

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.

ASSESSMENTS.

The system of assessing town and county property at one-half or two-thirds its real value as seems to be done systematically in Josephine county, is not a good one. The effect on the outside world will hardly be favorable to our county when they read that the gross value of our property is \$956,253. They are not supposed to know that the above amount would go a very small way toward purchasing this same property. Very few farmers whose land was assessed at \$4 an acre would accept \$8 for the same property; and the same may be said of town property.

In one instance, a property for which \$120 a year is asked in rent, was assessed for \$250, yet the owner in this case would hardly look at a \$500 offer.

The rate of taxation is raised as a consequence of low valuation, and while the taxpayer is really out no greater sum, the effect on outsiders is bad, as it gives the impression that this is a much more expensive county to keep up than is really the case. If all property were assessed at its cash value—the price at which the owners are willing to sell—there would be less opportunity of fraud, and we would appear to the outside world in much better shape. We hope that next year a change may be made and Josephine county assessed at \$2,000,000 instead of one. Then our rate of taxation will be low enough to attract the attention of those who wish to live in a cheap locality.

OUR FRUITS.

Still samples of the marvelously fine fruit of Southern Oregon, come to this office, and every week discloses some marvelous results of the workings of nature assisted by man, in fertile Southern Oregon.

Among the remarkably perfect fruits which we have received were a number of very fine Bartlett pears, averaging in weight from 13 to 16 ounces each. This fruit was perfect in shape and of delicious flavor. It was a product of peaches this year. Some very fine ones left at this office went more than half a pound each and measured nearly eleven inches in circumference.

From Dr. L. S. McFadden's well known orchard and vineyard on the Applegate, comes a generous assortment of plums, peaches and grapes. The peaches, a fine sample of the "Old Mixton," are a great success, and are the best of this variety we have yet seen. This would be a good variety for general cultivation in this country, being good size, fine flavor and good general appearance. The Doctor purchased his trees from Carson's nursery.

Samples of the Red Egg plum from the same orchard measured seven inches around and were most delicious. A quantity of silver plums or "Washington" plums were much appreciated. Some very fine clusters of "Isabella" grapes put a finishing touch to the assortment which would have done credit to the California state fair. Dr. McFadden has never had a failure in his peach crop and his orchard has been cultivated for 17 years.

Who are they who are pushing Southern Oregon ahead in spite of the inhabitants? Who are using their energy, their time, their talents and money to advance the interests of towns, to induce capital and men of enterprise to locate in our beautiful country and develop her resources, who are striving to promote education, morality, enterprise? We answer that any progress being made is due almost entirely to the unaided efforts of half-a-dozen newspaper men who, with little exception, eking out a precarious existence on the patronage of the people who are being directly benefited by their exertions.

If there be any advancement, if the future has a brighter outlook, we would request the people of this section to ask themselves how much they have done to bring it about? How many of them can faithfully say that they have lifted their little finger to benefit any one but themselves? How many of them can say that they liberally patronize their local paper that their editor may be able to give such matters the attention required to achieve success? Very few of them. If a local paper appeals for subscriptions, it is often met with the reply that the large city papers are to be had cheaper. It asks for advertisements the business man will reply that advertising is too expensive, and in order that the newspaper man may not feel too independent and charge

a fair profit when any job work is to be done, several of them are asked to compete against one another, the job is sent off to a city office because there a specialty is made of such work and it can be done at a few cents under the price of the local paper. There is nothing liberal, fair or wise in such a policy.

As a rule we believe the newspaper men of Southern Oregon are devoted to the development of the country and the promotion of the best interests of the inhabitants. No class of men could be less mercenary and no class is more poorly paid for their services. If they are supported liberally the public reap the advantages, their papers are improved and their facilities for serving the public increased. A live paper means a live town, but a live paper is an expensive institution and requires a general support from its constituents.

