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President Roosevelt is taking a vacation from official cares and labors and will spend a month hunting in the Rocky mountains.

Readers of the Courier, who believe in good roads, will find in an article on another page, some very practical suggestion on the road problem. The writer, A. J. Bennett, a well known mining man of Placer, and he has had a long and extensive experience with Josephine county roads and his methods for the betterment of the highways of this county will meet the approval of all progressive citizens.

The Oregonian severely criticized Dr. Toy for telling the story of his reformation from the pulpit and the criticism has aroused considerable indignation among the church people in Portland. A number of newspapers in Oregon and Washington have been commenting on the affair and some of them uphold the views of the Oregonian. Those who take this stand, however, are almost without exception those who have never heard Dr. Toy and have no definite knowledge of the matter under discussion. This was the position of the Oregonian when the disturbing article was produced. The criticism was premature and unfair. Dr. Toy had not yet delivered his speech and the writer of the article prejudged it without evidence. Dr. Toy does not boast of having been a bad man, but he tells in an effective manner how he was reformed. He is engaged in advertising the gospel and the idea that he should be silent concerning his personal knowledge of his power is nothing short of ridiculous, when considered without prejudice.

The several burglaries that have been committed in Grants Pass of late, and which has been found to be the work of boys, is a proof that a number of parents have been derelict in the training of their children. These boys did not belong to the class that are credited with being tough, but

were of some of the best families in the city. Had these boys been kept off the street at night and their reading matter looked after, they would not now be disgraced and in a fair way to become hardened criminals. Boys that spend their evenings in the family circle or at respectable places, are in no danger of landing in the reform school or the penitentiary. It is in the evening at the street rendezvous that all the mischief and all the crimes that boys get into are planned. But the average father and mother thinks their boy perfect and that he, while on the street, is innocently playing and complacently expects the police to keep him out of trouble and the curfew bell to send him home at bedtime. No matter how well a boy is raised and how much he attends Sunday school, if he roams the streets nights it is but a question of time when he will need the stern hand of the law to check his downward career.

**Big Work at Golden Drift.**

The big hydraulic plant of the Golden Drift is in steady operation and the giants are playing steadily on the auriferous banks of the old Dry Diggings, dry no longer. The big pump and its adjuncts work with remarkable smoothness and perfection, lifting the enormous weight of water with ease and steadiness and keeping the nozzles filled at an abundant pressure. At a point near the diggings, where the water is raised to its greatest height, the big pipe line divides into four branches, each provided with shut off gates so that the water may be shifted from one to the other at will. Three of these branches are constantly utilized for the flow of water and the fourth branch supplies a sort of reserve outlet in the event of its becoming necessary to shut off the water from one or more of the other branches.

Two of the pipe lines are used to furnish water to the giants while the third leads to a reservoir near the upper end of the placer ground which is now being worked. This reservoir has received attention this week from the force of employes and its walls have been raised several feet and its capacity correspondingly increased. It is also being made into a "self shooter" with the ingenious contrivance by which the reservoir discharges itself by the weight of the overflow water, the gate dropping again of its own accord as soon as the reservoir is empty. The water of Jones creek, the former water supply of the mine, is still utilized and helps to augment the volume of the ground sluice. The Jones creek water is collected in the upper reservoir. The present flow filling the reservoir about five or six times in the 24 hours. In addition to the other active machinery at the dam the saw mill has been in operation a portion of the present week, cutting lumber for

**IS IT TO BE GRANTS PASS?**

At the annual election of officers last Monday of the Ashland board of trade, O. Winter was elected president; A. L. Aikins, vice-president; M. F. Eggleston, secretary; A. McClallen, treasurer. Hon. E. V. Carter was made chairman of the executive committee. Ashland is a town progressive enough to keep its board of trade alive and in good working condition year after year, and to the energy and public spirit of its citizens working as a unit through their board of trade is due the steady and splendid growth that that town has had. Ashland, without doubt, has the least natural advantages of any town in Southern Oregon, yet it is the largest in population and bids fair to give the more favored towns, like Grants Pass, a lively race to be the big city of Rogue River Valley, for it is certain there is to be one big city in this valley and that the other towns will have to take second place.

