

**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
We invite correspondence from all sections on subjects of local and other interest. With each letter the name and address of the sender is required, especially if sent for publication.

**EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.**

The indications are that the railroad grant will finally be forfeited to the government.

A Mr. Chrichton of Del Norte county, says the Record, was seriously if not fatally hurt at the Elk river mill, by falling between a pulley and a shaft.

Geo. H. Chick's Mining Journal, published at Redding, Cal., comes to us this week with a map of the mines of Shasta county, which covers one whole page. Success to you, Brother Chick.

The Drain Echo is "hot" about the midnight trains through the Umpqua. Josephine is fortunate to get a change, and since we have borne the inconvenience so long we feel as though we have a right to day trains.

The Del Norte Record expresses surprise that we have changed our tone toward Mr. Gasquet's road. The fact is, we never believed he would build the road. It seems now as though he will, and we are not the one that would fight a wagon road through our country.

An exchange devotes a half column article in a vain effort to show why side saddles should be abolished, and in the entire article overlooks the pith and kernel of the real objection to their use. The main reason why they should be discontinued lies in the hard times plea, that one saddle should do the whole family.

When attorneys wish to convince a jury that a ranch valued at \$700 is worth, as rental, the sum of \$300 per annum, any evidence to the contrary must of course be attacked from a personal standpoint. Who ever heard of such an unreasonable proposition? We swore the ranch was not worth over \$100 per year rental and we swear it still, and if that constitutes prejudice then we are prejudiced.

A few of our readers seem to think the COURIER too outspoken and independent, but we know the masses of the American people do not want a "wishy-washy" paper that bends to every dime that comes in sight, or that courts the friendship of rottenness and corruption as readily as its opposite. The fact is, we are a thorough-bred lo-pared Dutchman, and we seldom use gloves when we work, and we beg pardon if we sin by speaking our thoughts as has always been the custom of our nation.

Why in the world don't our people make an effort to get the eating station at this place? This sitting around in the realms of inactivity, watching for an opportunity to censure progress on the part of others, has had its day here. Get up and do something and you won't see so many faults in your neighbors; and one of the finest opportunities to do that something now presents itself. Call a meeting and devise a plan to secure the eating station. Don't delay.

Turner correspondence of Salem Statesman: "Uncle Ben Vaughn is seventy-five years old, but that does not hinder him from making 200 rails per day, besides walking four miles to and from his work. Oregon is a fountain where one may bathe and become young again."

Why, certainly. To eastern people we would add that when a person really gets tired of this mundane sphere and wishes to cross the river, he can only do so by going "back east" not less than a thousand miles before he can "shuffle off" 'ee. That's people. Hogs cant die at all if their white masters oppose it. When we butcher in Southern Oregon we cut off the tails of the hogs and stick them in the ground; and Sir, for a fact, the country is so inclined to longevity and the soil so rich that a fat hog will grow to each tall within six months.

The Eugene City Register says: The graduating class of the Willamette University at Salem is composed of ten members this year, six gentlemen and four ladies.

**GOOD TIMES COMING.**

It is announced that staging between the gap of the C. & O. and O. & C. railroads will soon be reduced to four hours. The horror of a long stage ride will then be avoided, and no doubt many tourists will come and go by way of this route during the coming summer. They will avoid a rough sea voyage, and will have a chance to see some of the grandest scenery and best country out of doors, when this gap is finally entirely closed up, as it no doubt will be next year, then the great immigration that is pouring into the golden state will slop over into Oregon at a wonderful rate. The people of California who have made their money easily, will come up and help build up their sister state. The completion of this road will prove to be of incalculable benefit to the western portion of Oregon. Not only will it add population and wealth and enterprise directly to this section, but it will go a great way towards providing a brisk market for everything the soil of Oregon can produce. Land will double in value and the producing classes will be stimulated by the added demand for their wares, and gradually our land will be taxed to its full capacity, and all utilized; when this country will be prosperous to a degree that was dreamed of by the early pioneers who had a section of land for the taking.—[Statesman.]