We have endeavored to urge upon the business people of this town the importance and advisability of organizing for carrying on public improvement, and placing our city before the world in its proper light. They have not done so, simply because those who hold important positions in the town have not courage and energy enough to lead such a movement. We would draw the attention of our people to the results of a little organized effort on the part of the people of Ashland. That town, although in no way so favorably situated as Grants Pass, is rapidly going ahead. People are purchasing outlying properties and good prices are being realized for real estate. In some cases as high as \$500 per acre has been paid for granite hillsides near the town, and there is every indication of a coming boom. Property of Josephine county will soon be in demand in spite of the inaction of our people. But why not organize and assist the surely-coming good times, and place ourselves in a position to reap the full benefits of the large immigration to this state which has already begun and must increase to gigantic proportions during the coming six months?

The Property of Josephine.

The county board of equalization terminated their labors on Thursday last week. The following figures are taken from the final assessment: 69,356 acres of land, valued at \$329,703; town lots, valued at \$83,972; improvements on same, \$174,194; merchandise and implements, 117,604; 1153 horses and mules, valued at \$49,737; 2153 cattle, valued at \$53,895; 2051 sheep, valued at \$7957; 1435 swine valued at \$23,238; money, notes and accounts, \$92,605; household furniture, 10,000; Grapes, value of 435. Total taxable property, \$581,115. In 1886 the gross value was given as \$881,606 and \$618,924 as the total taxable property. The advance in gross value of the present year over last was \$74,647 gross value, \$62,191 excess on the total tax.

Grapes and Wine.

A large quantity of grapes are being shipped to Portland from this place by Mrs. J. N. T. Miller, Raphael Morat, Emil Berbe, Martin Laist and others. They sell at good prices, and being tender and of good flavor, are preferred to California grapes by most people. In the future, when raising grapes of different qualities will have attained a high standard of development in Southern Oregon, we may expect our grapes to be sold almost exclusively in Oregon markets. In the vicinity of Jacksonville are land especially adapted to the culture of the grape, and this will all, sooner or later, be utilized for that purpose by people who understand the business. We confidently expect that this section will before many years command much attention from those handling grapes and wine. [Times.]

The grand jury also indicted Wilson, the horse thief, who is out on bail, and Uncle Johnny Dougherty, who made the murderous assault on the little boy at Willow Springs.

The great match race between Stilly Riddle's "Nellie Gray" and Coleman & Co.'s "Ten Cents" will be run at Medford on the 6th day of October. A good track will be prepared for the event, which will no doubt prove an exciting one. The race is for \$1,000 a side, and will be witnessed by a large crowd.

The "Tidings" can't miss the opportunity to remark that Southern Oregon has the best of the rest of the state as a fruit growing region—not only this year but all the time. For peaches, pears, plums, apples, and all the choicest fruits of the temperate zone, Southern Oregon doesn't yield the palm to any portion of either Oregon or California.

Oregon hops are quoted in the San Francisco markets 2 1/2 cents cheaper than those of California or Washington Territory. How is this? The Rogue River Valley produces what is admitted as the equal of any in the world by competent judges. Either our pickers are not particular enough, or our crop is allowed to be included among inferior lots from the North. Our growers should see to it that we get the highest prices.

Altitude Correspondence.

Altitude, Sept. 7, '87.
Mr. Editor.—Prospector has been silent for so long that it is more than likely that yet new editor of ye valuable county paper of Josephine will not remember him, but everything animate and inanimate must have rest.

The spring time of life is like the opening flowers and dewy grass—all sunshine and gladness; manhood's estate may be likened to the time of fruit and ripening grain; middle age, the harvest time of our life's journey on earth; and old age, the autumn of all things, when man and earth must take their season of rest; and blessed indeed is he who can find joy and happiness in the autumn of his days on earth, and have a hope of peaceful rest in that world beyond the grave. Few there be I fear, who can claim to have this best of all boons; nevertheless, let us while we live, each strive to do our part in the battle of life. Be it thine, dear editor, to instruct the mind and fill the hearts of your readers with healthful and truthful reading which will make food for thought and elevate the mind; such indeed should be the life work of all good and noble hearted men and women.

