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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1904.

Japan is raising a new army of 500,000 men for Marshal Oyama besides providing defense for Formosa and other islands against the second Pacific squadron of Russia. It appears as though the Russians would have to operate their single track railway to the limit to offset the power which Japan will throw into the field.

Before the next issue of the Courier, the bells will have sounded to announce the birth of the new year. We take this opportunity to wish our friends and patrons, one and all, a happy and prosperous New Year, with success for their undertakings and a generous share of contentment and happiness in their lives. For the liberal support given by its patrons in the past and preceding years, the Courier extends appreciation and sincere thanks. The past year has seen the most substantial increase, both in the subscription list and in the volume of business in other departments, of any year of the Courier's existence. Though we are beginning the present year under serious mechanical difficulties as a result of the Courier plant being cramped up in constricted space in one room on the second floor, while building operations are going on below, these difficulties are only temporary and it will not be long until the Courier will be permitted to occupy its new quarters at the old location, where it will be more conveniently and commodiously situated than ever before and in a better position than ever to give its patrons the best in all departments of the printing line. The Courier's policy in the future as in the past, will be to give its patrons a paper that is clean, reliable and fair, giving the news while it is yet news and covering as completely as possible the local field of its district. In its subscription list, its advertising columns and the job printing department, the Courier leads all its competitors by a considerable margin and success is the best proof of excellence. In the coming year as in past years our aim is toward constant progress and improvement and it is our intention to make the 1905 volume of the Courier, the best thus far of the series.

VISITS HIS BOYHOOD HOME

Mr. Jewell Finds Many Changes in South.

Stephen Jewell is home from an extended trip East, during which he visited the World's Fair and various sections of the South, but spent most of his time at the home of his boyhood in Mayfield, Kentucky. It has been 35 years since Mr. Jewell came west and in that time many changes took place at his old home, especially of the people, but the village school stood as of yore with no great changes except in teacher and pupils. Mr. Jewell visited the school and made a short address to the scholars.

Mayfield was within the lines of the Confederate army and Mr. Jewell had four brothers in that service. He was rather too young for a soldier and was left at home by his brothers to care for their mother. Two of his brothers were killed in battle, one at Shiloah and the other before Atlanta. Another brother, who was in General Forest's old regiment, the Seventh Tennessee, was shot through the body at the battle of Franklin, the bullet lodging under the skin of his back, from where it was cut out by the surgeons. He survived and died only a few years ago. The bullet was given by the family to Mr. Jewell, who brought it back with him. He also has a number of other relics which he picked up on some of the battle fields he visited. He also brought back with him a bloodstained letter found on the body of his brother, killed at Shiloah. The brother was orderly sergeant and having no other paper, the letter was written on a leaf from the company's roster book. It is a tender, manly, well written letter that was addressed to his parents, and the few lines of war news that it contains tells of the scarcity of provisions, clothing and money and of the battles they had lost, and of the likelihood that if the South lost that the Conederates would have to suffer for what they had done. But the tone of the letter was hopeful, the young man having the same American spirit of determined courage that animated the soldiers of both armies, and which buoyed up the Confederates through all their reverses, until they finally laid their arms down at Appomattox. Mr Jewell says he found no animosity against the North in the South and the Ex-Confederates whom he met are now as loyal to the Union as are the old soldiers of the North. The industrial progress and prosperity of the South was a revelation to Mr. Jewell. Big cotton and other factories were numerous and the people were prosperous and contented.

Real Estate Transfers.

Lot 2, Block 65, Railroad Addition to Mrs. A. M. McKinney.

Chas. Patrick and wife to Mrs. Jennie Eun, lots 5 and 6, Block 18, Original Townsite.

The above sales were made through the Real Estate Agency of Joseph Moss.

TELEPHONES 50C A MONTH

Miners and Farmers Can Have Cheap First-Class Service.

