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DRILL TEAM TO GIVE EXHIBITIONS

Southern Oregon's Swift Drillers to Be at Lewis and Clark Fair.

Bert Savage came in Sunday from the Golden Eagle mine, where he has been employed for the past month as driller, and Wednesday he left for Galice. Mr. Savage and his brother, Edward, have been engaged by the Lewis and Clark fair management to give exhibition drill contests at the fair. They expect to leave for Portland the last of next week and will remain there during the entire time of the fair and give daily drill exhibitions in the minerals exhibit department. They will also drill in contests with other teams that may come to the fair to test their skill.

As the Savage brothers have proven themselves in many drill contests to be among the swiftest drillers in the United States, their exhibitions will be sure to be one of the big features of the mining exhibit and will be sure to draw the attention of all miners who visit the fair. They are both husky, square built young men, with enough Rogue River Indian blood in their veins to give their skins a copper hue, and as they have all the endurance of their Indian ancestors and the skill of the White man, the drill team that gets away with them will have to pound steel faster than ever has heretofore been done in an Oregon mine.

As to who will be coach for Savage Bros. at the fair has not been definitely settled but it will probably be Ed Cassidy, of the Alameda mine. Mr. Cassidy has been the coach for the boys in all their recent drill contests and with his support, the boys would be able to keep up the wonderful work that has brought them to the front with the champion drillers of Oregon. Mr. Cassidy is an old driller himself and he has coached many other teams in other districts and with them winning the contests. It is probable that Ernest Crouch, who is at present blacksmith at the Alameda mine, will be with the team at the fair and keep their steel sharpened. Mr. Crouch is one of the best steel men in Southern Oregon and drills from his forge with a tenner that gives them a cutting edge that is hard to equal.

Edward Savage has been operating a placer mine on Rogue river, below Galice, which he has leased of Harry Lewis, and he expects to complete his clean-up this week and be in readiness to leave next week with the drill team for the fair, which if made up as expected will in reality be the famous Alameda team that has won so many victories in Southern Oregon drill contests.

Growing Aches and Pains.

Mrs. Josie Sumner, Bromond, Texas writes, April 15, 1902: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for three years. I would not be without it in the house. I have used it on my little girl for growing pains and aches in her knees. It cured her right away. I have also used it for frost bitten feet, with good success. It is the best liniment I ever used." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. For sale by Rotermond and The Model Drug Store.

Dairymen 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.

I examined the new grade down Clear creek, and although it is on the shady side of the creek, three bridges have been disposed of and the material is so good for a road bed that it will always be a good road at a very small expense for repairs. Another important change should be made between Kerby and the Illinois bridge. I am creditably informed that by leaving the stage road at or near John George's place and following the section lines the road can be placed on a good, easy grade and over a gravelly formation and shorten the distance 1 1/2 miles as against the present route and avoid those muddy hills. One thing I do know is that a very great improvement to present conditions can be made by a change of all or a part of this road and it should be done without further delay and thus save a waste of money on a very bad piece of road as it goes at present. The county court should appoint competent viewers to look this matter up. About half way up the Hays hill is a very steep grade. This steep place can be remedied with a turn to the right as one goes up the hill from the foot of the steep grade. By swinging off about 100 yards to the top of a light ridge, which puts down, then swinging back again to the left, a splendid grade can be made with a very light out and good material.

I believe in sunlight on the roads. I believe in more than one track and especially do I believe in proper drainage to be secured by proper crowning the grade, made to suit the formation present, steep enough to drain to the sides and not steep enough to wash and as far as possible utilize the material from one place in the road to repair another. Economy is an important factor with us and should never be overlooked in road matters. To that end let us put our roads where they are going to remain permanently and the quicker we do this the better. The more errors we commit in our road work, the greater our indirect road tax.

GOOD ROAD IDEAS BY WALDU MAN

Approves Work of County Court and Makes Some Good Suggestions.