Whether that big town is to be Grants Pass, McFord, or Ashland rests with the citizens of those places. Towns, like individuals, are not made by natural advantages. The young man having all the advantages of education and wealth, if relying on these alone, is as likely to be distanced in the race of life by the boy who got his education in the odd moments and evenings of his daily work, and whose capital is his alert brain and willing hands, as will be the town that sits sumpily dependent alone on its natural advantages, by the less favored but more hustling town. Grants Pass claims to have more natural advantages than any other town in Southern Oregon, but that it shall win in the race to the big town of Rogue River Valley is not to be determined by these advantages, the ability to hustle more than its competitors alone will settle that matter.

**Coming Events.**

April 16, Monday—Circuit court for Josephine county convenes at Grants Pass.  
April 23, Sunday—Easter Sunday, and special church services.  
May 1, Monday—Adjourned term of county court.  
May 1, Monday—May Day ball by A. A. C. at Opera house.  
May 3, Wednesday—Josephine County Teachers institute in Grants Pass for three days session.  
May 13, Saturday—Farmers institute and fruitgrowers meeting in Grants Pass.  
June 1, Thursday—Opening day of Lewis and Clark Fair. Closes October 15.  
IF YOU ARE GOING TO BUILD, use Leona Lumber. It is as cheap as the cheapest and as good as the best. Call at W. L. Ireland's lots on the corner of Fourth and B streets (near Central School Building) and examine the quality and get prices from J. I. Montgomery, the agent, P. O. Box 109, Grants Pass.

**Think Well of Southern Oregon.**

W. T. Cope got back Saturday night from a two months trip east, the greater part of which time he spent in Chicago. While in Chicago, Mr. Cope met E. T. Staples, and C. W. Ament, who are handling the stock of the Briggs Mining Company and are having the best of success. They stated to Mr. Cope that they would soon have the required capital to develop that famous gold producer. It is the plan of the Briggs Company to begin in the near future the work of developing their mine and getting it in shape for putting on machinery. Mr. Cope found Southern Oregon well known in Chicago and capitalists of that city are willing to invest in any mining proposition that is able to make a good showing. Many Eastern people were planning to visit the Lewis and Clark fair, in fact so many that Mr. Cope thinks Portland will have a task to entertain the immense number of visitors, that will be in that city during this summer. Mr. Cope expects that a large number of these visitors especially those looking over the Coast with a view of investing, will visit Southern Oregon and if this city and county make a good showing many of them will make purchases.

Mrs. Fannie Andrews, who has been severely ill with an attack of grippe, is improving slowly. Mrs. Andrews only recently recovered from a siege of pneumonia which left her in a weakened condition that made the later illness far more troublesome and serious than it would otherwise have been.

Insure your property in Oregon's Great Mutual. Nearly seven million dollars written during 1904. It has now TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS insurance in force. It is safe and saves you money. Address Secretary O. F. R. A., McMinnville, Ore. H. B. Hendrick, agent, Grants Pass, Ore.

**Auspicious Beginning of Business**

That there is room for one more in the number of stores in Grants Pass, was demonstrated last Saturday at the opening of the Golden Rule. Though the other stores of this city had their usual trade for that day and three of them had special sales that were well patronized, yet the number of people visiting the Golden Rule far exceeded the expectations of the management, for no less than 500 persons came in to look over the fine line of goods that were opened that morning for sale and Messrs Mashburn & Jones and their large force of clerks were kept on the keen jump all day from 7 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock at night waiting on customers. And the big sales did not stop with the opening day, but each day of this week a fine trade has been had and the outlook is good that this prosperous trade will continue. The management of the Golden Rule is demonstrating that when goods are rightly bought that they can be rightly sold and that it is as possible to sell goods in Grants Pass at a low price as it is in the towns of the East. It is to the efforts of such stores as the Golden Rule that Grants Pass is to be put to the forefront as the commercial metropolis of Southern Oregon and to draw trade from distant points, for liberal prices and liberal advertising are the drawing factors that hold up the modern store and thus advance all other interests of the town.

