

THE COURIER.
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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.
Portland is overcrowded with ducks, pheasants and other game.

Henry Harvey, murderer of Rodrick Grant, was recently shot by a mob near Antelope in Wasco county.

The Oregon Pacific railroad has secured all the wharves at Albany, and refuses the O. R. & N. boats at landing.

The News and Oregonian are both printing mammoth editions of their respective papers on mines and mining.

Ex-President Arthur made his will last March. It is believed he directs the disposal of about \$250,000 real and personal property.

Workmen are engaged to work on the State Capitol building which will probably be completed in time for the next legislature, which meets in January.

John B. Coffey, an employe of the W. U. Telegraph company, and son of Alderman Jas. Coffey, of the First Ward, Salem, was sand-bagged in that city on the 25th ult.

Revs. Jones and Sails have been conducting their meetings at Silver-

when the wretch killed both of them shooting the old man and beating the old lady to death with a club. He then killed the two oldest children with the club, stabbed his paramour to death and then set fire to the house. The woman lived long enough to make a statement. O'Brien is under arrest.

Two weeks ago a private letter written by Chas. Nickle, was forwarded to us in which he made as usual, false charges against us. This morning we received another but written to a different person, from which it seems he proposes

Eggs 30 cts. per dozen is rather high for this country. If beef keeps on lowering beef steak will soon be almost as cheap food as boiled eggs.

M. Mensor will soon begin suit against the insurance companies in which he holds policies, to recover for damages by the fire in his store some time ago.

The taxable property in Ashland school district as just assessed by the assessor, shows that Chas. Nickle has no object, as he says.

Willamette valley exchanges tell of a prominent orchardist of Lane county, who sent \$1 for a codlin moth killer, which he saw advertised in a paper, and received by return mail two blocks of wood, with the directions printed on as follows: "Take this block, which is No. 1, in the right hand, place the bug on No. 2, and press them together. Remove the bug and proceed as before."

Well, yes; they can be cracked that way. But with a set of the teeth that Chas. W. Beacom of this city makes, you could eat the apples and crack four times as many bugs as with the dollar blocks, and the thoughts of the awful death impending, might scare his bugship out of the country.

A Good Showing.
The state tax levy this year is two and one twentieth mills on the dollar. This administration has been an economical one. While public improvements have been made in all directions, the debts constantly decreased and for the most part entirely wiped out, the tax levy has been gradually lowered, and this burden gradually lifted from the shoulders of the people. The state's finances have also been put on a solid basis, and her credit is as sound as that of the government. If the same wise policy is pursued in the future, there is no necessity for the levy to ever again be raised above the figure at which it has been placed this year. That the same general course may be pursued is the wish of every taxpayer.—[Statesman.]

Work on the C. & O. R. R.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—The California & Oregon extension of the Southern Pacific is being pushed forward with the greatest energy. The immense force of men at work there, besides vast quantities of machinery, etc., enables the railroad to be constructed with great rapidity. On the 5th of next month the road will be opened to Edgewood, a small place about twenty miles from the present terminus of the road. The grade of the road from Dunsmuir to Summit is very steep, being seventy-five feet in the mile, while on the down grade to Edgewood the fall is 110 feet in the mile. From Edgewood to the base of the Siskiyou mountains the construction of the road will be plain sailing, but on reaching that point it will be very difficult and costly. A force of men were sent up to the Siskiyou on Wednesday last to commence work on the large tunnel that has to be constructed in the range.

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Railroad Items.
The committee sent below to interview the directors in regard to securing the main road through town, report that it will be impossible to get the main line through town for any consideration. To run the line to Butcher Hill, a mile and a half from town, is also considered doubtful, although Stanford has ordered a survey to be made to that point, with a strong desire to favor our citizens if possible, provided the company can do so without any great disadvantage in operating the road. Chief Engineer Hood wants to run the line on a 52-foot grade to the mile through Shasta valley, and says it will be easy enough to reach Butcher Hill from below on that grade, but has great doubt about keeping that grade going northward without taking a bend eastward in direction of Little Shasta bridge. Probably a survey may develop the feasibility of running the line so as to cross Shasta river at or below the stage road crossing. Mr. Hood will get up a new surveying party to commence work immediately on this survey to Butcher Hill, as the other parties cannot be taken away from work under way, without hindering the graders now following up so rapidly. This new party after surveying to Butcher Hill, will be sent to Siskiyou mountain, where a great amount of engineering is required to map out the easiest and shortest route to the Oregon boundary. The company intend to have about the fastest section of road through Shasta valley, on the whole line, with heavy engines at Butteville to aid trains below that point, over the summit, and the same assistance no doubt from Klamath river to the Oregon line, on Siskiyou mountain.