It is more than likely that by a year hence all the mining districts and farming sections of Josephine county will be connected by telephone lines with the long distance lines and the Grants Pass exchange. The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, which now has all the towns in this county connected by telephone and a local exchange in each town, is now undertaking to extend their telpehone service to cover all the rural districts of this county. As will be seen by the subjoined statement by G. O. Oium, manager for this district, the company is offering a low rate to the farmers and miners who wish to put in telephones. These rural telephone lines are not expensive to build for the poles would cost the farmers nothing and the labor of cutting and setting the poles could be done during the winter months when there is no rush of farm work. Wire and insulators would cost about $15 per mile. The phones are supplied by the company, but the expense of installing them and of stringing the wire has to be borne by the subscribers. This work does not require an electrician for it is so simple that any bright person can learn the business with a little study, and Supt. Oium will teach persons how to do the work. These rural telpehone lines would be of very great advantage to farmers and miners for in addition to being a convenience in having telephonic connection with their neighbors and with the towns, would save them much time and trouble in making trips that now have to be made on matters that could be transacted over the telephone.

Following is the statement of Superintendent Oium regarding rural telephones:

"In order to extend the telephone service into the rural districts, I will pay special attention and devote my spare time to the farmers interested in the building of lines into Grants Pass to connect with the exchange here. This will give them free switching to 242 subscribers in Grants Pass, night, or day, direct communication with doctors and business men.

"The company will furnish a special make of telephone, which will ring through resistance of 2000 ohms and will give first-class service with 20 telephones on one line. We will rent these phones to farmer line subscribers at 50 cent per month, payable semi-annually $3 in advance and the cost of one position on the switchboard divided among the subscribers of the line. Farmers can build their own line to city limits to suit themselves; company will build metallic circuit to connect at city limits.

Company will keep in repair all telephones when brought to the Grants Pass office free of charge. Farmers at Kerby say they must be connected with the world, why not the farmers here? No more driving in rainy weather on rough roads when you can get to use a phone for less than two cents a day. For any information, call on or address,

G. O. OIUM,
County Manager, P. S. T. & T. Co.

Merlin Notes.

Mrs. Will Mason has been quite sick for a week.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist church was given up.

Rev. Clark of Wilderville occupied the pulpit of the M. E church Sunday.

The young child of Arthur Hussey was reported quite sick first of the week.

Miss Josephine Crow, our primary teacher will spend Christmas at home at the ranch.

Mr and Mrs. A. S. Rosenbaum, the S. P. agent and wife, are contemplating an extended visit to Los Angeles, after Christmas.

J. E. Loomis, storekeeper at Galice has sold out to the Rand Company, who will take charge and put in a large stock of goods.

The Merlin-Galice road is being repaired in hopes that it will be above high water mark by the time the heavy rains come on.

The time for new resolutions and good cheer is nearly here. In the absence of a public entertainment and Christmas tree, nearly every family had a home Christmas tree.

Harley Keyte, Carl Yancey and Burley Green returned lately from California, where they have been working the past summer and fall.

The basket social given at McConnell hall by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, on last Friday evening, was a fine success. The neat sum of $20 was realized.

Applegate.

The new church house near Provolt is nearly completed and there will be meeting there a week from next Sunday, January 8th.

The placer miners of Applegate are glad to see the rainfall; they are all ready and fully prepared to send the gravel away twice as fast as before.

The Christmas tree on Missouri Flat was a grand success. Everybody was delighted to see old Santa and especially the children, who received many nice toys.

Applegate is full of salmon and the people are glad to see them for it has been several years since we have seen a fish this far up the river.

The Mountain Lion Mining Company of Missouri Flat are doing considerable work. They have several men employed and are taking out some very rich rock. They intend to start the mill before long.

J. T. Layton, a placer miner of this section, is running in full blast; he intends to make his mine bring him twice the dividends of last winter and he is fully prepared to make it win.