As a matter of course, the Central Pacific company will make more money out of the road if the country is thickly settled than otherwise, hence they will put their immense resources to the work of increasing the population all along the line. This feature added to the fact that the connecting railroad between San Francisco and Portland will be used as a trunk line, puts Southern Oregon far in advance of her former position in the commercial world the very day that connection is made.

W. J. Wimer, administrator of the estate of Thos. T. Bybee, deceased, sued Wm. Bybee for nearly \$900, and the case came up for trial at the recent term of the circuit court for Josephine county. The jury empaneled was not long in finding a verdict for the defendant, Mr. Bybee, for \$128.20.—[Times.]

We never sued Wm. Bybee for \$900, or any other sum. Nor did he get judgment for \$128.20. The suit referred to was commenced by Thomas T. Bybee, against Wm. Bybee, in 1885. After the death of the plaintiff, the cause was continued from court to court until last fall term when the editor of this paper, having been appointed administrator, was formally connected with the suit. The amount sued for was about \$400, and not \$900 as reported in the above item from the Jew's paper, and the judgment was for \$158.20 instead of \$128.20, as reported. Mr. Nickle's intention in thus misrepresenting this suit, was to further malign the COURIER by a false presentation of the case, and if possible, injure our paper and at the same time tickle Mr. Bybee's fancy. The glaring falsehood is apparent when we consider that this case has appeared in the Times every court since it was docketed; hence the Jew could not possibly have been mistaken.

**The New O. & C. Time Card.**  
Mail Service on Every Train Necessary for the Public's Accommodation.  
Yesterday Superintendent Brandt of the Oregon & California road, finished his time card for the new management to go into effect May 1st. The through train will leave Portland (O. & C. ferry) at 4 P. M., East Portland 4:15, Oregon City 5:02, Eugene 6:35, Albany (supper) 8:05, Medford 8:35 (breakfast), arriving at Ashland 9 A. M.  
North bound, the train will leave Ashland at 5 P. M., Medford 5:45 (supper), Roseburg 12:15 A. M., Eugene 4:05 A. M., Albany 6:25 (breakfast), Salem 7:34, Oregon City 9:08, East Portland 9:55, Portland (O. & C. ferry) 10:10.  
The local passenger train will leave Portland at present time 8 A. M., East Portland 8:15, Oregon City 9:08, Salem 11:02, Albany 12:40, arriving at Eugene 2:40 P. M.  
North bound, the train will leave Eugene at 9 A. M., Albany 11:35, Salem 12:52 P. M., Oregon City 2:40, East Portland 3:30, Portland 3:45.—[Oregonian.]

The time between San Francisco and Portland will be reduced to 42 hours, there being but 29 miles of staging, and the fare \$30.

**Converted into Hash.**  
One day last week a Chinaman at Seiad was carrying a basket containing powder, caps and paper, with a torch in one hand. A spark dropped in the basket and the Chinaman was wafted beyond the reach of the "taxe man." His friends gathered up his remains with a garden rake and they will be sent back to the Flowery Kingdom in a collar box. The Chinese must go.—[Yreka Union.]

**Grand Jury.**

The following is the report of the grand jury at this term of the circuit court:  
"We, the grand jury for the April term of court, respectfully say, that we have examined the public records and find them in good condition, well and neatly kept.  
It is our opinion that the construction of the jail is such as to afford easy escape for any shrewd criminal confined therein; and that it is unsafe to the jailer in passing food or anything to vicious persons who are there confined.  
We think that the wood house would be more durable and present a better appearance if weather boarded with rustic and painted and that the entire court house yard should be set with suitable shade trees.  
We have no reason to believe that the poor farm is not well managed.  
H. H. SPARLIN,  
Foreman.  
From Kerbyville.

