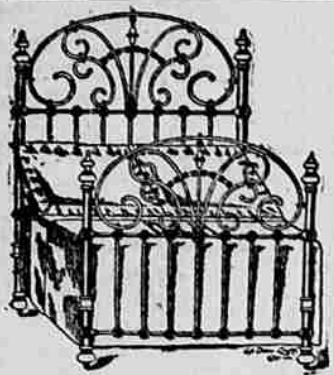


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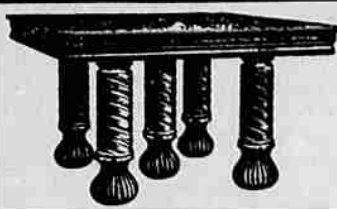
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Mrs. JULIA DENT GRANT, widow of Gen. U. S. Grant, died at her home in Washington on December 14th. Mrs. Grant was nearly seventy-seven years old and the immediate cause of her death was valvular affection of the heart, aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Of Mrs. Grant's children only her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was present at her deathbed. The three sons, Jesse, Fred D. and U. S. Grant, Jr., were summoned but death came before their arrival.

Settle up Notice.

All accounts due the firm of Fox & Good, proprietors of the Union Livery stables, Medford, must be paid at once. These accounts have been left with Attorney W. E. Phipps for collection.

Mexico has had about all the experience she wants with a silver basis, and it will not be long until the monetary system of that country will be changed to the gold standard. The premium on gold has been as high as 171. Mexican dollars are quoted at 37 cents in New York, and as they contain several grains more of silver than the American dollar, ours would be worth about 36 cents if the same conditions prevailed here as in Mexico. The silver issue is, of course, dead, but when Mexico adopts the gold standard the last argument of the silverphobist is refuted.

City Property for Sale.

Two acres, with six-room cottage and good barn, in Mingus addition, also two acres, unimproved, in Barr's addition to Medford.

M. B. CLARK.

Social Event of the Season.

One of the most enjoyable Christmas festivities which has been arranged is the Knights of Pythias dance at Wilson's Opera House Christmas night. Mr. Wilson has spared no efforts to get the floor in the best of condition, and the Knights and their ladies will be able to trip "the light fantastic" over the smoothest surface upon which they have ever danced. The members of the order at large are taking great interest in the event, for an event it certainly will be, and it is possible that some of the Uniform Rank will appear upon the floor in full uniform. The lady friends and wives of the Knights have planned their dresses, and some magnificent costumes will be worn for the first time. The gallery of the opera house will be reserved for spectators and no doubt will be well filled with ladies and gentlemen, who do not dance, but who will be anxious to enjoy the spectacle presented upon the main floor. The stage, upon which Prof. Boffa's orchestra will be installed, will be used as a dining room and during the ball all who participate will be enabled to satisfy the inner man.

Tickets for the dance can be procured from the members of the committee who have the matter in charge. They are E. A. Hicks, Carl Crystal and W. F. Isaacs. In the event of Christmas day being mild, mats will be placed at the front door so that all who intend to dance can remove the dirt from their shoes, for, if there is anything which annoys a dancer it is to strike a chunk of dirt upon a well waxed floor.

Testimony Was Taken Wednesday.

Testimony in the case of Ray vs. Griffin was taken Wednesday and argument will be heard as soon as the reporters' notes have been extended. This is a suit growing out of the purchase of the Griffin property at Tolo by Dr. C. R. Ray and was brought originally to restrain Mr. Griffin from removing a certain amount of hay from the premises. In connection with this, comes the question of other land at Tolo, which Dr. Ray contends he bought or at least should have been included in the purchase of the property. Mr. Griffin's contention is, that when he sold the property to Dr. Ray last summer he reserved, or told, of certain lots sold in Tolo during the "boom days" of that proposed city. A number of deeds, both warranty and bond had been given for lots in the townsite and it is for these Dr. Ray says he should have received at the time of his purchase. This question will come before the court in the near future.

Seed Grain.

Good seed wheat, oats and barley, also Willamette valley wheat seed, for sale at J. A. Perry's warehouse, Medford, Ore.

To the Public.

The partnership between myself and D. T. Cox having been dissolved by mutual consent, I have removed to the Nash brick stables, where I will continue in business. The barn has been thoroughly renovated and refitted throughout, and I am prepared to conduct a general livery and feed business and guarantee satisfaction to my patrons, who may depend upon the most courteous treatment at this stable. I have local and long distance telephone connection, both with the barn and my residence, and teams may be obtained at any hour of the day or night. In conclusion I wish to thank the public for former patronage and hope for a continuance of the same, which I will do my best to deserve.

JAMES SCOTT.

Why the Price Was Good.

From the Oregon Agriculturist.

The apple growers of the Northwest who read the report of a sale of ten carloads of apples by a grower at Central Point, Oregon, at \$1.50 per box delivered at his home station will find it hard to believe in connection with the difficulty they find in disposing of their own good fruit at even 40 to 60 cents per box. The variety of the apples, their quality, the reputation of the apples of that district, the reputation of the grower and of his method of packing are factors which joined in making it possible for Mr. W. H. Norcross to obtain this large price.

Oregon Railroad History.

