

(*Sentinel.*)

The telegraph office has been moved back to its old quarters in the sentinel building where you can get all the lightning you want at regulation price.

Herafter, until further notice the C. O. & I. Stage Co. will run two stages from Yreka to the new terminus at Castle Rock, on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, returning on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

C. Scheideman was examined by Drs. Robinson and DeBar this week on a charge of insanity and was so pronounced and ordered taken to the Asylum. This is the old man who attempted suicide by cutting his throat not long since. Sheriff Dean took him below the next day.

During the year ending with the last freight R. S. Dunlap informs us that 1,154,000 pounds of freight was brought to Jacksonville requiring over $15,000 for freight money. He kept no record of the exports but thinks it would amount to over 2,000,000 pounds. A very good showing for a deserted town.

RIDDLE, Sept. 7th, 1886.

W. J. WIMER, ESQ.—Dear Sir:—My "Ad" in your paper has been productive of good results, and I shall continue to have it published. You have made a splendid paper of the COURIER and I hope to hear of your continued success for years to come. Very respectfully,

WILL Q. BROWN.

A frightful epidemic has made its appearance in Parrotsville, Coke county, Tennessee. The disease proves fatal in every case and resembles a flux, except that the victims are attacked with severe pains in the head simultaneously with a pain in the abdomen. Twenty-seven deaths have occurred within three days. Physicians are hopelessly unable to cope with the disease.

We call attention to our very interesting communications this week. We are glad to hear of improvements through-out the county, and believe the day for a move forward "all along the line" is near at hand.

Organ For Sale.

Parties wishing to buy a First-class Taber Organ cheap, will please call at the residence of A. Cole, or at this office. A big bargain is offered

24tf] A. COLE.

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Highest Cash price paid for Country Produce, Hides, Furs, Etc., Etc.,

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Work done to Order on Short Notice

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Rates of Tuition for Non-resident Pupils:

PRIMARY—$3.00 PER TERM OF TWELVE WEEKS.
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Grant's Pass, Oregon.

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Thorough and Practical Instruction, near Wilderville, Josephine County, Oregon. Will commence its first session,

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Geometry, and the Higher Mathematics, Book-keeping, Latin, and the Principles of the German Language $9.00.

Instrumental and Vocal Music will be Taught on Reasonable terms.

Board including Room, Lights, &c., $2.50 per week.

Unfurnished Rooms free to Students boarding themselves.

The School Room will be furnished with Good Seats, Wall Maps, Globes and Cubical Blocks; also

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None will be allowed to attend Dances while Students of the School.

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Special Inducements Afforded to those Preparing to Teach.

No pains or expense will be spared to make the School equal to any in Southern Oregon, in point of

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Good produce taken in part pay. Patronage Solicited.

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Notice of Administrator's Sale of Personal Property.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Josephine, sitting as a Court of Probate, made on the sixth day of September, A. D. 1886, in the matter of the estate of Thomas T. Bybee, late of said county, deceased. The undersigned, administrator of said estate, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on

Saturday, the 9th day of October, A. D. 1886,

under the terms hereinafter stated, at the late residence of the said Thomas T. Bybee, deceased, Near Waldo in said Josephine County, the following mentioned personal property, to-wit:

Three cows; Five 4 year-old steers; Four 3 year-old steers; Four 2 year-old steers; Six yearlings; One horse; Lot of hay by the ton; Wheat by the bushel, and lot of potatoes.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and continue until the said property is sold.

TERMS OF SALE:—One third of the bid to be paid in cash, balance on six months time, with interest from date of sale at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, to be secured by note, with approved security. All property to be settled for as above before delivered.

W. J. WIMER,
Administrator of the estate of Thomas T. Bybee, deceased.

September 7th, 1886. [24d

SUMMONS.

IN the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Josephine.

G. A. WILPRET, Plaintiff, vs. LUCY WILPRET, Defendant. } Suit in Equity for Divorce.

To Lucy Wilpret, defendant,

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are required to appear in said Court and answer the complaint of said Plaintiff, filed against you within ten days from the time of the service of this summons on you, if served within said county; or if served on you within any other County in this State, then within twenty days from the time of service; or if served on you out of the State of Oregon, then it is ordered by L. R. Webster, Judge of said Court, that publication be made for six weeks in the Rogue River Courier prior to the 1st Monday in November, A. D. 1886. And you are notified that, if you fail to answer said complaint as above required, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit:

For a judgment and decree against you that the bonds of matrimony be dissolved and forever annulled; that plaintiff be awarded the future care and custody of Clara Wilpret, and a further decree that the plaintiff have the exclusive ownership and title to the West ½ of the N. W. ¼ of Section 1, Tp. 38, S. R. 5 W.

Given under my hand this 14th day of August, A. D. 1886.

S. U. MITCHELL,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Order for publication dated August 30, 1886. Done at Lakeview in Chambers. [24-6t

Notice For Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 31, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of the county court of Josephine county, Or., at Grants Pass on Saturday Oct. 9th, 1886, viz: A H. Carson, Homestead Entry No. 3365 for the E. ½ of N. E. ¼ Sec. 21 and W. ½ of N. W. ¼ Sec. 22, Tp. 37 S. R. 5 West, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Lewis Hays, J. D. Hays, F. G. Day, Henry York, all of Murphy, Josephine county, Oregon. CHAS. W. JOHNSTON, Register.

23-6t.]

SUMMONS.

IN the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Josephine.

MARY J. KNAPP, Plaintiff, vs. FINEY KNAPP, Defendant. } Suit in Equity for Divorce.

To Finey Knapp, defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are required to appear in said Court and answer the complaint of said plaintiff, filed against you, within ten days from the time of the service of this summons on you, if served within said county, or if served on you within any other county in this State, then within twenty days from the time of the service, or if served on you out of the State of Oregon, then it is ordered by the Judge of said court that publication be made for six weeks in the above named court, prior to the 1st Monday in November, A. D. 1886. And you are notified that if you fail to answer said complaint as above required the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein to wit:

For a decree of the court dissolving and forever annulling the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and restoring the said plaintiff to her former name, and such other and further relief as the court may deem meet and proper.

J. S. GAGE,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

By order of L. R. Webster, Judge of the Circuit Court, Josephine County. This 6th day of August, 1886. [20-6t

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Aug 25, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver U. S. Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1886, viz: Jane Bybee, widow of Thos. T. Bybee, deceased, Homestead entry No. 4614, for the S. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼ N. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ and W. ½ of S. E. ¼ Sec. 3 Tp. 41. S. R. 6 West, W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James Connell, George Wimer, John B. Dissell, Wilham Darkis, all of Waldo, Josephine County.

CHAS. W. JOHNSTON,
22-6t] Register.

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