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AN OPEN LETTER

To whom it may concern:

While the number of transfers made through our office has been much more numerous than we expected for the winter months, we still believe that the number should be materially increased as we have so many good propositions offered at such ridiculously low figures. The following is a sample of only a few on our large list:

No. 277—35 acres of excellent farming land with good house, an excellent barn and other out buildings, 5 acres in bearing orchard, running water through place. Only one mile from center of town and on good road. A span of good horses, harness, wagon, plow, harrow and numerous small tools go with place. Price only \$2700. Will accept 1/3 down and balance at 5 per cent.

No. 322—A good 6-room dwelling with pantry, and closets and about 1/2 acre of ground on one of the best residence streets for ONLY \$800. Will accept 1/3 cash and give 2 or 3 years for balance. This is a good buy. Investigate it. Place is rented for \$8 per month.

No. 224—AN EXCELLENT HOME of 8 rooms with pantry and closets, good wood house, chicken house, good brick cellar, fine well with pump, also city water. House is well painted and in excellent condition. Nearly an acre of ground goes with house. Many nice fruit trees in bearing on place. Is located in one of the most desirable residence portions of city. Price only \$1900—1/3 cash, long time on balance if wanted.

We have several excellent BARGAINS in 5, 10 and 15 ACRE TRACTS also in ranging in price from \$50 to \$150 per acre.

40 acres of only partially improved river bottom land close to town for \$15 per acre, if taken soon. Splendid place for HOPS or ALFALFA.

Inviting you to call at our office, rooms 10 and 12, Masonic Temple, and investigate our large list of properties and soliciting your correspondence, if you cannot call, we beg to remain Yours for business.

Sherman & Ireland,
5th Real Estate Men.
Several nice cottages for rent.

Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co.

PAID UP CAPITAL STOCK \$25,000.00

Transacts a general banking business. Receives deposits subject to check or on demand certificates. Our customers are assured of courteous treatment and every consideration consistent with sound banking principles.

J. FRANK WATSON, Pres.
R. A. BOOTH, Vice-Pres.
L. L. JEWELL, Cashier.

The First National Bank OF SOUTHERN OREGON.

CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000.00

Receive deposits subject to check or on certificate payable on demand. Sells sight drafts on New York, San Francisco and Portland. Telegraphic transfers sold on all points in the United States. Special attention given to collections and general business of our customers. Collections made throughout Southern Oregon, and on accessible points.

R. A. BOOTH, Pres.
H. L. GILKEY, Vice-Pres.
H. L. GILKEY, Cashier.

Bert Barnes,

Reliable Watchmaker

At Clemens' Grants Pass, Ore.

SEWING MACHINES FROM \$22.00 UP

NEW GOODS! NEW PRICES!

Prices: \$22.00, 23.00, 24.00, 25.00, 28.00, 30.00, 32.50, 35.00, 40.00, 45.00, 50.00.

We have no agents. We sell direct to the people and save you the agent's commission. Call at the store or write for catalogue. Headquarters for needles and parts for all machines. We pay the freight.

C. B. CARDINELLI, P. O. Box 302, Ashland, Oregon.

CLEMENS SELLS DRUGS & BOOKS GRANTS PASS OR.

THE NEW MEAT MARKET

GUSTAV KARNER, PROPRIETOR

Manufacturer of all kinds of foreign and domestic Sausages. Pork Packer and dealer in all kinds of First-class Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats, Wholesale and Retail

Main Street, West of Palace Hotel TELEPHONE 223

MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS

J. B. PADDOCK, Proprietor.

I am prepared to furnish anything in the line of Cemetery work in any kind of Marble or Granite.

Nearly thirty years of experience in the Marble business warrants my saying that I can fill your orders in the very best manner.

Can furnish work in Scotch, Swede or American Granite or any kind of Marble.

Front street, next to Greene's Upholstery.

Grants Pass Cleaning and Dye Works

...Works...

Steam Cleaning, Pressing and Dyeing for Gentlemen's Goods. A Salt a week cleaned and mended for \$1.50 per month.

French Dry Cleaning for Ladies' Goods, Furs and Gloves.

Prices reasonable. Goods called for and delivered.

W. A. CORNISH

Proprietor, West Front Street, Grants Pass, Oregon

Palace Barber Shop

J. H. MULLEN, Prop.

Shaving, Hair Cutting, Baths, Etc.

Everything neat and clean and a work first-class.

SOUTHERN OREGON MINES

Big Project of Opening Silver Creek Basin. Climax Produces Rich Ore.

