

THE COURIER.

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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. Nickle has stopped our copy of the Times without having been ordered by us, our wife, the hired man or the post master to do so. Ta ta, hun, and thanks for the lasting compliment. We feel as if we have been the special object of your courtesies such as none of your patrons ever had bestowed upon them.

Phrenology has been introduced into a Missouri court in the trial of the Bald Knob participants who are charged with belonging to masked lynching parties. Prof. H. D. McDonald of St. Joseph, being the performer. It would be a first-class idea to mix a first-class knip finder into our court proceedings here in Oregon. It might cheapen the proceedings and lessen conviction of erring mankind.

Hon. A. A. Miller in a lengthy letter in last week's Sentinel explains how he came to pass the bill amending the Jacksonville city charter through the House without discovering the "job" in it and the fraud upon the people of Jacksonville. He says:

"I received a letter from Charles Nickell, severely censuring me for not pressing the bill through the House, saying, 'the people of Jacksonville were very much incensed at my delaying the bill; that it was an unheard of proceeding to refer it after it had been considered by a committee in the Senate, and that it was agreed to by the Town Board and everybody in Jacksonville, except, possibly, Pat Ryan.'"

According to the Sentinel, the amendment was designed to secure a lot of printing for the Times and the people knew nothing at all about it. Mr. Nickell being one of the councilmen doubtless considered his chance as a printer more than good. Verily the Jew editor, scrippie and black-leg gambler is getting too bold.

In a conversation with Hon. H. B. Miller who recently returned from an extended trip East, we glean the following as some of his observations: Mr. Miller visited St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, and Western Ohio. From his observations he concludes that Oregon as a state is now on the eve of general prosperity and a vigorous onward move. He says there is great excitement in the oil regions over the discovery and utilizing of natural gas which is being used in the manufacture of glass; that glass made from this process is superior to anything yet produced; that eastern capital is fast seeking investment in the south, and that there is every evidence of prosperity throughout the United States. There are very few strikes and little distress as compared to former years; wages are better and general confidence pervades the minds of the people. Comparatively little is known of Oregon in the East as the Northern Pacific and Central Companies along their respective roads and wielding their capital toward settling up Washington territory and California upon the proposition that every man located on land along their lines was worth on an average \$50 per annum to the road and if he went beyond their road and settled in Oregon that amount of profit would inure to some other road hence while these roads did not care to fight Oregon, they did do everything in their power to belittle it and induce immigrants to locate before they got here, and they advertised and published the country along their roads to the detriment of Oregon, even going so far in their efforts to locate "their man" as to teach and preach that Oregon offered no inducement to the settler. In Mr. Miller's opinion things present a different picture now. The Central Pacific Co. has bought the O. & C. system in this state which includes both the east and west side divisions; they have therefore become interested in the settlement of Oregon just as much as they have heretofore been in the

settlement of California and as they have unlimited capital it is but reasonable to suppose that they will now turn their attention and their capital to the development of our state because the more people they locate along their roads the more money they will make out of them. Nor is this all; he thinks the lease of the O. R. & N. roads by the Union Pacific means practically the same thing but from another direction hence Oregon has now two gigantic railway systems to labor in her behalf whose vast resources of capital and ability will settle her lands, develop her latent resources, utilize her water powers, build cities and otherwise push her forward to the front rank of prosperity. Her former enemies are therefore her future promoters and those who doubt the potency of these great railway companies to build up the country wherein they are interested have but to wait or go to the countries in which they have been operating to be fully and affectually convinced. These companies both mean business and Oregon is to receive a large share of the benefits of their vast capital and energy.

AS OTHERS SEE US. A gentleman from Jacksonville who has long been a resident of Rogue river valley, a close observer of passing events and intimately connected with the social, political and material interests of the country, paid us a visit this week, and during a somewhat extended conversation in which many matters relative to the future of the country were discussed took occasion to pay our town some very flattering and as we believe deserved compliments. After noting the varied resources of our little city, agricultural, mineral, mining, lumbering, manufacturing, etc., all of which were destined, as he believed, to be important factors in the rapid growth of the place. Special attention was called to the fact that there could be no competing town which could in any measure tap its trade or effect injuriously its prosperity.

