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No. 1.

High Grade Piano Free

To be Given to the Most Popular Young Lady In Josephine County, Oregon.

The decision will be made by vote of the subscribers of the ROGUE RIVER COURIER—Each subscriber may have a part in the choice. The following plan for decision has been adopted:

Any young woman in Josephine county may be a candidate. The instrument may be for herself individually or she may be the representative of a church, society, or organization, and the piano may go to the church, society or organization which she represents. Every cent paid in to the Courier office on subscriptions will represent one vote, which may be cast for any one of the candidates, and the one having the most votes when the contest closes will be the winner. For instance, a new subscriber who pays \$1.50 will be entitled to 150 votes for any one of the candidates he prefers. Money paid on back or future subscriptions by those who are already taking the paper will entitle the one so paying to one vote for each cent paid in. Voting coupons will be issued when the money is paid in. There will also be found in each copy of the Courier printed between April 1 and October 1 a coupon entitling the holder to five votes. As a special inducement to securing new subscriptions we will give an extra coupon entitling the holder to 50 votes, to each new subscriber paying cash.

The votes are to be deposited in a ballot box prepared for this purpose, which will be located in the Courier office.

In order to lead interest to the contest from the start we will offer these special prizes:

To the young lady receiving the largest vote when a total of 5000 votes shall have been cast, we will give free a \$5.00 Kodak.

To the young lady first receiving a total of 5000 votes, we will give free a \$17.50 Folding Pocket Kodak.

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Contest Opens April 1 and Closes October 1, 1904.

Rogue River Courier Grants Pass, Oregon.

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A HORSE RADISH GROWER

Shipped Four Tons of Horse Radish to San Francisco.

R. T. Blackwood, the Phoenix horse-radish grower, reports to the Medford Mail that he has shipped this season nearly four tons of horse-radish, to San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. Mr. Blackwood is making a crowning success of his venture in this line and he is going to do better hereafter, as he has ordered a large grater and will from now on utilize the smaller roots which are too small to ship and are therefore a total waste. These he will grind and will supply the towns of the valley with the prepared article. Mr. B. has a lead pipe cinch, as it were, on this product in this locality as his seems to be the only land which will successfully grow horse-radish. There are but two other localities on the Pacific coast which will grow a first class, marketable article. One of these is in Washington and the other in Northern Oregon.

Call For Republican County Convention.

Grants Pass, Ore., March 21, 1904. Notice is hereby given that a regularly called meeting of the Republican County Central Committee held March 19th, 1904, Saturday, April 20, 1904, was fixed for the date on which to hold the Republican primaries in the various precincts in Josephine County, and at 2 o'clock P. M. was recommended as the hour of holding said primaries outside of Grants Pass, and 8 o'clock P. M. was set for the hour for holding the primaries in the three Grants Pass precincts.

At said time the Republican County Convention was called to meet in the county court house in the city of Grants Pass on Thursday, April 7th, 1904 at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various offices to be voted for at the regular election to be held on Monday, June 6th, 1904, to-wit:

- One representative. One sheriff. One clerk. One treasurer. One assessor. One school superintendent. One county commissioner. One coroner.

Also justices of the peace and constables for the various precincts. There will also be elected seven delegates to attend the Congressional convention to be held at Salem on April 18th, 1904, and seven delegates to attend the state convention to be held at Portland on April 14th, 1904.

Following is the apportionment of the number of delegates to the county convention each precinct is entitled to, apportioned on the vote of the Hon. W. J. Furnish for governor at the last election:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name, Delegates. Includes N Grants Pass (7), S Grants Pass (5), W Grants Pass (4), Selma (3), Williams (3), Leland (4), Lucky Queen (2), Mt. Reuben (1).

Call For Democratic County Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee held upon the call of the chairman, the Democratic County Convention for Josephine County was called to meet at Grants Pass, Oregon, on Saturday, April 16th, 1904, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M., at the court house for the purpose of nominating county officers to be elected at the ensuing election, and for electing five delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Portland, April 18th, 1904. The committee decided that the convention should be composed of 45 members based upon the vote cast for Geo. E. Chamberlain as governor in 1902, and under the apportionment each precinct would be entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for every 25 votes or fraction of 15 or more thereof cast for Governor Chamberlain as aforesaid.