I have said old age needs rest. Yes, but the old miners, those who have not struck it rich, seldom find rest until they lay down the pick and pan and are laid away within the silent grave. There, indeed, the miner and prospector who has for years wandered over the mountains and through dark canyons, delved deep into the earth and brought forth traces of metals and golden ores which have been the means of enriching thousands upon thousands, and built up cities, towns and villages, the end of all is the grave. This is what I am waiting for, and although I have to delve and toil from day to day, I try and rest my mind if not my body.

One other cause has kept me from sending my usual mite—lack of anything to write about that would be interesting to your readers. Since the miners of this section got through cleaning up after their winter's run, this camp has been very dull, many of the men went off in search of summer diggings and new fields of labor, many of whom will doubtless return this fall. But our camp has been very lonesome this summer. Several new-comers from other mining states have been prospecting in the Siskiyou and on the many streams which have not heretofore been worked, and I am pleased to be able to say some have been very successful, and I hope at no distant day to be able to report some rich finds in a lucky mine.

Mr. Wendenhoff, a Colorado miner, while prospecting in the Siskiyou near the East fork of Indian creek, found a well defined quartz ledge which he proceeded to prospect by pounding some of the rock into dust between two stones, and he reports that he found gold in every sample which he tried. This ledge crosses the upper part of the left-hand fork of Sucker creek. Gold has been washed out of the very grass roots under the line of the ledge, but the ledge was never opened before.

GOOD CREEK DIGGINGS

have been found near the head of the East fork of Indian creek. This creek has never yet been worked. Mr. Wendenhoff was the lucky discoverer of this also. He says it is a hard place to prospect because it is deep ground, but he is well satisfied with his prospect; has already laid in quite a bill of provisions and has sent for his partner. The new creek, if such it may be called, lies south of the Oregon line, but the nearest and best route to get there is by Borlan lake or by the left-hand fork of Sucker creek. The trading post will naturally be Beach & Platter's. The distance from the Postoffice to the East fork of Indian creek must be between fifteen and twenty miles.

Felley and company are prospecting on the left-hand fork of Sucker creek, and they report having found paying diggings, but a scarcity of water. There is quite a large scope of unworked country in this section which will in time attract the attention of the miners from other sections of the country.

The health of this part of our county is good, the days are now pleasant and the nights—well, they do beat all out for good sleeping.

The burning of the Theatre Royal in London on Monday adds another horror to the long list of like tragedies. A full attendance listening to the performance of "Romany Rye," when at half past ten the fall of a drop scene set the interior on fire, and of course a panic rush was the result, ending in the death of over thirteen persons. A jam occurred and about half a hundred persons were roasted to death. It does seem as if the experience gained by the many disasters of the nature during the past few years, could furnish builders and theater owners with sufficient ideas to construct buildings that would preclude the recurrence of such heartrending accidents.—[Herald.]

To Build a Town.

Kersey, Sept. 12, '87.
Ed. Courier.—The article from the Medford "Transcript" in your last issue on "One Way to Build a Town," is all right as far as it goes. I think the farmer has just as much right to send East or anywhere else if he can save by it, as the merchant. I have heard merchants remark: "Yes, I will take your produce, if you will take pay for it in trade." I can take my cash and send off and get things cheaper. If the merchants would help to keep the cash at home and assist the farmer when possible, it would be better for all concerned. What we want is, all pull together and help each other as much as we can. Neither do I think because a man is poor and has to work and earn a living by the sweat of his brow, that he should be debarred from making him a home on our government land. But enough for the present.

Crops were good on this side of Hays Hill.

There has been considerable sickness in this vicinity, but the general health is improving.

OBSERVE.

H. Neiberding, who for several years has been chief draughtsman of the O. P. Railroad left Corvallis with his family Wednesday evening for Southern Oregon where they will remain some time.

Wells are failing in some portions of Jacksonville and water is scarcer than usual at this time of the year.

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, all unpaid advertising from June 1st, 1887. W. J. WIMER.