Opening Silver Creek Basin.

The Silver creek placer enterprise which is being steadily and quietly developed to its consummation by a company of Colorado men is one of the largest live placer projects in the state. The problem of opening the Silver creek basin has been discussed by miners ever since the gold bearing qualities of the stream were discovered.

Silver creek flows through an immense canyon, the mountains rising steeply for sometimes thousands of feet on each side. At some time, so long ago that it is past computation, an immense slide broke away from one of these precipitous mountains, filling the canyon to a depth of some 200 feet with huge pieces of broken rock, making a dam that the waters of the stream were powerless to move.

The course of the creek was diverted and a new channel was made around the big slide and next to the mountain from which the slide had broken away. Here it has worn deeply into the solid bedrock. At the falls, where the water enters the original canyon after crossing the great barrier, the present creek bed is perhaps 100 feet higher than the former channel. At the upper portion of the slide the difference between the channel levels is presumed to be yet greater.

The basin formed by this slide reaches about two miles above the big dam and varies in width from a few rods to half a mile and is comparatively level. Doubtless it was originally a lake but it has filled up with gravel and all sorts of debris brought down by Silver creek and its tributaries. The creek now runs through the basin in a shallow channel with only slight fall.

Trees three and four feet in diameter are growing in the basin and are one proof of the antiquity of the change of the creek's course. The depth to which the waters have cut into the solid bedrock of the present channel is another.

On account of the long period elapsed since the slide broke away, it might be presumed that the gold de-

posit was more recent than the formation of the basin. This is disproved, however, by the finding of heavy gold, one piece weighing nearly four ounces, six miles below the falls. This gold is of the same kind and character which has made the creek so rich above the basin. In the present condition of things it is impossible for heavy gold to be carried into the lower creek.

Rich Ore From Climax.

The mining exhibit has received a quantity of rich mineral specimens from the Climax mine of the upper Jump-off-Joe district. This mine is the property of the Mt. Pitt Mining & Milling Co. of which A. C. Hoeder is the local manager. At present, the ore is being worked by means of a two tub arrastre, operated by water power, and is yielding lucrative returns. The ore is said to run from \$25 to \$75 per ton in usual value, though a portion of the rock is extremely rich, some of it carrying values at the rate of \$1000 or more to the ton. Some of the ore on exhibition bears gold at the rate of \$500 to the ton, though very few "colores" are discernible with the naked eye. A pan and mortar test, however, reveals conclusively the presence of gold which is contained in the rock.

The vein of the Climax has a width of eight to 10 feet. The "pay streak" where the richer ore is found, has a width of 18 to 30 inches. The quartz is of a bluish color and the adjacent porphyry also carries gold values. The mine is opened by some 250 feet of tunnel.

Anderson Hydraulic Placer.

T. K. Anderson, who is operating the Harmon-Green placer of Galice, visited Grants Pass this week. The mine is running steadily, its water supply being so abundant that work is little affected by the unusual scarcity of rain which has hampered placer operations in so many localities. The work this year is on the big ancient channel on the west side of the creek and near the lower end of

A VOICE FROM MICHIGAN

Rev. N. F. Jenkins Writes From Wolverine State.

Editor Courier:

The mail brings to my table two recent issues of your paper sent me by my former friend, Mr. C. L. Mangum of your city. What pleasant memories are awakened as I scan their columns, noting many names of former acquaintances of that region. Surely by reports given in your columns, that country is still forging ahead in all that makes for progress, development and the substantial things of civilization. I need to imagine while a resident of your city, that I was standing on the rim of creation and that it was dangerous to be out after dark for fear I would fall off for it seemed I was so far from the center of things. But I declare that I have come to realize that you people are destined to become the great "hub" around which all ordinary matters must revolve in the future. That region is to become the great "H. I." of our country. Hold a strong grip on things there. A different kind of a strong "Grippe" has a hold on us people around here.

Josephine County Real Estate Co.

COURIER BUILDING, GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

Improved Farms in Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Linn Counties.

TIMBER

In Large and Small Tracts in Washington, Oregon and California.

CITY PROPERTY

Vacant lots and Headquarters, Business Houses, Grocery, Hardware, Feed, General Merchandise and Meat Market.

One, Two, Three, Five and Ten Acre Tracts in any part of the City.

MILLS

Flour and Lumber.

Below we give some of our bargains.