Editor Courier: Noting your article on the indirect road tax, that the people of Josephine county pay each year, and which is so much lost money, lost as completely as though the \$20 pieces were thrown into the mud holes that are largely responsible for this indirect road tax. I venture a few ideas on the road problem in Josephine County. One thing I note with much pleasure is that the engine of progress in road matters is on the track with steam up; it is therefore no time for silurians to get on the track and wait there for a dormant mercury to raise; the aborigines trailed the high ridges for their traps and kept in the brush as much as possible, because it was at least some protection against ambush and sudden attack, but that day is past.

Much praise is due the county Judge and commissioners for the interest they have shown and what they have done for our good roads in the recent past. Few persons realize the enormous duties that pile up on them in this direction, and note the sacrifices of time they are required to make and consequent neglect of their own interests while looking after our numerous roads and bridges; and this for a mere pittance of pay. They have done nobly and yet the great work before us is but begun.

Having surveyed and personally superintended the construction of 15 miles of new mountain road and the repairing of 30 miles of old mountain road between Waldo and Crescent City, necessitating the use of over \$20,000 and from 25 to 130 men and two years of time, I suppose I ought to know something about road construction. I will confine my remarks to our main and most important thoroughfare, being the road from your beautiful city to Waldo. I have recently been over the road and know its condition. Very little of this road needs to have gravel or rock hauled upon it, for in almost every instance when any attempt has been made to properly drain it and get the sun upon it, it is a good road. The hauling of gravel is very expensive and should not be resorted to when proper use of the material at hand will make a good road.

Another important thing is to have more than one track. With but one track the holes become bottomless; with more than one track a chuck hole can be dodged until it can be repaired. The outer edge of every grade should be kept down; instead of having it higher than the middle of the road, it should be lower, so that the water can run off over the edge in small quantities instead of accumulating in a body and following the road to the destruction of the latter. The Hays hill road is a very good example of this destructive, expensive policy of using the center of the road for drainage purposes. This ought to be remedied by at once digging down the outer edge and filling the center of the road with the material so obtained; this is better filling than the soft stuff from the inner bank.

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New Fishing Tackle, Flies, Lines, Reels at Cramer Bros.

FARMERS INSTITUTE AND FRUITGROWERS MEETING

Held at Medford, Saturday—One to Be Held This Fall in Grants Pass.

The farmers institute and fruitgrowers meeting, which was first billed for Grants Pass, but which was changed to Medford, was held in the latter town last Saturday, and was a success in every respect. The attendance of farmers and fruitmen was large and a deep interest was shown in the proceedings of the institute. Forenoon, afternoon and evening sessions were held.

The State Agricultural College, under whose auspices the institute was held, was represented by four of the station staff. Dr. Jas. Withycomb, director of the college experiment farm, gave an address on "Intensive Farming," which contained many practical suggestions on how to make the farm more productive. Prof. A. B. Cordley, entomologist, told the fruitmen and the farmers how to successfully fight the pests that make their life weary and that bring destruction to their crops. Prof. A. L. Kuisely, chemist, spoke on the chemistry of soils and of fertilizers and what crops to grow on certain soils and how best to get the largest yields. The dairying industry and cow feeds were discussed by Prof. F. L. Keet, dairy instructor, and he gave the dairymen some helpful pointers.

Hon. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, president of the State Board of Horticulture, spoke on methods of growing and marketing fruit. Mr. Smith was for several years president of the Hood River Fruitgrowers Union, and one of the big orchardists of that district, and his address was of special interest to the Medford fruitgrowers, who are just getting a fruitgrowers union in good working order. H. E. Lounsbury, of Portland, traveling freight agent and promotion agent for Southern Pacific Oregon lines, spoke on the interest the railroads have in developing the agricultural resources of a country and what his company was doing for Western and Southern Oregon. The address of welcome was made by Hon. W. I. Vawter, of Medford, and short addresses were made by fruitmen and farmers.

The Medford Commercial Club proved itself a live working organization in the successful manner in which the arrangements for the institute were carried out. The sessions were held in Wilson's opera house and long tables were provided in Page's warehouse where a basket dinner was served. The musical features were furnished by the Womans Lewis and Clark Club.

