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GRANTS PASS AND GOOD ROADS.

Readers of the East Oregonian are given an exhibition every day of the most progressive and wide-awake merchants to be found anywhere in the Inland Empire, or in the state, or in the entire country.
Pendleton merchants lead all others in public spirit. Nowhere else in the state of Oregon, is there found a class of men in the mercantile business who will take up a matter of public good, such as the coming good roads convention, and exploit it in their paid advertising space in a newspaper, as Pendleton merchants do in the columns of the East Oregonian.
The newspapers exploit such conventions, in their news and editorial columns, but nowhere else in Oregon do the merchants take up the matter in their advertising space.
Try to remember the time when La Grande, Baker City, Walla Walla, North Yakima, The Dalles, Eugene, Salem or other city in the north-west enjoyed an advertisement of a public convention in the advertising space of their merchants. Try to remember a time when any other Oregon town exhibited such enterprise and public spirit.

The above is from the Pendleton East Oregonian and shows how the merchants of that progressive, growing city, view the road problem. For merchants to devote their advertising space to boom a good roads convention is something new in Oregon, but not new in some other states and the East Oregonian could have included Grants Pass in its list of towns whose merchants take no active interest in the good roads movement. The Southern Oregon District Good Roads Convention recently held in Grants Pass under the auspices of the Oregon Good Roads Association, was given no advertising space by the merchants of this city, and all the advertising this gratuitous work in pushing this good roads movement that means so much to the up-building of Josephine county and the prosperity of Grants Pass. The convention was given but little personal encouragement by the men, whose business would be most aided by good roads, for it was a fact that the business and professional community of a town of over 4000 population was represented in the convention by but 11 men. The towns of Jackson county made a better showing than this at the convention for there were present from Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville and Gold Hill, 21 business men, besides a number of prominent men from other sections of that county.

This spathy of Grants Pass toward the good roads movement is in keeping with the provisions of the charter of this city, which by a special act of the legislature, excludes property within its corporate limits from payment of the county road tax. Thus it is that of the 8-mile road levy for this year made by the county court will be borne entirely by the property of the rural districts and by the villages with no share coming from Grants Pass. The explanation of this strange and non-progressive provision of the Grants Pass charter is that the city has all the burden it can bear in keeping up its streets. That may be so, but it hardly looks just to a farmer, who is plodding his way through a canal of mud or clouds of stifling dust to reach Grants Pass that through the sale of his produce and the purchase of his supplies he may add to the city's wealth and prosperity. It would be the best trade-drawer and the best investment that the business men of Grants Pass could do, would be to have their city put back into the county road tax levy and to pay their share of the road taxes along with the farmers, the country merchants, the millmen and the miners. Were all the roads closed such as they are, that lead to Grants Pass, three-fourths of the business men of this city would have to close their doors within 30 days. The converse of this is equally true that if all the roads leading to Grants Pass were made into macadamized tar-paved, that the trade of this city would grow with such rapidity that the city would double in wealth and population within five years. But a new spirit is coming over Grants Pass—the Pendleton, Seattle, Spokane spirit, that makes for co-operation and progressiveness and that says of a new

proposition "What is there in it for our town?" and not, "What is there in it for me?" The progressive man knows full well that what helps his town helps him and with that spirit animating him, he is ever ready to contribute of his money and his time to push along the car of progress."

HEADQUARTERS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Three Story Brick for Miners Association, Y.M.C.A., Library, Womens Club, Etc.

The question of securing a permanent exhibit building for Grants Pass is being considered by the business men and others of this city. To have a building devoted wholly to the purpose of an exhibit room for the products of Josephine county, and that it shall be an unique, artistic structure and be located on the depot grounds, adjoining the railroad track, is advocated by many. The log building outlined by W. E. Sherman, in the Courier of last week, would be an attraction of itself, and would meet the present requirements for an exhibit building in every respect. Mr. Sherman's plan calls for a building 20x20 feet, with two additions of 20x20 feet each, and a broad porch about the entire building. The front facing the railroad to be fitted with large plate glass windows, and each of the three rooms to have a fireplace. The main room to be for exhibit purposes, and of the two small rooms one to be for an office and the other for a reading room. The logs for the walls to be sawed in halves and the bark side to go on the exterior and the sawed on the interior. The rooms to be lined and painted. Such a building would cost when fully furnished between \$2500 and \$3000.

