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Southern Oregon's car of progress is laboring in the slough of indifference.

President Roosevelt has reminded congress that some consideration of treaties is necessary at this session. He wants the treaty with Colombia in regard to the isthmian canal and the Cuban reciprocity treaty acted upon and will call an extra session if they are neglected.

District attorney A. E. Reames is prominently mentioned as a very likely candidate for congressman on the democratic ticket. It is doubtful if the democrats could put forward a stronger man. Mr. Reames is a young man of ability and ambition, a ready and forcible speaker, and an excellent "runner." He is a son-in-law of the late Congressman Tongue.

While fruit growing is one of the most profitable industries in Southern Oregon it can be made even more remunerative were the fruit growers united in an organization where they could be mutually helpful to each other by co-operation in the different departments pertaining to their industry. Every other industry of the country is organizing and for self protection the fruit growers must organize. The Rogue river valley is the only big fruit district on the Pacific coast that is not organized.—Medford Success.

"She flies with her own wings" is the motto of our state and it is particularly appropriate to Southern Oregon, for of all the several districts of the state, Southern Oregon has made the greatest progress with the least pushing along. She has flown because her wings carried her. She has developed because she could do no otherwise, having in her the elements of growth that could not be smothered. Southern Oregon can no more help developing than a healthy child can keep from growing. The resources of this district are such that they can not be hidden or ignored and some day they will receive a wider recognition than we realize. But judicious advertising will hasten the day when our section will be developed according to its worth. The wings of Southern Oregon may be strengthened and her flight greatly accelerated.

The proposed exhibit to be installed in the Union depot in Portland should be furthered and supported by the citizens of Josephine county, that a display creditable to us and our resources may be made. The easterners who come to Oregon this spring will all land at the Union depot. They will nearly all examine the exhibits on display at that place and to a very large extent will draw their inferences and impressions of the state and its more or less advantageous sections from that exhibit. Southern Oregon has the resources and advantages but it is necessary that they be shown or districts of inferior resources and opportunities will be placed above ours in minds of the new comers who know nothing of the state except what they see and hear. Let Josephine county be on hand with an exhibit that will impress them in a way that they can never forget. The only expense to us of such an exhibit is the trouble of collecting it.

Chas. W. Fulton, the newly elected senator, has long been recognized as one of the ablest of the republican politicians of the state, and has been prominent in state politics for many years. He is a friend of Senator Mitchell and will be able to work with him in complete harmony for the interests of Oregon. Of all the candiates whose names appear in the voting, Fulton is most acceptable to the people of this portion of the state and the legislature's selection is received with satisfaction here. Fulton's election was accomplished through the grim and desperate determination of his following. With them, it was "Fulton or bust" and they knew no other canidate. The opposition were made certain that the only way to break the deadlock was to elect Fulton and so at the last minute enough votes went his way to land him in the sought for position. Harvey Scott, of the Oregonian leaped into the arena as a dark horse, in the last hour of the voting, but the senatorial lightning was not forthcoming in his direction and he was unable to cut a larger figure than did Geer, whose following he absorbed. Geer claimed the place by right, assuming that he was the choice of the people through the May act, but this was an idle claim as last summer's popular vote expressed the people's choice only as between Geer and Wood.

Music Class.

"Womans Work in Music" will be the subject for study at the meeting of the Music class, Saturday, Feb. 28, and the following program will be given:

"Current events" ..... Class
"History" ..... Mrs. Hattie Young
"Women as Composers" ..... Miss Susie Bannard
"Women as Artists" ..... Mrs. Marie Robie
"Adele Aus der Ohe" } "Madrigal" } ..... Mrs. Gault
"Clara Schuman" ..... Mrs. Margaret Mitchell
"Adelina Patti" ..... Mrs. Mangum
Piano Solo ..... Miss Cleo Lucas
Brief sketch of three operatic singers of the present day ..... Mrs. Parker
Brief sketch of three pianists of the present day ..... Mrs. Hood
Chorus Drill ..... Class

The Pacific Coast Traffic Agents association met in Ashland Saturday and Sunday. Over 100 delegates were present.

