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A Leading Feature.

In addition to being a live, progressive and general newspaper in all matters pertaining to the interests of the public, and a complete and reliable reflex of important local news, THE MAIL will give from week to week all the latest mining news. Indeed, it is the purpose of the management of THE MAIL to make it the leading mining journal of the county, and if possible, of Southern Oregon. This course has been rendered necessary in view of the unprecedented interest now being manifested in this branch of Southern Oregon industry. The importance of this industry will more fully appear when it is considered that Jackson County was credited last year with 400,000 bushels of wheat which, at 45 cents per bushel, represents a value of \$180,000, while the accredited output of gold from the mines was \$250,000. Add to the value of the wheat, 50,000 bushels of barley and 30,000 bushels of oats at 50 cents per bushel, and the whole cereal yield will represent a value of \$220,000, or \$30,000 less than the gold output. This may appear startling, but figures and values are given and the conclusions cannot be controverted. It will be seen, therefore, how essential it is that this great industry should have such representation as its importance requires. Crisp and entertaining paragraphs and descriptive articles from the hydraulic, the ground sluice, the pick, pan and shovel will be a special feature of THE MAIL hereafter.

"The Southern states especially," says the Atlanta Constitution, "are interested in the speedy construction of the Nicaragua Canal, because by it the trade of the world could be controlled in our ports." No doubt the South will be greatly benefited by the great ocean highway, but there is no corner of the earth that will not derive some advantage from its completion.—Eugene Register.

THE happy termination of the Roberts case is a victory for social purity and a recognition of conscience in government which will be productive of far reaching results. It will serve notice to all concerned that violators of law need not hope to be invested with the authority to make law. It will do more. The question has now been fully opened and the issue stands out in relief for investigation and settlement all along the line of this social ulcer. No man will be clothed with a federal appointment hereafter who is tainted with the now odious heresy of Mormonism, or is in sympathy with polygamy. And this is not all. If there are any polygamists now in office under appointment the present congressional inquiry will ferret them out, and they will be promptly dismissed. The determination of the Roberts case is a thrust at the obnoxious social features of the Mormon faith that is certain to reach its utmost vitals. Why? Because the highest law-making power of the commonwealth has placed it under a ban by denying it representation or recognition in its councils. And when it is understood that the devotees or advo-

ates of this doctrine are debarred the privileges and perquisites of official position, this fact alone will stamp the evil out. Self interest, supplemented by the pressure of the government, and intensified by a desire to escape the social ban, will make short work of this too long tolerated abomination.

THE present winter has been the most balmy and pleasant of any experienced here for many years. Much of the time the sun has shown out brilliantly and warm and the days have been delightful as a temperate spring. The grain is far advanced and indications point to an overflow in the cereal yield. There is danger, however, that the auspicious season may precipitate the fruit buds too early, and a possible late frost catch them too far advanced and cut off in a measure this important product. A large grain and fruit yield, supplemented by a handsome income from the sale of stock and an unusually large gold output from the mines, ought to place Jackson County on a footing of prosperity not excelled by any other locality in the state. With this encouraging outlook from the several sources indicated, and no reasonable probability of failure or disappointment from either, the people of a locality so favored by every consideration of climate, soil and conditions, should be satisfied and duly grateful that chance has cast their lot in a section of country offering so many natural advantages for a pleasant home and an easy competence.

THE literary genius of the Free Press is out in an article on McKinley prosperity so weighty it requires the combined strength of the first, second and third persons to carry it. As a production of exquisite literary taste and unanswerable logic it is destined to go down the cycles of time a perpetual model for the admiration and guidance of all coming generations. It bears the impress of a giant mind under a rare state of inspiration. After this forceful arraignment, which will of course commend itself to all thinking and intelligent people, the president will not be likely to have the audacity to persist in refusing to allow bankers to loan money to "ignorant, ragged, shivering, hungry, heartbroken and discouraged people" upon their promises to pay; of course not. It will not be surprising after this masterful rebuke, if President McKinley feels it incumbent upon himself to issue a proclamation compelling bankers to loan money to "ragged and discouraged" republicans, or resign his office and retire in fear and mortification to the obscurity of private life. But seriously, this production of the Free Press is the most idiotic, nonsensical argument that ever came from the pen of man. A being endowed with the sense which is supposed to have been given geese could not produce a facsimile. It goes on to tell that because of McKinley confidence a banker would be justifiable in loaning to any old thing that happened along a thousand or two dollars and take as his security McKinley confidence. The very next time the mayor's office, with yellow letters on the window, gets an inspiration like unto the one which produced the argument in question, sidetrack it, Mr. Free Press, or permit the compositor to edit it as it is being put in type—do this for the good of the populists—whose interests you profess to espouse.

