

THE COURIER.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.

Since Chas. Nickle of the Times left Grant's Pass, there is not a Nickle in the county.

Miles S. Dean, says the News, who was indicted by the U. S. grand jury for using cancelled stamps, has been released on bail.

One of the speeches in the Lewis case reminded us of a sausage gut that had been stuffed very tight in places and not stuffed at all in other portions. But of course, it was a gut that did the stuffing.

The three innocent, honest and law abiding grand jurors who have to bear their portion of the disgrace brought upon that body during this term of court, deserve the sympathy of all mankind.

A lady named Augustina Ahumada has died in Santiago at the age of 115 years, and at Talca Mrs. Juana Gatica has died, aged 130 years. The latter leaves two sons, one aged eighty-eight and the other ninety-five.

The editor of the Times is an enemy to justice in Josephine county; an infernal unprincipled rascal who one day gets down on his knees and begs people for their patronage spider and fly style and the next day gorges and robs their families of their bread.

It is rumored that the Labor party are preparing to join issues with the foreign labor element through which means they expect to receive contributions in money and other assistance with which they will endeavor to elect a president of the United States and other government officers.

An effort is being made by some vindictive person to re-open the Bybee case—in other words, to have Wm. Bybee indicted for the murder of Thos. T. Bybee. No conviction could ever be procured, and it would unnecessarily cost the county many thousands of dollars to engage in such prosecution.—(Democratic Times).

What a vindictive lie. This assertion was made last week for the ears of the grand jury. Mr. Nickle said on our streets that the Wimer's were at the bottom of the whole thing. We hope the people may not be misled to forget that the murder of T. T. Bybee occurred in our neighborhood hence we were unavoidably forced into prominence in the case.

Our appointment as administrator of the estate of Thomas T. Bybee, deceased, was accepted by us in pursuance of a request by Mr. Thomas Bybee made on different occasions before his death in these words: "If I go to the penitentiary for shooting Wm. Bybee, or anything else happens to me, I want W. J. Wimer placed in charge of all my business." Upon this request alone we finally accepted the appointment. Since we were appointed, we have been the recipient of many indirect threats and several very ominous letters, which taken together, our friends have advised us that our life is in danger. Have we to be shot for following the law and the instructions of the court in accordance with our bond compelling us so to do. ONE THING CERTAIN; IF WE ARE KILLED FOR THIS, THE SLAYER WILL NEVER KILL ANOTHER MAN, AND THERE WILL BE NO APPEAL TO A ROTTEN GRAND JURY, EITHER.

The case of Wm. Bybee, accused of the murder of Thomas T. Bybee, on the 24th day of last March, near Waldo, was resubmitted to the grand jury at this session of the court. This case was presented to the grand jury at the April term of court, and that body stood three for acquittal and four for conviction. Ever since court, it has been the opinion of the people, that the votes of these three men were secured either by direct purchase, or otherwise. When the grand jury met last week, after hearing about two-thirds of the testimony, it concluded it was warranted in asking the judge to resubmit the case, which

they did, six being in favor of it. Up to Friday they remained the same, but all at once, a change all together too marked came over four of them. On Tuesday when the evidence was concluded, the vote of the grand jury stood four for acquittal and three for conviction. As early as Sunday it became common talk on our streets, that the jury had been bought, or enough of it to make it perfectly safe for the accused. Some of the jurymen were in almost constant consultation with the accused or his friends, and one of them who had no money when he came to town, a little later was lavish in the display of coin so we are informed. These four grand jurors are the worst enemies the accused man has in the county to-day, because their action does not exonerate him in the least from the charge against him, on the other hand it injures his case because as a great many say, if he were indicted and tried and acquitted for want of evidence, then he would be exonerated. In short, but little doubt remains that four of the grand jury was secured by hook or crook to vote as they did. A deep rumble pervades the minds of our people. A blackened disgrace is fastened permanently upon our county, justice is screwed fast to the wall, civil laws suspended and the people left to protect themselves.

(From this City.)

Casartan's Letter.

For some weeks past, a guilty conscience has caused me to dread the just wrath of his pious majesty, the editor of the Review, for my negligence of duty in not sending my regular stint of copy to the patient, long-suffering compositor. That wrath has burst at last, upon my devoted head, in the shape of a plaintive and pathetic two line local in the last issue. My heart of stone is melted, remorse gnaws at my vitals, and I hasten to the performance of a bounden duty.