BOARD OF TRADE DOINGS

Will Arrange With Mine Owners for Mineral Exhibit

The executive committee of the Board of Trade held a meeting on Friday evening to consider the matter of collecting an exhibit for the Oregon bureau of information in Portland, a 'phone message having been received by President Thomas from Col. Drake, stating that they were ready to receive exhibits. It was decided that an effort would be made to secure such an exhibit and the meeting was then adjourned to meet on Monday evening.

On Monday evening the committee met and made definite arrangements toward presenting the matter of an exhibit to the miners and mine owners of Josephine county and an urgent request is to be made of them for their co-operation. It is desired that samples be obtained from every mine in the county, and also samples of timber, agricultural and other products. Some discussion also was held concerning the bureau of mines to be established for this state and the importance of having Josephine county represented on such bureau or commission.

FLOUR MILL TO BE BUILT

Moon & Co. Clearing Site for a New Grist Mill

A new grist mill is among the improvements to be installed in Grants Pass during the coming season. Moon & Co., the operators, are steadily at work preparing the mill site and a portion of the machinery is already on the ground. The location selected is just west of Gilbert creek, between Front street and the railroad, the former site of Wright's quartz mill. The owners are not rushing the construction as there is no object in being ready before the crop of the coming season is ready to work on, but the building will be completed and the machinery installed in good time for the earliest possible operation. It is the intention of the owners to make this the best mill south of Eugene and to that end a large and substantial iron building will be constructed and the most complete equipment of modern machinery will be installed. It is not yet fully decided whether the machinery of the Provolt mill will be used or whether the machinery will be all new. The machinery of the Provolt mill is of the most modern and excellent pattern and contains some features important in the manufacture of a high grade product which are not found in any other mill in Southern Oregon. It has the swing sifter system and other features of excellence not in use in other mills of the district. The new mill will be equipped with a plan sifter of 10 sieves, operating with rotary motion and all the machinery will be strictly modern and up to date and the best obtainable.

The product of the Provolt mill has obtained recognition for its excellence and high quality, and with the improved and enlarged plant Moon & Co expect to put out an article even better from the Grants Pass mill.

Glendale Items.

News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Totten visited Grants Pass Saturday, returning Sunday.

B. O. McCulloch, of Grants Pass was in Glendale first of the week on business.

John Montgomery, of Keswick, Calif., is visiting in Glendale with his brother, R. K. Montgomery.

Miss Ada Umpblette returned to her home at Grants Pass Sunday evening after a short visit with her sister, Miss Carrie Umpblette.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of our townsman Curtis Johnson, arrived at Myrtle creek Tuesday from her home in Erie, Pa., and after a short visit with her uncle and family arrived in Glendale Thursday morning. She is now a guest at Hotel Clarke. Miss Johnson left Erie just in time to escape the dreadful cold weather.

NOW UP TO THE COUNTIES

Which Will Send Best Exhibit to Portland Bureau?

The Portland Telegram in a recent issue has the following timely editorial regarding exhibits for the Oregon bureau of information:

Which county will be first? Which one will be best? At the Union Depot, in Portland, hereafter, is to be maintained an exhibit of Oregon's products, chiefly for the benefit of visitors from Eastern states. Each county can have a space there, as we understand it, free. Some enterprising people of Portland have inaugurated and started this exhibit, and it is up to the counties to represent themselves, to show what they produce.

This will be a valuable exhibit, taken altogether, for Oregon, and for its various parts. Wheat, wool, lumber, fish, gold—you have these and other things in great abundance—or they can be produced here for millions. Show up samples of them. This is the idea. It is a good one. Everybody help. Pull together.

Which county will make the best showing?

THE GALICE CREEK ROAD

"Sarter" Thinks Present Route is the Best One.