McKinley Club Meeting.

There is promised an interesting time at the McKinley club meeting this (Friday) evening, at town hall. Attorney Carl Narreagan will give the members an interesting talk upon republican issues. Carl is a bright young man and a good speaker—and his talk will be well worth listening to. Besides this the Republican male quartet has promised to furnish a goodly amount of good music. It is earnestly desired that all members be present—and all others who may wish to become members. The meeting is called for 7:30 o'clock.

Voters, Attention!

I am prepared to register all voters in Medford precinct.
D. T. LAWTON,
Notary Public.

Why Not a Fruit Growers' Meeting?

There is no one so far advanced in any given science, art or industry that he can claim to know it all. The most brilliant mechanical genius that ever made a discovery and obtained a patent upon it, has had it improved upon. Men learn by comparison, experiment and intelligent effort. Industry and a determination to learn and improve are the prime factors in the world's progress. A comparison of methods and adoption of the best, constitute an intelligent application of industrial principles that cannot fail to achieve results. The quality of fruit shipped from Jackson County, as a whole, last season was superior to that shipped in former years. This fact is proved from Mr. J. A. Whitman, who, while not as extensive a grower of fruit as some, is by far the most extensive shipper. It is a conceded fact, however, that the smaller orchardists are to a great extent accountable for the production of the inferior fruit which is oftentimes put upon the market. The larger growers, those who make horticulture their chief and only business, give their orchards the required attention and are in consequence rewarded for their efforts and it is to be regretted that the general average of the county must be lowered by those who do not properly care for their orchards, and it is especially to their interests that this meeting is suggested. At the same time it can readily be seen that in stimulating an interest with the small growers and better care of the smaller orchards a direct and positive benefit is gained by the larger and more practical growers.

The fact cannot be gainsaid that Southern Oregon is especially adapted to the production of a first quality of fruit. Under existing conditions, with the land in some measure impoverished by long cultivation and a multitude of fruit pests to fight, the best results cannot be attained except by intelligent and well directed labor. What is especially desirable is a careful consideration of every phase of this important industry that the revenue from this source may be largely increased and the reputation of the county sustained as the first in the state in the matter of fruit. A discussion of this interest by the leading and experienced fruit growers of the county is timely, and would be productive of much good. In this day of enterprise and progress a leading position cannot be maintained in any direction without effort. Fruit growers should sacrifice quantity to quality if they expect to meet an exacting market. This can be done by close and careful pruning, thorough cultivation and energy in the protection of trees from pests. Through the shipments of last year, which covered a wide range, Jackson County may be considered as having seriously entered as a candidate for the patronage of the world's fruit markets. Consignments were made to England, Australia, Asia, New York, Pennsylvania, Montana, Dakota and many other of the eastern states. Let us have a fruit growers' convention and a general discussion of this industry by the most successful growers that the standard of fruit may be raised to something near the capabilities of the locality.

Who will be the first to move in the matter and call such a convention?

County School Notes.

Miss Gertrude Beaver will teach the spring term in No. 33.

The winter term of school at Prospect, Miss Dickey teacher, closed with literary program by the school and an oyster supper given by the directors.

The entertainment by the class of 1901 Ashland high school, was given to a crowded house and with a small admittance netted \$85 for the library fund. When this sum is expended there will be in the school library over 600 volumes besides the large collection of reports and supplementary reading books.

A literary society has been organized by the pupils in No. 69, and regular rhetorical work undertaken. Nothing will do more to develop pupils in the proper way than wisely directed work for the purpose of giving fluent use of good language. Many pupils fail in examination because they have not command of language to express their ideas clearly. Many teachers are weak because they do not make themselves understood. We need more use of English in our school rooms.

