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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1903.

Governor McBride of Washington vetoed the appropriation of $50,000, made by the legislature of that state for the Lelwis & Clark fair. He will, however, appoint a commission and insists that Washington may be worthily represented without this appropriation.

Voters will not be required to register in order to vote at the coming special congressional election. They are required to register once in two years and no oftener. Those who have become voters sincethe time of registration, or those who have changed their residence sincethat time will be entitled to vote on presentation of the required affidavits.

President Geo. Estes, of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employes, has been on trial this week in Victoria, B. C., on a charge of conspiracy to delay the mails of his majesty, King Edward, by inciting the crew of the steamer Charmer to strike. The trial is an outcome of the strike on the Canadian Pacific railway. Estes denies that he incited anyone to strike.

The anthracite coal strike commission has completed its report. The miners win on nearly all points. The report establishes a sliding scale of wages with increase of nearly 20 per cent over the scale paid last year, and for check weighmen and docking bosses, to be paid by the miners. It provides for district boards of conciliation for the settlement of disputes and the prevention of strikes. It declares against discrimination bcause of membership or non-membership in any labor organization and condemns child labor, boycotting and lawlessness.

Sir Thomas Lipton, the indomitable seeker after the "America" cup, has a new challenger afloat this year, the "Shamrock III." This vessel is said to be a new departure in yatchts and her peculiar construction is attracting a good deal of attention. The Americans have been winning the yacht races for so long that they are very liable to be over confident is a historical source of defeat. While the Americans are patriotic in yacht racing as in other ways, yet it is likely that they would not feel very sorrowful if Lipton should lift the cup, as they feel such gameness as his is deserving of reward. If Lipton should win, it breaks the monotony of results in this annual event and will revive the flagging interest.

At the present time, it seems very likely that the Lewis & Clark fair appropriation bill will be subjected to the referendum. While in our opinion the bill will be supported by the popular vote, yet if the people want the referendum they should have it on this or any other measure under the sun. While the intelligence of "the masses" is often spoken of lightly, it will be noticed that the popular decision is generally a wise one, especially where the question is well understood. It is better, in almost every case, to hearken unto the voice of the people, than unto the voice of the politician and manipulator. If the referendum is a privilege of the people, let them use it, when and where they will. The referendum may be considered the people's pet measure and those who oppose it to hamper its workings are going up against a thing that is greater and more powerful than political organizations. Popular sentiment is the greatest political power and those who work against it must do so quietly, to avoid arousing it.

THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

Plans Completed and Construction Will Soon Begin.

The plans for the new school house to be built this year on upper Seventh street have been completed. It will be a very creditable structure and is a badly needed one in view of the school's present crowded condition. The building will be situated on the east side of Seventh street on a portion of the Conklin tract, and will face toward Seventh street. Arrangements will be made for a cross street from Sixth to Eighth street, as the non-existence of such a street has been a vexations inconvenience to the people of that portion of the city for many years.

The new building will be a two story six room structure, so constructed that two additional rooms may be added without detracting from the symmetry of the building. The building will be a brick veneer with an eight inch wall, with studding. The brick will project two inches inside the studding, leaving a two inch air space between the brick and the plaster. Each of the six rooms will be 25x32 feet in dimensions, provided with 50 feet of blackboard. Every door opens outward, for facilitating egress in case of fire or other excitement. The building will be steam heated throughout. Cement steps and platform lead up to the front door. Ample fire protection will be furnished by hose and hydrants. There will be no deck to the roof, and a vexations source of repairing expense will thus be avoided. The work of construction will begin as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

The time of the season. When? April 1st. Where? Woodman hall.

Governor's Appointments.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed eleven delegates to represent Oregon at the National Conference of Charities and Correction, which will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, May 6 to 12, 1903, as follows:

W. T. Gardner, W. R. Walpole, Wm. M. Ladd, Mrs. L. W. Stitton, Hon. Thos. N. Strong, and George B. Hyland, of Portland; G. A. Hartman, Pendleton, Mrs. Henrietta Brown, Albany; C. W. James, superintendent of penitentiary; H. E. Beckers, superintendent of Reform school, and Superintendent J. F. Calbreath, of the Insane asylum.

A board consisting of Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore on Tuesday made appointments of members of the State Board of Horticulture. All the old members were reappointed except L. T. Reynolds of the Second District. The board as now constituted is as follows: E. L. Smith of Hood River, state at large; W. K. Newell, Dilley, First District; C. A. Parks, Salem, Second District; A. H. Carson, Grants Pass, Third District; B. H. Weber, The Dalles, Fourth District; Judd Geer, Cove, Fourth District.

Little Charlie Edwards of Elk Creek, Jackson county, came near losing his life by drowning one day last week. He was playing along a small stream of water that ran near the house and fell in, lodging with his head under the fence in such a manner that he was unable to get out. When found by his mother he had ceased to struggle and would have been past recovery in a very few minutes longer.

