

# 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.

## THE WATER-DITCH.

It is with much pleasure that we note the fact that our citizens are stirring themselves, and that a well organized and determined effort is being made to have an irrigating ditch brought into the town. \$200 has been subscribed by private citizens for the purpose of having surveys made, and a meeting of the citizens has been called by posters for Tuesday evening, to be held in Music Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock p. m.

No more opportune time than the present could be seized upon for the carrying out of such a scheme. Within the next six months thousands of people will pour into Southern Oregon. Towns will grow rapidly and parties of substantial means, looking for equitable climate and productive lands, will settle in the more enterprising towns. Their capital will be invested in manufacturing industries, in houses and lands, in orchards and vineyards; and the corporations who make the most effort to prepare for the influx will reap the most benefit.

The proposed ditch will irrigate thousands of acres, and the neighborhood of Grants Pass will be a veritable Garden of Eden, possessing as we have here a perfect climate and land that only needs water to make it produce the most luxuriant vegetation.

We have no hesitation in claiming that the Rogue river valley is in point of climate, picturesqueness and productiveness, the most desirable portion of the United States for residence, either for those in robust health or the invalid, while our unlimited water powers present unrivaled opportunities to the manufacturer.

What we now want is a united effort on the part of our people to place the above advantages in their most seductive light before the world.

The proposed ditch will more than pay for itself in many ways. A direct revenue would be derived from it; it would also more than double the value of property covered by it, and it would advertise our town as nothing else would. It would encourage manufacturing and give the owner of every lot in town a garden.

If our people want to keep pace with the outside world and send their town a-booming, the ditch will start the ball rolling and they should support the scheme, to a man.

Citizens of Grants Pass if you agree with one another, see to it that none of you "sit on the shelf" of Progress and halloo whoa. Come to the meeting on Tuesday night resolve to be united and if you cannot see with others, resolve at least to put nothing in the way of the further development of this town. Every dollar added to the value of town property is a gain to you and in this case the individual is the concern of the whole.

## THE OREGON BOOM.

Mr. J. H. Chitwood of Ashland, reports that property there has advanced from fifty to sixty per cent in value all around since the work of connecting the California and Oregon and California commenced. Large sales have been made generally at good figures. Three or four days since a Mr. Hamilton sold 160 acres for \$4,000, for which six months ago he was willing to take \$1,500. A Mr. Walker sold seventy acres for \$65 an acre, which six months ago he would have disposed of for \$45 an acre. Mr. Amersman sold 160 acres for \$17,500, an increase of \$2,500 in a short time, and J. C. Tolman wants \$12,000 for a similar amount of land. Fruit has been shipped in large quantities this year, 100 to 150 boxes going forward daily, and even at that rate it has been found impossible to supply the demand. Preparations are making for the building of a large hotel. The health of the city is good, in evidence of which Mr. Chitwood cites that in three years only one death has occurred among the pupils enrolled at the school.

The following idea is stolen from an exchange, but nevertheless is as true as gospel concerning Grants Pass: The man who resolves to take life easy in Grants Pass and sit down, only squats upon himself. Towns are aspiring and cities are ambitious. All want to get to the front; to be ahead, Grants Pass

should be in the lead. But all her citizens should have the sense of it. A good many of the men of the early days, don't know, and can't appreciate, how big a town Grants Pass is going to be. The Courier wants to stir these old residents, and everybody else in the city, to the importance of the occasion. Men engaged in real estate business will embrace it. Men who want to buy will take advantage of it. The boom will come. It will not be long in the coming. And it will last.

The future of Grants Pass and vicinity is altogether encouraging. A gentleman from Los Angeles was in town the other day. He has followed fruit culture for years in that section and he says that we have got the best fruit belt of any that he has seen since leaving there. He thinks our granite soil is particularly adapted to the cultivation of grapes. Now if his remarks prove true which we have no doubt will in time, this country will in the near future vie with the famed Los Angeles.

## Famine in Asia Minor—People Subsisting on Grass Roots, Refuse Berries, Etc.,

The American Board of Foreign Missions received a communication from their missionary agents in Asia Minor, stating that a terrible famine is prevailing on Cilician plain, at Adana, Tarsus, Targus, Kozzook, Mississ, Gaziant and other places. Crops have been a flat failure and 70,000 persons are subsisting on what would make a healthy man a good meal once in two days. It is estimated that 500 persons are dying daily, of whom 90 per cent are Christians, and an earnest appeal is made for funds to relieve their sufferings. Rev. Mr. Montgomery, stationed at Adana, writes: "Large numbers of people are kept alive by eating grass roots, refuse thrown into the streets, berries and small fruits. There are many thousands of people in dire need, and many tens of thousands of dollars will be required to sustain life until next harvest. It is heartrending to see a crowd of hungry women, such as collected in the street about our house yesterday. Many of them had not had anything to eat in three days. In some cases the babes at their breasts, getting no nourishment from their starved mothers, had died in their arms. Many say that their husbands, unable to hear the cry of their hungry children, had gone away and left them. The trouble is due to a total failure of crops, occasioned by a lack of rain. Aid is implored."

## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

It is now stated on good authority that Fuller, the murderer of Archbishop Hughes is insane.

The tripple alliance between Russia, Germany, and Austria heretofore existing, has been dissolved.

Don Cameron is making \$100,000 a year by real estate operations in Washington. No wonder the Republican party talks of running him for President.

The honesty of the Democratic administration is causing the professional Republicans a good deal of worry. Nevertheless, the people seem to like it. [Atlanta Constitution (Dem.)]

Roscoe Conkling says he still has "the profoundest contempt" for ex-Collector Robertson, and yet the ex-Collector says there will be harmony in the Republican party forever more. These things do not "concord."

The work of erecting the forty-ton smelter in East Portland is progressing rapidly and the coming week will see the furnace in position. The ore floor, 40 by 65 feet, is completed and will be covered over within the next few days.

A gentleman from Upper Willow creek informs the baker City Democrat of a probably fatal accident that occurred there a few days since. A young man about 25 years of age, by the name of Joseph Woodcock, was returning from the timber with a load of about 125 rails on a wagon. When on a sidehill grade the wagon upset, the driver being thrown under the load. His breast and both hips were crushed and he was otherwise injured. At last accounts the unfortunate young man was not expected to live.

Sunday morning about seventy-five men employed in construction on the Spokane & Palouse railroad, appeared at Garfield, Whitman county, W. T., a station on the Farmington branch of the O. R. & N. Co., tore up the latter's track and put in a crossing. The men remained on guard, and at last accounts were holding the fort, with the evident intention of camping indefinitely. Manager Holcomb of the O. R. & N., was promptly notified of the trespass. Before taking action Mr. Holcomb wired President Potter at Omaha, asking whether any arrangements had been made with the Spokane & Palouse road authorizing them to cross the O. R. & N.'s line. Mr. Potter answered that no such arrangement had been made. Thereupon Mr. Holcomb telegraphed the trainmaster at Garfield to pull up the crossing. The trainmaster answered that he had not at his command enough men to dislodge the trespassers, hence could not comply with the order. He was then requested to withdraw what men he had and let the other crowd hold the crossing.

## MINING NOTES.

Specimens of the Josephine county black marble taken to Portland by Mr. Keenan, one of the parties who own claims on the ledge, has been polished up and the result has created considerable excitement in the city. The stone takes a very fine polish, and has a beautiful grain. It will be valuable for house and other ornamentation. Mr. Keenan has disposed of his interest in the unopened quarry for \$1,500. Some slabs will be taken out this week and sent to Portland for dressing.

## THE LUCKY BAR.

Work on "Lucky Bar," on Sucker creek, owned by Grants Pass parties, has commenced and is being prosecuted with energy. The bar is being worked by drifting and already shows indications of rich pay.

## THE OLD "DUTCH LEDGE."

This quartz mine was worked twenty years ago with an arrastra and paid \$22 a ton in free gold, regardless of the sulphurets, in which the rock is very rich. It is situated on Powell creek near the Applegate, and about one mile from the celebrated Knox ledge. Biglow has re-located the ledge and has been working on it for some weeks. In the old days it was found too difficult to work on account of the hardness of the rock, but with improved and modern appliances it can be worked with good results. Mr. Biglow is running in tunnels at the rate of 2 1/2 to 3 feet per day. He has opened the ledge with three tunnels, one of them 75 feet in length, and is running another to tap the main ledge 75 feet from the surface. The richest vein that has been worked on so far, is a ribbon ledge between slate and limestone formation, and is now about four feet in width, and running North-east and South-west. A fine spring of arsenic water running out of the main tunnel is additional indication of a well defined ledge. The mine will be easily worked and is convenient to an inexhaustible supply of both wood and water. Recent assays show that the quartz is improving in richness, and the prospects for the success of the mine are as good as any in the country. A consignment of rock has been shipped to Salt Lake City for a careful assay, and several tons of ore are on the dump ready for working.

## THE KNOX LEDGE.

Mr. Keissling is pushing work on the Knox ledge, also in the Applegate country, and has run a tunnel 125 feet on a feeder to the main ledge, taking out good pay rock at every foot. The feeder he is working on is a contrast between serpentine and transition rock.

The "Pathfinder" is lying idle at present waiting for further development. The owners are more confident than ever of the value of the find, but having done all necessary work, are paying attention to other mines which have not yet received the work required by law.

## WOLF CREEK.

Several placer claims have been located lately on Wolf creek and rich gravel beds are reported. Mr. Gus Barlow has two men working on his claim in this locality, and reports an average of 15 to 20 dollars to the pan from grass roots down to bed rock about twelve feet.

Mr. Corder has been running a drift on his claim one hundred feet from the creek and reports good pay through the whole distance.

Mr. Hughes of Portland, has purchased a claim in this creek for the Hydraulic Mining Company, paying \$1,000 down.