Those not favoring an exhibit building on the railroad grounds claim that the burden assumed would be too great for the benefits that would be had. The \$2500 for constructing the building and a maintenance fund of at least \$75 per month would have to be raised by contributions from public spirited citizens. This money could be easily raised now, while the Lewis and Clark fair enthusiasm is on, and the rivalry is keen between the various towns of the state in making displays. When this way of immigration booming is over in a year or two, then would come the real difficulty in meeting the expenses of the exhibit building, and soon the burden would fall upon a few business men. It would be but natural that they would grow discouraged and cease their contributions, and then the building would soon fall into ruin and the railroad company order its removal, and the \$3000 put into it would be a loss, other than the gain had through it as an advertising venture.

The plan advocated by those favoring a permanent building and a permanent exhibit, and which would be so far as to the building self-sustaining, is to organize a stock company and put up a business block. The scheme in view is that there be a union of the supporters of the Miners Association, a board of trade, a Y. M. C. A., the Womens Club, the Library Association and kindred organizations and by all working together sufficient stock could be sold to raise the funds with which to erect a fine three-story business block. The building to be on a corner at some suitable location. The ground floor, for two-thirds of the space, to be fitted up for store purposes. The partition walls to be so arranged that the room could be used for one large store, or divided into two store rooms. The stairway to enter from the side street so as not to interfere with store rooms, thus leaving them so they would bring a higher rent. The building should be at least 50 feet wide and 120 feet or more in length so that lack of the stairway there would be a large, fine room in which to maintain a permanent exhibit of the mineral, agricultural, horticultural, timber and other products of the county. Adjoining the exhibit room would be an office for the use of visitors to the exhibit, and also a large reading room for the general public. The second floor would be for business offices for rent, and for such rooms as the various organizations would wish to occupy. On the third floor the Y. M. C. A. could have their gymnasium and other rooms, and there would also be a large auditorium for the use of the various organizations occupying the building. It would also be available for musical and lecture purposes, it is designed especially to afford good acoustic properties.

Judging by the success of the Masons in making their three-story temple a financial success, and by the readiness that good business property can be rented at profitable rates, this building proposition would be a safe

venture. To have another three-story brick block in Grants Pass—and Grants Pass is the only town in Southern Oregon that possesses such structures—would, of itself, be an advertisement of the solid financial standing of the town, and of its progressiveness, that would carry far more weight with men of large means than would any temporary structure on the depot grounds. As is always the case such a structure would lead to the building of other large blocks, and thus the city would be benefitted and all business property advanced in value.

Grants Pass has attained the size and the needs that calls for the organization of a Y. M. C. A. There is now a movement under way to establish an Association in this city, and the backers, who are among the leading business men of Grant Pass, are considering the feasibility of forming a stock company for the purpose of erecting a building suitable for the purposes of the organization. The proposition is being held in abeyance until some conclusion is arrived at by the promoters of the exhibit building. The assurance is had that the Y. M. C. A. people would willingly join forces with any other organizations in the erection of a building that would meet the needs of the various public interests involved.

The Grants Pass Miners Association and the mining men generally of the county would readily go in on this proposition, that would give them a place for a permanent mineral exhibit in the business part of the city at a rental that would be nominal. Grants Pass has attained to the metropolitan standing that there is a need for a commercial club, such as all progressive towns have and which are a most important factor in a town's social, business and financial standing. Many prominent men visit Grants Pass from time to time, and as at present there is no place to take them in the interim of their business, or for an evening, or where a social gathering or reception may be held that may meet the citizens of the city. Such a club has been under consideration for some time by a number of business men, and should there be the opportunity offered of securing suitable club rooms in the proposed building, these men would take stock in the company and assist liberally in financing the undertaking.

The Grants Pass Womens Club, to which belong over 100 of the leading ladies of the city, has attained to such prominence and strength as will warrant the securing of a permanent home for the Club. It is no small financial influence that the ladies of this Club can wield, and with the understanding that they may have suitable rooms for their purposes, they would very materially assist in the building venture by taking stock. A feature found in progressive cities is a woman's rest room, arranged with all the conveniences that a woman would appreciate, who had come from the country or was down town shopping. This rest parlor is a matter that the ladies of the Womens Club have given attention to, and so soon as an opportunity presents of securing a suitable suite of rooms at a reasonable rental, the scheme will be carried out and Grants Pass will have a much needed institution and have another evidence of its progressiveness.