I notice an article in your paper of last week proposing a new road for Galice. Your correspondent says:

"There is a movement to change the road from its former (present) route, to run on this side of the river to a point below the mouth of Taylor creek."

He evidently means to say "run on the other side of the river," since the road is now on this side, from the ferry down. We believe in public improvement in general and progress in our camp in particular. A good road is the broadest avenue to prosperity in any community, and we want a road to Galice just as good as our means and ability can possibly make. Since we may expect but little further aid from the county, the question arises: "How shall we expend our surplus (?) resources in road making to the best advantage? By improving the present road, or by building a new one over the most difficult part of the route.

In all seriousness we question the wisdom of the latter plan. Each route had its advocates when the road was located. Each side of the river was surveyed and estimates of cost made. The present route was chosen as the more practical and less expensive. The distance is about the same on either side—three miles from the ferry to the intersection of proposed route with the present road—three miles of all road building, and most of it difficult building, while one mile of the three on the present road (from Taylor creek down) required but very little work and the expensive work on the other two is already done and the road in use.

The summit must be crossed on either side to pass Taylor creek canon, and the survey showed it to be lower on the side of present road.

On the proposed route, Squaw creek and Stratton creek must be crossed with steep grades on either side. Thus, there are two steep grades on Taylor hill of the present road, one on each side of the summit, but a very small part of the cost of a new road would change those to easy grades, and put the road above high water in the one, and only place it is ever under water is wheen the ferry and Taylor creek.

We therefore believe it wiser to mend the weak places in the road we already have rather than undertake the great task of making a new one.

Sarter.

Waterman's Fountain Pens at Cramer Bros.

Typewriter ribbons for all machines for sale at the Courier office.

BRIDGE NOT TEMPORARY

So Says R. D. Cole, Who Helped Build It.

Editor Courier:

As an erroneous impression seems to have gone abroad concerning the Rogue river bridge, I would like to correct it, by your kind permission. It was stated in the Oregonian that a "temporary" structure had been built, which would be replaced by a permanent one later on, and then the Observer goes one better by publishing the statement that long timbers had been borrowed from the S. P. Ry. and the "citizens" were building a temporary bridge which would do for the present, and the timbers were to be returned to the railroad after a while, when the real thing is built, and the last issue of the Courier also said "temporary." Now, I want to state as a matter of justice to our county authorities that they made out the bill and ordered the material of the Booth-Kelly Co., before they were obtainable as their mills were not in proper condition to turn out the order on account of the recent floods and it was also unexpectedly delayed by the railroad Company, and did not land here until the day we began work on the bridge and I will say further, that there is nothing of a temporary nature about that bridge. The timbers were the heaviest and best obtainable and it has been built to stay and in the strongest manner possible, for we drove piles clear down to bedrock to carry the bent that supports the new span and also for the bent that had supported the old approach which had rested on sand and had been undermined and had fallen down and made a clear span of 60 feet where it had been but 20 before, and all this was done in eight days, notwithstanding the statement of the Observer that it would take six weeks, and this new span would carry any ordinary freight train, and every joint in it has three coats of carbolineum to preserve it from rusting.

Now, while we were toiling on that bridge, exposed to the driving rain and freezing weather we used to gaze up Sixth street with longing eyes expecting every minute that our "business' men would loom up on the horizon, all eager to the help us with the bridge. But alas for human hopes, for none came, and "of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these—it might have been!" and if our county cousins had waited for them to build that bridge, they would now be singing, "Plunged in a gulf of dark despair, we trembling sinners lie."

Respectfully,
—R. D. Cole.

Merlin Items.

Milt Reynolds made a trip to the Greenback mine Friday.

Mrs. Frank Crow is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Andrews came up from Galice Wednesday.

Mrs. Perkins and Miss Ora St. Lewis from Grants Pass are visiting in our city.

Clarence Crow came down from Grants Pass Friday for a few days visit at home.

Miss Abbie Stackpole visited Merlin friends and attended the entertainment Saturday evening.

