# THE COURIER.

Official Paper of Josephine County, Oregon.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

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

With each letter the name and address of the sender is required, especially if sent for publication.

### EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.

The Modoc Independent speaks of some heavy cloud bursts in Modoc county.

Congressman Laird of Nebraska, and Cobb of Indiana, had a fistic encounter in the House recently.

Eli Perkins writes rather gloomily of the condition of ex-President Arthur, now at New London, Connecticut.

The old Hawthorne Asylum at East Portland has been destroyed by fire. Its construction has cost $75,000; valued at present at about $45,000.

The streets of Virginia City, Nevada, were recently flooded by a rain storm, doing serious damage. At Gold Hill, it washed houses from their foundations.

Two farmers named J. O. Pierce and Isaac Hyatt, living near Dilla, Washington county, a few days ago quarreled over line fence and a piece of land. Hyatt shot and killed Pierce.

Messrs. F. M. and Oscar Thayer have sold their stock in "The News" of Portland. "Jas. L. Onderdonk, formerly of Idaho, a yound journalist of experience, has been associated as editor."

Our old friend W. A. Hamilton writes from Cresent City;

"I had a tussle with a large Holstien bull on the 13th ult., and I am still suffering from serious bruises on my head and limbs but I am improving and hope to be well soon.

The breeze in Mexico may or may not result in war. It ought to come to the United States giving Mexico a good shaking up. Their treatment of American citizens has certainly gone far enough. If we stand this, what wont we stand.

The unpleasantness with Mexico has not come to a fight yet. Mexico is afraid and Uncle Sam dare not. Whoever built the U. S. undoubtedly intended that Mexico should be a part of it. Wonderful cures are being performed now-a-days by absorption, so look out Mr. Mexico.

A correspondent writing from Jacksonivlle, say:

"Everything here is exceedingly dull, with no prospects of times getting livelier. Crops will be pretty slim in our county this season, I am sorry to say, and this with the decided failure of our fruit crops, resulting from frosts, will be a serious drawback to our future prosperity.

The hop crop of the United States will be very light owing to the ravages of vermin and honey dew in consequence of which prices have run up in New York from seven cents to 27 and 28 cents per pound. Cable report shows that Germany and England have fine crops and the California crop is reported favorable, so that the high prices may be temporary. Hop growers are sure of good prices however.

Chas. Hughes writes us from Kerby as follows:

"Bill Borgman was found dead in his field a little after noon to-day. Was out grubbing, did not come in to dinner. Folks went to see why, and found him lying dead. Will be buried at 3 o'clock to-morrow.

CHAS. HUGHES.

Aug. 3d, 1886.

We are very sorry to hear this, as Mr. Borgman was one of the foremost citizens of that portion of the county.

The other day while wandering around town our eyes fell upon a little piece of paper, upon which was written the following, addressed to a business man over in the southern portion of the county:

DEAR SIR—The following amount due has been placed in my hands for collection. Please remit at once and save costs. Amount due 50 cts.

Going a little further and climbing upon a fence we rested after this shock. We sat there overlooking a back lot upon which we could see nothing worth taking, when beside us we espied a notice tacked on a board like this, "look out for setguns and steel traps on these premises." We fell off backwards taking the top plank with us.

### DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP.

Since the Courier took a position in the Kent-Colvig case it has been our fortune to receive two very insulting letters from His Honor Thomas B. Kent once district attorny "but alas no more." Mr. Colvig is almost an entire stranger to us and we know of no advantage to result in our behalf from our position, but we do remember that two years ago Mr. Colvig aspired to the nomination of district attorney and withdrew from the field in Mr. Kents behalf and it is because Mr. Kent has undertaken to cheat Mr. Colvig out of his election now and in view of the forgoing facts that we assail him. We happen to know that we are sustained by the people and therefore the Courier "will fight it out on that line if it takes all summer."