In the 1200 books belonging to the Grants Pass Womens Library Association Grants Pass has the nucleus of a public library. A public library is both an intellectual and moral force in the modern town as are the school, church and lodge, and no progressive town is without its library. The Oregon law classes libraries as public utilities and provides that towns may levy a tax for their maintenance. All of the progressive and nearly all of the larger towns of Oregon have made such a levy for the support of their library. Grants Pass would without doubt hereafter make such a levy, were a library provided with suitable rooms and in the condition to insure its steady enlargement and permanency. Such a library would be less expensive to the taxpayers than would have been the Carnegie provision, and equally as effective in providing Grants Pass with a modern, first-class library. Those favoring a public library would willingly join in the building proposition that would afford a suite of rooms for the use of the library that would meet the needed requirements, and which would be creditable to the city and a mark of its high intellectual standing.

The carrying out of this building proposition would make certain the permanency of an exhibit of the products of Josephine county, and give to the Miners Association such accommodations as would enable it to carry on its work for which it is being maintained. This building would make possible the Y. M. C. A. and the other work that it would do in putting a restraining, elevating influence about the young men of Grants Pass. A commercial club could then be a feasible undertaking, and the Womens Club, the Library Association and kindred organizations could each have a home and be placed in a position in which they could be of more benefit than ever to this city. The building corporation would certainly be made self-sustaining, for the store and office rooms would meet the needs and create a sinking fund for paying of the company's debt. The revenue derived in rentals from the various organizations, would meet all taxes, insurance, repairs and incidental charges against the building. With the number of organizations that would occupy the building, and whose rooms would be in the sections of the buildings not desirable for store or office purposes, the share of maintenance expense to each would be small and thus their rents would be only nominal. With a company organized and the shares put at a nominal amount, a popular subscription could be made and probably half of the amount of money required to carry out the project could be secured. The balance of the building fund could be secured

Yes, indeed.
We are selling Good SHOES.
We know we are selling Good SHOES.
Many of our customers tell us we sell Good SHOES.
It encourages us very much.
If you are not getting Good SHOES for your money—it would be well to buy some at the Red Star Store.
W. E. DEAN & CO.
RED STAR STORE.

What Shall Be Done With the Bicycles?

The bicyclists, who embrace nearly three-fourths of the residents of Grants Pass, are greatly stirred up over the report that the council is to pass an ordinance prohibiting leaving of bicycles on the sidewalks. As yet no ordinance has been introduced, though the matter was informally discussed at the last council meeting. Just what to do with the bicycles when the owners have ridden them down town and where to leave them is a problem. The bicyclists cannot take their wheels into their stores or offices for few business places have the space to spare for wheels. To leave the wheels on the sidewalks and hallways as is now done by the 14 score or more, has its drawbacks, especially to the pedestrian, who attempts to get by without getting himself tangled in the multitude of wheels that are standing, leaning and lying down on every hand. But as Grants Pass is spread out to the four corners of the largest and levellest town site in all Southern Oregon and has miles of streets on which it is a pleasure and a comfort to wheel, the bicycle is bound to increase in numbers and it may be that when the town reaches a population of 100,000 and the bicycles nearly to that number, that some arrangement will be made whereby storage places will be provided for the wheels or elevated sidewalks constructed for the pedestrians. But just at present, to prevent the leaving of bicycles on the sidewalks would cause more inconvenience than advantage to the public.

Last Soldier of 1812 Gone.

A press clipping from a New York paper given to the Courier by George Cronk, tells of a notable reception that was held in Duane Brook, N. Y., on April 29, in honor of the 100th birthday of Hiram Cronk. The old gentleman, whose life has now passed the century, is the last survivor of the American army in the War of 1812. He is in fairly good health and his mind is as bright as that of the average man who has reached the four-score mark. At the reception at the old soldier's home there were present a large number of his friends and several persons of prominence. He received a score of letters and telegrams from military and naval men, including General Shaffer and Admiral Dewey. Mr. Cronk is an uncle of George Cronk of this city, being his father's oldest brother.

