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THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1899.

The populists in Yakima, Wash., have declared in favor of expansion and in opposition to treaty.

And the O. N. G. will be ordered to Portland for a three days encampment, where they will join in the great celebration when the troops come sailing home.

The National Editorial Association will pass through Grants Pass at 2:50 o'clock a. m. July 10, going as far south as Ashland.

The association will return at 3 o'clock of the same day the special bearing the association will return and stop for about three quarters of an hour. They will be well received and entertained while here.

The Samoan difficulty will be amicably adjusted and peace restored.

Germany has been talking of demanding indemnity from the United States because of alleged interference, but she will have a tropical time trying to make a collection.

Uncle Sam is not in the mood to pay something for nothing just yet a bit.

Considerable money is being invested in the mines in Southern Oregon at the present time.

And those who are making the purchases are proceeding at once with improvements, making ready for a good winter's work.

The next year will prove a lively one in the mining industry in this section. It takes money to do great work and that money is coming, not in appearance but in fact.

Secretary Alger is going to try hard to capture the senatorship from Michigan.

He has enlisted George Fingree in his behalf and the two will make a hard fight.

Alger will hold on to his job with the administration until he knows whether he secures the other prize.

Fingree says he favors Alger because he knows the secretary is an honest man and that he is opposed to trusts.

He may be opposed to trusts but, as to his honesty, there may be a difference of opinion. If he is as honest as Fingree gives him credit for being, he would resign the seat he is now so unfitted to hold.

The matter of how the sewer is to be paid for created considerable comment and opposition from those along the line of the proposed main, as well as from a number of others.

George Colvig circulated a petition asking the council to have same paid for by the city.

Two or three refused to sign the petition. The plan advised by a number of people and it is the most reasonable one, and just for all parties, is, that the city pay for the main and the laterals be paid for by the property holders where these laterals run.

Some suggest that the city is in no condition to take on extra indebtedness and for that reason they suggest that the sewer be paid for by the property holders along its route but the city can better afford to pay for it than to impose a burden upon those who happen to be along the line.

Taxation may be just, though heavy, but imposition never. We believe this council will wrestle with the problem until they have gotten it in the best possible shape.

Order of Parade the Fourth.

The parade will march north of the court house and will march south in the following order:

Gods of Liberty.

Angel of Peace.

Band.

Veterans.

Militia.

Fire Company.

Uncle Sam.

Representatives of the Business Firms.

Carriages.

Merchants.

Bicycles will form on both sides of parade.

A statement.

The Pacific Pine Needle Co. (inc) of Grants Pass, Ore., in offering its product to the public, begs to state that it employs no peddlers or traveling salesmen.

It has established agencies in all the Pacific Coast states, throughout the East, in Mexico, Europe and the Hawaiian Islands.

Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co. of Portland are its representatives for the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Walter Deakin of San Francisco, California, etc. They supply the trade in Portland and vicinity the Meier & Frank Co. has the retail sale of the goods.

The names of all these old, established, well-known houses are a guarantee for honest, straight-forward dealing.

The material of the Pacific Pine Needle Co. has no equal and once used, will speak for itself.

The company has invested a large sum in buying patents and perfecting the process of manufacturing.

Those who want mattresses made of pure Pine Needle fiber should see that they bear the trade mark of the Pacific Pine Needle Co.

In Grants Pass, J. R. Hale has the sole agency for our goods.

In Ashland Mr. J. T. Dodge has the sole agency for our goods.

PACIFIC PINE NEEDLE CO.

A New Sale.

Last Friday night Rogue River Camp No. 55, Woodmen of the World gave a social in honor of the Anala circle.

The gentlemen of course prepared all the good things and did all the serving and they did both in a way that astounded the ladies of the circle.

Merlin Scourings by Nymph.

Just rain enough to lay the dust in Merlin and vicinity.

Charles Crow, who is reported quite sick with malarial fever is improving very slowly.

Crops look well but a good shower of rain is very much needed.

W. A. Masie reports his apple crop very light but prunes bid fair to yield a good crop.

Goats! Goats! Lots of them! Faxon & Thornton passed through on the Roseburg road with a band of 2000 goats on their way to Douglas county. They had come from Redding, Cal.

Rev. J. Sams came over from Wilderville last week and is completing the arrangements for the dedication of the M. E. church, which is announced to take place Sunday, the 25th of June.