Mr. Kent says: "I propose to try my case, not in the COURIER, but in the courts." We care not where Mr. Kent tries his case; we are for the right.

### THE DAILY MAIL AGAIN.

We find there is a feeling of sore disappointment all along the line about the manner in which the stage company conveys the mails, but let us be lenient and give the contractors a full chance, and then if they fail to comply with their contract they cannot censure us if we "kick." One thing certain they are away behind their schedule.

The above appeared in "notes by the wayside," in our issue of the 23rd of July, to which the Times of the 30th, rather sarcastically replies:

There is some complaint against the daily mail service between Grant's Pass and Crescent City, Cal., which may be unjust to a great extent, however. It is said the mails arrive behind schedule time, which ought to be overlooked to a certain degree, as nothing is lost thereby. The contractors have a losing job and should not be harassed.—[Times.

It is plain to be seen that these remarks are intended for us. Mr. Nickel plainly shows in this expression his disregard for the true interests of Josephine county. We will say in the beginning that so far as the agents and drivers of the contractor over this line are concerned we have not a word to say for we believe them to be gentlemen and we do know that as agents they are but doing the business just as they are instructed to do it, and we will not censure them, but we have a right to censure the contractor if he does not comply with the letter of his agreement.

Now, the contract over this route No. 44,178 calls for a service in summer time of 49 hours and 27 hours in winter. They perform the service at this time in 24 hours instead of 19, as agreed and contracted. The difference to Josephine county is simply this: by lengthening the schedule out to 24 hours they are enabled to put the mails on pack mules at Waldo and convey them at a snails pace to Smith River, a distance of 52 miles, which is one half of the entire service contracted to be performed. If the contractor were held to the schedule and forced to make the run in 19 hours he would be compelled to put on four times as much stock and build stations all along the line, which in the item of feed alone would greatly assist the farmers in the disposition of their crops and surplus horses:

The question then is this. Is it right that the contractor be required to fulfill the simple letter of his agreement? We say it is. The blank bid which he filled out and signed, required him to know all about the nature of the route to be traveled, and in that bid he said he did know all about it, and as Mr. Saulsbury is a stage man of very large experience, we are inclined to reserve our excuses for his failure to do as he agreed.

If Mr. Nickell's theory is right and we are guilty of harassing Mr. Saulisbury when we speak kindly and say that he is not complying with his contract, then we have a right to carry the theory farther, and say that the parties who have the building of the two great bridges across Rogue river and Applegate in Josephine county have a right to shirk from their agreement, put up inferior bridges and we liliputs of Josephine fold our arms and say nothing lest we be harassing them and by that means greatly cut down their profits. If we ask Josephine county to pay off her indebtedness at its face, would we be harrassing her? Perhaps we would. Would it be a good policy for a Democratic government to allow a mail contractor who has a large number of contracts to forfeit all or any portion of service upon the non-paying routes contracted by him, and retain only the ones which pay? Again we say no. The government has performed and will perform its part of the agreement, and the people have a right to ask the contractor to do as well, that they may get as much as possible in return for the taxes which they pay toward maintaining the very institutions which provide these mails.

### RAILROAD ITEMS.

*Yreka Journal.*

A big blast was set off at Upper Soda Springs last Saturday evening and did not cause over $100 damage. One large piece of rock went through the barn with the other outhouses more or less damaged from flying rock. A heavy blast was also set off in the canyon, between Soda Springs and Berryvale, a few days ago, where the deep open cut is to be made through the ridge in place ot tunnel as first proposed. The foundations for the bridges at and below Bailey's are completed, but the bridges had not arrived at last accounts, although expected daily from the east. As soon as the bridges are finished, the track can be speedily laid for several miles in this county toward the Upper Soda Springs.

The potholers have sunk several holes in the hillsides below Soda Springs, for blasting out the roadway for railroad, and in a very short time the graders will be as busy as bees all along the route between Bailey's and Upper Soda Springs, and also in the Big Canyon between Soda Springs and Berryvale, where blasting is now carried on to prepare for grading.