April 30, '87.  
The public school closed last Friday with a literary entertainment at Naucke's Hall in the evening. The little ones did well in their recitations and singing and the larger ones, assisted by the Kerbyville Dramatic Club, gave two parlor dramas which were to the credit of themselves and the pleasure of the large audience. Mr. F. M. Nickerson assisted with the singing. The program was lengthy and well arranged.

Work will commence Monday on the ditch which will bring the water into town. This ditch has been a long contemplated enterprise and will be of untold value to the town and vicinity, for there is lots of good land here and as soon as there is water brought in, will yield large crops. The ditch will be 5 1/2 feet on top, 4 1/2 feet on the bottom, and 16 inches deep and will be 4 miles, 8 rods long. It will furnish an abundance of water for irrigating and mill purposes. The company at present consists of Wm. Naucke, Peter Summers, H. Cassidy, B. Cassidy, J. D. Glidden, J. Hunt and Mr. Grossman.

The Fourth of July committee are already at work making up a program for the national celebration. The exercises will consist of the usual reading of the declaration of independence, public speaking, reading poems and singing, on the picnic grounds. There will come horse-racing and foot-racing by the boys and an egg race for the girls. A long line of tables will be erected for the picnics and a platform will be laid for dancing. No pains will be spared to make it the grandest and most enjoyable celebration that Kerby has seen for many years. The festivities will conclude with a grand ball in the evening at the Union hotel. EUREKA.

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WALDO, Ore., Apr. 25, '87.  
ED. COURIER:—Your correspondent just saw an agent of Mr. Gasquet's and he informs me that he is here for the purpose of securing 12 or 15 more Chinamen to work on the Gasquet wagon road. I am informed that the road is to be pushed to a speedy completion and we hope to see him succeed, as we need a road to the coast.  
Your correspondent visited the Waldo House, now under the management of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Campbell. The house has had a thorough renovation, everything looks clean and tidy and we feel quite confident that from what we could see, that the Waldo House will be well managed in the future. Snow has fallen to the depth of several inches in the mountains. The miners are jubilant. More anon. CUMTUX.

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CENTRAL POINT, Apr. 25, '87.  
I expect to go out to the school house by Bro. John Niday's to hold meeting on the 7th of next month. If it is agreeable I would like to have meeting at eight in the evening at Grants Pass on the 7th.  
H. C. Fleming married Henry Gregory to Miss Mollie Owens, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Dry creek yesterday.  
M. PETERSON.

The Oregon railway and navigation companies lines have been leased perpetually to the Union Pacific.

Smith M. Weed, a prominent Democratic politician and an intimate friend of Cleveland, declares that Hill will be the national Democrat standard bearer next year.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 21.—News of a terrible shipwreck, thirty miles north of Cape Flattery on the Washington Territory coast was received here this morning through four Indians who came overland, having spent ten days in the journey.  
A war has been declared between the American and California Sugar Refining Companies, and the consequence is dry granulated sugar has been reduced to five cents a pound—lower than it was ever sold before in this market.—[Industrial Mining Advocate.]

The 86th anniversary of Odd Fellowship will be celebrated at many points in the state on the 26th inst. The order has eighty lodges in the state with an aggregate membership of over 3000.—[Eugene City Register.]

**Disasters.**

A million-dollar cyclone is reported at Clairsville, Ohio. The besom of destruction connected with it swept farm houses, villages, fences and trees out of existence. One incident was the firing of a scantling through the walls of a brick house, making clean cut holes. A chimney came crashing through a lawyer's office floor and all, but left him unharmed. Very many persons were injured.  
Only those who have witnessed a prairie fire, fanned into uncontrollable fury by perfect gales of wind, can truly appreciate the horrors that devastated two counties in Kansas. A fire seven miles in extent and traveling with the velocity of a fearful hurricane, leaving in its path the smoldering ruins of burned homes, charred corncribs and granaries, and the bodies of victims who perished in the flames, is a fearful thing to contemplate. Then add to the picture a husband bearing in his arms his wife and new born babe that fright had prematurely brought into the world, with his fleeing children seeking the only safety, plowed ground, the wife's clothing even catching fire before the haven was reached, and the home totally destroyed, and the picture—true to life—has all the elements of tragedy that the most morbid mind could desire. A Kansas prairie fire is certainly not a pleasant thing to contemplate, even distance can lend no charm to their contemplation. A veritable avenging nemesis could desire no more diabolical instrument of destruction.

