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Offices and telephone removed to Golden Gate stable, opposite Hotel Josephine, for July and August while our new stable is being erected.

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Fresh Fruits of All Kinds

Tomatoes for canning. Fruit jars, tops and rubbers

Constipation. Health is absolutely impossible, if constipation is present. Many serious cases of liver and kidney complaint have sprung from neglected constipation. Such a deplorable condition is unnecessary. There is a cure for it. Herbine will speedily remedy matters. C. A. Lupton, P. M., Bronson, Fla., writes, Feb. 12, 1902: "Having tried Herbine, I find it a fine medicine for constipation." 50c bottle at Rotermond's and Model Drug Store.

New Prices for Undertaking Goods

Beginning August 1st, prices for Caskets will be as follows:

All \$25 Caskets reduced to \$15

All \$30 " " \$20

\$35 & \$40 " " \$25

Black Cloth Caskets reduced 50 per cent.

Hearse and service in proportion.

These prices are for cash only.

A. U. Bannard

AT THE BIG Furniture Store

North 6th St., GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

Herb W. Edwards injured. Herb W. Edwards of Des Moines, Iowa, got a fall on an icy walk last winter, spraining his wrist and bruising his knee. "The next day," he says, "they were so sore and stiff I was afraid I would have to stay in bed, but I rubbed them well with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications all soreness had disappeared. I feel that this bottle of Pain Balm saved me several days' time, to say nothing of the suffering." This liniment is for sale by all druggists.

LELAND HAS BIG TRADE WITH MINING DISTRICTS

Lumber Business Also Important—A Prosperous Section of Josephine County.

Leland, Nov. 1.—Two enterprises of considerable importance and magnitude have been inaugurated in the vicinity of Leland recently, and their prosecution has been helpful in the uplifting of trade and the increase in the number of payrolls that give the town its established prosperity and continued bright outlook.

The Mines Development Company, of which Mr. S. W. Bladell is superintendent and manager in charge, is engaged in taking out a flume to work its 400 acres of hydraulic placer ground on Grave creek, five miles west of this place. The water is being taken out of McNair and Reuben creeks, lateral tributaries of Grave, and will furnish a flow of 3000 miners' inches during the winter season. A head will be secured for the giant of 275 feet, giving enormous pressure. The 400 acre bar to be worked has a depth of 75 feet to bed-rock. The gravel averages 8 and 10 cents to the cubic yard and with the ample head of water secured Superintendent Bladell is confident that an exceptionally large amount of dirt can be washed through daily, after operations have once commenced. The company has a 320 foot dump, giving ample room for the tailings.

Lee Brothers, sawmill men of Grants Pass, have just commenced operations with their new plant on Brimstone creek, one mile from Leland. The plant proper is hardly finished yet, but the double circular saw is running and a crew of 25 men is engaged in filling several large advance orders that have been received from the mining camps in this part of the county and that cannot longer be delayed. The mill has a capacity of 25,000 feet per day and will make a specialty of mining timbers, home lumber and railroad ties, as well as ordinary house lumber. Steam power is used. The plant is located on land belonging to Samuel Alderson, of this town, and is at present using logs cut from his land. Lee Brothers, however, have also under lease a considerable amount of additional land in the vicinity and will cut the timber from a total of 800 acres. A camp has been established for the accommodation of the employes and several houses are going up in the immediate vicinity.

Business men of Leland all report a good season and say that trade with the creek camps was never better than at present. The two mercantile establishments here have two wagons constantly employed in delivering supplies to the mines. This great rush is due to the fact that the mine operators are getting in their winter's stock of supplies. It is expected to lessen somewhat after rougher weather sets in, but the great increase in the number of men engaged and the augmented output is liable to, and by many believed to, keep business active for a long time to come.

Robert Crockett, son of the late Judge Garrett Crockett, is farming the home place this year at the head of Quartz creek, near Hugo postoffice. The farm covers hill and valley and is a veritable agricultural gem in the forest. It contains 350 acres, all under fence, with 50 acres cleared for the plow and the balance in excellent pasture. Mr. Crockett keeps a herd of from 50 to 60 cattle and has a considerable amount of other live stock, with plenty of fine fruit and vegetables.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This is the most successful medicine in the world for bowel complaints, and is the only remedy that will cure chronic diarrhoea. Every bottle is warranted. For sale by all druggists.

