

NEWS NOTES FROM OVER THE COUNTY

Leland Siftings.

Some new mining ditches are being dug down Grave Creek.

C. D. Burnett has sold his interest in the Dewdrop mine to M. S. Esby.

Some people are talking of purchasing incubators for hatching chickens, as poultry pays big in this county.

Mr. Irwin is getting along nicely with his mail and stage line. He uses two stages to accommodate passengers and carry express matter.

Colonel Blaisdell has returned from New York City where he went on a business trip. He is one of our staunch placer miners on lower Grave creek.

The concrete work on the railroad bridge is about finished so the big steam shovel will soon begin work, as there are many very high bridges to fill in between Leland and Tunnel 9.

At present we are having cool cloudy weather and people are busy cultivating gardens. The late rains retarded planting of beans and potatoes. All kinds of fruit is a promising crop and grass and cereals never looked better.

To see the many big loads of freight that is hauled from the depot to our stores, then repacked and hauled to different points is surprising? Strangers ask the question, "Where does so many goods go?" But if they knew of the many big mines that employ so many men they would not be surprised.

Wide Awake.

Althouse Notes.

Lovely springtime is with us again. People here are in the midst of gardening. Just a month earlier than usual.

The weary prospector wends his

way to the fields of gold; with hopeful anticipation ahead, he can endure many hardships.

The party at Mr. Gibb's hall on the 7th, was quite well attended. A very pleasant time was reported. Joe and Dick Sowell furnished the music.

We have a new stage driver, for this route. Johnnie Turner has taken the reins. Ernest will be much missed especially by the young ladies along the line.

Revival meetings begin at the Methodist church on the 15th. Revs. Buche and Clark will be in charge. Come everyone and meet with us we will give you all a welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Capt. McIntire of Grants Pass, who have been at the Little copper mine, were pleasure riding last Sunday over the valley and seemed highly pleased with it. We welcome them here right heartily.

Happy Go Lucky.

New Hope Items.

School closed at this place Friday.

John McCallister returned home Saturday.

The party at C. C. English's residence was a grand success.

Scott Stringer made a business trip to Grants Pass Saturday.

Miss Lisha Wynant is the owner of a new Hartford bicycle.

Services were held at the M. E. church, south, Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Miss Ethel Harmon of Grants Pass paid Miss L. Wynant a visit Saturday and Sunday.

H. S. Wyant and sons have sown 16 acres of clover. The land is all covered by the Murphy irrigation ditch.

Shorty.

Mountain Lion Cub on Exhibition.

W. B. Sherman's cougar kitten, recently captured by him on Battle mountain in the upper Evans creek country, occupied a prominent place on the sidewalk for a time one day this week and was an object of much interest to the passersby. He was confined in a sort of crate and was evidently much perturbed in spirit by his unusual surroundings.

The little fellow is about the size of a well grown cat and but for his massive head might at a casual glance be mistaken for one of his domestic cousins. His countenance is the incarnation of fierceness though he is docile as regards humanity and evinces a most kittenish delight in being petted. His infant paw is a wonder, being about an inch and a half in diameter and is armed already with half inch claws, fore-runners of greater things to come. One of the most startling things about the little brute is his voice, which is a mew many times magnified with variations which the tame cat cannot imitate.

A Daredevil Ride.

often ends in a sad accident. To heal accidental injuries, use Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "A deep wound in my foot, from an accident," writes Theodore Schuele, of Columbus, O., "caused me great pain. Physicians were helpless, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly healed it." Soothes and heals burns like magic. 35c at all druggists.

Last Hope Vanished.

When leading physicians said that W. M. Smithart of Pekin, Ia., had incurable consumption, his last hope vanished; but Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, kept him out of his grave. He says: "This great specific completely cured me, and saved my life. Since then I have used it for 10 years and consider it a marvelous throat and lung cure strictly scientific for coughs, sore throats or colds; sure preventive of pneumonia. Guaranteed, 50c, and \$1.00 bottle at all druggists. Trial bottle free.

Paint that wears, well, won't peel off and is guaranteed—that is Patton's Sun Proof Paint, sold by Cramer Bros.