Notice for Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE,
Roseburg, Oregon, Sept. 12th, 1887.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of 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, October 22, 1887, viz: Jacob Grossman, Homestead entry No. 3433, for the S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 Sec 17 N E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec 20 and N E 1/4 of S W 1/4 Sec 21 T 39 S R 4 E West, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Wm. Saunders, and F. M. Nickerson, of Grants Pass, Peter Summers and Wm. Sawyer, of Kerbyville, all of Josephine County, Oregon.
CHAS. W. JOHNSTON, Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF OREGON,
County of Josephine, ss.
Ellen Vannoy, Plaintiff,
vs.
James Lucas, Emma Lucas, his wife, and William Nauks, Defendants.
BY VIRTUE OF an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and to the said Ellen Vannoy, 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, and against the herein named real property belonging to James Lucas and Emma Lucas, his wife, two of the said defendants, I am commanded to levy upon and sell said property to satisfy the judgment of Ellen Vannoy for the sum of \$1,085.24, and the further sum of \$108.50 attorney's fees, and the further sum of \$45.95, costs and disbursements, and also the costs of and upon this writ; and in obedience to said writ, I did on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1887, levy upon said real property, to wit, land, and will offer for sale for cash in hand, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Grants Pass, in said County and State, on

Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1887.
At two o'clock of said day, all the right, title, and interest of the said James Lucas and Emma Lucas, defendants, in and to all of the following described real property to-wit:
The North-west 1/4 and the South-west 1/4 of Section Eighteen (18) in Township Thirty-eight (38) South of Range Seven (7) West, and the South-east 1/4 of the South-east 1/4 of Section Thirteen (13) in Township Thirty-eight (38) South of Range Eight (8) West, containing Three Hundred and Sixty (360) acres, situated in Josephine County, Oregon, with all and every of the appurtenances thereto belonging.
Given under my hand this 12th day of September, 1887.
T. G. PATTERSON, Sheriff.
By R. R. MORRIS, Deputy.

9-16-87
J. W. HOWARD.
WAR DECLARED!
AT THE
Post Office Store!
NEW GOODS ARRIVING FROM THE EAST AT
PRICES NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.
Notables in Ladies' Cloaks!!
MEN'S SUITS, from \$5.00 to \$20.00
BOYS' " " " 1.00 to 6.00
Country produce taken in exchange for Goods.
J. W. HOWARD.
6-21-87

For Sale Cheap.
One Fresh Milch Cow and one Three-quarter Jersey Bull. Enquire at S. P. D. & L. Co. Store.
New Barber Shop!
PROF. BLOOM
Is fitting up a
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.
8-31-87

O. H. HUBBARD & CO.,

GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

AGENT FOR THE



NEWTON WAGONS.

Buggies, Hacks, Carriages, Etc., Etc.

Also, Dealer in all kinds of

Farming Implements.

Ware-room, on Main street. [9-16]

TREES! TREES! TREES!

Hammon Bros.' Nurseries.

PHOENIX, 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, 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. Muir Peach, (freestone) still heads the list. Kanaday's Cling, 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'Ente. (French Conservatory). 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. 5111

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

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The World Renowned BISSELL

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And all goods handled by

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Furnished on short notice. We cordially invite all to examine our goods

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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.

GRANTS PASS

BARBER SHOP

AND

BATH ROOMS!

Messrs. COBURN & PRESLEY

Would announce to the public that they have fitted up in connection with their

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PRICES MODERATE, and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

MAIN STREET, next door to Bakery 7-22-87

W. N. SAUNDERS,

COUNTY SURVEYOR,

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LAND AGENT,

Will be always ready to locate all parties coming to him, on Vacant Land of all descriptions. Such as

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At reasonable terms. He has also some

CHOICE FARMS FOR SALE.

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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

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REBLAND NURSERIES

Six miles South of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon.

A. H. CARSON & SON,

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100,000 Trees in Stock.

Consisting of

APPLE, PEAR,

PEACH, PLUM,

PRUNE, CHERRY,

APRICOT, NECTARINE,

ALMOND, WALNUT,

CHESTNUT 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.

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A. H. CARSON & SON.

6-17-87

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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

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