If there is no possible chance to get the railroad to Butcher Hill, the next best thing will be a branch road or side track, to bring freight and passengers to this place, the railroad company being willing to establish the station on main line at such point as connection would be desired, and furnish extra cars at any time needed for running over it to town. Several large towns in Southern California are thus accommodated, and might be here, with great benefit to other places now making Yreka their most central point.

The railroad workers will undoubtedly complete the track to Butteville, for a winter terminus, even if heavy storms should occur soon, and unless the storms are very severe, may continue the work right along to the Klamath river. The surveyors, culvert and bridge builders are going right ahead with their advance work, to keep ahead of the graders, which show an indication to make no stop unless the weather prevents a continuance.

It may be an enterprise of no very distant period, when a branch railroad leading through Yreka to Scott valley from the California and Oregon road, will prove a good investment. A narrow gauge road could be built at small cost compared to the main trunk broad gauge lines, and answer every purpose needed for easy, cheap and speedy transportation.—[Journal.]

Officers of the penitentiary and asylum report those institutions full of inmates. The institution used for divorces would also be full but it expands as business increases.

For Sale or Rent.
A FARM of 160 acres situated on Williams Creek, for Sale or Rent. About 60 acres under cultivation, well adapted to grain and vegetables. For particulars and terms, call on or address SMITH BROS., Grants Pass, Or.

NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that I will apply to the County Court of Josephine County, Oregon, on the 4th day of January, 1887, for a license to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors in the precinct of Grants Pass, said County and State, and will support said application with the following petition.

PETITION.
D. H. BURROUGHS.
To the Honorable County Court of Josephine County, Oregon:
Your petitioners would respectfully represent that we and each of us are local voters and residents of the Precinct of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon; that we are acquainted with D. H. Burroughs, and would most respectfully represent that he is a suitable person to whom you should grant a saloon license, and we do by this, our petition, pray that you grant to him a license to sell spirituous malt and vinous liquors for the period of six months from date of such license, and that we will ever pray.

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The oldest and most successful specialist on the Coast, assisted by an eminent surgeon from the East, both regular graduates with long experience in the treatment of all
Chronic, Nervous and Private Diseases such as affect the young, middle aged and old single or married men, and all who suffer from
LOST MANHOOD,
Nervous Debility, Spermatorrhea, Seminal Losses, Sexual Decay, Falling Memory, Weak Eyes, Lack of Energy, Impediments to Marriage; also Blood and Skin Diseases, Syphilis Eruptions, Hair Falling, Bone Pains, Swellings, Sore Throat, Ulcers, Effects of Mercury, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Weak Back, Burning Urine, Gonorrhoea, Gleet, Stricture—receive searching treatment, prompt relief and cure for life.

BOTH SEXES
Consult confidentially, call or write. No. 132 and 134 Third street. [36-1]

NEW Flour, Grain, and Feed Store,
Front St., adjoining Courier Office, GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

We have opened a First-Class Flour and Feed Store in the building formerly occupied as a saddle and harness shop, where we will keep constantly on hand and for sale the best brands of
Flour, Corn and Oat Meal,
Wheat, Barley, Oats, Mill and Chop Feed, Bran, and everything pertaining to a
FIRST-CLASS FEED STORE.
W. RAZEE & SON, Proprietors.

GRANTS PASS LIVERY STABLE!
L. S. SMITH, Proprietor.
GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

SAFE and FAST TEAMS.
Fine Buggies, Hacks and Carts.
Special Terms to Commercial Travelers.
Horses Boarded Reasonably, and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

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.
Notice.
I hereby notify all persons that I will be responsible for any debts contracted by my children, and that I will prosecute any person who harbors them.

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.

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, the balance is of the finest sugar pine and 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 way, 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 be a desirable home, and as the climate and other advantages cannot be equalled in Oregon it would be a fine place for colonists or others to investigate before buying elsewhere.

25-6m] GEORGE R. GOWAN, Grant's Pass, Or.

Administrator's Sale of Real Property.
IN THE COUNTY COURT of Josephine County, Oregon, 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 South-west 1/4 of the South-west 1/4 of Section 5, in Township 42, Range 7 West, Josephine County, Oregon.

GEO. W. HANSEN, Administrator of said Estate. Josephine County, Nov. 12, 1886. [33-1]

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
F. S. LAMP, Office, Roseburg, Or., Oct. 20, 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, Oregon, at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, November 27, 1886, viz: Horace Reynolds, Homestead entry No. 3725, for the S E 1/4 Sec. 20, T. 33, S. R. 6 West, W. M.