

THE COURIER.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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

BOARD OF TRADE.

Albina now has a Board of Trade. Its object is to enhance the growth of the city, increase its wealth and industries, and develop its resources by judicious advertising.

We have already pointed out the urgent need of an organization of our business men in Grants Pass. We will now prophesy the result, if something of this kind is not accomplished: Places with not half the advantages of our town will be pushed to the front; their property will increase 100 per cent. in value, while Grants Pass real estate decreases; they will secure workshops and factories, while we will lose what we have; enterprising towns will be improved and beautified, while ours will gradually assume a forsaken aspect, or be swept off the face of the earth by a conflagration.

Some time ago the editor of this paper took the necessary steps to have a mail route laid from Woodville, in Jackson county, to Spikenard. Petitions were circulated, and nearly one hundred signatures were obtained, praying for the same, and also for a Postoffice at the mouth of Pleasant creek.

There is "a red-hot time" in Texas. To-morrow the vote will be taken on the prohibition amendment. Until quite recently the prohibitionists had little doubt of being able to carry it.

The sales of the Northern Pacific land department for this district were greater during the month of July just past than during the same month in any preceding year of its existence, amounting to \$150,000.

Everything is now quiet out in the canyon, and the excitement has been put under bonds to keep the peace, including Pansy Patterson.

The city express team made things lively for a short time last Wednesday, by running away. Mr. Razez after gazing at them for a few moments started in pursuit and overhauled them in an easy race.

FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!!

Great Conflagration!

The Town of Grants Pass in Ashes!

Every Business Place Levelled With the Ground!

It is only reasonable to expect that these headlines will, some morning, startle our neighbors as they glance over their papers, while the people of Grants Pass will be wringing their hands over wrecked businesses and devastated homes.

Grants Pass at present is a fire trap on the most destructible site. The material of which the place is built, is of the most inflammable nature, while the business places strung out along the railway front seem waiting to catch the fatal spark that will ruin scores of men.

We can scarcely realize, and yet we believe it is a fact, that there is not the first apology of an attempt at a fire brigade or salvage corps. That not one fire engine, ladder or even water bucket is owned by the town for the purpose of fighting fire.

Our business men are uninsured either because they can get no insurance at any price, or because the rates are so high that it would be ruinous to pay them.

The people of Grants Pass are living on the brink of ruin, and they realize it not, nor strive to better their position. Who is to blame and how to remedy matters are the questions that should agitate the mind of every citizen.

As to the second question, we have no hesitation in saying that a system of waterworks is the only efficient protection that we can have. Let our authorities wake up and arouse the people to a sense of what the situation demands.

We have sounded the note of warning and the COURIER will not be guilty of criminal negligence if our authorities refuse to take action and thus allow the town to be destroyed with probable loss of life as well as property.

The Great "Lock Up."

NEW YORK, July 27, '87.

Ed. COURIER.—The situation is startling. If allowed to continue every interest will feel it. Every foot of land will become of less value, every bushel of wheat, every bushel of corn, every pound of cotton will decline in value.

The fact is, that with the exception of some twenty millions deposited by the Treasury with National Banks, there is now "locked up," out of use and drawing no interest, in the United States Treasury, the vast sum of nearly

THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY MILLION DOLLARS.

One hundred millions of the vast sum the Treasury is obliged to keep under the laws as a reserve against United States notes.

Upwards of another hundred millions of this vast sum is retained to redeem the notes of National Banks failed or retiring circulation.

There is no law requiring the Treasury to keep this sum locked up.

It will be years before these National Bank notes will come in, and it is more than likely that 3 to 5 per cent. will never be presented.

Should this money lie idle all these years? If it must then there is some defect in the National Banking Law which ought to be corrected.

Why Congress should have put

it in the power of the National Banks to use the Treasury in this way is a serious question.

Of the balance of this vast sum there is retained to meet past due Bonds, Disbursing Officers' drafts, P. O. Department accounts and divers appropriations, nearly seventy million dollars, just as if the Treasury was not receiving from the people every month upwards of twenty-five million dollars to meet all these things.

For all the above the Treasury Department may set up a valid excuse; but, if so, the next Congress should see that something is done to utilize as large a part of this \$270,000,000 as is consistent and safe.

Still remaining is \$70,000,000 for which lock up there is no reason or law except the ruling or wishes of the Treasury Department.

It is well for the people to know how the Treasury stands. The following figures are from the official statement issued by Secretary Fairchild, June 30, 1887:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Gold Coin and Bullion, Silver Standard Dollars, United States Notes, National Bank Notes, Deposited in National Banks, etc.