George W. Trefren, an attorney at law from Ashland, is at Merlin looking after his mining interests.

Mr. George Minkler, foreman of the telegraph linemen, resigned his position here and left for his home at Roseburg Friday.

Queen Every and George Dora left on Saturday morning's train for Ashland where they will visit with relatives for a few days.

Mr. Dusenberry and two sons from Sardine creek near Gold Hill were in our city a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dusenberry returned home with them Friday.

Wm Jordan is having his hotel newly papered and painted making a great improvement in the comfort and looks of the whole interior. Mr. Ensign of Camas Valley is doing the work.

Miss Ordelia Noel is ill with La grippe and has returned home from Tunnel 9, where she has been employed as cook. Her sister, Miss Etta Noel will take her place at the tunnel until she is able to resume work.

The section house occupied by Adam Shaffer and family came very near being consumed by fire Thursday morning. The house caught fire from a defective flue. The timely assistance of many helping hands was all that saved the house and contents from being consumed by the flames.

The bright little three year old daughter of Mr and Mrs. Sam Dusenberry died Wednesday at Tar or creek, after only a few days illness. The interment was at the Pleasant Valley cemetery near Merlin, Thursday afternoon. The bereaved parents and friends have the sincere sympathy of all in their loss of this bright little one.

The entertainment given by the school last Saturday evening was a success in every way. The proceeds amounted to $35.25. Miss Ida Reynolds has the honor of being the most popular young lady in Josephine county, and rightfully claimed the handsome oil painting. There were 1115 votes cast of which 556 were cast for Miss Reynolds.

Merlin Night Hawk

See Voorhies about Kodaks and Supplies

Applegate Items.

Miss Lena Carter was at Provolt Thursday.

Mr. Provolt intends to sow five acres more of alfalfa this year.

Everitt Lewman was at Bridge Point, Applegate, Friday.

Ed Estes of Provolt was a visitor to Grants Pass Thursday.

Ben Thurston of Humbug was at the Applegate postoffice Friday.

Marsh Baldwin of Provolt was at Williams Friday on business.

Willie Farris of Applegate was on our side of the river Wednesday.

Amos Cook of Applegate was in Grants Pass Wednesday on business.

W. H. Beswick of upper Applegate was in Medford on business Thursday.

L. W. Smith, the Provolt merchant was at Grants Pass Thursday on business.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. A. Leithen who has been ill for some time is no better.

John Pernoll, the Bridge Point merchant and postmaster, was at Grants Pass Thursday.

Miss Nellie Harriott who has been visiting relatives at Laurel Grove returned home Friday.

Elmer Throckmartin and Hallie Mansfield of upper Applegate, were at Bridge Point Friday.

Will Beller of Williams creek was a visitor to Grants Pass Friday and returned home Saturday.

Ed Spencer of Williams creek is in Rogue river valley this week purchasing some seed wheat to sow.

C. M. Rexford, one of our farmers and berry raisers of Applegate was a visitor to Grants Pass Thursday.

Frank Topping of Williams was at L. W. Smith's Friday, having some blacksmithing done on his wagon.

Frank Rauch and Bill Hill of Murphy passed through here Monday on their way to Williams after a load of lumber.

Dr. J. Lewman has been doing a good deal of grubbing this winter. He will get through Saturday for this season.

Mrs. Florence Wilbur who has been staying in Grants Pass for some time, returned to her home on Applegate Friday.

Miss Augusta Walters of Humbug who has been in Grants Pass on a visit for a few days, returned home Thursday.

A. W. Shearer and D. W. Knutzen of Applegate were in Medford one day this week on business and returned home Friday.

Mr. Dezaug, the rustling miner, has bonded the Applegate mines on Elk creek and has a force of men doing development work.

Jake Struss of Applegate sold his farm this week to be put in hops this season. Mr. Struss intends to go to Nebraska in a few days.