The following circular from the state department will explain itself and simply means that a district clerk cannot be paid from the school fund except in those districts where a special tax is voted for that purpose or for general purposes.

"The directors of any school district may pay their clerk such compensation as is, in their judgment, necessary; provided, such compensation is not paid out of the common school fund. The law specifically mentions the purposes to which the common school fund may be applied, and the salary of the school clerk is not mentioned therein. The only reference to the clerk's salary is in connection with the collection of taxes, and it is evident that the intent of the law was to pay the clerk for his services from the money derived from the district tax and not from the common school fund."

Respectfully yours,
J. H. ACKERMAN,
Supt. Public Instruction.

City Council Proceedings.

The city council met in regular session on Tuesday evening of this week. There were present Mayor Howser, Councilmen Bradbury, Erford and Lindley. Mr. Erford presented a resolution asking that the board consider the matter of purchasing an electric light plant, sufficient in size to furnish lights for the city and to do the city water pumping, the same to be located on the most suitable stream of water in the adjoining hills and where power can be secured from the water. The matter was referred to Mr. Jones, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting.

Chas. Pfeister was given contract to put in a stone crossing across A street, on the south side of Seventh.

R. A. Proudfoot was requested to ascertain the price of hydrants and if no advance had been made, to order three for use in East Medford.

Marshal Murray was instructed to permit no obscene or indecent posters or pictures posted about the city.

The bond of Street Commissioner Hooker, in the sum of \$250, with W. S. Foster and E. Worman as sureties, was approved.

Report of A. Nicholson, retiring street commissioner, was approved.

Bids for pumping water for the city were then opened, and were as follows: A. M. Hibbard, \$540 per year; E. W. Calkins, \$510; E. A. Langley, \$440; Reuben Daw, \$1095; Robt. Lawton, \$480; R. A. Proudfoot, one dollar per month less than the lowest bid presented to the board; A. H. Walker, \$586; R. A. Proudfoot (second bid), pump water, light the streets and put in five extra lights, for \$85 per month, the town to furnish wood, oil and packing for use in pumping. No contract was awarded. Board will meet Friday evening at 7 o'clock to consider bids and to engage a city attorney for the coming year.

Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY PROXY.

Mrs. A. J. Breazeale was visiting at the Lofland farm one day last week.

J. M. Gutches is suffering from a severe cold and lung trouble, we sorry to hear.

N. H. Spencer has returned to his mine on Applegate, after spending a few days with the home folks.

Anna Fry, who has been staying at the Gordon farm for the past two years, has returned home to remain.

G. A. Hover has moved from the Geary ranch to his farm in Eden precinct, which he recently bought of F. M. Stewart.

Mrs. Chas. Lofland, who has been visiting at J. M. Lofland's for several weeks, returned to her home, near Eagle Point, Sunday.

Misses Eva and Nettie Solies have gone to Jacksonville to reside. The former will study music and typewriting and the latter will attend school there.

Mrs. Poley and daughter, Clara, of Ashland, came down last Thursday to visit Mrs. A. Andrews and family. Mrs. P. returned home the same day, but Miss Clara remained until Sunday.

Wilmer McPherson has been very busy the past two weeks pruning his orchard. He has cut his trees back considerable—don't want to raise too large a crop this year, he says.

Rev. Gist, of Medford, preached at our school house last Sunday, delivering a very eloquent sermon, which is only one of many we have been favored with by that gentleman. There was a large and appreciative audience present.

The proverbial "ground hog" had a chance to see his life size shadow on the 2d of Feb. as it was a beautiful day. According to old superstitions, we may expect six weeks of winter weather—but what a farce winter weather is in Southern Oregon.

The meetings conducted here by Rev. Haberly, which were interrupted by the sad death of little Harry Andrews, were closed by services held here on Jan. 28th. The gentleman was greeted by a full house every evening and much interest was manifested.

Mrs. A. J. Breazeale came near having a runaway last Friday while returning from Jacksonville. In coming down the hill at the Elmer place the horse became frightened at the cart crowding on him and commenced running but was stopped by some men near the hospital before any damage was done.

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—The Mining Laws of Oregon for sale at this office. Price 25 cents.