The occasion was made the day for the opening of the exhibit building which the citizens of Medford have erected near the depot adjoining the railroad. The chief feature for the event was a rose show and the large exhibit room had every available space filled with roses of every color and every size making a display of rare beauty. While only a beginning had been made in the mineral, agricultural and horticultural exhibits, yet a most creditable showing was made and one that attracted much favorable comment. The building is a frame structure of Swiss cottage architecture. The entire two-thirds of the building facing the railroad is for the exhibit room. The outside walls being of glass gives an unobstructed view from the street and the railroad of the exhibits. The rear part of the building is divided into rooms for reception and of office purposes. Surrounding the building is a wide porch. This and the exhibit room is made bright as day by 150 electric lights, the lighting by the building being a contribution of Dr. C. R. Ray of the Condor Water, Light & Power Company, the current coming from the company's big electric station at Gold Ray.

The success of this farmers institute at Medford, which is the second one ever held in Jackson county, the first one having been held in Jacksonville last year, will make it certain that other institutes will be held in that county for when the farmers learn of the benefits that they may gain at these practical schools of farming and fruit raising, they will never miss an opportunity to attend. The institute effort for Josephine county is not abandoned and the Courier is proud to announce with its work of securing the names of farmers, orchardist and stockmen who will attend and cooperate to make a success of the sessions. Dr. Withycomb has given the assurance that he will arrange for an institute in Grants Pass some time in August or September as the farmers may desire. It is expected that the Grants Pass business men and the ladies of the Womans Club will cooperate and make the institute a big success, that it may be the beginning of a larger development of the great agricultural, horticultural, dairy and stock interests of Josephine county.

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FAMOUS STERLING PLACER MINE SOLD

Discovered in '54—Has Produced \$10,000,000—New Company Plan Big Improvement.

The Sterling mine located nine miles south of Jacksonville, on Sterling creek, a tributary of Little Applegate, has changed ownership and the famous mine is now the property of a company of Oregon and Eastern capitalists at the head of whom is Fred E. Blakeley, of Portland. While the purchase price was not made public, it is understood that Henry E. Ankeny of Eugene and Vincent Cook of Portland, who were the owners of the mine, were paid above \$500,000 for the property. Their reason for selling is that each has other extensive property interests that fully absorb their time.

The Sterling mine was discovered in 1854 by James Sterling and soon after became one of the biggest mining camps in Southern Oregon, Sterlingville containing at one time a population of nearly 1000 and at Lincoln's first election the camp polled over 600 votes. The mine is in a section of the bed of an ancient river, that flowed across this county prior to the formation of Rogue River Valley and the gold is found in an immense deposit of gravel, much of which is so hard as to require powder to loosen it so the glants can wash it. In recent years, current report has it that the Sterling has been producing from \$10,000 to \$75,000 per year, making it one of the biggest placer mines on the Pacific Coast. The mine has been in the possession of Hon. H. E. Ankeny and his brother-in-law Vincent Cook, together with Mr. Ankeny's father, the late Capt. Ankeny, for the past 30 years, and the dividends that it has paid made the foundation for the fortunes that these men now possess.

The Sterling is equipped with four giants supplied by water brought from Little Applegate in a ditch 27 miles long. The operations of the new company are likely to prove quite extensive, as indicated by some of their plans that have been made public. A new and larger ditch will likely be constructed to bring water either from the head of Little Applegate or from Squaw lake, on Squaw creek, a tributary of Big Applegate. The present ditch while carrying a large volume of water, with but small diminution in the dry season, does not afford sufficient head to work out all the ground owned by the company, for the pay gravel extends up Sterling creek to an altitude above that of the ditch. To bring the outlet of this ditch to a higher level the Company will drive a tunnel of about a 1/4 of a mile in length through the divide between Little Applegate and Sterling creek. This tunnel will shorten the ditch about seven miles and raise the head 75 feet, making a head of 190 feet at present workings.