Glendale Items.

News.

R. O. McCullough has just completed some surveying for the spar which the Glendale Lumber Co. will shortly build.

H. M. Coss, the well-known piano man of Medford has been doing business in Glendale this week.

Quite a delegation of the masonic fraternity of this place will attend the masonic dedication services at Grants Pass, March 31.

This morning our nephew, Walter Halbert, of Grants Pass, came up to make us a good visit. He has already fell in love with Glendale, and Josephine may lose a citizen.

John Montgomery, who came up from California about two months since to visit his brother, R. K., has decided to remain with us. He has purchased two lots in Gilbertson's addition, on which he will build.

We learn that some of the placer miners on Starveout are having better clean-ups this season than usual. This is mainly accounted for by the unusual rainfall of this winter. Everywhere in Southern Oregon the out-put of the placers is reported better than for several years past.

The Glendale Lumber Co. has just made a contract with W. H Bibb of San Francisco for one-half million feet of bridge and trestle timber. This, together with smaller orders, amounting to as much more, and new orders continually coming in, will keep our mill boys rustling right along.

W. H. Strowbridge returned Wednesday from a trip to Grants Pass, Waldo and over to the Monument mine in Del Norte county. Mr. Strowbridge has been examining quite a number of quartz propositions. He informs us that the Flamm mine on Hogem creek, a tributary of Starveout has been purchased by a Mr. Scott, the well-known mining operator, of Chicago, the purchase price being $42,000.

Democratic Congressional Convention.

A democratic congressional convention for the first district to nominate a candidate of that party to fill the vacancy in congress now existing will be held at Albany April 11. Delegates to the convention may be elected by primaries or appointed by county committees. The convention is to consist of 107 delegates as follows:

Benton	5
Clackamas	8
Coos	5
Curry	1
Douglas	10
Jackson	4
Josephine	4
Klamath	3
Lake	2
Lane	7
Lincoln	3
Linn	7
Marion	13
Polk	6
Tillamook	2
Wasington	7
Yamhill	7
Total	107

Democrats, Attention!

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a call of the State Democratic Central Committee, a meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee for Josephine County will be held at the Court house at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, April 4th, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing four delegates to attend the Democratic Congressional convention for the First Congressional District of Oregon, to be held at Albany, Oregon, on April 11th, 1903.

All members are especially requested to be present or otherwise represented. H. D. Norton, Chairman, L. L. Jennings, Sec.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Congressional Delegates to Be Named on April 4th.

Headquarters County Central Committee, Josephine County.

Grants Pass, Oregon, March 18, 1903.

Notice for Precinct Primaries and County Convention.

At a convention of the Republican Congressional Committee for the 1st Congressional District, held March 12, 1903, at Portland, Ore., April 9, 1903 at 2 o'clock p. m., at Eugene, Ore., was designated as the time and place to hold the Congressional Convention for the nomination of one representative for Congress. Pursuant to the action of the Congressional Committee the County Central Committee of Josephine county met on the 16th of March and fixed the 28th of March as the day for holding the primaries in the several precincts and recommended the hour of 2 p. m. for the holding of all primaries and decided that the County Congressional Convention be held at Grants Pass, in the County Court House at 2 p. m. on April 4, 1903, for the election of seven delegates to the Congressional Convention of the 1st District.

Following is the apportionment of the number of delegates to the County Convention each precinct is entitled to representation on a basis of the vote cast at the last election for Hon. Thomas H. Tongue:

North Grants Pass	2	Leland	4
South " "	6	Lucky Queen	2
West " "	4	Merlin	3
Althouse	3	Mt. Reuben	2
Gates	2	Murphy	2
Kerby	4	Deer Creek	3
Slate Creek	3	Waldo	3
Williams	3	Wolf Creek	2

To expedite business the chairman and secretary should properly certify the credentials of all delegates.

W. H. HAWTHORN, Chairman,
C. E. MAYERS, Sec.

Murphy Items

Editor Courier:

Since my last letter I have visited Jacksonville, Ruch, Rose's and Provolt, and saw some very interesting things. The farmers all along are busy and happy. At Ruch they have a nice store, post office and telephone and I understand that they are getting things in shape to connect it with the Grants Pass and Williams creek phone. I stopped at the large ranch of Walter Oppenbacker eleven miles from Jacksonville, and I found the boys—three brothers of them—all very busy. They have a large ranch and have everything one can wish for. They have built a fine two-story house, and are now getting ready for the painters. The boys are enterprising young men.

