

**THE COURIER.**  
Official Paper of Josephine County, Oregon.  
FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1887.  
Registered at the Postoffice in Grant's Pass, Ore., as Second-Class Matter.  
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.

**VALEDICTORY.**  
With this issue of the COURIER our connection with it as editor and proprietor ceases. Mr. A. A. Allworth, of San Francisco, assuming that responsible position, whom we commend to our friends for the same liberal patronage they have given us. Mr. Allworth is skilled in all that pertains to the newspaper field, hence in devoting his entire time to the paper, we believe he will give the many readers of the COURIER a much better journal than it has been possible for us to do, our time having been divided by outside business to the extent that we have been unable to do justice to it. We are gratified to be able to say that the COURIER is prosperous and happy, with a bright future before it; its columns and its record are clean and free from stain, corruption or contaminating influences. It is at peace with all its upright exchanges, and with all the law abiding, peace loving and enterprising people, and is in a fair way to do much good in this community. In a spirit of loyalty to our own institutions and welfare we should give it our unanimous support, for it is the defender of all our interests and the advocate of all that pertains to our welfare. Having at least tried to do good as the publisher of the COURIER, we bid our readers a reluctant farewell.  
W. J. WIMER.

**SALUTATORY.**  
Under the management of Mr. W. J. Wimer, the Rogue River Courier has been distinguished for enterprise and has gained the good will and respect of its patrons as well as a high place among the journals of this state. Being an entire stranger to this district, we must confess that it is with some diffidence that we succeed to the chair which has been so ably filled by the retiring editor. We trust, however, by earnest endeavor and with some little experience in Journalism, to still merit the support and patronage of the people of this district.

We believe that a happy and prosperous future lies stretching out before the people of Southern Oregon, and that the growth and development of Grants Pass in particular will be specially brilliant. We have been delighted with the picture of the climate, the scenery and the inhabitants to be open hearted and true men and enterprising citizens. We shall consider it a pleasant duty to aid and hasten the happy course of events that is, we believe, to make Grants Pass the proud metropolis of Southern Oregon and Josephine county the home of happy thousands.

Politically the Courier will continue to maintain the same independent stand which it has so long advocated. We believe that party feelings are allowed to run riot to too great an extent in this glorious country of ours, to the no small detriment of all our people excepting the professional politician and office seeker. Especially in new districts such as this, the people will be much better to expend their energies in harmoniously promoting new enterprises, and to leave the rancorous party strife to politicians. Our politics will be to secure the very best available men for local offices, irrespective of party. For the rest, it will make not one particle of difference to the people of Southern Oregon whether Cleveland is re-elected or Blaine returns to the political contest and deposes him.

Questions of great public import will no doubt arise and call for the decided expression of opinion. In all such cases the Courier will give no uncertain sound and we trust will always be found advocating the side which will tend to the greatest good and happiness to the greatest number of the people.

We purpose that the Courier shall keep pace with the times and to that end we intend at an early date to make alterations that will give more space for general reading matter. We must crave the forbearance of our readers until such times as we can perfect our new getting facilities, when we will endeavor to produce the newest sheet in Southern Oregon.

In order to accomplish what we desire it is necessary that a substantial and hearty cooperation of the people of the town and county

We want everyone who can do so to send us items of news, and inform us of the comings and goings in the community. Grants Pass has more than its proportion of intelligent and well posted young men, who if they so desired might render material assistance to the editor. We believe that the business men of the place are fully alive to the importance of a live paper and need scarcely be reminded that it takes cash as well as brains to run a newspaper.

There will no space in these columns for the circulation of petty gossip or scandal, nor will we permit the public to be afflicted with the details of private quarrels. Our columns will, however, be open for the discussion of matters of a public nature, and we cordially ask for communications of such a character.

**A. A. ALLWORTH.**  
**BOARD OF TRADE.**  
It looks as though the Immigration Board was doomed to early dissolution. The Oregonian says of this organization:  
"It is now supported by private contributions, and the way is clear for only two months more. Those who are now maintaining it positively decline to carry the burden longer without assistance. They are right. If the people will not support the board they do not deserve its benefits."