George Dunlap is clearing his place and getting it in nice shape. He is going to add several acres to his alfalfa field in the spring. We would be glad to see some of the other farmers follow his example.

Hermond Messenger, a young bachelor of Provolt, who has recently become tired of his own cooking, returned home from Grants Pass last Sunday with his young bride, formerly Miss Mattie Dunlap, who is one of Applegate's popular young ladies. We are glad to welcome her as Mrs. Messinger and I suppose the boys are too, from the thundering noise of giant powder and the rustling of old tin cans that was heard that night.

L. C. Hyde and wife gave a Christmas tree for the children Christmas Eve; everyone present seemed to have a good time. Beta.

THE DRAINAGE OF ROADS

Water Is the Greatest Enemy of Good Highways

Among the elements and forces of nature there are several enemies of good roads, but the greatest of them is water. It washes away the material of the road. It soaks into the road and softens it so that the wagon wheels cut into the surface, making ruts and holes. It permeates and softens the foundation so that the surface of the road sinks or breaks up. In the winter the water that is in the road freezes, expands and loosens and disintegrates the road material.

The most important thing in the building of roads is to lessen or prevent the ravages of water. Yet no feature of the work is so neglected as this. Many local road superviisors seem to give no consideration to the question of drainage, and the result is a

RESULT OF IMPROPER DRAINAGE.

regular mud blockade during several weeks or months of the year. The following are a few simple rules the observance of which would go far toward bettering the roads of this country:

First.—The road should be so located and constructed as to avoid steep grades down which the water rushes during heavy rains, tearing up and washing away the road material.

Second.—The foundation of the road should be thoroughly drained by open side ditches which will carry off the water, and where necessary tile drains should be laid in the foundation itself.

Third.—The surface of the road should be hard and smooth and have sufficient slope toward the sides to shed the surface water.

Fourth.—Ruts and holes on the surface of the finished road should be filled as fast as made, so that no water can lie on the surface to be worked up into mud.

These rules are simple and easy to follow, and any one who gives any serious thought to the matter can see the wisdom of following them. Still, they are almost universally ignored, as the condition of our roads abundantly proves. The bad roads of the United States are a blight, a curse, a disgrace, and all patriotic, progressive citizens should make a grand united effort to wipe them out and put our nation on a level with the advanced nations of Europe in the matter of roads.

ROAD BRIEFS.

What Various States Are Doing to Improve Their Highways.

New York will establish a state plant to be operated by convict labor at Sing Sing to crush stone for use in constructing good roads.

The Chicago Automobile club has organized a camera club to travel throughout the country around the city and take pictures of the bad roads.

At all the road conventions held during the last year the question of cooperation in road building between the federal government and the states has been a leading topic of discussion, and every convention held up to this time has indorsed the plan with practical unanimity.

The farmers of Vermont are asking half a million dollars for good roads next year.

During the past ten years Massachusetts has shown an increase of $35,000,000 in farm values, and it is attributed mainly to good roads.

It is said that a horse can pull 6,270 pounds on a level macadamized road, and it takes five horses to pull the same load on an ordinary dirt road and ten horses to pull the load in loose sand or mud.

Rural Delivery Notes

It is estimated by the postmaster general that postal receipts this fiscal year will approximate $144,000,000, which is nearly double the figure of less than ten years ago. This great expansion of the revenue—and the postal expense as well, which is even greater—is largely due, of course, to the extension of the rural free delivery service.

The appropriation for the rural free delivery service for the coming year is $20,772,700, but this sum will not enable the department to create as many new routes as were possible last year. The reason for this is that 97 per cent of the appropriation will be used to pay salaries of carriers under the increased rate of pay.

It is expected that with the new order of things it will be possible to establish routes at the rate of about 600 a month. At this rate the entire appropriation will be expended by the time congress meets in December.

Miss Ruth Lane, nineteen years old, of New Bedford, Mass., has been appointed a rural mail carrier on a route that has been given up by two men because of the rigors of the position.