By way of introduction, Mr. Editor, I take pleasure in announcing that the Academy in our town contains, at the time of writing, 235 pupils, and therefore ranks among the largest schools of Southern Oregon. This will partially explain my neglect of correspondence. Next summer the District Institute meets in our village, and Bro. Bell is expected to be present. Our town is growing with remarkable rapidity. New houses are going up all around, and the future looks bright. We expect to be incorporated this winter, after which, the first action of our "city parents" will be an ordinance against roaming at large of the gay and predatory porker. The first term of circuit court is now being held in our new court house. I have never met Judge Webster, but those who ought to know, assure me that he is the right man for the place, and gives universal satisfaction, by the righteousness and wisdom of his decisions and rulings. Messrs. Colvig and Kent the contestants for the office of district attorney are both on the ground; I can't say which is acting, but I suppose of course Mr. Colvig is performing the duties of the office, as he certainly ought to be.

Mrs. Dr. Benson of Santa Clara, California, is visiting members of her family in this place. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Chapman of Wilbur, are visiting their son Jack, and their daughter Mrs. Dr. Kramer. Mrs. J. Goodell has been dangerously ill for some weeks past, but is now slowly recovering.

The sash factory and the sawmill are now running on three-quarter time for the winter months.

The name of our town, is certainly a misnomer, and ought to be changed. "Grants Pass" would suggest to a stranger a little village struggling along the rocky sides of a narrow defile of the mountains. Nothing could be farther from the truth, for it is in the center of a level and beautiful valley, about three miles in diameter, and could not be more satisfactorily situated. I have never yet found any one who could give me a satisfactory explanation of the origin of the name. Some say there is a pass through the mountains north of here, through which Gen. Grant once made a journey north. Others say that Grant never passed at all, but "made it next" and played a lone hand. After saying this they always smile and look knowing. I'm sure I don't know what they mean, do you? I hope that when our representatives in the next legislative assembly provide for the incorporation of the town, they will also consider the propriety of finding for us a more appropriate name.

Mining interests in Josephine county are being rapidly developed. Experienced miners are confident that the quartz ledges now being developed are very rich and that in the near future ours will be the chief mining region of the Pacific slope. I humbly hope that these predictions may be fully verified.

And now having performed my duty, I subscribe myself as usual,

CASARTAN.

NOTICE—Those who have neglected to pay their Special School Tax, levied last spring, will please do so at once and save costs.

W. L. BLACKBURN, District Clerk.

Correspondence.

GRANTS PASS, NOV. 8, '85.

ED. COURIER:—If you deem the few lines I may write worthy of space in your valuable paper, well and good; if not, discard them.

I have lived in Grants Pass a little over one year. In that short space of time I have noted the advantages and disadvantages of this part of the country. I will say right here that I intend to stay here, for the

ADVANTAGES

of this portion of Southern Oregon are so great that no man or woman does justice to themselves in leaving with the expectation of finding a better home in some other country; for in no portion of country where the Stars and Stripes wave over the homes of the free, is there to be found a more beautiful place than this. Our climate here is so mild and loveable that even Angels might sing its praises and do themselves no injustice.

NO RIGOROUS WINTERS,

no tornadoes or cyclones here. The day is not far distant when the town of Grants Pass will be a city of a good thousand inhabitants, and the surrounding country will keep pace with the town. Yet, says the chronic grumbler, "how will all this be done? Cities and ditches cannot be built on climate alone." Mr. Grumbler, I have heard you talk so much that I know just how to answer you, and will do so by asking a few questions: Did you ever help build up a town or city, or start a farm? Is it not a fact that you have always done all in your power against all public improvements, as well as individual enterprise? You have been unfortunate from infancy up, and will continue on so until the grave swallows you up. And who will care how soon? Echo answers who?

I sometimes ask myself the question, do the people living here know what a great country this is, and what grand opportunities there are here for men and women to make fortunes in a few years? I will mention a few things most required here now to make us a happy and prosperous people. There are thousands of acres of as fine land all around us as the plow has ever put into.