Miss Mary Jenkins and Miss Millie Frier came up from the Pass on Clair wheels Sunday morning and attended the dedicatory services and also lent a hand in lifting the burden of debt.

The ladies returned home Sunday evening.

Rev. Dr. Leslie, pastor of the Baptist church of Grants Pass, made Merlin a pleasant call and preached Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. A good congregation greeted the doctor, who preached an excellent sermon each evening to the delight of all present.

The little daughter of Thomas Haven, who has been sick with brain fever for some time past, died at the home of her parents Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock, the 21st inst. We are informed that the funeral took place at the Pleasant valley school house Thursday at 11 a. m.

Rev. Charles Smith, while on his way to Creswell in the Willamette valley, spent Wednesday night as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lanterman, going on his way the next morning.

Mr. Smith came down from Creswell some five weeks ago and has been visiting friends and attending to business in Southern Oregon.

W. A. Masie, who runs the stage between Calico creek and Merlin, had the misfortune to break one of his best springs one day last week.

The break, however, is mended and he goes on his way rejecting, carrying mail, passengers and freight.

Regular trips Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between Calico creek and Merlin.

Fliegende Blatter From Wilderville by Nymph.

Prospects are good for more rain at this writing.

A most refreshing shower of rain Saturday made glad the farmers of Wilderville and vicinity.

J. H. Robinson, one of Wilderville's thrifty farmers, reports a peach a good crop on his ranch but apples very light.

Crops of small grain in this vicinity bid fair to yield an abundant harvest.

Wheat, oats and hay especially are looking well.

Charles McCann came over from mill No. 3 Tuesday and remained until Saturday, the guest of his uncle, King McCann, Wilderville's genial merchant.

Everyone in Wilderville and vicinity expect to celebrate the Fourth in the Pass this year.

That is right, the Fourth of July ought to be observed by every American citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Carl and son Adam, and James Hocking Jr. and daughter Emma went to Sweed Basin for an outing, leaving Wilderville Tuesday and returning Thursday.

Wilderville is a pleasant little town where the people dwell together in peace and unity, where everyone enjoys the fruits of his labors, resting the while every man under his own fig tree.

Rev. N. F. Jenkins, pastor of Newman M. E. church of Grants Pass, will hold quarterly meetings service at Wilderville, July 2nd. Services as follows:

Love Feast at 10 a. m., preaching and sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 a. m., basket dinner on the grounds and preaching at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. D. T. Summerville, presiding elder of the M. E. church, came out on the stage Friday and paid Wilderville a pleasant visit, and held the business conference of the M. E. church in the evening and preaching after the business meeting. A good congregation greeted Rev. Summerville, an excellent sermon followed which was much appreciated by the congregation.

The presiding elder remained until Saturday morning, the guest of Mr. J. H. Robinson.

Miss Jessie Nevill closed a very successful term of school in the Jerome Prairie District. A fine program was arranged for Friday, the last day of school, a picnic and basket dinner were part of the order of the day.

The program was excellent and was well rendered by the children to the delight of all present.

Quite a number of the older people were present and participated in the exercises of the day.

Some very fine music by August Myers was one of the pleasant features of the program. A general good time was experienced and all went away well pleased and happy.

Report.

J. W. Blalock, who has been superintending the construction of the new road from Browning's place to Blalock Bros.' mine, was in town Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Blalock reports that something over one and one half miles of the road have been completed.

The following amounts have been received and expended:

EXPENSES

A. C. Manning 25 143 75

W. Briggs 14 25 35

J. C. Briggs 25 25 50

Wm. Clark 25 25 75

L. Briggs 14 25 99

H. McKee 15 27 116

J. Harwood 25 141 141

N. Erickson 15 157 172

Burnie O'Brien 5 8 180

D. Kirkhart 4 7 187

Ben Evans 25 212 429

E. Baker 9 15 444

J. F. Weiman 9 45 489

Paid for coal 25 514 514

Provisions 94 45 608

Tools 41 20 649

Total Paid out 649 20

RECEIPTS

Col. from Grants Pass sub. 845 50

Col. from Grants Pass sub. 174 00

From board 103 70

Total rec'd 1123 20

LABOR DONATED

J. E. Blalock 20 days

W. Briggs 20 40

L. Briggs 20 40

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

Sam L. Simpson. (Died June 14, 1899.)

