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The annual statement, "the fruit is all killed," is slow in making its appearance this year but will doubtless be on hand if we should happen to have some light frosts during the present month. If this perennial failure to be circulated this year it will be a new record for Southern Oregon.

The peace talk which was prevalent a week ago has died away and it has been discovered that Russia is still for war. Admiral Rojestvensky has started his squadron for Vladivostok and it is a Russian hope that he will sink Togo's fleet and turn the tide of the war. If the Russian admiral can get his ships to Vladivostok without calamity, he will be considered fortunate.

The columns of the Courier are open to its readers, who may wish to express their views on matters of public interest. The only condition is that the articles must not be unduly long and be strictly on topics of local interest to the residents of Grants Pass and Josephine county. The writer's name must accompany the article, but will not be published unless requested. The Courier would especially like to have the views of its readers on the various interests involved in the mining industry, fruit raising and other farm topics, fruit canning, irrigation, roads, schools, civic improvement, fruit growers and farmers institutes and other topics that bear on the upbuilding of this section. If you have a practical idea on a practical subject, send it to the Courier for publication and don't hesitate least you might not have your article strictly correct as to language and spelling, this office will assist you in that. It is an idea that will help push Grants Pass and Josephine county that is wanted, not a faultless sample of English rhetoric, so try your hand.

THE WOMANS CLUB TO ENCOURAGE HOSPITALITY.

The purpose of the Grants Pass Womens Club to provide accommodations, free of cost, in the various homes of the city, to teachers who will attend the annual institute to be held in this city the first week in May, is one that is along the right line for the well-being and upbuilding of this city. The hospitality and all-time social life, for which the

American home has been noted in the years gone by, is rapidly being displaced by the demands of church, lodge and society, and the modern home is no longer the place where the family may find that spirit of contentment and the happy environment that will prevent the father from spending his evenings out, and the mother, from lack of companionship doing likewise, while the boys are roaming the streets and the girls in questionable company.

To have a refined, educated person to join the family circle for a time is splitting in many ways. New ideas are brought out, selfishness, exclusiveness and intolerance is checked and the monotonous life that so many families fall into, is broken. With company at the table, or in the evening circle, the father will brush up his ideas, the mother her graciousness and the children their manners and all will be benefited. Many a household have its unpleasant features lessened or removed, and even divorce made less likely, were there more hospitality, sociability and the refreshing break in the home life made by the advent of a welcome guest from time to time.

As the means of giving a town a good name abroad, nothing is more effective than to make visitors feel at home when in the city, and that can best be done by taking them into the family circle, even for but one meal. It is a loss to a town to show no courtesy to visitors of prominence, other than to greet them at the public gathering, or at the hotel or on the street. A delightful hour at a home will give them a kindly recollection of the town and cause them to speak many a complimentary word that will be a most profitable advertisement to it, and which would bring more results in attracting investors and home seekers than a hundred pamphlets. The reviving of the old-time home hospitality is a matter that means much to Grants Pass, and the Womens Club should have every encouragement in their laudable endeavor.

A CANNERY FOR GRANTS PASS.

An enlarged market for farm products and a greater payroll for Grants Pass are the two that conduce more than any thing else to the prosperity of this city, and the surrounding country. A fruit and vegetable cannery would do much toward accomplishing this desired result. As a fruit, vegetable and corn district, Rogue River Valley has positively no superior in the United States, both in quality and in yield. In varieties every kind of fruit from apples to peaches and figs grow to perfection. On the warm, rich soil of this valley, tomatoes, beans and other vegetables have a size, flavor and yield that make them especially adapted for canning purposes. The chemical constituents of the soil are such that with the hot summer weather, Rogue River sweet corn has a flavor and tenderness that has given it a Pacific Coast reputation.

The products required for canning can be had in any quantity and at reasonable prices from this Valley and Grants Pass can readily supply com-

petent labor with which to operate a cannery. There is a large and growing local market for canned goods and the outside market is practically unlimited. This and the other Pacific Coast states will be one of the best markets for canned goods in the United States, for the mining districts, cities factory towns and seaports will each require great quantities to supply their demands. Alaska and the Oriental countries will, in the near future become immense markets for canned goods and the cold climate of the former country and the density of the population of the later countries will preclude their ever supplying their own needs in canned goods.

Ashland has one cannery and is likely to soon have another. Ashland canned goods have attained such a high standard for quality that the sales have grown most rapidly and the business proving so profitable other parties in that city are preparing to erect a cannery and have it in operation. Medford is making an effort to secure a cannery. An Iowa canneryman has sent a quantity of seed of choice corn to be planted on various farms in the vicinity of that town. The object is to test the soil and climate of that section and samples of the corn will be sent back to Iowa to be canned that it may be compared with the Eastern products. If the test is satisfactory, the Iowa man will erect a cannery at Albany that will handle the product from 800 acres of corn. Were Grants Pass alive to its interests, samples of corn from this section would be sent for testing, and as the showing would certainly be successful, there would be a likelihood of some canneryman being induced to come here and put up a cannery and engage in the business. The many benefits coming to the city and the surrounding country through the location of a fruit and vegetable cannery should be sufficient incentive to the business men of Grants Pass to take up the matter and bring it to a successful termination.

