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CORRESPONDENCE.

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

WATERWORKS.

A system of water-works is requisite to the future welfare and prosperity of Grants Pass.

In the first place, as a fire protection, they stand pre-eminent, and from this point of consideration alone the people of Grants Pass would be justified in incurring the necessary expense.

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A system of water-works is also an important factor in the health of a town. Statistics on this point are irrefragable.

In counting up the many advantages, the effect of such enterprise upon outsiders should not be forgotten.

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ample power for the pumps and for a factory of some kind which might be induced to locate here.

A third is the combination of the gravity and direct pressure systems, and consists of the pumping engines with a line of pipe to a reservoir upon some elevation convenient to the town and pipes from the reservoir to the town as in the gravity system.

Croakers will always be found to oppose every improvement or enterprise that may be brought up, but the enterprising citizen will do his utmost to bring about improvement.

Grants Pass must go ahead or go backwards. It cannot remain stationary. We believe that there are enough progressive men here to override the moss back oppositionists and thus bring about an era of prosperity and progress that will carry us on to the pinnacle of success.

For the past twenty years what is known as "the dry diggings" has been successfully worked for placer by different parties in this locality.

The different strata run right across the face of the gulch, and the gold producing formation is as follows: First a column of granite, or putty stone properly speaking, 30 ft wide; next is a layer of decomposed gold bearing quartz 300 feet wide; then comes another granite column 40 feet wide, and another 300 feet of decomposed quartz; a quartz ledge 30 inches wide then appears which has not yet been prospected.

This is followed by 40 ft. of granite, another 300 ft. of decomposed quartz and then the principal quartz ledge. This started a mere ribbon on top, but has developed into a well defined ledge, loaded with fine gold.

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BEHIND THE AGE.

The farmers of Southern Oregon are, as a rule, twenty years behind the age. In under-draining, irrigation, and stock raising, they appear to have made little improvement on the plans of our forefathers.

The following from the "Rural Spirit," exactly describes very much of the stock which our farmers are now breeding.

Major R. H. Hendershot, known everywhere as the Drummer boy of the Rappahannock, is one of our honored and respected citizens.

On Sunday evening Rev. Mr. Rindell took occasion to administer a scathing rebuke to the users of profane language.

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J. Wimer & Sons are cleaning up the mine near Wald.

Notice to the Public. BY Virtue of the sale of the COURIER Printing plant, all unpaid subscriptions now owing, are payable to Mr. A. V. All-

A Administrator's Notice. In the matter of the Estate of M. A. Chapman, deceased.

County Treasurer's 6th Notice. Office of the County Treasurer, Grants Pass, July 13th, 1887.

Music Lessons. PROF. SUTTMER, is now prepared to give Private Lessons upon the PIANO, VIOLIN, and ORGAN.

GRANTS PASS BARBER SHOP AND BATH ROOMS! Messrs. COEURN & FREBLEY

Hot and Cold Baths. PRICES MODERATE, and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

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Flouring Mill and Farm FOR SALE. Situated on Murphy Creek, Josephine County, Oregon, eight miles south of Grants Pass.

SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Josephine.

NEW STORE NEW LIVING'S. Begs leave to inform the public 6TH AND H STREET

BOOTS and S. And everything to be for VERY LOW FOR CASH, OR MARKETABLE PRODUCE.

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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.

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

Our Stock this season Cannot be Excelled on the Coast Neither in Quantity, Quality, Variety, Size, nor Health and Vigor of same.

APPLE, PEAR, PEACH, PLUM, PRUNE, APRICOT, NECTARINE, CHERRIES, ALMONDS, Etc., Etc.

SPECIALTIES. Plums, Prunes, and Apricots on Myrobalan Plum Stock.

F. Barry Pear, the best late shipping variety. Muir Peach, (freestone) still leads the list.

LARGE STOCK SHADE and ORNAMENTAL TREES. Evergreen, shrubs, roses, clematis and flowering plants, small fruits, grape vines, etc., etc.

HAMMON BROS., Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon.

SHERER & JUDSON, DEALERS IN Hard-ware, Stoves and Tin-ware.

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Studebaker Farm Wagons, Hacks and Buggies.

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The World Renowned BISSELL Chilled Plows.

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Our Trees are grown without irrigation on level land, and all of known varieties that succeed in Southern Oregon.

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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.

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Fancy Goods of all kinds, sold at BED-ROCK PRICES. Summer Silks, - - 55 cts. per yard.

I will not be Under Sold. J. W. HOWARD.

NEW FURNITURE STORE! A. J. SEDGE, Main St., (bet. 3th and 5th) Grants Pass.

FURNITURE STORE. Where will be kept on hand and for sale all kinds of

Manufacturers' AGENT for the RACINE WIND MILL!

The Best Mill made. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited, and satisfaction guaranteed.

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