A RURAL MAIL SERVICE

Ranchers and Miners on Upper Jump-off-Joe Benefitted.

Josephine county is in the march of progress and is soon to have its first rural mail route. An application was made some time since for a rural mail route out of Grants Pass to embrace the Jump-off-Joe section, and Friday, E. C. Clement, rural route inspector for the Pacific Coast States, was over the route, and while not definitely committing himself, yet he gave out that the proposed route met the Department's requirements as to passable condition of road, distance and number of patrons. It is quite certain that the route will be established and the service begun early in the spring. The route will be by the upper road to Jump-off-Joe and thence down that stream to the lower road to Grants Pass, which will be used for the return trip. This rural mail service will eliminate Wincna post office and cut off considerable mail from the Merlin and the Hugo offices. The route will not reach all the miners and ranchers on upper Jump-off-Joe, but will be so near that they can get mail from it.

Golden Gleanings.

Happy New year to all.

Stock looks fat and fine.

W. N. Ruble has planted an acre of strawberries.

Mr. Coffman went to Grants Pass last week on business.

We all had a happy Christmas and a good time in Golden.

H. Gross is keeping the Golden hotel. Good meals 25 cents.

This snow and rain looks nice to the miners, as it looks wintry now.

William Ruble went to Ashland to spend Christmas with his family.

About six inches of snow on the hills. It looks nice to see the trees covered with snow.

The wondering Daisy of Wonder, says the second crop of hollyhocks are in bloom. How manay times a year do they bloom?

C. Bennett, our groceryman was in Grants Pass last week. He has just moved into his new store. He has a large stock of goods.

Times are lively around Golden now. W. N. Ruble has his grizzly moved and ready to begin piping. He will run night and day as soon as water comes.

Slim Jim.

Wilderville.

R. M. Robinson is marketing his apple crop at Grants Pass.

Ada Robinson is home after attending school at Grants Pass the past two or three months.

Rev. Montgomery of Grants Pass preached at J. N. Hocking's house Sunday the 18th at 3 o'clock.

Mary Wadley of Medford, who has been staying at Arthur Wells the past three months, has returned home.

The Poverty social at the parsonage was pretty well attended. Raised something like $16 to be used in buying an organ for the church.

J. W. McCollum made an extended business trip to Grants Pass the latter part of last week. Listen, don't you begin to hear those wedding bells?

Jim McCanan, who has been having a severe siege of typhoid fever, has so improved as to be able to be brought out to his cousin's, Charles McCann's.

The entertainment at the school house was a complete success, was well supplied with cake and coffee. We give special credit to the lecture delivered by Brudder X. Y. Z., subject, "The Apple in the Garden of Eden." Raised $35 toward enlarging the school library. On the vote for the best looking young lady in the crowd, Miss Pearl Lewis won the prize. Mr. Wagner was successful in winning a prize. Everyone present enjoyed themselves and went home in the best of spirits.

The old year will soon be gone. How many will be turning over a new leaf, whether for a long time or a short time, who knows? But let us each strive to keep out of the ruts, and be gaining in the knowledge of a higher life.

There will be preaching at J. Hocking's on the first day of new year, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Zanoni.

(Crowded out last week.)

A. T. Cart killed a wildcat several days ago.

J. H. Robinson has rheumatism in one foot so badly that he has to go on crutches.

Arthur Erickson is home again after being in Portland the last three months.

Several baskets were sold and about $36 was made to be spent on completing the parsonage.

Mrs. Clark had the misfortune to cut three of her fingers badly with the butcher knife.

There is to be Free Methodist preaching at J. Hocking's next Sabbath at 2:30 p. m.

There was a Christmas tree at the church Christmas Eve, and quite a crowd out, as bad as the weather was.

Claude and Kirk Robinson are spending vacation at home. They will return to their school at Eugene soon.

