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MORE WEALTH AND  
PEOPLE WANTED

Josephine County to Make Its  
Wants Known at the Lewis  
and Clark Fair.

All but three counties in Oregon are to have exhibits at the Lewis and Clark fair and these counties are likely yet to improve their opportunities through it will be as near sections in the procession of progress and have exhibits at the great exposition. But Josephine county will not be one of the laggards or it has practically been settled that this county is to have an exhibit and that it is to be a complete showing of the mineral, timber, agricultural, horticultural, manufactured and other products of the county.

At a meeting of the business men of Grants Pass, held Monday evening at the opera house the matter was fully considered and not a dissenting word was heard against the proposition to ask the county to appropriate \$5000 with which to meet the expense of securing the material for the exhibit and of installing it at the fair and of having a man in charge to look after it and to answer questions of prospective settlers and investors, who may desire to know more fully what the county has to offer. The meeting was called to order by R. G. Smith, who stated the matter under consideration, and that inasmuch as Josephine county needed more capital and more population to carry on the work of developing the great resources of the county, a campaign of advertising the county should be undertaken. He favored the county bearing the entire expense as all property interests alike would be benefited.

Following Mr. Smith, Judge Booth was called on and he stated that as a member of the county court he was in favor of the county appropriating a reasonable sum, yet sufficient to enable a creditable display to be made, and thus the expense would be more equitably borne than if carried by individuals, for it was a matter in which every property owner in Josephine county would derive benefit. J. W. Howard, a leading merchant of Korbly and a large holder of Grants Pass property, spoke decidedly in favor of the exhibit and of the expense to be

borne by all the taxpayers of the county. City Superintendent R. B. Turner stated the Grants Pass schools were preparing a creditable exhibit, but could not place their exhibit unless provided with show cases in which to place it as required by the fair management. R. L. Coe, Charles Meserve, Joseph Moss and Dennis Stovall each spoke in favor of the Josephine county taking advantage of this opportunity of doing such effective advertising on so small an expenditure and to secure the increased wealth and population that the county so badly needed. Each of the speakers advocated that the expense be met by the county. C. L. Mangum, president of the Grants Pass Miners Association, spoke on behalf of the miners and stated they would fully co-operate to make the exhibit a success and he favored the county standing the expense. W. P. Wright favored the exhibit and the county paying for it. As a feature of the exhibit, he thought a large wall map for the county should be made. A resolution was then introduced by R. G. Smith and passed by a unanimous vote to ask the county court to appropriate \$500 with which to meet the expense of preparing an exhibit and of installing it at the Lewis and Clark fair and of paying for the services of a man to look after it and to answer questions that may be asked by prospective settlers. Mr. Smith then moved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a petition and have copies of it circulated in all parts of the county, for signatures asking that the county make the appropriation of \$5000. As such committee Chairman Kinsey appointed R. G. Smith, C. L. Mangum, Joseph Moss, J. W. Howard and Charles Meserve.

Following the adjournment of the mass meeting the committee held a meeting at the office of Sherman & Ireland and drafted a heading for the petition and the next day had 100 copies printed and distributed to persons in all parts of the county. The committee has received word that the petitions are being extensively signed and will represent the great majority of the taxpayers of the county. The petitions will be presented to the county court at the session next Wednesday and there is a strong probability that the amount asked for will be granted.

THE ROAD KING GRADER  
The Newest and Best—A Labor  
Saver and a Money Saver.

With the building of modern roads and streets the demand for machinery that can do better and faster work has stimulated American inventive genius until no country in the world equals this in the perfection of its road machinery in labor saving, durability and thoroughness of work. In handling the earth in grading roads the advance from the shovel and wheel barrow to the Road King grader has been as great as from the hand sickle to the combine harvester and thresher used in harvesting grain. The Road King is the latest out of

road graders and embodies all improvements that years of experience has suggested. The entire machine is made of steel and iron and the only wood about it is the tongue and doubletree, so the weather has no effect upon it and the only wear is to the cutter blade. On the Road King the greatest defect that is so noticeable in other graders is obviated, and this is the side-draft when the grader is throwing a heavy cutting of earth. This side-draft is so heavy on some machines that when used on a hillside throwing the dirt up that the team has to be driven at such an angle with the road that the leaders are almost on the opposite side of the grade. This side-draft is also a serious obstacle when crowning a grade, or in opening a ditch. This side-draft in addition to preventing a grader from handling its full capacity of earth and of not doing good work, adds the pull of two horses over that of a grader that has a straight draft, thus increasing the expense of operating the machine. In roadside ditching, the Road King has no equal for its cutter can be so adjusted that it will open a perfect ditch of the depth and width for perfect road drainage. Its adjustable blade makes the Road King especially adapted to street cleaning for it will do a thorough job and not tear up the cross-walks nor leave a strip of mud by the walk as is done with machines on which the blade has to be raised to clear the walk. The Road King is fitted with adjusting devices that make it more under the control of the operator than is any other grader, and it is so strongly built that an ordinary strain will not break it.