Gov. Penoyer has unconditionally pardoned E. W. James, who was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary for carelessly shooting Mrs. Newton, of Albion.  
Hon. Owens, W. H. Baruhart and R. V. Ashkeny have been indicted for conspiracy to defraud the state in the matter of the swamp land swindle before Judge Dendy's court. The indictment contains 170 pages.

The annexation of Happy Camp to Siskiyou county has left the Board of Supervisors of Del Norte county without a quorum, and no business can be transacted by the Board until a supervisor at large is appointed by the Governor.—[Gold Beach Gazette.]

The following is good whether you like pork or not:  
"There is a paper published in Chicago called 'The Hog.' It is said that it fairly bristles with good things and is plentifully interlarded with humor—a regular rib tickler, in fact. In addition to the usual supply of solid meat there is a corner for tender lines, and each number has a short tale. It must be an offal nice paper. Nobody ever sausage a one before."—[Industrial Mining Advocate.]

Alex. Martin Sr., Evan Reames, Miss Cardwell, Miss McClure and a gentleman whose name we did not learn, arrived on Tuesday night's stage, and just as the stage entered the lane at the lower end of the grade, the stage upset. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt, but Miss McClure was considerably bruised we are told, but not seriously. Mr. Martin was on the outside and caught the lines where he held firmly and thus stopped the team, or there would have been a runaway. Mr. Martin hurried to town and procured assistance and the stage was soon righted, having sustained no damage, and the party soon found themselves comfortably situated around a warm stove in the Linkville hotel.—[Klamath Co. Star.]

**Notice to Bridge Builders.**  
NOTICE is hereby given, that Sealed Proposals will be received at the County Clerk's office at Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, until 1 o'clock, P. M., of Monday, May 23d, 1887, at which time bids will be opened for plans, specifications, strain diagrams and bids for building a bridge across Applegate river at a point selected by the County Court, a short distance above what is known as the Custer ford, on said stream, and about seven miles south of Grants Pass, in Josephine County, Oregon. The said bridge to be a "Pratt's Truss Combination," the main span to be about 140 feet long, with probably 200 feet of trestle approach.  
Each bidder shall deposit with his bid five per cent. of the amount of such bid, as by law required, which said amount shall be forfeited to the County in case the award is made to him, and he fails, neglects or refuses for the period of two days after such award is made to him to enter into contract and file his bond in the manner required by, and to the satisfaction of said County Court.  
The said County Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
VOLNEY COLVIG,  
County Judge,  
Grants Pass, Or., April 11, 1887. 4-15H

**THOSE WHO WANT GOOD**

**Machinery,**  
CHEAP, will do well to call upon  
J. W. HOWARD,  
AGENT FOR D. M. OSBORNE & CO.  
Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Alex. B. Anderson, late of Josephine County, Oregon, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the County Court of Josephine County, bearing date April 13, 1887. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from this date, at my residence in Ash-house precinct.  
LAWRENCE LEON—RD.  
April 13th, 1887. 4-13-18

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Neither in Quantity, Quality, Varieties, Size of Trees, nor Health and Vigor of same. Embracing all the Leading Varieties of  
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Plums, Prunes, and Apricots on Myrobolan Plum Stock.