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J. M. Ward will sell it for you on commission. Will sell it quickly and on any terms you may desire it sold.

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Courier Block.

MONEY WASTED ON ROADS

A Mining Man Gives Good Ideas on Road Building.

Grave, Ore., April 5, 1905.—To the Courier: While the road question is prominently before the people I should like to add a few remarks in regard to prospective new roads and to enter my protest against throwing away any more money opening unnecessary new roads. The county is already overburdened with old roads that are practically impassable to anything but a veteran burro for several months each year. Old roads that have been in constant use 25 or 30 years upon which enough money has been expended to gravel and macadamize from end to end and yet the teamster and traveler of today is still worrying with the same impossible grades and heart breaking mud holes that were the base of the pioneer generation ago. Surely this is not a very brilliant showing for one of our most important public works at this day and age, when almost every line of art and industry has been completely revolutionized over and over again.

Now in view of our past experience with a system of road building that is costly, wasteful and hopelessly inadequate to furnish permanent relief, I think it is time to stop and see if we cannot apply some of the results of modern road engineering in solving a question that is and must remain the most important factor in any country's development. We all realize that the task of road building is no child's play in any country and in our sparsely settled country even with all its advantages of timber and gravel it is a stupendous one, and with our best efforts portions of our districts must put up with makeshift roads for some time to come.

But the realization of that fact is no reason why we should not grapple with this question in a sensible, business manner, to the end that while keeping open our present lines of communication at the least possible expense we could be applying the bulk of the road money to the equipment of a standard, permanent road each year. And in order to do this properly most of our permanent road building should be done on new and easier grades, in other words start right. The railroads realize the necessity of starting right, and in dealing with the transportation question, which is no more important to them than it is to us, they employ the highest degree of skill that money can procure in surmounting and taking advantage of natural obstacles, and in modern railway practice are eliminating, almost regardless of expense, heavy grades, sharp curves, etc., knowing that their constant tax on transportation will soon outweigh their primary cost.

I have in mind a certain case that will well illustrate this point as applied to wagon roads. The road from Leland to Placer, a distance of eight miles, which the usual shortsighted private policy has placed upon the hillside. The transportation of one piece of machinery weighing three tons (a moderate load and day's work for an ordinary four horse team) cost \$185, a tax in this instance of over \$175. And for further illustration we will add only 50 per cent as the present cost over good roads, which is a very low estimate, multiply this by a year's traffic and this by the years the roads have been in use and the magnitude of our road tax begins to dawn upon us, not to speak of the direct tax and volunteer work, or the social and convenient side of the question whereby our farmer families are practically isolated months at a stretch by bad roads, and such a thing as comfort or safety on them winter or summer is unknown.

It is but a question of time when every county will receive, as it should, national and state aid in road building. Let us not wait, but rather anticipate the advantages of that time by laying a good foundation upon which to work. Lay aside that shortsighted interest that chases the road up hill around your alfalfa lot, or out of the way to your dooryard. Let the route be selected and laid out by thoroughly experienced men as carefully as a railroad, with due regard to grade, drainage and equipment, such as experience has shown best adapted to locality. Should it damage valuable ground pay for it; don't expect your farmer friends to bear all the expense for they already carry more than their share of the burden of a country's development and if favors are shown in any way by all means let it be in favor of the resident owner. A public highway is a public asset, benefitting directly all property in its district and indirectly every business in the county.

Avoid opening unnecessary new roads and spend as little as possible for repairs on temporary roads, change roads to standard route as fast as convenient and have some permanent road built every year.

It is the system, or rather the lack of it, not our supervisors that is at fault; give them a standard grade, a definite system to work to and even with our present tax and road equipment they can make a showing that will surprise us.

Before closing I wish to say a few words in favor of the petition now being circulated to change part of the present hill road connecting Placer with the county road down along the creek where the grade is light, ground firmer and gravel handy, in fact where it is logically belongs. This can be made to give better service at less cost than repairing bridges on the present grade, besides making an excellent starting place for permanent road building.