The policy of our business men and especially of those owning town lots, as stated by this gentleman, should be a liberal one, and every inducement should be offered to those who desire to locate here and try their fortunes among us to do so. The prosperity of a place, and especially a new place is often very materially affected not only by the general conduct but by the magnanimity and public spirit of its people.

Grants Pass is now and will continue to be the political, commercial and manufacturing center of a large district, without a rival. Healthful, a desirable place to live, and with resources second to no place in Southern Oregon and with a future that is most gratifying and hopeful. He said our agricultural and mineral resources were good while our fruit resources were very superior, our timber is the finest in the State. Other countries have fir, cedar and hardwood, we have all these and in addition we have yellow pine in over abundance, and last but not least we have millions of acres of the finest sugar pine which cannot be found so abundant anywhere else in Oregon. He thought we should have a furniture factory at this place and felt sure it would pay largely. A cannery would also pay.

We must thank the gentleman for friendly compliments paid the COURIER. He considered our paper a good one and says it is so regarded throughout Southern Oregon, and that it is a consistent friend of this country and a lever in behalf of Josephine county, and is doing much for the material welfare and prosperity of Grants Pass, concluding that the business men of the town should give it a liberal support.

The opinion of outside persons is always the best therefore we hope our readers may at least not forget the substance of this article for they will soon realize its full truth and will be surprised that they could not see our country as others see it.

We hail with pleasure the near advent of the Southern Pacific railroad through the state, believing that it will be of immense benefit to us in many ways. It will bring many new settlers into the state, both from the East and from the drier regions of California. The men comprising the Southern Pacific syndicate are noted for their enterprise and progression. They will construct feeders at an early day and thus open up and develop the demand, and resources of the state. Timber, coal, iron and other minerals will receive their attention, together with rapid transit cheap rates in fares and freights, in the near future will prevail. Plain dealer.

LETTER FROM HERMANN.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 2d, '87. W. J. WIDEN.—DEAR SIR:—You ask the question, "Will the general government confirm the grant to the railroad?" I presume you refer to the O. & C. R. R. south of Roseburg, which was constructed out of time. Action will have to be taken by Congress, the department alone is powerless. Judging by past action on grant forfeitures, the House of Representatives will no doubt vote for a forfeiture, while the Senate will not vote to forfeit any land in a grant co-terminous with a road completed out of time and before the legislative declaration of forfeiture. The Senate holds that in such a case the grant is ended—that is, the condition of the grant is complied with, before the grantor takes advantage of the non-compliance. It is regarded as a grant with a condition subsequent, and not precedent. With the Senate and the House at variance, no result can be expected. The courts will doubtless be looked to, first for an authoritative utterance on the question as to the right of a Railroad to that part of its grant co-terminous with the line of road completed out of time; and with this, the further question as to when a legislative declaration of forfeiture becomes effective—from its passage, or from the time named in the grant for completion. If both branches of Congress would concur in an unconditional act of forfeiture, then the question would at once arise as to the effect of this legislation, and a construction by the courts would definitely end the matter.

From the above it looks as though the grant may yet be given to the railroad. The question for the people to decide in the mean time is this? Would it be better for it to lapse and the land revert to the government, or give the land represented in the grant to the railroad. Should the land go to the road, it would doubtless be sold and settled immediately; whereas, if the question of title to the land hangs in Congress and the courts, and even though the land finally revert to the government without dispute of title, its settlement will not be possible during the many years that the question may exist; hence the land will be held back from market and the country suffer an injury from having a large quantity of unoccupied land lying immediately along a road so important as the O. & C. is soon to become. Would it not be better to give the grant to the road and let them sell it to the people without delay?

On last Monday a gentleman who is prominent in our county, while in our presence, took occasion to remark that the manner in which Chas. Nickell has been and is now abusing the business of a publisher by forcing patronage from the people, renders him no better than a pirate; in fact he said he was a pirate. But see how he goes for the Sentinel in the last issue of the Times, calling it a "delectable sheet," speaking of the Courier and Sentinel as follows: "They are only an addition to the envious pack which has been yelping at our heels for the past four or five years; and the people are too well acquainted with us and know the animus of our traducers too well to put any confidence in their slimy ebullitions." This fling of course includes Mrs. Shook, and Mrs. Payne, who is one of the pioneer and most prominent ladies in Southern Oregon, who wrote the "Findings last year as follows:

DAILY, Or., July 26, 1886. EDITOR TIMES.—I have had an experience with Charles Nickell, publisher of the Jacksonville Times, which I wish published for the benefit of others who may not know his contemptible tricks. In settling the estate of my deceased husband (Wm. Payne) I left the matter of publication of the last advertisement to A. L. Johnson, of Medford, telling him to send it to the "Findings" as soon as the county court acted upon it. After the advertisement had run one week in the Times, I received a letter from Mr. Johnson saying that it would have made it a week later to send it to you, and that it would not cost me any more, as Nickell said he would advertise as cheap as any printer. Father sent him \$5, thinking one dollar more would settle the bill, as your charge was \$5 for the other notices. But a few days ago I received a letter from Nickell saying I owed him \$10 still on the advertisement, his regular price being \$15. I hope if there are any other widows who have legal advertising to do, and who are persuaded or forced by others to give it to the Times, that they will pay Nickell in advance, and get his receipt. Every time a person goes to Jacksonville he is at their heels like a poodle dog, begging for work. He is always ready to do a job of printing at half price, but when pay day comes he puts in his bill at full price, and a big price it is too. Mrs. J. N. Shook.

Missouri has had a serious cyclone, causing much loss of life and property.

BRIEF MENTION.

The "Little Annie" blew up on Coos river recently.

Twenty-six miles of the streets of Montreal were flooded by an ice gorge in the St. Lawrence river not long ago.

Goldsmen, the murderer of Martin Kelly in San Francisco, has been sentenced to be hung by Judge Murphy.

An unknown man, while drunk, laid down on the railroad track near Tacoma on the 25th ult., and was cut into four pieces by a passenger engine.

Michael Silbert a Swede was killed at his cabin in Kern county Cal. on the 26th by two amateur detectives who supposed him to be Pete Olsen. There is much indignation.

This space reserved for W. E. Rapala's Express "A.L."

Sheriff's Sale. BY VIRTUE of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Josephine County, on the 25th day of May, 1887, and in pursuance of the order of said court, made and delivered, in favor of Kasper Kull and John Butt plaintiffs, who recovered a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a certain mortgage in the above court on the 15th day of April, 1887, and against the defendants, in favor of Kasper Kull and John Butt plaintiffs, who recovered a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a certain mortgage in the above court on the 15th day of April, 1887, and against the defendants, I am commanded to sell and will sell premises to satisfy the judgment of Kasper Kull and John Butt for the sum of \$201.13, with interest thereon from the 12th day of April, 1887, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and the interest on said judgment and decree, and also the costs of and upon this writ and process, to wit: I will on the 6th day of May, 1887, sell on said premises according to law, and will receive for said ends of the Court of said county, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Grants Pass in said county and State, on

Saturday, June 4th, 1887, at two o'clock, p. m. of said day, all of the right, title and interest of the said Angeline Newman and Wallace Newman, defendants, in and to all of the following described real property, to-wit: The south-west quarter of the south-east quarter of section thirty-six (36) in township thirty-seven (37) south of range eight (8) west also, the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter of section one (1) in township thirty-eight (38) south, range eight (8) west, containing 80 acres, situated in Josephine county, Oregon. Witness my hand and official signature this 5th day of May, 1887. T. G. PATTERSON, Sheriff. By R. B. MUMFORD, Deputy.

CAHN, NICKELSBURG & CO.,

Manufacturers and Importers of Boots and Shoes, 120 & 131 S. BROAD ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. Factory, 115 & 117 Hayes Street. (5-4-6m)

New Millinery Store.

MISS MAUD TUFFS, Successor to Mrs. Flanagan & Tuffs Millinery and Dressmaking ESTABLISHMENT Opposite Campbell & Tuff's store, on 6th street. HAIRWORK and STAMPING neatly done (5-7-6m)

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 Oster ford, on said river, and about seven miles south of Grants Pass, in Josephine County, Oregon. The said bridge to be a "Pratt's Truss Combination," the length to be about 120 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 refunded to the County Court, if 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. 4-15f

THOSE WHO WANT GOOD

Machinery, CHEAP, will do well to call upon J. W. HOWARD, AGENT FOR D. M. OSBORNE & CO. 12-11f

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 establish them to me by affidavit, within six months from this date, at my residence in Albion house precinct. LAWRENCE LEONARD, 4-13-87

TREES! TREES! TREES! Hammon Bros.' Nurseries, PHENIX, Oregon, and OAKLAND, California.