For a number of years past a water-fall on Jump-Off-Joe has attracted the attention of gold hunters and the deep rock-bound hole into which it fell has aroused the cupidity of the most unimaginative of those who have gazed into its depths. Last week four of our enterprising business men considered the fact that gold had been taken from the creek both above and below the fall and determined to possess themselves of the foot or so of gold dust which was commonly conceded to be contained in the hole at the foot of the fall. Preparations were made, provisions laid up and the party arrived at their destination as the retiring sun illuminated with hopeful tints the beautiful valleys and picturesque hills surrounding their camp ground. Early next morning the party set to work like beavers and after sundry wettings and an overpowering dryness they succeeded in fluming the creek past their hot pole. In spite of the water coming into the hole almost as fast as it was pumped out our heroes worked like Trojans and after four days and nights of ceaseless toil realized that they might fearlessly commence work in about one foot of water left in the hole. Tons of gravel and rock were thrown out and just when the party were despairing a beautiful color was discovered which on inspection proved to be mica—and our heroes came home and told their friends that they had been hunting.

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEX., Sept. 19.—The Wancha gang of train robbers are evidently heading for the Rio Grande. Sturtz store, fifteen miles west of this place, was the scene of their latest exploit. This morning four well armed and mounted highwaymen rode up to the front door of the store, and dismounting entered and ordered some

trifling article and while the clerk was busy attending to their wants they suddenly presented their six shooters and compelled him to yield up all the ready cash on the premises, after which they facetiously ordered him to dance a highland fling, one whistling while the others kept time with their revolvers on an empty cracker box. A posse of citizens are in pursuit.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Sept. 19.—"The citizens of this place were shocked to-day to learn that F. Schaffer, a prominent citizen of this town was accidentally killed while out hunting near Soda Springs, in Linn county. He was shot by a man named Needham, from Marion county, who mistook him for a bear and shot him through the head. Schaffer has lived here about twenty years, was a pioneer of '48, a good blacksmith, 60 years of age, and unmarried. He was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow, and his remains were followed from the train to the cemetery this afternoon by a long procession of both societies, and many citizens.

Money to loan on good security. Notes and Co. orders bought. Enquire at S. U. Mitchell's law office. [50-4t]

## 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. Allworth, also all unpaid Advertising from June 1st, 1887. W. J. WIMER.

## STOLEN.

From the stable of Dr. C. W. Beacom, Grants Pass, Or., one set of single harness of the following description: 5 1/2 bridle, glass rosaries (whip and drum design), gold chain front wire in winter-stay, fair leather round lines, water-stitched quilted hand parts, one inch traces, rubber and gold trimmings, large collared martingale rings. A suitable reward will be given for information leading to recovery of same. C. W. BEACOM. [19-23]

## NOTICE.

Having disposed of my business at Grants Pass, all those knowing themselves indebted to me, either by note or account, are requested to come forward and settle up by Oct. 1st, 1887. GEO. W. RIDDLE. 9-23H

This space is reserved for the UNDERTAKER, J. R. HALE.

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Notice of Executor's Sale of Real Estate at Public Auction.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the County of Josephine, in the State of Oregon, made on the 5th day of September, 1887, in open court, in the matter of the estate of William Maloney, deceased, the undersigned, the executor of the said estate, will sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash, and subject to confirmation by said County Court, on Thursday, the 27th day of October, 1887,

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, all the estate, right, title and interest of the said William Maloney at the time of his death and all the estate, right, title and interest that the said estate has by operation of law, conveyance or otherwise acquired other than, or in addition to that of the said William Maloney at the time of his death, in and to all that certain parcel or message of land situated being and being in the said County of Josephine, State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter of the North-east quarter, the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, of Section 18, (8), and the West half of the North-west quarter of Section nine (9), in Township Thirty-four (34), South of Range six (6) West of the Willamette Meridian containing One Hundred and Sixty (160) acres according to the Government survey thereof.

TERMS OF SALE CASH: Twenty per cent to be paid down on day of sale, the balance on confirmation of the sale by said County Court. Deed at the expense of the purchaser.

JAMES MALONEY, Executor of William Maloney, deceased. Sept. 22d, 1887. [19-23H]

## 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 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, on October 22, 1887, viz: James McGee, 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 24 and N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 Sec 21 Tp 33 S R 12 W. 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 Korberville, all of Josephine county, Oregon. CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register. 9-16-87

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CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register. 9-16-87

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., Aug. 15, 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, on October 1, 1887, viz: James McGee, Homestead entry No. 3755, for the S E 1/4 of S W 1/4 Sec 23, S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 Sec 24, and N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 Sec 31 Tp 33 S R 12 W. 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 Korberville, all of Josephine county, Oregon. CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register. 8-26-87

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., Aug. 30th, 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 Clerk of the County Court of Josephine County, Oregon, at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, Oct. 8th, 1887, viz: O. F. Tilling, Preemption P. S. No. 4820, for the S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 Sec 14 Tp 33 S R 12 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Wm. Saunders, of Grants Pass, F. M. Nickerson, of Grants Pass, Peter Summers, of Korberville, all of Josephine county, Oregon. CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register. 9-2-87