With water to irrigate with, all this land in a short time would be under cultivation. Yes, but, says the farmer, we raise more now than we can sell. I ask more of what? I have to buy all I live on, and find it difficult at times to find it in this market. The butter I have on my table comes from Portland, flour from Ashland, hay the most of the year from the same place to feed our stock with. Hay, such as the farmers raise here is wheat, oats and barley, which is not a profitable hay for the farmer to raise, neither is it a natural hay for stock to live on. As it is now, we have no clover, timothy or alfalfa. If we had plenty of water for irrigating purposes, all this would soon be changed, and every farmer would then raise all kind of grasses; good pastures, fat cows, plenty of butter, cheese, and all that go to make a farmer's life an enjoyable and prosperous one. Stock raising would then become a profitable business.

LET ALL THIS

is very nice on paper, but talk does not build ditches, says one, how will you proceed to get it? Answer, there is plenty of capital in the country to build ditches or anything else if there is money in it. The S. P. D. & L. Co. built their mill and factory up hill, as it were, nearly one-half of the people here kept it before them all the time "Oh it is a failure." How does the factory stand to-day? All now acknowledge it to be a success to the company financially, and a great benefit to the town and surrounding country. I will say right here, without fear of contradiction, that there is more profit to any company in building a ditch of capacity sufficient to supply the miner, the farmer and the town, than there is in a dozen factories.

JUST LOOK AND STUDY

for a moment, what will be done as soon as ditches are constructed from the natural water course bordering our town. In a very short time a flour mill will loom up, yes, a wagon, plow, cabinet and wood and willow ware manufactories would follow. I forgot woolen factory. This is no fancy sketch; this will all be done, and more too, for the ditch will be built. With water here, every owner of a lot could have water to irrigate with at a low price, and in a short time this place would change from the barren place it now is, and be made to blossom like the rose. What protection against fire have the people of this place? None at all. This place will be an exception to the general rule, if in the near future a twenty minutes fire does not cost the people more than the whole ditch would. How will you put fire out with a ditch? Answer, by constructing a reservoir north of town on the side of the mountain at an elevation of 150 feet above the town, tap the reservoir with a ten or twelve inch iron pipe, run it into the town, there to connect with smaller pipes, these small pipes running through each street, with a hydrant on every other corner. By the time this is done we will have a hose company, then turn your fire loose and see how quick the boys will put it out. Then for profit to the company and convenience of the people, run a small pipe, say a 1/2 inch, which is large enough, into each house in town, thereby giving each protec-

tion from fire and good pure water to drink and all other purposes. We will then be able to do away with unhealthy surface water such as we are now compelled to use. For all this, charge each resident from three to four dollars a quarter which is very cheap for the consumer and will pay the company a handsome profit on their outlay.

I wish I had space and was competent to do this subject justice, the first I am not sure of, the latter I know I am deficient in.

I do not wish to be understood that the ditch is to stop here; not by any means, as there are farmers and miners for 30 or 40 miles below here, that with water would produce their thousands yearly, which produce nothing now.

JUST ACROSS ROGUE RIVER

south of town there is a vast valley, 2 or 3 whole townships of just as good land as can be found anywhere. Why the farmers have not joined together and built a farmers ditch, I cannot tell. I say to you farmers, organize and build your ditch, with water you can make farming a success, without, you must fail. All it requires on your part is a little energy to get organized. Once a start is made everything becomes easy. Make a start and you will soon find that you are not alone, for as soon as there is a show, for water every foot of land in that valley will be fitted for the plow, and the owners will ask you for the privilege to contribute to the ditch fund, so that they may obtain a water privilege.

There are many points I would like to note, but I have already drawn this out too long. B.

"HACKMETACK" a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale at Kromer's drug store.

Administrator's Sale of Real Property.

IN THE COUNTY COURT of Josephine, sitting in Probate.

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Rosanna A. Beach, deceased.

In pursuance of an order of the County Court, made the 10th day of October, 1886, the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Rosanna A. Beach, deceased, will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States, on the

17th Day of December, 1886, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the dwelling house on said property, all the right, title and interest of the said Rosanna A. Beach at the date of her decease, to the following real property, to-wit:

The undivided one half in the Southwest 1/4 of the South-west 1/4 of Section 4, and the South-east 1/4 of Section 5, in Township 40, South Range, 7 West, Josephine County, Oregon.

GEO. W. HANSEN, Administrator of said Estate. Josephine County, Nov. 12, 1886. [33-4]

Notice.

I hereby notify all persons that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my children, and that I will prosecute any person who harbors them. C. DUNCAN.