Greenback Gleanings

Arthur Conklin was a guest of Roy Bishop Tuesday.
Frank South was over from the Lucky Queen Wednesday.
Mrs. Frank Decker, who has been ailing for several days, is convalescent.

Cloudy weather with some rain prevailed for a few days the first of the week.
Bob Virtue was in from Salem this week. He got better fast and they let him go.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Countryman died Friday week and was buried at Placer Sunday.

W. S. Webb was adjusting a cut-off saw Tuesday, when his glove became entangled and he received a pretty bad cut on the hand.

The recent cold, dreary weather, has the same effect on our correspondent as it does on a lizard, so I was too dormant to write last week.

The Greenback Supply Company have moved into their new building and are now prepared to fill all orders from a toothpick up to a quartz mill. The postoffice is also moved.

The erection of poles will soon commence for the electric power line from Gold Ray to Greenback and the Martha mines, a distance of about 40 miles; it will be the longest electric power line in Oregon. Inequite.

New Hops Items

As the irrigation season is now at hand, the farmers are all busy.
Fred McCallister made a flying trip to this place Sunday on special business with Howard Wynant.

Clarence Wynant is able to take up his work again, he being employed by the Murphy Irrigation Company.

There will be a basket dinner held at this place the 31st Sunday of June, also service at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. of the same day. All are cordially invited to come and bring their baskets.

Scott Stringer is now able to furnish first-class music for any and all dances, on the violin. Mr. Stringer has a great talent for music and will surely please anyone. Sherty.

Cattle Ranch For Rent.
320 acres on Seven Mile creek about five miles southwest from Fort Klamath, Oregon. All fenced, home, large barn, ample water supply, well cut about 80 tons wild hay. Address with references, P. O. Box No. 302, Tacoma, Washington.

Holland Notes.
Sheriff Lewis is out visiting his sons.
Mr. Anks has returned and is going out to prospect for awhile.
Mr. Gordon went to his mine, on the Althousa, last Friday.
Mr. McCracken has been very successful in killing bear lately.
Mr. Brewer, a hardware drummer, called on Merchant Smock last Friday.
D. A. Smith spent several days in the Pass looking after business interests.
Mrs. M. E. Leonard has gone to Grants Pass and Medford to spend a few days.
Mr. Code was down from his mine and reports having spent a very lonesome, dull winter, the snow being so deep it prevented his coming out to the valley.
Mr. and Mrs. Sage, from Seattle, were in Holland two days, buying supplies to take out to their mine. They will remain at Mr. Fowler's camp until the snow leaves the place where their mine is located.

Cleared for Action.

When the body is cleared for action, by Dr. King's New Life Pills, you can tell it by the bloom of health on the cheeks; the brightness of the eyes; the firmness of the flesh and muscles; the buoyancy of mind. Try them. At all druggists 25 cents.

County Treasurer's Notice.

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants protested to January 1, 1902. Interest will cease from this date. J. T. TAYLOR, Treasurer of Josephine County, Oregon.

April 28th, 1905.
LODGING AND ROOMS to rent, on Sixth Street opposite court house. Mrs. H. E. Brown.

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

Why I Can Sell the Best Millinery at Low Prices.

I own my building, so have no big rent to pay. Am of the main business street so do not have many of the expenses such as big rent, high insurance and taxes, street sprinkling and a number of other bills that force other stores to keep their prices up.

One Block East of Josephine Hotel is the location of my store, where can be found as large and complete a stock of Millinery Goods as ever brought to Grants Pass, and quality the best, in style the latest, and in variety of shapes and effects so full that all may find what they want. Call and look over my goods and learn my prices, whether you wish to buy or not.
Mrs. M. P. ANDERSON.
Cor. Seventh and E Sts.

R. L. COE & CO.-THE BIG STORE
The Store That Is Not Afraid to Name the Prices and Show the Goods

Special Offering in Shoe Department.
Douglas Box Calf and Good-year Welt Shoe \$2.50
Douglas Pat. Corona Colt, Oxford Lace and Button 3.50
Douglas Fine Dress Vici Oxford Lace and Button 3.50
Douglas Fine Calf, Oxford and Lace \$3.50
The Douglas Shoe is recognized all over the United States as the STANDARD of Values.
Governor Douglas of Massachusetts is the oldest and largest maker of Men's fine shoes in the United States and stamps his name and price on all shoes. He uses nothing but the best material and union labor.