Last Wednesday was the fifteenth anniversary of the driving of the last spike on the railroad, connecting Portland and San Francisco. On the 17th day of December, 1887, the result for which people of Southern Oregon and Northern California had been hoping and praying for over twenty years had been accomplished, and the principal cities of both states were at last linked together by bands of steel. Many were the vicissitudes attending the building of this road. In the latter part of the '60s Ben Holladay—the man who started the first stage line from St. Joe, Mo., across the plains and who originated the famous "pony express"—commenced the construction of the Oregon & California R'y from Portland south toward the California line. About the same time the California & Oregon R. R. commenced building northward through California. The country was new, its resources undeveloped and after various trials the roads stopped—the Oregon road at Roseburg and the California end at Redding. Until 1881 the situation remained in statu quo, and the old Concord coach, drawn by its team of six fine horses, rocked on the brink of precipices, slowly climbed the steep mountain side or dashed madly down toward the valleys along the 320 miles of rough and dangerous road between Roseburg and Redding. In 1881 work was commenced on the extension of the O. & C. road from Roseburg south and finally came to a halt against the rugged sides of the Siskiyou mountains above Ashland, when Henry Villard, who had built the Northern Pacific and was back of the O. & C. extension, lost his fortune in the whirl of Wall street. Again there was a long period of inaction. The O. and C. road became in railroad parlance nothing but "two streaks of rust and the right of way." Finally the Southern Pacific Co. acquired title to the Oregon road under a ninety nine years' lease, and immediately the extension of the California end of the road was commenced. The Siskiyou against whose rockbound sides the Villard millions had been buried in vain, were pierced with tunnels, ravines were bridged, outstanding points cut in two, and finally on that memorable day in December, fifteen years ago, the dream of Ben Holladay, when he sent his first stage coach on its long journey across the plains, was realized, and from Maine to Florida, from Florida to the Columbia river stretched continuous bands of shining steel, bearing the commerce and progress of the world ever westward as the star of empire leads the way. Fifteen years ago Dan Cawley drove the last coach of the Overland stage line across the Siskiyou and as he rolled up his whip and tossed the reins to the hostler at the end of that drive a new era commenced and an old one passed away. The old landmarks—here where Black Bart, the poet highwayman, held up his last stage; there where a stage load of theatrical folk went off the grade; yonder where a wheel ran off and precipitated a load of passengers over a bluff—are hardly decipherable any more and, in many cases, are forgotten; but here and there throughout Southern Oregon live white-haired old men, who in years gone by held with firm hands the reins over those six bounding steeds and guided the reeking coach around the perilous curves and along the frowning precipices which lined the route of the Overland Stage Line.

Thus forever ended in Southern Oregon the

"Days of the trail and the footlog,
And the flying pony express;
When the antlered pride of the forest
Yielded his skin for a dress;
When blankets were used for leggings,
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And over the mantle the rider
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H. G. Nicholson

About Salmon in Rogue River.

I see in some of the different newspapers of Jackson County some write-ups on salmon in Rogue river. The publications leave the impression that the large run of salmon which came up Rogue river in the year 1902 was on account of the hatchery situated at the mouth of Elk creek. I wish to state for myself that this run of salmon was not due to the hatchery. I know that it was due to the natural propagation of salmon all along Rogue river from Grants Pass to Elk creek. According to Mr. Herrian's own statement, he took charge of the hatchery in 1899, and it is impossible for the hatch of 1899 to be the run in 1902, for the hatch of salmon in 1899 is now in the Pacific ocean at the mouth of Rogue river, and according to the best authorities the salmon from the hatch of 1899 will come up the river in 1903. And furthermore the salmon which are hatched at the hatcheries on Rogue river do not benefit a majority of the people along the river within Josephine and Jackson Counties as to fishing with hook and line, for the reason that the salmon that are hatched at the mouth of the river from eggs taken in upper Rogue river and shipped to that point do not come up the river as far as Josephine and Jackson Counties, because the salmon minnows go direct to where they were hatched and turned into the river when they come up the river to spawn; and therefore the majority of the hook and line fishermen and a majority of the people along Rogue river in Josephine and Jackson Counties derive scarcely any benefit from the salmon that are turned into the river at the hatchery at Elk creek. If we are to have salmon all along Rogue river within Josephine and Jackson Counties it must be from natural propagation and not otherwise. And furthermore, we have no objection whatever to Mr. Herrian, superintendent of the hatchery on Elk creek, hatching salmon eggs and turning the minnows from the hatchlings into Rogue river at Elk creek, in fact we wish him the very best of success.

FREDERICK BARNEBURG.

Taken Up.

There came to my place on Griffin creek on November 22, 1902, red yearling steer, marked notch on upper side of right ear. Owner call, pay charges and take animal. O. W. FRALEY

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newson, of Decatur, Ala. "If it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained thirty-five pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c. at Chas. Strang's drug store.

—At O. W. Skoel's West Side confectionery you will find always on hand a fresh stock of bread, pies and cakes.

Favors State Appropriation.

Ex-Senator T. Cameron came over from Jacksonville last Saturday to do some shopping. While here he freely expressed himself in favor of a good sized appropriation for the Lewis & Clark Fair and further said: "Oregon has been dormant too long. Many of the people have been decrying the proposed fair because they are under the impression that their taxes will be greatly increased if the legislature appropriates anything like the amount the management has asked. Now while such a claim may have some slight foundation, I believe that if the fair is given the support it should have, there will be such an increase in the population of the state that the increased value of property will far exceed the cost to the taxpayer for the appropriation and advertise the state as being out of the mossback class. That we are dormant there is no question, and I know of no better way to be woken up than by supporting the fair in every possible way. The statement has been made that many of the people who might come from the east to attend the fair will settle in Washington and California and give Oregon the "go-by," should they decide to remain on the coast. That is one very good reason why we as Oregonians should wake up and do all we can to make the fair a success. Our resources are as good and in many instances better than either California or Washington, yet the people of those two states recognize the advantages that will result from the fair and have started a movement to have their legislatures make an appropriation for large exhibits. No coast state should be permitted to have a better exhibit than Oregon and it rests with the people of Oregon to see that they do not."

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to the city council at its regular next meeting, January 6, 1903, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in the city of Medford. Place of business will be in Nash Hotel, corner of Seventh and South D streets, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon.

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