HAY—Baled or loose \$14, First class full weight—Otto J. Knips.  
Guitars, mandolins, banjos, organs, all good instruments at your own price at the Davis', dealer in everything, South Sixth street.  
Dairy men can get cow bells 5 cents and up, wooden bowls 5 cents and up, butter molds, milk pails, at Davis' farmer supply house. An Acme barrel churn almost new for \$2.

**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

**EASTER DYES AND NOVELTIES**  
...AT...  
**CLEMENS SELLS DRUGS**

It is a positive fact that we are selling real pretty Tailor-Made Suits for Ladies.  
We are sure that an examination will prove that they are well made in every particular.  
They are stylish and up-to-date—best quality—and will be a source of pleasure to anyone who buys them.  
They are not expensive. They are made by a manufacturer who never sends out a poor garment. Come and see them.  
**W. E. DEAN & CO.**  
RED STAR STORE.  
  
I give the famous Busy Bee Graphophone with \$15 in cash trade. Busy Bee gold moulded records free with every \$5 sale or 35c each. Ask for coupons on all purchases.  
**R. O. McCROSKEY**

**IF YOU BUY IT AT THE GOLDEN RULE STORE YOU CAN ALWAYS BUY IT CHEAPEST.**

**Golden Rule**  
MASHBURN & CO.  
GRANTS PASS, ORE.  
OPPOSITE CITY HALL

THE STORE THAT HAS PUT THE PRICES DOWN IN GRANTS PASS.

The phenomenal success of our splendid opening last Saturday far exceeded our most sanguine expectation and is conclusive evidence to every person who visited our store, that every assertion we have made is true to the letter, especially when we say we can and will sell merchandise as cheap as anywhere in the large cities of the East. There is no reason why goods cannot be sold in Grants Pass on as small margins as anywhere under the sun, and we can prove this assertion to everyone who visits our store. **WE INVITE COMPARISON OF OUR GOODS and PRICES.** From the time our doors were opened on last Saturday at 9 o'clock a.m. until after 10 p. m. our store was crowded with jolly, good natured and eager buyers, and an air of satisfaction on every countenance, a welcome all over the store that to us was most encouraging. We have been asked repeatedly, "Will these low prices remain the same after the first ten days?" We answer most emphatically **"THEY WILL."** Below we submit some special items and prices for your consideration for this week:

- 1 Lot Embroidery worth from 7 1/2 to 12 1/2c per yard as long as they last at 5c per yard.
- 1 Lot Embroidery 8 inches wide, would be good value at double the price, while they last at 10c per yard.
- 1 Lot Extra Wide Embroidery, suitable for corset covers, worth up to 50c per yard, while they last at 18 and 23c per yard.
- 5 Pieces Red Table Damask, sold everywhere at not less than 30c per yard, as long as they last 21c.
- 5 Pieces Turkey Red Damask, would be cheap at 50c, while they last you can buy them at 33c per yard.
- 25 Black Petticoats, made from a good quality spun glass cloth, made with 2 puffs, while they last are 48c each.
- 10 dozen Fringed Red Border, Union Towels, size 18x42 would be cheap at 40c a pair, while they last buy them at 25c per pair.
- 10 dozen Extra Large Turkish Towels, size 21x44, 25c per pair.
- 10 dozen small Bleached Turkish Towels, Red Border, a regular 10c towel, this week 5c each.

**Easter Millinery Offerings**  
If you have not bought your Easter Hat you will be glad of this sale. Tomorrow (Saturday) we will display a beautiful line of Dress Hats made over wire frames and beautifully trimmed, in a full range of colors. Red, Brown, Champagne Green, White and Black; no two alike. The regular price would be \$6.50 to \$7.50, we are going to sell them at a universal price of \$4.95.

Our motto: **CASH BUYS CHEAPER THAN CREDIT.**

**GOLDEN RULE STORE, Opposite City Hall.**