Our Stock this season Cannot be Exceeded on the Coast Neither in Quantity, Quality, Varieties, Size of Trees, nor Health and Vigor of same. Embracing all the Leading Varieties of APPLE, PEAR, PEACH, PLUM, PRUNE, APRICOT, NECTARINE, CHERRIES, ALMONDS, Etc., Etc.

SPECIALTIES.

Plums, Prunes, and Apricots on Myrobalan Plum Stock. P. Barry Pear, the best late shipping variety. Meir Peach, (freestone) still heads the list. Kennedy's Gling, the canner's pride. Kelso's Japan Plum, has no peer. Robe de Garçon's Prune, never before offered in Oregon. It is this which, in a dried state, forms the celebrated prune D'Ente, (French Conserves), Berkeley Gooseberry, the most profitable of them all. Languelet, King's, Soft Shell and Paper Shell Almonds. LARGE STOCK SHADE and ORNAMENTAL TREES. Evergreens, shrubs, roses, climatis and flowering plants, small fruits, grape vines, etc., etc. Before purchasing elsewhere, parties intending to plant trees will find it to their interest to come and see our stock and learn our prices. Catalogues mailed gratis upon application. Address all communications to HAMMON BROS., Phoenix, Jackson county, Oregon. 511f

If You wish to Buy a Good White 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. [44f]

SHERER & JUDSON, DEALERS IN

Hard-ware, Stoves and Tin-ware. 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 AS LOW AS THE LOWEST. AGENTS FOR THE CELEBRATED



Studebaker Farm Wagons, Hacks and Buggies. J. J. Case, and Canton Clipper Riding and Walking Plows.

ALSO The World Renowned BISSELL Chilled Plows, ACME HARROWS, VICTOR WIND MILLS,



Autocrat Wood Force Pumps, And all goods handled by STAVER & WALKER, Including the EMPIRE MOWERS, REAPERS and BINDERS. HYDRAULIC PIPE and GIANTS

Furnished on short notice. We cordially invite all to examine our goods and prices before purchasing. 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, GRANTS 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. 20f

W. L. BLACKBURN, AGENT AT GRANTS PASS FOR THE Brownsville Woolen Mills Suits — Made to Order, at — \$22.50, \$23.50, \$25.00, \$27.50, & \$29.50. Call and See New Styles. Having had Ten Years experience in taking Measures, and posted myself on their mode of Cutting, I do not hesitate to say that we can give you a Better Quality and Fit for the money than can be found elsewhere. A Deposit is Required on all Orders. Respectfully, W. L. BLACKBURN 471f

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. 341f

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, Cracks, Etc., Etc. Door-Frames, Window-Frames, Brackets Etc., made to order. Special attention given to

UNDERTAKING. Repairing and all kinds of work in my line neatly and promptly executed. — ALSO —



Manufacturer's AGENT for the RACINE WIND MILL! The Best Mill made. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited, and satisfaction guaranteed. Notice For Publication. F. S. LASH 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, at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, May 28th, 1887, viz: Thomas B. Houston, Homestead entry No. 2123, for the S E 1/4 sec 24, T9-29, S R 9 West, W M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: H. H. Spaulding of Williams, Josephine county, Oregon; John Beckner of Applegate, Jackson Co., Or.; James Jordan, and Walter Jordan, of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register. 4-15-01

Blacksmith and Wagon Shop

TOWN LOTS FOR SALE in PHENIX. Desiring to go to Germany on business, I offer for sale at low rates, my share of 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: W. L. STRONG, Phoenix, Jackson Co., Or. 456m

Flouring Mill and Farm 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 250 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., Grants Pass, - - Oregon. The PEOPLE'S MEAT MARKET is now open and prepared to supply customers with the choicest cuts of BEEF, MUTTON, PORK. All kinds of SAUSAGES. A share of the public patronage respectfully solicited. BUNCH BROS., Proprietors. 4-8f

City Market. J. H. AHLE - - Proprietor. MAIN STREET, - - GRANTS PASS.

Fresh and Salted Beef, Pork, MUTTON, PORK SAUSAGE, AND BOLOGNA. Bacon and Lard ALWAYS ON HAND. Meat Delivered any place in Town FREE OF CHARGE. A Share of the Public Patronage Solicited.