Mr. A. Rebkopf of Applegate has cut and burned up his old orchard and is going to put it in hops. Scale on the trees had ruined them. This will make an addition of six acres more on the old yard.

J. T. Layton, one of our famous miners of Jackson county is beginning to get ready to begin operating on his mine. Mr. Layton has moved up the gulch about 100 yards from where he worked last year and intends to start piping in the old channel which follows the gulch to the left. Mr. Layton has five men at work setting pipe, laying flume and doing other work so as to get an early start and a long run this season.

(Received too late for last issue.)

Charlie Fields was a visitor at Williams Friday.

Clarence Winetrout was at Bridge Point Sunday.

Z. Hyde of Laurel Grove was at L. C. Hyde's Sunday.

H. D. Kuhli of Applegate was in Jacksonville one day last week.

Mrs. John Baily of Williams was visiting relatives on Applegate Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Winetrout, of Thompson creek were at Grants Pass Monday.

Miss Lena Layton of Provolt is visiting friends at Murphy, the past week.

Thos. Lewman and George Spencer were visitors to Bridge Point last Sunday.

We have Sunday school at the Provolt school house every Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Ed Beswick of Freeman's creek was visiting friends at Provolt Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rehkopf of Applegate were visiting relatives on Thompson creek Sunday.

L. Loesch, our hop man, of Provolt, will begin grubbing hops next week if the weather is favorable.

J. H. Gentner of Applegate, is staying in Medford on account of bad health, we are sorry to announce.

The party given at E. N. Provolt's Saturday was a good one. Everybody that attended seemed to have a fine time.

Miss Emma Huffman of Thompson creek, who has been working for Mr. St. John of Williams returned home Monday.

We are having some fine weather this week. The sky is as clear as it is in summer, and no sign of rain to be seen now.

Wm Sonson the Provolt farmer is replacing his fence that was washed away in the high waters this winter. His loss is not heavy.

Alex Watts of Grants Pass is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Watts of Murphy, but will return to Grants Pass Monday.

George Dunlap of Provolt and his daughter left for Phoenix Friday. They will return this week after a short visit with friends.

J. Spatlin of Williams creek was down to Murphy Friday. We say Murphy, because he was out of the limits of Provolt district.

Mr. and Mrs. Fields of Provolt, left for Grants Pass Saturday on account of Mrs. Beck's little girl getting burned. The child will recover soon.

The farmers of Provolt are busy getting ready to begin plowing and making gardens because it is time to plant onions and other early garden stuff.

Miss Inina Spencer and Miss Rose Messinger were out horseback riding Sunday on Thompson creek, taking in the beautiful scenery of that pretty little valley.

L. Loesch, the Applegate hop raiser was a visitor to Grants Pass Saturday. He reports that the Rogue river bridge will be completed Wednesday if no bad luck occurs.

G. W. Moon, the Provolt gristmiller, was in Grants Pass Saturday looking after a mill site. Mr. Moon expects to leave our neighborhood this summer and move his gristmill to Grants Pass.

Mr. Everitt Lewman of Provolt, who has been working on Williams creek is now working in the Sowers hop yard, gathering hop poles from the masses of drift wood that was washed in during the high water.

O. M. Knox, the Powell creek saw mill man will complete his log cutting this week, then he will make preparations to get his mill site cleared and the frame of the mill put up so he can get to sawing lumber as soon as possible.

The base ball nines of this little valley of Applegate, are making preparations to begin playing as soon as the weather settles a little more so the grounds won't be muddy so as to ruin the balls. There are three nines—Provolt, Williams and Missouri Flat. They will play most of the summer so they will be in shape to play other nines. Sis and Son.

Leland Sittings

Work has been resumed on the Lawrence mine.

Judge Crockett has been quite sick but at present is up and around attending to his duties.

T. J. Macken is pushing the Steam Beer mine for all it is worth. Tom does not do anything by halves.

The snow is melting fast. The ground will soon be bare again, so stock will get their living again.

The Greenback is about ready to start up the big mill. The bad roads have retarded the erection of the big plant.