Real Estate Transfers.

Alice J. Rogers to H. B. Miller, 30 feet of the East side of Lot 9, Block 33, Original Townsite.

The above sale was made through the Real Estate Agency of Joseph Mess.

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THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR

Consul-General Miller Tells of Scenes and Incidents.

Monday evening the Grants Pass opera house had the largest audience that has been within it for a year past. So great was the attendance that 50 extra chairs were added to the seating capacity of the large room and then there were persons who had to stand up while others who had to be secured seats turned back at the doorway and returned to their homes.

The occasion was the lecture by Consul-General Miller on the Russo-Japanese war. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Grants Pass High School and the proceeds were for the library fund. The services of Mr. Miller were generously given to the school and such was the popularity of his lecture that the school had after all expenses were paid, \$104.40 in place to the credit of their library fund. The stage was tastefully decorated with potted plants and flowers, while back of the speaker's stand there was draped a large American flag, supported at either side by a Japanese and a Russian flag.

City Superintendent R. R. Turner introduced Consul-General Miller, or rather as he stated it, told why he and the unusually large audience were there, for this was one instance in which no introduction was necessary for the speaker, and that with the distinguished citizen of Grants Pass, who was to appear for the evening, it could not be said of him that he was a prophet without honor among his own people for the representative gathering of citizens in every walk of life, proved that he had the esteem and the confidence of his fellow citizens. Supt. Turner spoke briefly of the eminent services that Mr. Miller had rendered while consul at Sze Chwang, China, and of the fitting recognition of his ability as a diplomat in his appointment by President Roosevelt to be United States consul-general for Japan.

Both when Mr. Miller went to the stage and on his rising to speak he was greeted with the heartiest applause. As a preface to his talk on the Russo-Japanese war, Mr. Miller gave a brief history of Japan and a description of its people and of the cause that brought the nation from an obscure position to one of the great powers of the world. Of the present war he said that Japan had been preparing for 10 years and that it was a war in which all the people were in it with their heart and soul and no sacrifice of life and wealth was too great for them to make, that their country might in this struggle, which they held to be one of life or death to their very existence as a nation. The relentless, tremendous conquest by Russia bringing that country nearer and nearer to Japan, made the Japanese realize that their country, if the Slav power was not checked, would soon follow Manchuria as a vassal of the great white bear. Of the Japanese people, Mr. Miller said that they were most wonderfully intelligent in many respects.

Of the Russians, Mr. Miller said that Americans had a false idea, for the educated classes were as cultured and refined as any people. In character they were more Asiatic than European in their self-conceit and duplicity. Yet they had many noble traits and they would yet make of Russia one of the greatest countries of the world in all that modern civilization implies. In giving his sketch of the war, he had over 100 views which were shown by stereopticon and which portrayed vividly and lifelike, scenes that made the audience almost feel that they were actually viewing distinguished Japanese and Russian personages, home and street scenes and the realities of war. As each view appeared on the screen, Mr. Miller explained it, and so clearly and concisely were his statements that his audience gained a more comprehensive knowledge of affairs in the far East than could have been gained in a month of reading. The lecture was thoroughly appreciated and at its close Consul-General Miller was given an ovation in applause.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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FRILLS OF FASHION.

Little Panache of Dress for the Advancement of Missy's Latest Costume.

Many of the new silk blouses are relieved with narrow bands of black and white pin-striped silk and lace. The newest blouses resemble a hat, oxidized, silver or gilt, with wings outspread. The velvet or satin ribbon is passed through and across the center of the body, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

A velvet ribbon, or one of soft satin, drawn through the hat buckle and tied in a short, outspreading bow at the back, represents one of the latest fancies for blouse waist finishes.

Many of the handiwork of the season's gowns in stamine and canvas are artistically trimmed with antique Japanese embroidery, which forms collar, revers and cuffs.

For the convenience and comfort of the fair automobilist some gowns have been invented a voluminous veil of mica, which is perfectly transparent, and absolutely dust and air proof. The veil is tied over the hat like the ordinary face protection of net or chiffon, for the mica is exceedingly flexible and not at all unbecoming.

Hand-worked white linen, showing designs of perforated English embroidery and medallions in solid stitching, is one of the most effective of the new embroideries. The new parasols, while light colored and bright in hue, are not as befrilled as in some other seasons, except the full-dress fete parasols. Plain silks have patterns geometrical or otherwise, some are printed with roses, some violets, some have Persian designs, and the Empire wreaths have found a place upon them.