Nice weather for holidays. Next Sabbath is quarterly meeting at Wilderville. Mr. Clark is to preach at 11 a. m. and the presiding elder is to preach in the evening.

There was no Sunday school last Sabbath, as people were up so late Saturday night at the Christmas tree, they were too late for Sabbath school. Mr. Clark preached at 11 o'clock, also at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

The 14 months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lipp fell on a hot stove lid and burned its hip pretty badly Saturday evening last. Zanoni.

TO HELP BOOM THE TOWN

Many Progressive Unions Organized in Louisiana.

That New Orleans is so prosperous and is making such satisfactory growth is due in no small measure to the work of the Progressive union of that city, and every town should have an association of this kind. Such an organization is a necessary adjunct to the welfare of every community. Its objects should be primarily to foster present industries, develop local resources, publish practical information, solicit and encourage immigration, investment and the establishment of new manufactories and to secure to the town and incidentally to its members the benefit of co-operation in the furtherance of legitimate projects. Its work is coextensive with the particular interests of the town in which it is located.

In speaking of the work of the Progressive union recently one of its board of directors said to a representative of the New Orleans Times-Democrat:

"It is undoubtedly a sign of prosperity as well as an indication of progress when we note the general determination on the part of the country towns to organize in defense of their own interests and for the purpose of attracting attention generally to their opportunities and advantages.

"During the past year the Progressive union has been called on time and again for information and assistance in organizing similar unions and associations in various parts of the state, and as our organization firmly believes in this sort of thing we have neglected no opportunity of giving the necessary information and assistance.

"As an indication that the idea of organization has struck a resonant keynote in the minds of our friends in the country towns may be taken the fact that recently progressive unions have been organized at Lake Providence, Covington, Rayville and at Patterson, the thriving Bayou Teche community.

"This will give Louisiana nearly forty local business associations, each one working earnestly for the development of its immediate section, and combined providing an object lesson for other states in the matter of civic pride and determination to better existing conditions.

"I am naturally a firm believer," continued the speaker in discussing the subject, "in the policy of local effort and its effect upon community growth. The present day is an era of competition, and in proportion to the enterprise of a community in advertising its resources and opportunities broadcast throughout the entire country will said community receive its returns at the hands of the people and capital now seeking location and investment.

"Louisiana today is not the unknown quantity the state represented ten years ago. The New Orleans Progressive union, one of the finest advertising institutions in the entire country, has placed the state generally in the public eye and has attracted a vast deal of attention in this direction.

"The organization of the smaller towns will necessarily support the action of the New Orleans organization, and as a result of the joint effort I look to see a wonderful improvement and advancement in production and in realty values in the next few years. The opportunities for safe investment in Louisiana are very numerous, and the very cheap agricultural areas open for settlement and the general productiveness of the soil, taken in connection with their nearness to the great markets of the country, create a situation from which great and lasting prosperity will result."

The Duty of Every Citizen.

Home and its protection is the basis of all government. That citizen who has the love of home and fealty to home interests is a worthy representative of any commonwealth. It is the mass of such men that are the backbone of any community and figuratively the mainstay and the rock upon which nations are founded, says the Home Trade Advocate. Whoever lives in a community and fails to support the public institutions and does not assist in the building up of industries that add to the greatness of that community is like an alien. While he lives in one place his heart is in another. He is not the ideal citizen, for he is not in harmony with those who are his neighbors. It is the duty of every resident of a town or community to do his utmost to advance its interests. By thus doing he not alone assists himself, but his neighbors, his town, his county, his state and his nation.

Improve the Roads.

Many towns have one drawback to their prosperity, and this is the lack of good roads, whereby they may be reached by the business and professional men from the cities who every year during the summer season are prone to seek the mountains for health and pleasure. As a matter of business such towns should take steps to make their roads so that they may be easily traveled by automobiles, coaches and every other means of transportation.

Keep the Back Yards Tidy.