At the same date the Treasury had outstanding: Gold Certificates, Silver Certificates, U. S. Notes Certificates.

Thus leaving, with the exception of the little part in the National Banks, "Locked Up" in the Treasury, \$337,455,395.04.

With an outstanding debt of over one thousand millions, on which the people are taxed \$44,638,456 yearly for interest payments, we would submit the simple question: Is it just to the people to keep, year in and year out, \$337,000,000 locked up in the treasury, drawing no interest and doing no good?

Since the issue of our circular of June 16th—"What Use Shall the Government Make of its Surplus?"—we have received hundreds of newspapers and communications from all parts of the land on this subject, all showing a deep interest and concern over the Treasury surplus.

By far the larger majority think as we do, that the sooner the "rebellion" debt is cleared out, bought up, paid off and forgotten, the better for the whole country.

It would be far better for the country if \$150,000,000 of this money was immediately used to reduce the interest-bearing debt, even if the Government made nothing by it; but it can not only reduce the debt but save millions in future interest payments by doing so.

A REMARKABLE MAN.

Wonderful Feats of an Armless Resident of Northern New York.

There recently died at Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., Richard Donovan, who was in some respects one of the most remarkable men in Northern New York. Twenty years ago, when a boy, Donovan worked in a flour mill.

One day he was caught in a belt and received injuries that necessitated taking off both arms at the shoulders. This misfortune did not discourage him, and after recovering his health he set about earning his livelihood as best he could without the use of hands or arms.

Part of the time he had lived alone, and from the necessity of helping himself he became wonderfully adept in performing all kinds of work, using his feet and mouth principally.

He owned a horse, of which he took the entire care, harnessed it, fastened and unfastened the buckles with his teeth, and drove with the reins tied around his shoulder.

Being in need of a wagon, he bought wheels and axles and built a box buggy complete, and painted it. He went to the barn one winter day and built a cow stable, sawing the timber with his feet, and with the hammer in one foot and holding the nail with the other, he nailed the boards on as well as most men could with their hands.

He dug a well twelve feet deep on a farm in this town and stoned it himself. He could mow away hay by holding the fork under his chin and letting it rest against the shoulder.

He would pick up potatoes in the field as fast as a man could dig them. He would dress himself get his meals, write his letters, and, in fact, do almost any thing that any man with two arms could do.—[Boston Transcript.]

The Astoria Gaslight Company will build new works on the beach near the Astoria iron works. The improvements will cost \$12,000.

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. Worth, also all unpaid Advertising from June 1st, 1887.

LAND FOR SALE.

A FINE 40-acre tract of Deeded Land about one and one-half miles from Grants Pass, beautifully situated, and has plenty of good living water.

WANTED.

100 HOT PICKERS. Address, J. S. DENISE, White Sulphur Springs, Ore.

Board of Equalization.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Equalization will meet at the County Clerk's office in Grants Pass, Oregon, on Monday, August 29th, 1887, for the purpose of equalizing the taxes of the county.

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 2d day of August, A. D. 1887, and to me directed and delivered, in favor of Samuel Daniels, Plaintiff, who recovered a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a certain mortgage in the above named Court, on the 2d day of August, A. D. 1887, against the herein-after described real property belonging to H. S. Davenport and Ellen Davenport, his wife, defendants, I am commanded to levy upon and sell said property to satisfy said judgment.

Saturday, August 27th, 1887.

At two o'clock of said day, all the right, title, and interest of the said H. S. Davenport and Ellen Davenport, defendants, in and to all of the following described real property to-wit:

The East half of the North-east quarter, and the South-west quarter of the North-east quarter, and the North-west quarter of the South-east quarter of Section Thirtieth, in Township Thirty-seven (37) south Range Six (6) West, containing One Hundred and Sixty acres, situated in Josephine County, Oregon, with all and every of the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Given under my hand this 4th day of August, 1887.

T. G. PATTERSON, Sheriff.

By R. R. MORRIS, Deputy.

New Goods! New Goods!!

F. M. NICKERSON, Dealer in STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.

Has opened up a new stock just received, consisting in part of: Fresh Canned Fruits, Candies, Nuts, Tobacco, Cigars, Etc.

Ice-Cream a Specialty.

New Barber Shop!

PROF. BLOOM is fitting up a fine BARBER SHOP in the old Central Hotel building, where he guarantees to give satisfaction in SHAVING and HAIR-CUTTING.