The heavy blast of 10 tons of powder, to be set off near Soda Springs by electricity, has not yet been exploded, as the powder has not yet arrived, and the man engineering the job has gone to San Francisco, probably to make the necessary arrangements.

The surveyors and construction superintendents intend to reach Strawberry Valley before the snow storms commence, if the culvert work can be finished, but every effort has been made to get all the skilled labor possible, and it is doubtful whether the work can be pushed along fast enough for such rapid railroad building.

Scobie has established his camp at a flat about a mile south of Uncle Dick's Soda Springs, where the railroad company has fenced in the ground. This place will undoubtedly be the next station above Southern's for delivery of freight and passengers, as there is no chance to gain any station room further north until Strawberry valley is reached. This new station below Uncle Dick's will no doubt be the stopping place for all winter. Walbridge has located his store at this place, and other buildings are being put up to make quite a tittle town. The track will be completed to this point by Sept. 1st.

In the canyon between Uncle Dick's and Soda Springs, the road runs back about 2½ miles, making three tracks within a width of three miles, and crosses the Sacramento river twice above Uncle Dick's Soda Springs.

The culverts are all completed up to Little Castle creek, and cement is now being hauled as rapidly as possible for points above, in crowding the work. Next summer we may anticipate railroad building in Shasta valley, and before another winter connection with the Oregon road will undoubtedly be effected.

It is believed that as soon as the first freshet occurs in the Sacramento river the coming winter, the bridge at Soda Springs will be carried away, as the river is full of trees and logs cut down by the right of way force in clearing the railroad route. The steep hillsides in many places prevented any chance of cutting up the trees into small sections, hence entire trees rolled down into the stream. After the debris is swept away, however, it will take but little time to put in a new bridge especially if built by the railroad company's men, probably not more than a day.

W. J. Wimer, a former resident and business man of Yamhill, now conducts the Rogue River Courier, and a right spicy paper he is making. The Courier was established by J. H. Stine about a year ago.—[West Side Telephone.

### Choice Land for Sale.

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### Dissolution Notice.

The copartnership heretofore existing between L. L. Jennings and J. C. Moss, in the Saloon business in Grant's Pass, Oregon, under the firm name and style of L. L. Jennings & Co., is this 2d day of August 1886, dissolved by mutual consent, said J. C. Moss having sold his interest in said business to Thornton Y. Dean, the said Dean having assumed the payment of the said Moss's portion of the said firm debts and liabilities. The bills and accounts due the late firm of L. L. Jennings & Co., will be collected by said L. L. Jennings and Thornton Y. Dean.

JAMES C. MOSS.
L. L. JENNINGS.

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### Notice For Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., Aug. 2d, 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 Clerk of the County Court of Josephine county at Grants Pass, Or., on Saturday, September 11th, 1886, viz: Joe L. Sowell, Pre-emption D. S. No. 4651, for the N. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼ Sec. 18, Tp 40 S. Range 7 west, W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: J. M. Payne, Joon H. Sowell and H. B. Kitterman, of Althouse, and John G. Sowell, of Kerbyville, Josephine county, Oregon.

CHAS. W. JOHNSTON, Register.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: D. F. Mathues, Stephen Disert, M. J. Bennett, H. C. McIntosh, all of Wolf creek, Josephine county, Oregon.

CHAS. W. JOHNSTON, Register.

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### Administrator's Notice.

IN the matter of the Estate of THOMAS T. BYBEE, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Josephine county, Oregon, sitting as a Probate Court, administrator of the estate of said Thomas T. Bybee, deceased.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to call and settle the same without delay, and those having claims against said estate will present the same to me duly verified, at Grant's Pass, Josephine county, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

W. J. VIMER, Administrator at said Estate.

DAVIS BROWER, Attorney for the Estate

Dated Aug. 4, 1886. [19-4t


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