The number of delegates to which each precinct shall be entitled will be as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Precinct, Votes Cast, No. Delegates. Includes North Grants Pass (97), South (119), West (80), Kerby (47), Leland (72), Merlin (63), Slate Creek (40), Murphy (44), Wolf Creek (36), Althouse (6), Waldo (26), Galice (11), Lucky Queen (2), Mt. Reuben (11), Selma (33).

It is recommended by the committee that primaries be held in their respective precincts on Saturday, April 9th, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the usual polling place where convenient. The chairman and secretary of the primary meeting are requested to certify to the election of delegates.

Dated at Grants Pass, March 5, 1904. H. D. Norton, Chairman of Democratic County Central Committee.

Best Remedy for Constipation. "The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by all druggists.

CLEAN UP BACK ALLEYS

Mayor Gilkey Gives Some Good Advice.

Assuming there is no method of reaching the eye or ear of the public so universally as through the medium of the press, I offer this as my only reason for writing this article. A servant of the public can accomplish but little for the benefit or welfare of a community unless he has the moral and material support of its citizens. Realizing that this town is no exception to the rule, and a large majority of our people would like to see better streets and sidewalks, cleaner alleys, back yards and gutters; safer bridges and fewer obstructions upon the walks, as well as many improvements that must necessarily come slower, we venture to offer a few suggestions. To accomplish all this it is not necessary that you should wait till your attention has been called, by the officers, to your sidewalk out of repair, that your alley should be cleaned, that you are allowing filth to accumulate on your premises, in the street or alley, to the inconvenience of the public and a menace to the health of our citizens, but we should have self respect enough to keep our own premises in such a shape there would be no need of an officer notifying us to remedy the evil or to invoke the law that his instructions be enforced. All these matters just mentioned must be remedied at the expense of the property holder or agent and there is no gain in waiting for an officer to take action, for in so doing the person is subject to a fine. A threat is an unpleasant method of securing obedience to a righteous law and an officer should never be compelled to resort to such, except in extreme cases.

The ordinance prohibiting stock from running at large is looked upon with indifference by many but must be more carefully observed. If one permits his cow to run at large, why not all? Where would it end? Stables adjoining the public streets are a nuisance that should certainly be abated. In short, if each individual takes it upon himself to see that as far as he is able a better condition shall prevail, there would be but little difficulty in bringing about a cleaner and better governed town, one to which we can invite the stranger with pride instead of an apology for its appearance. Trusting that we may have a united and harmonious action in this movement, I am your obedient servant, H. L. Gilkey, Mayor.

Tragedy Averted. "Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, and our darling was saved. Everybody ought to know it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. Guaranteed by National Drug Store and Grants Pass Pharmacy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

The World's Fair Route. Those anticipating an Eastern trip, or a visit to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, cannot afford to overlook the advantages offered by the Missouri Pacific Railway, which on account of its various routes and gateways, has been appropriately named "The World's Fair Route."

Passengers from the Northwest take the Missouri Pacific trains from Denver or Pueblo, with the choice of either going direct through Kansas City, or via Wichita, Fort Scott and Pleasant Hill. Two trains daily from Denver and Pueblo to St. Louis without change, carrying all classes of modern equipment, including electric lighted observation parlor cafe dining cars. Ten daily trains between Kansas City and St. Louis.

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Since the first of March colonists' tickets have been sold from Chicago to points on the Oregon lines at \$3. From St. Louis, \$1; from Omaha, Kansas City and Missouri river points at \$2.50 and from Sioux City, \$2. Stop overs not to exceed 10 days at any one point are allowed between Portland and destination on Oregon lines. These rates will continue until April 30.

R. K. Montgomery is prominently spoken of for the republican nomination for one of the two representatives for Douglas county. It appears that the leading politicians of the county agree that this portion of the county is entitled to recognition in the coming campaign, and as Mr. Montgomery is well qualified for the position, it is safe to assume that he will receive the nomination. This portion of the county has never yet had a candidate for any county office.—Glendale News.

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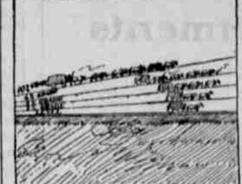
UNSURVEYED ROADS

The Necessity for Proper Grades and Surfaces.