The company announces that they will undertake extensive irrigation in the vicinity of Jacksonville, in addition to operating their mine. This is possible as their mine is at a greater elevation than the country about Jacksonville. Should they extend their ditch to Jacksonville, it is quite likely that it will lead to the working of two extensive placer deposits, that have been mined in a small way for years past. One is the Blucher property on the head of Pocranns creek and the other is the Cement mine on the crest of the ridge between the two forks of Jackson creek. This deposit of cement gravel is 60 feet thick and is very rich in gold, but as it is above all the local water supplies it could not be handled by hydraulic process. This deposit is a section of the bar of the same ancient river on which the Sterling mine is located and it is thought by many mining men to be as rich and as extensive as that great gold producer. From this ancient channel is thought to have come much of the gold that made the placer mines of Jackson creek and Rich gulch so rich. Tunnels have been run in on this deposit from the face of the hill and for years past miners have dug out the richest of the gravel on the bed rock and wheeled it outside. After a few months exposure to the air it cracks and is easily washed, which is done in sluice boxes with water caught in the nearby gulches and held in reservoirs. Men working this way have made good wages. Various schemes have been considered for working this ancient river bed, among which was to bring water by ditch from Little Applegate, and also from Big Applegate. But a ditch from the latter would not give sufficient head for panning and the pressure would have to be had from a pump. The scheme has also been discussed of putting in 3/4 of a mile of chute and running the gravel down to Jackson creek where water could be had for washing it.

The Sterling Mining Company has for years carried one of the biggest payrolls of any placer mine in Southern Oregon and under the new management the number of men employed is likely to be greatly increased. Frank Ankeny, a son of Hon. H. E. Ankeny, has been appointed president for several years past of the Sterling mine, but he now prefers to be succeeded by J. D. Heard, of Medford. Mr. Heard is one of the most thorough mining men in Southern Oregon and of great energy and under his management, the mine will be pushed to its fullest development.

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OREGON PIONEERS TO MEET JUNE 15

In Portland—Big Attendance Expected—Reduced Railroad Rates Given.

The thirty-third annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association will be held in Portland, on Thursday, June 15, 1905. The excursions will be held in the Armory building and will begin at 2:30 p. m. A short program will be rendered in the first part of the afternoon of addresses and music and then at 5 o'clock a banquet will be served to all members of the Association, in good standing, by the Pioneer Woman's Auxiliary. Special invitations will be given to husband and wives of pioneers that they may attend the banquet. At 7:30 o'clock will be held the annual business meeting of the Association, to be followed by an experience meeting when reminiscences of pioneer days will be told. No procession will be had this year.

All persons coming to or born in the original Oregon territory prior to 1859, without regard to where they now reside, are eligible to membership in the Oregon Pioneer Association. The officers for this year are W. T. Wright, 1852, president, of Union, and Geo. H. Himes, 1838, secretary, of Portland. The headquarters of the Association is in the Portland City Hall, where from June 12 until noon, June 15, special pioneer badges for the 1905 reunion can be had of the secretary, Mr. Himes' office is in the rooms of the Oregon Historical Society, of which he is also secretary. In the Historical rooms is a collection, which is free to the general public, of relics and curios of pioneer days that are well worth seeing, such is the extent and completeness of this collection that it will require a full day of one's time to see all the interesting things that are there. The Historical Rooms are worth visiting by any person interested in Oregon history.

On Wednesday, June 14th, regular annual business meeting of the Indian War Veterans will be held and the Friday following will be Pioneer Day at the Lewis and Clark fair. The regular rate of one and one-third fare will be given all attending the Pioneer meetings.

A Positive Necessity.

Having to lay open my leg for 14 days from a severely bruised leg, only found relief when used a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I can cheerfully recommend it as the best medicine for bruises ever sent to the afflicted. It has now become a positive necessity upon myself. D. H. Byrnes, Merchant, Doverville, Texas. Sold, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at Rotermond's and The Model Drug Store.

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