GRANTS PASS LIVERY STABLE!

L. S. SWITH, - - Proprietor. GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

SAFE and FAST TEAMS.

Fine Buggies, Hacks and Carts.

Special Terms to Commercial Travelers.

Horses Boarded Reasonably, and Satisfaction guaranteed. [33-4]

PEOPLE'S MEAT MARKET.

Cor. of Front and 4th Sts., Grant's Pass, - - Oregon.

The PEOPLE'S MEAT MARKET is now open and prepared to supply customers with the choicest cuts of

BEEF, MUTTON, PORK, FISH and FOWL.

At prices ranging from Eight to Ten Cents per Pound.

All kinds of SAUSAGES

put up by Experienced First-Class Butchers. A share of the public patronage respectfully solicited.

BUNCH BROS., Proprietors. [32-4]

Notice.—G. A. R.

Those comrades joining the Post at Grant's Pass and holding discharges, are requested to have them ready, and those not holding discharges are notified to procure them, so there will be no delay when the Mustering Officer meets with the Post. [31-4]

S. A. GREENE & SON, Main St., - - - Grant's Pass, Or. (Opposite the R. R. Shops.)

GUNSMITHS.

Guns, Revolvers, Pistols and AMUNITION

Repairing, a SPECIALTY. All work guaranteed.—[31-4]

Selling Out to Close Business!!

Having concluded to close business at this place, I am offering my large stock of

DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS,

Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Queens Ware,

Glass Ware, &c., &c.,

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

A Full Line of

STAPLE GROCERIES

Will be kept in Stock.

PRODUCE TAKEN IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.

Thanking the public and my many customers for their patronage in the past, I can now make it to their

Advantage to Call on me Before Purchasing Elsewhere.

GEO. W. RIDDLE,

NEW STORE! NEW GOODS!!

NEW PRICES!

LIVINGSTONE VANCE

Begs leave to inform the public that he is now nicely located on the corner of 6TH AND H STREETS, GRANT'S PASS, OREGON.

With a Large Assortment of

BOOTS and SHOES, DRY GOODS.

And everything to be found in a First-Class store, which I will sell VERY LOW FOR CASH, OR MARKETABLE PRODUCE.

Call and see me before purchasing elsewhere. [24-4]

L. VANCE.

This place is reserved for

SHERER & JUDSON,

6th street, between Main and H.

New Store and New Goods.

CORNER MAIN & FRONT STS., - - - GRANT'S PASS, OREGON.

Having opened a Family Grocery, I hereby announce to the public that I have a new and well selected stock of

GROCERIES, CONFECTIONERIES AND TABLE WARE.

Bought since the Sweeping Reduction in freights, from the East, and marked down at Bottom Prices. I also sell the

CELEBRATED DAVIS VERTICAL SEWING MACHINE,

which has no equal in ease of management and great range of work.

My object is to make it to the interest of those having cash or produce, to trade with me.

J. M. CHILES.

GO TO THE SUPPLY STORE

For Dry-goods and Groceries.

General Mining Supplies Etc., Etc.,

CHARLES DECKER, Prop'r.

BEST BRANDS OF WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS KEPT IN STOCK.

DECKER BOARDING HOUSE!

KEPT IN FIRST-CLASS STYLE, AND THE TRAVELING PUBLIC WILL MEET WITH EVERY KINDNESS AND ATTENTION.

Livery Stable in Connection. - - - Waldo, Oregon.

Home Seekers, Attention!

FOR SALE.

406 ACRES of fine farm and timber land for \$20 per acre, 8 miles west from Grant's Pass on North side of Rogue River. This farm contains 125 acres of rich river bottom land in cultivation, also 50 acres of the same quality easily cleared, other timber and pasture land. This is a good mill site; county road runs by the place, good living water running across the place near buildings; also good well, 1 large house, 2 large barns, granary, smoke house and other out buildings; young orchard; garden and bottom land all under fence; very healthy locality. On this farm can be raised the finest of corn, sweet potatoes, melons, tomatoes, peaches, grain, timothy, clover, etc. This would make several good homes, and as the climate and other advantages cannot be equalled in Oregon it would be wise for colonists or others to investigate before laying elsewhere.

GEORGE R. GOWAN, Grant's Pass, Or.

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U. S. LAND OFFICE, Roseburg, Or., Oct. 20, 1886.

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