Parasol handles have become so elaborate that they are stored in the jewel case nowadays. They are longer than formerly, and cabochons of sapphires, corals, matrix turquoise, jade and pearl lend an effective touch of embellishment to the quaint heads of metal, crystal or wood.

Among the pretty and practical novelties are porcelain buttons, hand painted, which come in sets of five, three for the front and two for the sleeves. Many of the buttons are exquisitely painted in floral designs.

Ideal Country Chamber.

The ideal sleeping-room in a country house has windows on two sides, and the best aspect is south or west, because the prevailing wind is southwest, and it is far more important to be in the breeze than in the shade. Such a room is more sunny than a north or east front, but sunshine is antiseptic, and city people do not sit in their chambers.

—Charles Barnard, in Four-Track News.

Basin Pills.

Creem one cupful of sugar and a piece of butter size of an egg, one egg, one cupful of milk, two cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and one cupful of chopped seeded raisins. Steam one-half hour in cups.—Ladies' World.

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to the people of Grants Pass and vicinity. In last week's paper we attempted to give a general outline of our stock and our mode of retailing merchandise. We believe without a single exception, people prefer buying their merchandise at home, provided it can be done to as good advantage as elsewhere. We do not believe because we located in Grants Pass the people of this community owe us their patronage, or even a small per cent of it, unless we merit their support with good, clean, honest, reliable merchandise at as low possible prices as it can be procured in the largest cities in the United States. This we guarantee to do in every instance. Below we submit a few of the many good things received to date. Owing to the great distance some of our stock is coming and the unavoidable delays in transit we will not have our entire stock for the first few days. New things will be show all through the store. And notice the prices; no fancy city profits asked.

Even Staples Lower
The decline in the Cotton market the past few months has enabled us to own all Cotton goods at a great reduction over last Fall prices. Remember we have purchased our entire stock since Feb. 1st. All best brands Calicoes—American, Gannet & Co., Wm. Shipman & Son. No better brands known. Our price per yard, 8 cents.
1500 yards CALICOS, Blues and Reds, "short lengths," per yard, 3 cents
800 yards medium quality, staple check Gingham, "short lengths," per yard, 3 cents
700 yards Standard Staple Gingham, 10 to 20 yards lengths, good values at 7 1/2c, our price per yard, 5 cents
B. F. C. Zephyr Gingham, splendid styles, our price per yard, 8 1/2 cents
Fine quality clear LL Brown Muslin—you know what you have been asked for this, our price per yard, 8 cents
A splendid line of Bleached Muslin ranging in price from 5 cents and up.

We find our space filled for this time, but next week we will give you something else. We believe economy the best and surest road to success and sincerely trust every man, woman and child who has the opportunity will visit our store during the next month. We are ever anxious and ready to show you through our stock and shall take great pleasure in doing so whether you buy or not. Awaiting your pleasure, we are yours truly.

Our motto: "CASH BUYA CHEAPER THAN CREDIT."

GOLDEN RULE STORE, Opposite City Hall.

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Good Pins, per paper, 1 cent
The Best Pins, per paper, 4 cents
Hooks and Eyes, patent, all sizes, per card, 1 cent
Wire Hair Pins, per bunch, 1 cent
Wire Hair Pin cabinet, medium size, each, 3 cents
Mourning Pins, full count, our price, 1 cent
A fair quality Pearl Button, per dozen, 2 cents
A splendid line of Plain and Fancy Combs, Hair Ornaments, etc.

Lace Curtains.
The Golden Rule Buyers Union purchased from one of the largest manufacturers over 2000 curtains (not pairs) all of their seconds, as they call them, the run of the mill, but the imperfections are so slight that it is hard to notice. Our part of the purchase was 100 curtains, and we have divided them in lots as follows:
One lot 40 to 50c curtains, each, 18c
One lot 50 to 75c curtains, each, 23c
One lot 75c to \$1.00 curtains, each, 48c
One lot at 68c, worth double the price.

Men's Ties.
25 dozen Men's Ties, made from Pure Silk, in Four-in-Hand, Shield Tecks, Bond Tecks, Shield Bows and String Ties; large variety of handsome patterns to select from, would be good values at 25 and 35 cents; our price 13 cents, 2 for 25 cents.

Muslin Underwear.
We want to have the pleasure of showing you through our dainty line of under Muslin Garments. Drawers at 23, 25, 28, 33, 35, 48c and up. Corset Covers at 15, 23, 25, 28c and up. Gowns at 48, 53, 58, 65c and up. Skirts at 75c, 98c, \$1.13, \$1.25 and up.

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Sample lot of 50 pairs Ladies Oxfords and Slippers, sizes 3, 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2; they would be cheap at 1.75, 2.00, 2.50 and \$3.00—Our Price \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
One lot Children's Shoes, 100 pairs, sizes 1 to 5, Lace and Button, would be cheap at 60c; Our Price 38c.