The Woman's Civic Improvement league of Kalamazoo, Mich., enforces cleanliness in the back yards of untidy citizens by sending a photographer to make a picture of ill kempt quarters. If a copy of the picture does not set the owner of the premises to cleaning up the picture is put on public exhibition, but this proceeding is seldom necessary.

Woodville Notes.

W. Hall of Ashland is here calling on old friends.

The Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church was a good success.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bagley spent Christmas with friends in Ashland.

W. O. Jones, our general merchant, returned from his mine to spend Christmas with his family.

The marriage of R. R. Stevens and Miss Lulu McCord, of Grants Pass, took place Saturday evening at the Presbyterian parsonage, Rev. B. Tweed officiating.

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Prices reasonable [illegible] stock.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Josephine.

Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company, a corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Bertha May Borrall, Vera Gertrude Borrall, Mary Pearl Borrall, Leah Iona Borrall, all infants, and Marion A. Borrall,

Defendants.

To Bertha May Borrall, Vera Gertrude Borrall, Mary Pearl Borrall, Leah Iona Borrall, all infants, and Marion A. Borrall, Defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the bill of complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within six weeks from the 17th day of November, 1904, as prescribed in the order for publication hereof, and if you fail so to answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in its complaint on file in said cause, to-wit: for a decree that the plaintiff have judgment against the defendants for the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-five (225) Dollars and interest thereon [illegible] 25th day of June, [illegible] at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and for the further sum of [illegible] Dollars attorneys' fees and the further sum of Ten Dollars and [illegible] cents and interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum [illegible] since the 25th day of October, [illegible] and for the costs and disbursements of this suit.

That the mortgage described in the complaint of the plaintiff may be foreclosed and the following described mortgaged premises mentioned and described in said mortgage sold by the sheriff of Josephine County, Oregon, according to law, to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section [illegible], Township 36 South, Range 6 West, [illegible] and running thence south 30 rods; thence west 32 rods; thence north 30 rods; thence east 32 rods to the place of beginning, containing ten [illegible]

That the proceeds of said sale may be applied to the payment of the costs of said suit and the costs and disbursements of the suit, the attorney's fees in said suit and the amount due the plaintiff, and the residue, if any there be, paid to the Clerk of the court, subject to the further order of the court. [illegible] said defendants and each of them and all persons claiming by, through or under them may be forever barred and forever foreclosed of any and all right, claim or equity of redemption in or to said premises and for such other and further order and relief in the premises as to the court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is to be published once each week by virtue of an order of Hon. R. S. Bean, made on the [illegible] day of November, 1904, and the date of publication hereof is on the 17th day of November, 1904, and the last publication hereof will be on the 29th day of December, 1904.

A. C. HOUGH,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office.

Roseburg, Oregon, Nov. 2, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by H. J. Schmitt, contestant, against homestead entry No. 11,024, made July 14, 1902, for the SW¼, S½ NW¼, Section 18, Township 37 S., Range 7 West, by Andrew A. Bunn, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said entryman died on February, 1903, that during his life time he failed and neglected to establish a residence upon said land, but resided upon adjacent land; that since his death the heirs-at-law have wholly failed and neglected to reside upon or improve the land, as required by law. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 3, 1905, before Joseph H. Raffety, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Grants Pass, Oregon, and the said hearing will be held at the same place, on April 13, 1905, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a duly corroborated affidavit, filed November 2, 1904, facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. A. R. HOUGH, Receiver.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court for Josephine County, Oregon.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth F. Neely, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, James Neely, has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of the Estate of Elizabeth F. Neely, deceased, by the County Court for Josephine County, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, as by law required, to the undersigned executor at the law office of R. D. Norton at Grants Pass in Josephine County, Oregon, or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which date of first publication is Friday, December 8, A. D., 1904.

JAMES NEELY, Executor.

"Shenandoah's Last Victory" the latest in American song—At the Music House.