No. 211—180 acres placer land, No. 1 claim, 800 feet pipe, ditch and reservoir, good buildings, land well timbered, easy terms. Price \$5000. Mine now in operation.

POTATOES

Sound, Dry and Mealy and the Best Potatoes sold in Grants Pass.

Kansas Sorghum

The Purest and Most Wholesome Syrup. The only fit for table use.

Chiles' Grocery

Front st., near Fourth.

N. E. MCGREW, PROPRIETOR.

TRUCK AND DELIVERY

Furniture and Piano Moving

GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

OUR HENS MUST BE LAZY

Do Not Do Their Share in the Poultry Business.

With the memory of 40 cent eggs from Southern Oregon hens so fresh in our minds the following figures concerning the poultry business are of interest:

In 1900 the American Hen laid 14,400,000,000 eggs, amounting to 1,200,000,000 dozens which, if figured at the prevailing export price of five per dozen amounts to a value of \$180,000,000 for eggs alone. In the same period the broilers, roasters, fryers and all fowls sold for meat aggregated a value of \$125,000,000, or a total of \$305,000,000.

Advocate Change of Road.

Waldo, Oregon, Feb. 6, 1905.

Dear Courier: Your comment in your last issue in reference to change of road between Selms and Anderson on the Grants Pass - Crescent City stage road brings up another much needed change and one of fully as much importance as the one above mentioned, to-wit: the change of road from the old Welch place south of Kerby to the foot of the hill near the east end of the bridge south of the lower Illinois river. By this change there would be no hill at all, going south and there would be a gravelly road bed instead of a mudhole and the hill above the bridge would be little more than half as high as the present road, and the grade much less. A good road can be built on this route for less than it will take to put the present road in good condition, and it can be traveled in half the time between points of intersection.

W. A. PADDOCK

East of Depot Grants Pass, Oregon

I am Closing Out LEED'S DISC RECORDS

75c Records at 50c Each

No more at the price when those are sold.

W. A. PADDOCK

East of Depot Grants Pass, Oregon

Removal Sale

We are making very special prices on everything from 10 to 50 per cent Discount

Buy now --- a Dollar Saved is a Dollar Earned.

Thomas & O'Neill,

The Housefurnishers

Grants Pass, Oregon.

JONES CREEK HATCHERY

RURAL DELIVERY ROUTE

A Million and a Half of Salmon Eggs Have Been Taken.

First One in Josephine County Soon to Be in Operation.

The new fish hatchery at Jones creek, of which mention was made in the last issue of the Courier, has collected eggs to the number of about a million and a half in the three weeks in which it has been operating. By far the greater portion of these are from the silverside salmon.

The hatchery is located on Jones creek about a half a mile from the mouth, at the spot where an arrastre was operated some years ago by the Woolfolk brothers. Here there is quite a high bank on the east side of the creek while on the west side is a smooth, level little piece of land, which is just about large enough for the comfortable accommodation of the enterprise. The place is remarkably well adapted by nature for the purpose for which it is being used and a more pleasant and at the same time convenient spot would be hard to find.

The ditch formerly carried water to the arrastre is now utilized to furnish water for the hatching operations. The water is carried by means of a flume across the creek, where its flow is regulated and distributed among the four long double rows of boxes. In these boxes the eggs, carefully placed in trays, are deposited, to hatch in the running water. The time required to hatch the eggs varies from 40 to 60 days according to the temperature of the water, though the presence of the young fish may be discerned after about the 30th day. After hatching, the little fish are kept from one to three months before being set at liberty.

The fish from which the eggs are taken are captured mainly by drift net in the eddies below the dam of the Golden Drift Co. After being taken, the eggs are carefully looked over and the "dead" ones removed before placing them in the trays.

This hatchery is a government enterprise and the work is being carried on under the management of A. A. Oldenberg. At present all operations are in the open air, but it is probable that a substantial building will be erected during the year.

Has Stood the Test of 26 Years.

The old, original GROVE'S Tonic Chilli Tonic, you know what a taste it is. It is iron and quinine a tasteless form. No cure, no pay.

Tin Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howard celebrated their tin wedding on Friday evening in a pleasant social party in which they entertained their friends to the number of about 30 or more. Their home was prettily decorated for the occasion with evergreen, ivy and myrtle. The evening was spent in games, music and other social amusement and a delightful lunch was served. Many presents were received by Mr. and Mrs. Howard, tinware greatly predominate in the collection, which contained many gifts both beautiful and desirable.

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I have carefully gone over the entire proposition and blessed it out.

W. J. WIMER.