That it would be a saving in operating expense and the means of having better grading done for counties and towns having the old style graders to lay them aside and to purchase the Road King, we will prove by shipping a grader at our expense to any county or town that wishes to have a test made. If the grader does not do all the work we claim for it, we will ship it back at our own expense. For full information and prices and terms on which the Road King is sold, address, Earl W. Kiger, general agent for Oregon and Washington, Portland, Oregon, care Colanet Hotel.

Pianos and organs sold for private parties on commission. J. M. Ward, Courier block.  
C. M. Hathaway, who has a farm in the New Hope district, on the Applegate, was in Grants Pass Wednesday. Mr. Hathaway states that both grain and grass were in fine condition and the prospects the best for a big yield this season. The fruit prospect is equally promising. The bloom is fully two weeks earlier than usual, yet he thinks there is likelihood of a big fruit yield. Mr. Hathaway is of the opinion that a change in the system of road building in Josephine county should be made for the present method has resulted in no great improvement to the highways and the time has now come when better roads are required to bring the development of the county up to the standard that its extensive resources warrant.  
Fine line of coaches just in at McLane's Auction store.  
Second hand organs for sale by J. M. Ward, Courier block.

RUSSO-JAPAN WAR SCENES  
To Be Shown at Grants Pass  
Monday Evening.

From the advance sales of seats it is evident that Consul-General H. B. Miller will be greeted next Monday evening at the Opera house with the largest audience assembled in Grants Pass this winter. The great interest in the Russo-Japanese war, that is developing into the most gigantic war of modern times, makes the lecture of unusual interest and of much historical value. Consul-General Miller at his post at Niu Chwang, was able to witness the stirring incidents of the war from its beginning a year ago to the time of the Russians' crushing defeat at Los Yang, when he left on a vacation for his home in Oregon and to report to President Roosevelt, by whom he was promoted to be consul-general to Japan. Mr. Miller met many of the prominent Russian and Japanese army and navy officers and was presented to the emperor of Japan. And a part of his experience as well as honor was to be the civil and military governor of the big city of Niu Chwang for the two days in the interim between the Russian evacuation and the Japanese occupation. And this high honor came to him not in his official capacity but at the request of the other foreign consuls and of the foreign and Chinese business men of the city and so ably did he discharge his duties and stopped the looting and disorder that he received the commendation of the commander of the Japanese force sent to occupy the city, and a vote of thanks from the Chinese mandarins and foreign residents.

Mr. Miller was able to secure a splendid collection of photographs of scenes of battles, incidents, cities and distinguished personages and the best of these he has had placed on slides and with a stereopticon will show and explain them during his lecture. Consul-General Miller gave his lecture in Portland, Eugene and Corvallis and in each place he was greeted with large audiences. Of his lecture in Portland the Oregonian devoted a fine editorial review, one paragraph of which is as follows:

All who were present at Consul H. B. Miller's lectures, who saw the photographs which he took, and listened to his expatiations, touched and colored with the personal interest of a partaker in and eyewitness of the stirring events, came away with a sense of having been taken into the presence of the scenes described. For this all who had followed in the newspapers and magazines the printed stories must have been very grateful to the speaker, for his easy colloquial tone and simple language deepened the impression of entire trustworthiness, which his Oregon friends ascribed to him in advance. This lecture is under the auspices of the Grants Pass High School and the entire proceeds, through the public spirit of Consul-General Miller, is to go to the library fund.  
Second hand organs for sale by J. M. Ward, Courier block.

Woman's Club Meets Saturday.  
The regular meeting for April of the Grants Pass Women's Club will be held this Saturday at 2:30 p. m. in the Workman hall. The department of home and household economics of which Mrs. Sarah Cleverger, superintendent, will have charge of the program, the principal feature of which will be an address by Mrs. Grace Mosey Kropke on the economical and hygienic features of cooking. Mrs. Kropke will illustrate her lecture by demonstrations and the address to every woman who has or expects to have a home of her own. The admission will be free to members of the Club, and others will be admitted on payment of 25 cents. Mrs. Kropke now resides in Ashland but formerly lived in San Francisco where she was a noted teacher and lecturer on household economics and she has a Coast reputation as a woman thoroughly posted in all that pertains to culinary science. The management of the Women's Club extends a cordial invitation to the ladies of Grants Pass to attend this lecture and the club meeting for it will be well worth the small price of admission. Remember the place of meeting is in the Workman hall on West G street over Dixon's store.

Pattern Hats Display.  
Mrs. M. P. Anderson has a full line of pattern hats on display, the most complete line that has ever been brought to Grants Pass at prices that will please you all. Do not fail to see her line, on E street, one block east of Hotel Josephine.