A. J. BENNETT.

High grade ore in small lots bought.

—W. G. Wright.

THE LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Brief Notes and Items of Interest and Importance.

Dr. Van Dyke can be found at his office in Opera House Block. General practice and surgery.

Timber claims. Homesteads.—W. B. Sherman, Rooms 10 and 12 Masonic Temple, Grants Pass Ore.

E. B. Brown, the wood dealer, has expounded a new idea in advertising, as he has his wood wagon profusely decorated with signs indicative of his business and the quality of the product. This may be termed a traveling instead of a standing advertisement. Mr. Brown brings in wood daily from his place four miles north of town.

A roadside view along the S. P. line between here and Portland, gives the impression that the Southern Oregon grain crop will be comparatively far better this year than that of the Willamette valley. South of the Calapoosia the difference is very noticeable, the grain having a far better growth and more general healthy and vigorous appearance.

In regard to an announcement of the death of Mrs. T. J. Clark at Clakamas, which appeared as a correspondence column of the Courier of March 17, Mrs. Clark herself writes from Milwaukee to say that the report is a mistake. Her friends and acquaintances in Southern Oregon will note with gratification the correction of the sinister report.

The students of the State Normal have organized a club to conduct the dining hall at that institution for the remainder of the school year, the death of Mrs. Fairclio, in charge of that department, having determined this course to meet the situation for the remainder of the school year. Kay Loosley is president and Fred R. Nell secretary of the club which will employ the necessary cooks and look after the business affairs of the hall.

J. T. Wiseman, a well known farmer of Deer creek, returned to his home this Thursday after being in Grants Pass for the past 10 days under treatment of Dr. T. E. Beard. He has made a very satisfactory recovery from his injury and expects soon to be enjoying his usual good health. Mr. Wiseman has a farm on Deer creek about Dryden and is engaged in stock and hay raising. He stated the crop and fruit outlook was never better and that the farmers were certain of a very prosperous year.

O. D. Sargent, a farmer of Selma, has found that it pays to advertise in the Courier. A fine Jersey, for which he paid \$80 last summer, strayed away in January and after persistent searching, he gave her up as dead or gone entirely out of the country. Recently he decided to make one more effort to regain the cow and inserted a local in the Courier describing the cow. Last week Mr. Sargent received a letter from J. B. Marshall, living on Rogue river near Grants Pass, stating that the cow was at his place. Mr. Sargent came in Tuesday and Wednesday returned to Selma with his cow.

John Hackett, who conducts a shoeshop in Grants Pass during the winter and operates a sawmill on Powell creek during the dry season, will close his shoe shop this week and leave Saturday for his sawmill. He has men at the mill getting all in readiness and he expects to begin sawing the first of next week. W. S. Dow, who for the past two years has been sawyer in a mill at Hills, will be his sawyer and Geo. Herriott will be engineer, a position he has held for the two last seasons. Mr. Hackett will not let the logging by contract, but will do it with his own teams. He will deliver his lumber in Grants Pass and will have it hauled by his teams to haul the lumber as fast as possible. Mr. Hackett's timber is mostly pine, of which he has a fine body.

Ballard's Horsehound Syrup. Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Seaboard, Wis., writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horsehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at Model Drug Store and Rotermund's.

Rotermund's.

THE VOTING CONTEST

School	32,339
Eagles	30,389
A. A. C.	14,222
Red Men	364
Josephine Club	112
Pendo	68
Odd Fellows	62
W. O. W.	50
Elks	45
M. E. Church	42
Masons	36
G. A. R.	24
Royal Neighbors	21
Eastern Star	15
Presbyterian Church	11
K. of P.	10
Knights of Columbus	9
Rebeks	2
Antler Club	8
Ladies Library	2
Salvation Army	1

Coupons are given at the following places:

Geo. S. Calhoun Co.
Paddock's Bicycle Den.
R. O. McCroskey.
C. L. Clevenger.
R. L. Coe & Co.
Plummer & Martin.
White House Grocery.
Rogue River Courier.
H. A. Rotermund.
Miss Ida Weston.
Thomas & O'Neill.
D. M. DePuy.