Pingree Gloria Shoe—for Ladies—\$3.50
(The only \$3.50 advertised shoe sold in the county.)
We are now showing a full and complete stock of the famous "Gloria" Shoe in Blacks and Tans, Oxford and Lace, Welts and Turns, in all of the new Spring and Summer styles and materials—all at the same price \$3.50
The "Gloria" Shoe has all of the style, material and workmanship of any \$4.00 or \$5.00 shoe on the market and is the most popular Ladies Shoe in America today. Elegant new styles in Oxfords, Tans and Black, Patent Leather and Vici Kid.
If you have a hard foot to fit and want something comfortable and easy on the foot we can please you.

CHILDREN'S SHOES — Here is where we shine
\$1.00 yes \$1.25 yes \$1.50
5 to 8 sizes 8 1/2 to 12 sizes 12 1/2 to 2
Oxford or Lace Tan or Black
We are now showing the snappiest, neatest line of Children's Shoes ever produced by any house in the United States at the above prices. DON'T FAIL, TO SEE THEM.

MEN'S SUMMER SUITS— Will you not take a look at our Spring stock of All-Wool Flannel Suits? They are certainly the best values ever offered in Grants Pass for the money. The following prices are a genuine surprise to most people. But you must see the goods to fully appreciate their real value. Note the prices, then call and see the goods.
\$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.50
Men's Summer Vests, with detachable pearl buttons \$1.00
Golf Shirts, large assortment, new styles, at .50
Golf Shirts, Pongee silk fronts, at .75
Golf Shirts, fine woven corded madras, at 1.00
Golf Shirts, Summer novelties, at \$1.25 1.50, 2.00, 2.50
Ladies Knit Vests and Drawers, long and short sleeve, high and low neck and sleeveless, 12 1/2c, 15c and 25c
Big job in All-Silk Ribbons, sizes 5, 7 and 9 at .5c
Special values in 25c Fine Swiss Embroidered, at .15c
10 dozen Henderson's Fashion Hip Corsets, with Hose Supporter attached, all sizes, white only, at .69c
Big stock Ladies' Fine Waists and Suits, 50c to \$3.50
1 case Children's 25c Fine Lisle Ribbed Hose, 20c
10 dozen Boys' Cover Long Pants Suits, per suit, 1.00
25 dozen Men's, Boys and Children's Straw Hats, 25c
1000 yards Fine India Linen at .5c, 10c, 25c, 20c, 25c

TRUNKS and VALISES— We are now showing a most complete stock of Trunks, Suit Cases, Telescopes and Hand-Bags of all descriptions. Don't buy these goods until you can see our big stock. We can save you money.

The Pingree Governor Shoe \$4.00
STYLE, FIT and WEAR are the distinguishing features of the Pingree made shoes. Fifteen years continuous wear in this county has proven the merits of Pingree's Shoes. THEY ALWAYS STAND THE TEST OF PARTICULAR PEOPLE.
Ladies Tan and Black Oxfords at \$1.50
Hand-Turned Bow and Strap Sandals, 1.50
Ladies Tan and Black Majestic Shoe, 2.50
Old Ladies Hand-Turned Dress Shoe, extra wide, pat. tip, low heel, 2.75
Don't fail to see the new Pingree Hand-Welt Oxfords, Pat., Tan and Vici Kid, 3.50
The snappy new styles for Summer wear.
The PACIFIC LOGGER at \$6.50
The PACIFIC MINER at \$5.00
Here is a pair of winners.

COME IN AND SEE ME
I give away the famous Husky Bee Gold Meddled Graphophone with 215 in cash trade. Husky Bee Gold Meddled Records with every \$5.00 cash sale, or 25 cents each. Ask for coupons with all cash purchases.
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Dry Goods Shoes Furnishings

FURNITURE
Our stock still enlarging by the daily arrival of New Goods. We carry no remnants but have a nice line of
New Carpets
Art Squares
Rugs
Linoleums
Oil Cloths
Window Shades
Lace Curtains
You will find a nice line and we take pleasure in showing you that all are welcome.
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