Mrs. O'Brien was at home with all her children, except Maud, who is at school in Medford. She has men at work putting her house and ranch in first class condition. She killed last fall, 90 head of fat hogs and had the meat baconed, which she sold a few days ago at a good price and she says she feels encouraged in her old age, and thinks times are better now than they have been for years, and everything looks bright. There have been three new families moved on the Applegate in the last month, from Nebraska—Mr W. Quin, Henry Clarke and Geo. Bishop. They all have families and they told me they were surprised and pleased with the climate and what they have seen.

Henry Kubli, about one mile from O'Brien's has a ranch that would astonish the nation. He has about 400 acres. His house is elegant and he has some of the finest stock have ever seen inOregon. They all look as sleek as a new dress. He says times are good and money plenty. They have fine schools near him, and preaching and Sabbath school every Sunday.

There is a nice little place at the Applegate bridge, one large store, kept by John Pernell, a good hotel kept by Lande Rose, and that is filled with miners; a blacksmith shop, good schools and they tell me the daily attendance is 37, and all are happy as clams and this nice, beautiful weather makes them laugh.

On St. Patrick's Day they all had a jolly time at Rose's hall, with a grand ball. There were some from Medford, Jacksonville and Grants Pass, and nothing happened to mar the occasion, and St. Patrick was surely there for there was no one got snake bit.

I called at Jack Layton's fine home but found he had gone to Grants Pass with his daughter, Mrs. Wilbur, but I was received kindly by those who were there.

At Provolt, Lew Smith, the post master, store keeper and blacksmith, and also Grandpa Fields was there. They received me kindly, showed me over his place and they were loud in their praise of the good times and the fine Oregon climate and it makes one feel good to see every one happy.

Mr Provolt has bought a fine team which he paid $200 for and says they are cheap at $300. He says when the president comes to Grants Pass, he will be there on time.

Mr Moon's mill is undergoing a big improvement, getting ready for the coming season's work. He was rushing things for all it was worth. He told me he had received several letters from his eastern friends, asking about Oregon—the climate, etc., and he wrote them to pack up and come out here.

Mr. Dunlap, late of Phoenix, Jackson county, bought the Provolt place this side of the mill and is having it put in number one shape. He feels encouraged, speaks well of the times.

At school district No. 10, the directors are getting material on hand intending to remodel the old school house and make it look as pleasant as possible for the many children that attend. I understand the school commences the 15 of April, with Mrs. Kate Hyde as teaher. She is a sister of Ed Harriott, the popular stage man.

Kaspar Kubli and partner, Ed Swinden, are doing some good work on their mining claim. They showed one some beautiful specimens of coarse gold. Elmer Williams is also working the same mine on the Applegate.

Chas L. Swinden is having his house painted and is making general improvements on his ranch. Clark Simons is taking advantage of the nice weather and is pruning up his orchard.

In my last letter I fergot to mention the school buildinig near Murphy. It is on a beautiful mound about 100 yards from the main road, and they have recently built a neat little bridge that leads from the road to the school house. Before it was done, the children had a bad place to cross. The house on the outside is painted a pure white and on the inside it is tastefully decorated. The location of the house, all things considered, is an ornament to Josephine county, and Superintendent Lincoln Savage ought to be proud of it.

There will be a weekly prayer meeting at the home of J. L. Williams and son, on each Wednesday.

From Jacksonville here to Murphy, I found the roads in excellent condition except in a few places.

Fred Knox, Lee Sill, Jack Layton and several others went to Grants Pass Saturday and I guess by the talk, the whole county will be there when the president passes through. The clouds have all rolled by, the sun shines bright, and everyone up here happy and well. E. D. C.

Applegate Items.

George Meeks of Davidson was at Provolt Sunday.

M. Roxford of Applegate was in Grants Pass Saturday.

Mr. Jim Rock of Thompson creek was at Provolt this week.

Elmer Throkmartin of upper Applegate was at Provolt Sunday.

Roy Hackett of Grants Pass was on the Provolt ball grounds Sunday.

O. M. Knox was a visitor at Sam Cook's Sunday, but returned home in the evening of the same day.

Mrs. L. C Hyde and Miss Andry Streuinger of Provolt were visitors to Grants Pass Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lena Carter of Provolt left for Grants Pass Saturday, where she will work for awhile at the Palace hotel.

George Spencer of Provolt was down Rogue river Friday purchasing some stock cattle. Mr. Spencer intends to raise cattle for the home market.

The big ditch company of the Applegate valley started to digging ditch the past week. They intend to have the water to irrigate with this season.

We are glad that the new saw mill company of Murphy have their engine and boiler on the ground. They have lots of logs on the banks of Applegate.

The Provolt-Humbug lodge is hold every second Saturday in every month. There were three initiated the last meeting and three more to go in next Saturday night.

We Applegate people have been so busy that we have not had time to write any items the past two weeks, but we thank the Courier for the news which they have printed for us.