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Muir Peach, (freestone) still leads the list.  
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Kelsey's Japan Plum, has no peer.  
Robe de Sargent Prune, never before offered in Oregon. It is this which, in a dried state, forms the celebrated prune D'Ente, (French Conservae).  
Berkeley Gooseberry, the most profitable of them all.  
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LARGE STOCK SHADE and ORNAMENTAL TREES.  
Evergreens, shrubs, roses, clematis and flowering plants, small fruits, grape vines, etc., etc.  
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Or Colored Shirt, Ask for the  
**STANDARD SHIRT.**

For a Good Pair of Overalls, Ask for the  
**Boss of the Road**  
and take no others.  
To be had of all first-class dealers. [49-3M]

**Grants Pass Variety Store,**  
A. D. HELMS, Prop'r.  
—Dealer in—  
Staple and Fancy Groceries  
Cigars, Tobacco, Nuts and  
Candies, Fruits, and a  
superior brand of  
**CANNED GOODS.**  
Main St., opposite R. R. Depot. [44H]

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6th St., between Main and H, Grants Pass, Or.  
Have the Largest and most Complete Stock in their line in Southern Oregon, which they will sell  
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**Studebaker Farm Wagons,**  
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**Buggies:**  
J. I. Case, and Canton Clipper Riding and Walking Plows.

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**BISSELL**  
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And all goods handled by  
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— Including the —  
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Furnished on short notice. We cordially invite all to examine our goods and prices before purchasing.

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**NEW PRICES!**  
**LIVINGSTONE VANCE**  
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With a Large Assortment of  
**BOOTS and SHOES, DRY GOODS,**  
And everything to be found in a First-Class store, which I will sell  
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— FOR THE —  
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47H  
W. L. BLACKBURN

**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,**  
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**NEW FURNITURE STORE!**  
**A. J. SEDGE,**  
Main St., (bet. 4th and 5th) Grants Pass.  
— Has just opened a New —  
**FURNITURE STORE**  
Where will be kept on hand and for sale all kinds of  
Furniture, Bedding, Picture Frames, Brackets, Etc., Etc.  
Door-Frames, Window-Frames, Brackets Etc., made to order. Special attention given to  
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Repairing and all kinds of work in my line neatly and promptly executed.  
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The Best Mill made.  
A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited, and satisfaction guaranteed.  
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Notice for Publication.  
U. S. LAND OFFICE,  
ROSEBURG, Ore., April 12, 1887.  
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, Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, May 28th, 1887, viz: Thomas B. Horton, Homestead entry No. 5066, for the S E 1/4 Sec 24, Tn 20, R 15 W, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his claim: residence in section, and cultivation of said land, viz: H. H. Spaulding of Williams, Josephine county, Oregon; John Beckner, of Appleton, Jackson Co., Or.; James Jordan, and Walter Jordan, of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon.  
CHAS. W. JOHNSON,  
Register.  
4-15-87

**Blacksmith and Wagon Shop**  
— AND —  
**TOWN LOTS**  
FOR SALE IN PHENIX  
Desiring to go to Germany on business, I offer for sale at low rates, my Shop, Stock on hand, together with two lots upon which the shops are located. Also, one acre of ground favorably located for residence. Call on or address  
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FOR SALE  
Situated on Murphy Creek, Josephine county, Oregon, eight miles south of Grants Pass, a First-Class FLOURING MILL, with Patent Machinery, doing good work and has a good custom. The FARM contains 200 acres of land; 50 acres in clover, and over 100 acres under cultivation; also good Orchard, good house and barns and irrigation ditch. Fine situation for a dairy farm. Can irrigate almost any part of the plant. For further particulars call or address  
LEWIS STRONG, Murphy, Oregon.

**PEOPLE'S MEAT MARKET.**  
Cor. of Front and 4th Sts.,  
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The PEOPLE'S MEAT MARKET is now open and prepared to supply customers with the choicest cuts of  
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**SAUSAGES**  
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