In his ninth annual report the commissioner of public roads of New Jersey says: "The United States government experts say on the subject of unsurveyed roads: 'Many roads of this country were originally laid out without any attention to general topography, regardless of grades or directions. Most of them remain today where they were originally located and where untold labor, expense and energy have been wasted in trying to haul over them. It is a great error to continue to follow these primitive paths with public highways. The proper thing to do is to call in a good engineer and have the location so changed as to throw the roads around the ends or along the sides of the steep hills and ridges instead of continuing to go over them.'"

The question is, Are we following the "primitive paths"? If we have not changed them we are certainly doing so. To illustrate the enormous extra cost of hauling over such unsuitably placed roads and to get an idea of the obstruction that these old highways place in the way of progress and prosperity one may observe the accompanying cut showing the consequences of the hills of these unsurveyed roads. It will be seen that what one horse can pull on a level requires two horses to draw when a hill rising two feet to a hundred is reached, requires three horses to draw when a hill rising four feet to a hundred is reached, four horses when a rise of six feet to a hundred is encountered and requires six horses to draw when a hill rising ten feet to a hundred stands in the road. The enormous excess cost of hauling on these roads over roads on a level is therefore apparent. The legal rate in many sections is 3 to 4 per cent maximum, beyond which a grade is not allowed to go. Grades of even this steepness are the exception, roads being kept to 1 or 1 1/2 per cent as far as possible. By the most ordinary surveying the roads of any section outside of mountain districts can be brought to reasonable grades. The government and all other authorities urge sections using these "primitive paths" to correct them by proper surveying.

General Roy Stone of the government service said several years ago of what he called the "hill tax." "The people have paid this tax for a hundred years, and yet they wonder why they are poor." It is apparent that it is the duty of the thinking people of this section to bring about a revolution in the systems of public highways of the section hereabouts without which we cannot expect



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great if indeed but little progress. This is of as great importance as ever the matter of railroad development was. We have seen the terribly excessive cost of hauling imposed in this section by the hills which engineers have never been employed to go around. Now let us look for a moment at the matter of surfaces.

A horse can pull 6,270 pounds on a level macadam road, and it takes five horses to pull the same load on the surface of an ordinary dirt road and ten horses to pull the load in loose sand or mud. In the other words, it takes five and ten times the power and investment in stock and therefore costs from five to ten times as much to do the same amount of hauling that is done on the macadam surfaces provided in many portions of the United States—in New Jersey, for instance. This is only considering the matter of surfaces. Now put together the excess cost of hauling on the public highways on account of the hills and the surfaces, and the enormity of this cost and the drain upon the treasury are apparent. Apply the same principles, the same excess of cost, to railroad transportation, and the enormity of the thing from an industrial point of view is seen. The combination of a bad surface up a steep hill such as we have in the hill regions furnishes the acme of industrial ferocity, being enough to totally prevent agricultural profits, which it does accomplish completely in some districts.

Business is competitive, agricultural and country business as well as any other. The products of these sections are sold at the world's prices, and it is plain that these sections cannot compete in raising crops—cotton, corn, hay, grain, meat, in lumbering, milling, dairying, etc.—or in the offering of attractions to settlers with sections provided with intelligent, modern road systems.

The farmers along a certain road in Scott county, Ia., finding that the ordinary road tax was only sufficient to keep the road in its normally bad condition, voluntarily entered into an agreement to tax themselves an amount that would make it possible to permanently improve the road. Landowners were to pay 25 cents per acre for all the land within one mile of the road, 15 cents for land within one or two miles away and 10 cents for land between two and three miles away. This is a straightforward, self helpful American way of dealing with the problem.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia. Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be averted off. This Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years." Sold by all druggists.

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W. C. T. U. Column

The W. C. T. U. held their regular semi-monthly meeting Friday, March 25, at the home of Mrs. Lee Calvert. An encouraging interest in the work was manifested and two new members were enrolled and it was suggested we meet each week when the weather becomes more favorable.

In Memoriam.

Words cannot express our sorrow on learning of the death of Mrs. Alma Terrill of Grants Pass, a former resident of Grants Pass and an earnest, active member and officer of our local union. We extend our loving sympathy to the bereaved parents, devoted husband and four dear little children. May he who rules the storms of life speak peace to their sorrowing hearts, in the united prayer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The Saloon Bar.