Ladies' Hair-cutting a specialty.

PROF. BLOOM will cure Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing and nails; also, warts taken out without pain.

No cure, no pay.

County Treasurer's 6th Notice.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, 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, 1885: Numbers 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 13, 11, 17, 20.

Interest on the same will cease from this date.

J. W. HOWARD, Treasurer.

Music Lessons.

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

Or any Brass Instrument. For particulars, enquire at this office.

GRANTS PASS BARBER SHOP

AND BATH ROOMS! Messrs. COBURN & PRESLEY

Would announce to the public that they have fitted up in connection with their Tonsorial business, Hot and Cold Baths, PRICES MODERATE, and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

MAIN STREET, next door to Bakery, 7-25-3m

Brick! Brick!! Brick!!!

Cheaper than the Cheapest, — AT — D. W. HARDIN'S BRICK YARD.

— All kinds of — MASONRY WORK Promptly and neatly executed.

White Sulphur Springs Hotel.

(West of Depot, on Railroad Track.) ASHLAND, OREGON. O. GANIARD, - Proprietor.

Pleasant Accommodations for Families. Passengers carried to and from the Hotel FREE OF CHARGE.

Patrons will be supplied with Hot and Cold Baths from the Springs. WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Oregon.

M. W. WHEELER, 8-3-1m

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,

TREES! TREES! TREES!

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

Our Stock this season Cannot be Excelled on the Coast Neither in Quantity, Quality, Varieties, Size of Trees, nor Health and Vigor of same. Embracing all the Leading Varieties of

APPLE, 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. Muir Peach, (freestone) still heads the list. Kanaday's Oling, the canner's pride. 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'Erte. (French Conserves). Berkeley Gooseberry, the most profitable of them all.

Languedoc, King's, Soft Shell and Paper Shell Almonds. LARGE STOCK SHADE and ORNAMENTAL TREES.

Evergreens, shrubs, roses, clematis 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.

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, Buggies.

J. I. Case, and Canton Clipper Riding and Walking Plows.

ALSO The World Renowned BISELL, Chilled Plows, ACME HARROWS, VICTOR WIND MILLS, Autocrat Wood Force Pumps, And all goods handled by STAYER & 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, 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.

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: MIKE FORMAN, 49-6m Phoenix, Jackson Co., Or.

Salesmen Wanted. We are in want of a few more good men to canvass for the sale of choice varieties of Nursery Stock. To men who can make a success of the business we can pay good salaries or commission and give permanent employment. We have many new and choice specialties, both in the fruit and ornamental line, which others do not handle. Address at once, with references to

L. L. MAY & CO., Nurserymen, ST. PAUL, MINN.

REDLAND NURSERY!

6 miles South of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A. H. CARSON & SON, Proprietors.

100,000 Trees in Stock, Consisting of APPLE, PEAR, PEACH, PLUM, PRUNE, CHERRY, APRICOT, NECTARINE, ALMOND, WALNUT, CHRISTNUT and Shade and Ornamental Trees, Grape Vines, Currants, Gooseberries, Blackberries, Raspberries, Strawberries, Figs, Etc., Etc.

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

Those contemplating tree planting will do well to visit our Orchard and Nursery, or write us for price list.

Post-office—Murphy, Josephine County, Oregon. R. R. Station, Grants Pass, Ore. A. H. CARSON & SON. 6-17f

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, 34f Proprietors.

Spring and Summer Goods!! CHEAPER THAN EVER!

Fancy Goods of all kinds, sold at BED-ROCK PRICES. Summer Silks, 55 cts. per yard. Lawns, 5 " "

Other goods in proportion. I will not be Under Sold. J. W. HOWARD. 6-21f

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 UNDERTAKING. Repairing and all kinds of work in my line neatly and promptly executed. — 2 L O —

As a life time's AGENT for the R/CINE WIND MILL. The Best Mill in use. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited, and satisfaction guaranteed. 36-17

M. L. GAIN, S. NICKELSBURG, J. D. STEINHEIM, C. E. WELLS. CAHN, NICKELSBURG & CO., Manufacturers and Importers of

Boots and Shoes.

129 & 131 Sansome St., San Francisco, Cal. Factory, 115 & 117 Hayes Street. 3-6-6m

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.

All kinds of SAUSAGES A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. BUNCH BROS., 4-8f Proprietors.

City Market.

J. H. AHLF, - - Proprietor. MAIN STREET, - - GRANT'S 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