Of Interest to Ladies.  
I have just received from Chas. A. Stevens & Co., the great style store of Chicago, the SPRING and SUMMER fashion plates of the Custom Tailoring Department, showing the beautiful new styles in ladies tailor made suits, shirt waists suits and skirts, also samples of materials from which these garments are made. I shall be pleased to have you call and examine the styles at my home, No. 202, Second and E street, near South Methodist Church, phone 104.  
Mrs. Gerlie Wright, Agent.

W.O.W. Convention at Los Angeles  
The Southern Pacific Company will sell, on April 12th, 13th, and 14th round trip tickets to Los Angeles, at greatly reduced rates, account Convention of Woodmen of the World and Women of Woodcraft, to be held at Los Angeles, April 12th, 13th, 14th. Call an nearest Southern Pacific agent for rates and full particulars.  
W. E. Coman, G. P. A.  
The best washing machine on the market at McLane's auction store, west G street.  
Two good second hand upright pianos for sale at a bargain on easy terms. J. M. Ward, Courier block.  
\$700 takes new four room house with two lots, close to the heart of the city. Must be sold at once. See Joseph Moss, THE Real Estate AGENT.

Good Prospects for Hop Crop.  
B. W. Baldwin a farmer and hop grower of Williams creek was in Grants Pass over Thursday night a guest at the Layton. Mr. Baldwin has a hop yard of 30 acres, eight of which he planted this spring. The outlook for a big hop crop never was better so Mr. Baldwin stated. The weather has been so favorable that the growers have their yards in perfect condition and the vines have already made a good growth, being from four to 10 inches high and thickly and of good color. As to prices, Mr. Baldwin does not anticipate a continuance of the present high price, but he sees no likelihood of a break that will carry the market down below a good profit. Mr. Baldwin is strongly in favor of Josephine county having an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair and thinks that the county should stand the expense. By this means all property interests would share in the burden in promoting the county's welfare, just all will share in the benefits that will come from this advertising venture that will add to the value of the property of the non-resident quite as much as that of settler.

**A. U. BANNARD**  
At the Big Furniture and House Furnishing Store, North Side, is now receiving his  
**New Spring Carpets, Rugs, Art Squares and Linoleums**  
all bought before advance of price. You can't afford to pass them by. Large and complete stock of Furniture and Furnishing Goods.  
**A. U. BANNARD**  
Big Store, North Side, 6th Street, Grants Pass

"A lump of clay in the hands of a laborer becomes a brick; in the hands of sculptor it becomes a 'work of art.'"  
Its the same way with pianos. The quality of the materials used may differ in different makes of pianos but they all look a good deal alike when finished.  
Its a skill in building them that counts and gives a good piano some special quality in tone, action and durability that a common piano doesn't possess.  
**We Sell "Uncommon" Pianos Always**  
Each make we handle is the very best one we can find of its class, and each make is just "a little better for the money" than is usually offered you.  
In buying a piano it is important to find a man who will be honest and straightforward in statements; and who will not do "anything to make a sale" but will advise and assist you, to the best of his ability to make a satisfactory choice.  
**See "Our Man Ward" About That Piano**  
**ALLEN & GILBERT-RAMAKER CO.**  
COURIER BLOCK, GRANTS PASS, OREGON

**Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic**  
has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c.  
Enclosed with every bottle is a Ten Cent package of Grove's Black Root Liver Pills.

New Store  
New Goods  
New Prices

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WASHBURN & CO.  
GRANTS PASS, ORE.

Opening  
Saturday,  
April 8th

On SATURDAY MORNING, April 8th, at 9 o'clock We Will Open the Doors of the Golden Rule Store  
AT 303 SOUTH SIXTH STREET

We extend to the people of Grants Pass and vicinity a cordial invitation to visit us and inspect our large stock of DRY GOODS, SHOES, CLOTHING, LADIES' and MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, MILLINERY, Etc.

We want to show you what years of experience in the merchandise business and plenty of cash will do. Buying as we do with the Golden Rule Buyers Union of the Northwest enables us to obtain Prices and Discounts on merchandising that it would be utterly impossible for small dealers to get. We want to demonstrate to you what a CASH proposition means in merchandising. Our 20 years experience in the mercantile business has taught us one thing above all others that CASH BUYS CHEAPER THAN CREDIT. If you will kindly visit our store we will demonstrate this fact beyond the possibility of a doubt.

We earnestly solicit your patronage on the basis of Honest, Reliable Merchandise at Eastern Prices, and we only ask that you at all times compare the values that we present with those that may be obtained elsewhere.

We are after your business and shall do our utmost to merit and maintain it. We want to have the pleasure of a personal call from you and assure you we will spare no effort to gain your confidence and patronage by courteous treatment and the very Lowest Prices obtainable.

Respectfully,

**The GOLDEN RULE STORE**

N. B.—To the Ladies: We especially call your attention to our Millinery Department. All the Newest Pattern Hats, showing a number of Paris Models, will be on sale at our opening.