The bar of a saloon is certainly a bar to that which is good. An exchange prints the following characterization: A bar to heaven, a door to hell—Whoever named it named it well; A bar to manliness and wealth, A door to want and broken health; A bar to honor, pride, and fame, A door to sin and grief and shame; A bar to hope, a bar to prayer, A door to darkness and despair; A bar to honored, useful life, A door to bawling, senseless strife; A bar to all that's true and brave, A door to every drunkard's grave; A bar to joy that home imparts, A door to tears and aching hearts; A bar to heaven, a door to hell—Whoever named it, named it well.

Menace of Mormonism.

Whatever may be the diversity of opinion among respectable good people concerning the best ways and means with which to deal with some moral questions, there is practically unanimity (outside the Mormon church) relative to polygamy. Polygamy is unmistakably at variance with the high principle of family life, therefore it tends to undermine the foundations of state and nation. Many sins have been committed under the cover of religion, and oftentimes so adroitly that to touch them calls out the cry of fanaticism and religious persecution.

Months ago when the National W. C. T. U. resolved to do all in its power to prevent Mr. Smoot from being received as a United States Senator, we were told there could be no discrimination on account of religious belief. We were, however, well informed in regard to the requirements of the Mormon religion, and believed that the teachings of the Mormon church were higher authority to the Mormon than any state or national law, and that Mormon law would be observed by Mormons in defiance of any other law. The testimony furnished by President Smith and other Mormons through the congressional investigation now going on conclusively shows that the position taken by the National W. C. T. U. was warranted.

Mr. Smoot may be sent home as was Brigham Roberts, but this will not settle the question. Were the infamous practice confined to Utah alone the case would not be so serious, but the growth of the degree of influence already gained by the Mormon church is alarming. In view of all this it is apparent that the only sure way to secure permanent relief is through an anti-polygamy amendment to the constitution of the United States. The General Officers of the National W. C. T. U., in accordance with the sentiment expressed at the National Convention last November and the previous year, have resolved to immediately and vigorously push this movement, and we believe it will meet with a hearty response from the people, now that their consciences are touched and their interest fully aroused.

Women's organizations, notably The Interdenominational Council of Women, Mrs. Darwin R. James, president, The National Congress of

Mothers, Mrs. Schoff, president, and the National W. C. T. U. have been and are endeavoring to bring to the United States Congress the opinions of the people at home upon this great home question concerning the imperative necessity of unseating Mr. Smoot.—National Press W. C. T. U.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam." For sale by all druggists.

DAVENPORT—CARTOONIST

Will Talk and Draw Pictures in Grants Pass April 5th.

Mr. Homer Davenport, whose fame is world wide, is announced for a lecture in this city on April 5. In comparatively few years he has come to be recognized as the most original and forceful cartoonist in American journalism, and so great is the popularity of his work that his original drawing are eagerly sought for by all sorts and conditions of people. At the height of the adverse criticism on the candidacy of Admiral Dewey for president, Davenport drew a picture of the gallant old admiral standing on the bridge of the Olympia, and with the smoke of the battle of Manila Bay flying thick about him. Beneath it were the words: "Lest We Forget!" The effect of the cartoon was instantaneous. It brought Dewey letters from hundreds of admirers all over the country, and so great was the attention it attracted, that its author was requested to send it to Washington to be placed on exhibition. The request was complied with and the picture drew such a crowd, that the police finally ordered it taken from the window in which it was displayed. John R. McLean, brother-in-law of Admiral Dewey, afterwards offered for it a price that surprised Davenport into agreeing to part with it although it had been his intention to keep it in his collection. Other cartoons have brought him no less renown, and even the public men whom he has most often impaled on the point of his keen pen have sought for his pictures to keep as mementoes of the campaigns they have gone through.

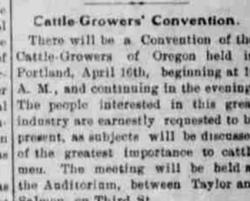
Davenport will be at the Grants Pass opera house on Tuesday, April 5, under the auspices of the Woman's Club. He will talk on the "Value of a Cartoon" and illustrate his talk by drawing cartoons on the stage before the audience. The pictures will be distributed to those in the audience.

Cattle Growers' Convention.

There will be a Convention of the Cattle-Growers of Oregon held in Portland, April 16th, beginning at 10 A. M., and continuing in the evening. The people interested in this great industry are earnestly requested to be present, as subjects will be discussed of the greatest importance to cattle men. The meeting will be held at the Auditorium, between Taylor and Salmon, on Third St. GRANT MAYS, Secretary.

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