C. M. Roxford has a half a mile of logs strung along the banks of the river and has several thousand more yet to haul. C. Cook is hauling them. He will get through in about three weeks then he will be ready to roll them in and start them for Murphy.

Martin Pernell who has taken charge of the old home ranch is making preparations to put in 20 acres of grass this season. He has the most of the ground ready to sow. Mr. Pernell is one of the enterprising young men of Applegate and has been a good and honest man. We all wish him good success.

Dick Rock, the Thompson creek saw mill man, passed by here this week with one of the finest loads of fir lumber that has gone by here for many a day. Mr. Rock's mill is situated in the fir belt just 10 miles from Bridge Point on the Steamboat stage road. The mill is run by water power and the capacity we do not know, but we do know they make fine lumber.

The base ball game that was played between Provolt and Applegate was a very good game but not as good as it might have been. We were not in condition for playing when we got the word, but we did not want the boys to come and go home without playing a practice game, so we got together and got a nine that would answer the purpose, but we intend to have a good game next Sunday. Williams and Applegate intend to play and after the ball game there will be a foot race between one of the Applegate boys and one of the Williams creek boys. Everybody wants to come and cheer the winning nine.

The dance that was given on Williams creek last Friday night, was one of the dances you read about. They sold 31 numbers and everybody had a good time. Sis and Son.

Cloverdale Ranch for Sale

200 acres, dairy and stock ranch, one mile from Selma for sale at $12.00 per acre. The land is all fenced; 120 acres in meadow; house, and barn holding 30 to 40 tons of hay. Mower and hay rake go with the place.

Geo. H. Lawrence, Selma, Ore.

Weekly Auctions.

L. F. Gardner has made arrangements to hold a weekly auction sale of livestock, vehicles, etc., at Kerby's livery stable. Farmers having live stock for sale can find buyers at these sales.

Fountain Pens—Waterman's Ideal $2.50 to $6.00 at Cramer Bros.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that any and all persons having claims against the Estate of Nathan P. Dodge, deceased, must present their claims duly verified according to law to the undersigned Mary E. Dodge, Executrix of the last will of Nathan P. Dodge, deceased, at Grants Pass, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Mary E. Dodge,
Executrix of the will of Nathan P. Dodge, deceased. Dated March 26, 1903.

Leland Siftings

We are having nice weather for gardening. The weather is very salubrious.

Mr. Anderson of the Hotel Anderson took a business trip to the Greenback. He reports lively times there.

The Columbia mine has got off a large amount of ground. That means a big clean-up. All other mines are running with a full force of water.

Our Murphy writer is improving. Practice is a good teacher, but alas! alas! the Night Hawk, we are wondering what kind of a flea is biting him.

People are making gardens. We are having light frosts at night, so that will keep the fruit buds back. From the outlook the fruit crop will be big. Grain promises a big crop.

This winter we have had frequent rain, good for the miners. We have had no wind. We read of terrible rain and wind storms in the northern part of Oregon; we are thankful that we are in southern Oregon, where the weather is so sublime.

Leland needs a saving bank; our young fellows work and spend their money. If they had a place to deposit their money, they would lay up something for a rainy day. That is what has filled our poor house. Men would work and spend their money year after year and, when finding themselves getting old, would go to the poor house.

Mrs. Stout has returned from Missouri, where she went last fall. She reports a hard winter there—big blizzards and hard storms. Her husband has an important position in Tunnel 9, retimbering the tunnel. She reports heavy train loads of immigrants coming to this coast. If the folks in the states could realize the mild climate in Southern Oregon, more would come.

Strangers are coming to Leland, looking over our country. Some are looking up quartz mines, others placer mines. We think we will get our share of the spring immigration, especially if our board of trade does its duty. Some real estate has changed hands in our town quite recently. Business is good and more buildings will go up this spring. Several drummers are here taking orders from our merchants and the hotel is crowded, mostly with transient people.

We have no sickness to report. Those who had the grip are better. Grass has got a good start, so the stock is doing well. Everybody is happy. Wide Awake.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

WANTED.

A MIDDLE aged lady for housekeeper in small family. Address Lock box 300, Grants Pass, Oregon.

HORSES WANTED.

A TEAM of sound young horses, suitable for heavy work, must weigh 1200 or 1300 each, mares preferred. Address Jack Gilmore, Grants Pass, Ore.

FOR SALE

B[illegible] Roses for sale or trade, on Front St. Inquire of Robert Mercurio.

9700 whole root apple trees for sale at Kozesa Nursery. Wolverton Or. C. H. Rosebush.

200 ACRE ranch near price and apple orchard, small fruits in abundance, water for irrigation, besides gravity water; 40 acres cultivated, a good fruit country, two dwelling houses, big barn, every office complete, with natural fruit, there, good hunting and fishing, one half mile north of Tunnel 9, price $2,500. Inquire at this office.