What songs this dearest singer sang, Ere while had dulled his keener wit, And to Hosperian brooding sung, As fruits for Prometheus fit.

He sang the glories of the land In tuneful numbers ever grand, And most to live for ages long, As samples of immortal song.

He gave "Williamette" lasting fame, And "Hood" he made a classic name; Told of sad catastrophe, When the wrecked "Wright" went down at sea.

With pollen song of "Apple Bloom," And "Mississippi" relation done, "The Mother's Vigil" and "Again," "At Parting," "Crowning of the Shain," "Snow-drift," "Lurlina," and the "Pine," Whose planting called for many a line Of sweetest cadence marshaled yet, To thrilling words and music set.

He sang all these and sung them well, Without reward or hope of pay, Except the praise that sometimes fell From reader of the charming lay.

Then shame on the Pacific coast, And all its listless dwellers here, If these sweet songs fore're are lost To us, beyond refraining care.

Though heard he was his minstrelsy, And all his rhythmic cases are over, His pure and splendid melody Will ever linger on our shore.

(-Wm. W. Fisher, Wilderville, June, 1899.)

Probably Committed Suicide.

It is reported that Henry Brownworth of Wimer, Jackson county, has committed suicide.

Last Saturday he had some little difficulty with his father in regard to fixing up the reaper preparatory to taking the wheat crop, but it was by no means a serious nature, but when he went to the house and asked his mother if she would prepare an early dinner there was further trouble.

The mother gave the young man a lecture over a trivial matter and this seemed to be the culminating point at which he made up his mind to put an end to his life.

He sat down, wrote out his will and then took a pistol, went to the woods and it is supposed he shot himself.

Many of the people and neighbors in that vicinity have searched the woods but the latest reports revealed nothing of his whereabouts.

Young Brownworth had the reputation for being an excellent young man.

A Finger Cut Off.

Frank Griffith, son of J. W. Griffith, had the forefinger of his left hand cut off last Monday while running the rip saw at the Sugar Pine factory.

The physician dressed the wound and the boy is getting along nicely.

For the Ball Game.

Those who would like a good comfortable seat where they can see the base ball game and secure the best view of the sham battle, would better secure reserve seats at once as the best of the seats will all be taken before the morning of the Fourth.

Tickets and reserved seats now on sale at M. Clemens' and Dr. Kremen's drug stores.

Bicycle Races.

Remember the races on the Fourth and get up your speed. There will be three races as follows:

1-mile race open to all amateur riders. First prize, \$10 gold medal; second prize, bicycle suit.

3 mile amateur. First prize, \$5 gold medal; second prize, \$5 camera.

2 1/2 mile race for boys under 14 years of age. First prize, bicycle lamp; second prize, bicycle shoes.

Appropriate prizes will be given for the best and second best decorated wheel, both ladies and gentlemen—four prizes.

Waldo Items

Changeable weather the past day or so.

Every one is looking forward to a pleasant time the 4th.

Many mining men are reported to be in this vicinity. We hope they may make better times.

Chas. Ballard has charge of the Bennett place at Butcher's gulch.

Wimer Bros. are making preparations for their annual clean up.

Chas. Phillips has moved his family to Waldo to reside during the summer.

School is progressing very nicely under the skillful management of Miss Patton. The scholars seem to be very much taken up with her, and general satisfaction is given to all.

George Wimer, jr. has returned from Coos county, where he has been attending to business matters, and to bring his children to Waldo. He has resumed his position as foreman at the Wimer mines.

W. J. Wimer, wife and daughter, Miss Maymie, accompanied by Miss Anna Seyforth, attended the social at the church house out in the valley Friday evening. They went out by family conveyance.

Miss W. J. Wimer and Miss Anna Seyforth were stopping at Kerby Thursday, June 15th.

Miss Maggie Seyforth visited her sister Anna at W. J. Wimer's one day last week.

Miss Rosie Baylis, accompanied by her cousin, returned home last week from a visit at Applegate.

The reporter has been slow in making out the report about Geo. W. Wimer's fine trotting horse. It should have been published some two weeks ago. The Waldo reporter of the Observer last week is slow too.

Wake up snakes and shake your heads, And dust the cobwebs from your lairs, For the great white swells the waves, When their's make in the air.

High grade correspondence paper at the COCKER'S office.

The Miner.

It seems that these hills and dale And most sedulous-clime There's no lack of nothing, only mine, serenely prevails.