Maccabees on the War Path.

Thursday evening, April 20, will be a day long to be remembered by the Maccabees of Grants Pass. On that date 80 or more new members will try conclusions with Brother "Billie," chief bumper of the degree team. After the work has been completed, an elegant banquet will be spread by the Lady Maccabees in honor of the weary travelers who have joined the Mighty Army of Judas Maccabee. District Commander J. B. Gentry is in the city conducting the campaign. The Maccabees of Grants Pass are a popular fraternity and one much prized among our citizens. The work will be pulled off in the W. O. W. hall.

Cheap Rates From The East.

Commencing March 1st, and continuing daily to and including May 15th, 1905, Colonist tickets will be sold from the East to points on Oregon Lines, via Portland. Following are rates from some of the principal points:

From Chicago, Ill.	\$38.00
From Bloomington, Ill.	31.80
From Peoria, Ill.	31.80
From St. Louis, Mo.	30.00
From Council Bluffs, Iowa	25.00
From Omaha, Neb.	25.00
From Sioux City, Iowa	25.00
From Kansas City, Mo.	25.00

Corresponding rates will be made from other points and will apply to all points on Oregon Lines.

Please note rates and dates of sale as you may desire to advise your friends in the East.

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Men Past Sixty in Danger.

More than half of mankind over 60 years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate gland. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rock Port, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure, I feel better than I have for 30 years, although I am now 61 years old." For sale by H. A. Rotermund.

Cheated Death.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally, but by choosing the right medicine, E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had Kidney Trouble, which caused me great pain, suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general debility and nerve trouble, and keep them constantly on hand, since, as I find they have no equal." All druggists guarantee them at 50c a bottle.

The newest is a kitchen cabinet with a set of small drawers above and back of the table for holding spices, etc. Handiest arrangement ever put in a kitchen. Call at McNamee's Auction store and see them.

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FOR SALE—Half interest in a grocery business, address P. O. box 517, Grants Pass.

HAY FOR SALE in carload lots. Write J. A. Perry, Medford, Oregon, for prices.

FARM FOR SALE—two miles from Merlin, 100 acres—about 20 acres of good bottom land, 25 acres in cultivation, small house and barn and about 30 acres under fence, balance of land suitable for orchard or pasture. For further particulars address W. M. Crow, Merlin, Oregon.

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FOR RENT.

PLEASANT ROOM to rent in private family to right party. J. D. Drake, A. & Seventh St.

FOR RENT—A 35 acre farm on Gilbert creek in North Grants Pass. House, barn and other buildings, orchard and fine soil for grain, potatoes, etc. Terms reasonable. Address C. B., care Courier.

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FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

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Report for March.

NAME	MAKE PURCHASED
W. H. Jordan	Wellington piano, oak case
D. W. Mitchell	Packard piano, walnut case
Roy Estes	Kingsbury piano, mahogany case
R. L. Coe	Ludwig piano, rosewood case
Adam Schaffer	Piano-cased Packard organ
A. W. Sturgis	Hardman piano player
I. L. Train	Mason & Hamlin organ
Mrs. J. I. Keenan	Cornish organ

Instruments to Be Sold in April

Mrs. Alice Carlon	A colonial style Cable in mahogany
	A Cable piano in dark oak case
	An Everett piano in mahogany
	A Smith & Barnes piano in walnut
	A Steck piano
	A Wellington piano in mahogany
	A Wellington piano in oak
	A Hamilton piano in mahogany
Dr. Devore	A Kingsbury piano in mahogany
	A second-hand Fischer piano
	A second-hand Sherwood piano
	A second-hand Kimball piano
	A Chickering piano, square
	An Emerson piano, square
R. C. Pierce	A Willard piano
	A new Hardman Piano Player
	A second-hand Kimball organ
S. F. Reynolds	An Estey organ
Mrs. O. P. Harvey	An Earhuff organ
	A New Estey organ
Mrs. M. E. Butler	An Antisell organ
	A second-hand Tabor organ, a snap

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