In connection with the above we would suggest to the people of Grants Pass, the advisability of forming a local Board of Trade. Such a society, having within its functions the power to deal with questions of a public nature, such as the planting of new industries in our midst, the encouragement of business men and agriculturists to locate in this vicinity, and the inauguration of public enterprises such as water works, etc., might, no doubt, would, prove a great benefit in building up Grants Pass. We believe the business men of the town to be full of enterprise and push. What is wanted is some means of directing these latent forces and concentrating them into concerted action. Isolated enthusiasm rapidly becomes dormant and the most public-spirited and enterprising man fails to accomplish much in the way of public improvements unless supported and encouraged by his fellow citizens. Then let steps be taken to organize such a society of our business men. It will not usurp the powers of the town councilors or county commissioners, nor be in antagonism to them, but will rather strengthen their hands and stimulate them to the most enterprising actions.

The editor of this paper returned home just before going to press and barely in time to say a word of the good people of Grants Pass. The town is really a wonder of thrift and enterprise. It has grown up within a few months, but its buildings have a substantial air and evince good architectural taste, and the location is all that could be desired. The people are charming and entertaining in a social way as any one could wish to meet, and are firm believers in their future. A sash and door factory is the main industry of the town, is furnished with fine machinery and gives employment to one hundred men. Senator Miller is the leading business spirit of the place and we had the honor to meet in addition to the senator and his family, Mr. Fayle, superintendent of the factory, Dr. Van Dyke, Prof. Benson, and Mr. Wimer, editor of the Courier, and their families, and many others, of whom we shall cherish the most pleasant recollections. The celebration was a fine success; the crowd large; the dinner beyond description, and the amusements thoroughly enjoyable. We may all be proud of Josephine county as a part of our senatorial district and though we must do it over the mountains, we are glad to shake.

We clip the above neat complement from the Coast Mail, presided over by Hon. John A. Gray, who our people will long remember pleasantly, and whose oration at this place the 4th instant is a matter of comment very favorable to that gentleman. We shake.

Of late we have heard considerable comment among our farmers with regard to prevailing north winds during the cropping season and its unfavorable effect. This wind is doubtless the same as that which is so common in California, but it is far less disastrous in its effects upon growing vegetation. With deep cultivation, manure, subsoiling and summer fallowing, we need not fear the north wind. In this connection we have noticed that the farmers throughout this country do their farming with small teams. As a general thing they are small and inferior; hence of course, there is an almost endless amount of shallow plowing going on and a consequent early drying up of spring sown grain. Just as fast as possible

large teams should take the place of the small ones, and deep cultivation of that shallow, which would doubtless remove cause of the complaint in this section of the injuries from north winds, or any other species of drought.

**EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.**  
Tacoma is a first assuming proportions as a commercial center.  
Hamilton Fish died in New York on June 30th, after a long illness.  
The remains of ex-governor Addison C. Gibbs, arrived in Portland on the 8th.  
Ben Holladay, of railroad fame, died at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, on the 8th.  
Thousands of people have been drowned in China by the overflowing of the Wenchow river.  
The Westside Telephone announces that it will take grouse on new subscriptions. These worthy brothers appear to have "thrown off" on the old established custom of taking chickens on subscriptions. Brother, where do you expect to find the grouse roost?  
Cyrus W. Field's "corner" on elevated railway stock forced him to dispose of all his shares. The coffee and wheat corner men also failed to accomplish their end and many of them were financially wrecked. It is perfectly proper that they should collapse under such circumstances.  
It is believed that C. P. Huntington, the Central Pacific railroad magnate, is about to be indicted for bribing members of the United States Congress. After Mr. Huntington testified before the Pacific railway investigating committee last spring, to having paid out \$6,000,000 to the members of both Houses, the Attorney General decided to investigate the matter. Three times the amount of money paid, and three years imprisonment for each and every offense, is the penalty. This is an important issue.

**Notice to the Public.**  
BY Virtue of the Sale of the COURIER Printing plant, all unpaid subscriptions now owing, are payable to Mr. A. A. Allworth, also all unpaid Advertising from June 1st, 1887. W. J. WIMER.

**County Treasurer's 6th Notice.**  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, 1 Grants Pass, July 15th, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the County Treasury for the redemption of the following County Warrants, protested to No. 29, July 11, 1887, Numbers 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 11, 17, 20.  
Interest on the same will cease from this date. J. W. HOWARD, Treasurer.

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**Administrator's Notice.**  
In the matter of the Estate of M. A. Chapman, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Josephine County, Oregon, sitting in Probate, administrator of the estate of M. A. Chapman, deceased.  
WM. CLAPMAN, Administrator of said Estate. Dated July 6th, 1887. 7-8-87

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**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  
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