The miner, though he know it not, His composition o'er No comforteth him to his lot, Experience has out him dour; He tells along with silent mood No days are luxuriously spent, Laggards, who not embrace This man's desire to accumulate.

Upon some wooded and rocky chain, Where barrows could not thrive, Are many a lachry and a pain, While for complicity he strive, Takes his wealth from Mother earth, Giving an equivalent for worth.

Content with plain and homely fare, And wily duties do; Perhaps he has, somewhere A dear one—or two.

No petty grievances—nor Street nor fates in pay, Which city people have galore From day to day.

Allured in all sorts of rignies, Goes he forth to labor, Or talk about the diggings With a duplicate—sighler.

Be he from the elite born, Expelled for social scorn; Or of fame and fortune shorn, Surely there is valid reason For this incontinent madness, Bringing gold but gladness Through the cold dry rainy season.

Time will tell no sorry tale, Hearts like his are soiled, In purpose, unswayed, regal, Stands a hero unvanquish.

(-BERT BELL, Dedicatory Services.

The dedication of the Merin M. E. church, that was announced through the columns of the Courier last week, was a decided success in every way.

Preparations had been made during the week. The young people of Merin brought boxes of beautiful flowers and evergreens.

A beautiful arch was erected back of the pulpit, bearing the inscription "Faith, Hope and Charity" which was tastefully decorated with flowers.

Evergreens and flowers were arranged in tasteful designs in various parts of the building and the scent of roses pervaded the atmosphere.

The weather was so propitious, just enough rain to lay the dust, Sunday morning came slowly and cool.

Rev. D. T. Summerville, presiding elder of Ashland District, and the speaker of the day, was present on time as usual.

By the arrival of the 11 o'clock hour the house was filled to its utmost capacity.

The presiding elder preached from Genesis 4:9: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Trustee's report was then read and interesting to the church were then presented to the congregation in a most happy way by the presiding elder, and the amount needed to lift the indebtedness and also to make further improvements, asked for.

The good people of Merin nobly responded, and in a few minutes almost the entire amount asked for was subscribed.

Methodists, Baptists, members of the Christian church and Presbyterians church and people not belonging to any church, all uniting together.

The result was a surprise to all. Dinner was then announced and the people repaired, some to their homes and some to the adjoining grove, to dispose of the contents of well filled baskets.

The writer, who was in close proximity to some of these baskets, was convinced that the good people of Merin were not only cheerful givers, but that the ladies were excellent cooks as well. Dinner covered after a social chat, at 2:30 the people again assembled in the sanctuary filling the neat little church to its utmost.

After an excellent discourse by the presiding elder, the cause of the church was again presented and an amount in excess of what was asked for was quickly subscribed.

The formal dedication of the church took place and all present rejoiced to see it dedicated free of all encumbrances.

Much credit is due the people of Merin for the way they stood by the organization from beginning to end. Merin now has a neat little church that is a credit to the town and will prove a great blessing to its people.

J. Sams.

The Modern Beauty

Thrives on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her hair blooms with its beauty.

If her system needs the cleansing action of a laxative remedy, she uses the gentle and pleasant Syrup of Figs, made by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

When death has held its breathless hand upon a kind husband, the wife cannot be blamed for asking herself if all her years of devotion and work and happiness were worth the while, when it comes to meet in this tragic end.

If you would only take the most common sense precautions against the ravages of ill health, there would be fewer homes left alone almost helpless before the battle of life is half over.

A man's liver and stomach are twin machines that, if they work, either to make or unmake his blood, impure and impoverished blood means illness and death.

If they work right, they purify and enrich the blood. A man whose blood is rich and pure, and whose liver is active cannot well be unwellly. Headaches, biliousness, indigestion, nervousness, which men generally disregard, are the warning signals that the twin mechanism, stomach and liver, are working against, instead of for him. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best medicine to use under those circumstances. It creates appetite, corrects all disorders of the digestion, regulates the liver and fills the arteries with rich and healthy blood.

As an invigorating, restorative tonic, it is far superior to all the rest.

It is the great blood-purifier and flesh-builder. It does not build sickly babies fat as so many do, but the firm, muscular tissue of youth.

For the best safe "cure" when women suffer from the ill effects of the "Menstrual Period," Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, with a running note by Dr. Pierce, will do more than any other medicine.

Send for a free copy of "Golden Medical Discovery" and see what it can do for you.

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