Times are good, money is plentiful, the health of the people is good. Some marriages to chronicle in the near future.

We would like to see Night Hawk write on a subject. The little personals are good as far as they go, but they are not newsy.

Quite a number of apple trees are being planted. Mr. Regan below Leland is planting quite an orchard, nearly all winter apples.

Our city council thinks of voting an ordinance prohibiting swine from running at large in our town. The noted Ambrose is being troubled with the pests.

We understand that Gold Bug has shut down. The roads are so bad that supplies cannot be brought over the Grendale road. That country is made up of red clay hills.

Some of our miners on upper Grave creek have so much snow that they have suspended mining, but they will have a long run in the spring when the lower creek miners will be out of water.

The Hayden mine is being worked to a good advantage. He has an improved arrastre at the mine. Everything is being conducted on business principles. The mine bids fair to be very valuable.

The government surveyors have been stopping at the Hotel Anderson. They report the elevation is well balanced in this district. The hills are not so badly clapped up as to give them trouble in ascertaining the work.

We expect some new people in our town soon. We think some of our men have gone and got married as there were letters directed to ladies that belonged to some of our prominent young men, some to our postoffice.

Money is plentiful at Leland, plenty of work, times are good, the miners are having plenty of water. The snow in the hills will keep the water up for a long time. This winter bids fair to be a good year for miners.

T. J. Macken is at his home. He was compelled to leave his store as he was in poor health. We hope he will be around again in a few days as he will be sadly missed in the store. We are glad to hear that John Macken is better.

Stock is not doing as well as it might. Some people are losing a few head. Last fall, stock was not in as good order as formerly. If the stock had been fed and properly looked after, the loss would not have occurred.

In eating at the hotel, sometimes we notice people eat very fast. As the old adage says "eat in a flurry, die in a hurry." We believe in taking time to eat. That is one thing that brings on the much dreaded dyspepsia.

In regard to the raising of taxes we think a person should have property that is taxable. We think some of our citizens would not be so ready to vote a tax as some took the last time who have nothing to lose but everything to gain.

The Harris mine at Harris flat is opened up in fine shape. The parties understand their business. Hitherto the mine has been gouged at. We understand a large amount of lumber will be sawed for the use of the mine and for other mines in the same district.

J. Anderson is going to make some improvements on his hotel. With the increase of trade he needs more room. He will build the hotel larger and also more substantial. His wife is always ready to see after the wants of her guests, being a very affable lady, very congenial, also a good conversationalist.

We are experiencing a little winter, but very mild in comparison. There has been no wind and the weather has been mild, so stock and people can be out all of the time without suffering with the cold. At present the sun is shining so the snow must melt in a short time. The stock needs feed, although some stockmen let their stock "root hog or die."

The big storm has been so quiet that we have not heard of much damage done in our vicinity. The mount bridge is gone below Macken Brothers. From the reports the storm was heavier both north and south of us. Teams are running on the roads leading to the mines. The Oregonian speaks of big washouts near Leland, but we have not heard of any serious accidents. The editor must have compared this district with the Willamette valley. When we get washouts we will publish it, we won't guess at it.

The late storm has broken several ditches that belonged to mining parties. We understand that some of the ditches were broken through neglect. The promised wagon road to Mt. Reuben crest that has been delayed is to built as soon as the weather admits of camping out. That will be a great improvement for our town and will draw the trade in Leland where it belongs, as we are centrally located for the Mt. Reuben district, having in consideration the nearest road and the hard road bed in the winter.

Wide Awake.

Coming Events

March 2—Ell Perkin's at Opera house.
March 6-8—District Christian Endeavor convention at Presbyterian church.

To the Public

We are still located in the I. O. O. F. building and are situated so as to quote you the very lowest prices on all grades of Pianos and Organs. Sold on easy installments—old instruments taken in exchange. A full line of violins, guitars, mandolins. Sheet music and music books always on hand.

R. G. Magoon, Manager.