THROUGH MAIL SERVICE FOR APPLAGATE VALLEY

Daily Mail and Stage Line From Grants Pass to Jacksonville is Planned.

The proposed change in the Applegate mail routes, outlined in the Courier some time since, is likely to be accomplished and a direct route established from Grants Pass to Jacksonville by way of Applegate Valley that will supply Murphy, Davidson, Kubli, Applegate and Rich on the main route and Provoit and Williams by a side line from Murphy.

The plan is to have a mail each way daily, a stage to leave both Grants Pass and Jacksonville each morning making the trip through in about eight hours. The distance would be 24 miles over one of the best roads in Southern Oregon and having no heavy grades. The entire distance is well settled and the stage would do a good business in handling passengers and light freight. The seven Applegate Valley postoffices that it would serve have such a large number of patrons and this betterment to the mail service would be greatly appreciated by them.

As the routes are now arranged part of the Applegate offices get their mail from Grants Pass and part from Jacksonville, with no route connecting the two groups of offices. This lack of connection makes a great in-

convenience to residents of Applegate Valley and is also an inconvenience to the business men of Grants Pass and Jackson. The establishment of a through stage line would be an advantage to the settlers along the route and to the Grants Pass and Jacksonville business men. A petition is now being circulated to be presented to the postoffice department asking for the establishment of this route. Tuesday K. J. Kubli, postmaster at Kubli, and J. L. Woolridge, a prominent Applegate farmer, were in Grants Pass securing signatures to the petition. The business men of this city readily signed it and Postmaster C. E. Harmon gave it a strong endorsement. The petition will be circulated at all the postoffices along the route and at Jacksonville. As all the postmasters along the proposed route have agreed to endorse the petition and the endorsement of the leading men of both Josephine and Jackson county has also been secured, so there is little likelihood but that this new mail service will be established by the postoffice department.

MERLIN IS PROSPERING HAS A BUILDING BOOM

Trade Center for a Large, Rich Section—Bright Future Predicted for the Town.

Merlin, Oct. 31.—Merlin is enjoying a period of prosperity greater than has been heretofore in the past and the oldest residents are confident that she is just beginning the accomplishment of her destiny, great as the fullness of time may decrease it to be. New houses are being built, new business establishments opening up and industrial enterprises projected that will make the town a commercial center for the rich mineral districts of the surrounding hills.

Vast results are expected from the sale of the gold Standard group of nine claims lying four miles west of Merlin. This property was owned by H. E. Booth, who sold it three months ago to Messrs. Metzger, of Toledo, O., and Haviland of Spokane. Today Mr. Booth received a telegram from Mr. Metzger stating that their mining engineer had started from the east and would arrive Saturday. His coming means that active development work will commence on the big 16 foot ledge at once and it is anticipated that a large force of men will be employed. The ore is chalcopryite, a sulphide of copper, carrying good values of gold and averaging \$41 to the ton in a series of critical tests. The vein is in contact with the hanging walls of porphyry and the footwall of diorite. Another result expected from the opening up of the Gold Standard group is the establishment of a smelter at Merlin to reduce the output and high hopes are entertained that his enterprise will be under way in a short time.

No factor is more potential for the continued development and prosperity of Josephine county than that the trade of her mining camps is being centralized in the communities contiguous to each. Commerce is then kept at home in an increasing yearly proportion and business establishments are receiving the benefit to which both local interests and their enterprise entitles them. This interdependence of production and trade is of first importance and must be fully recognized if progress is to be achieved.

A striking concrete example of this truth is given by the Merlin Mercantile Company of Merlin. Established August 7th last, with Mr. E. Clanton as manager, and carrying a large line of general merchandise, a thriving trade has been built up. Large orders have just been filled for companies operating in the Silver creek and Galice mining districts. This money, which formerly went to Portland merchants for needed supplies, is now being spent at home and is thereby adding its full share to the advancement of the county's interests.

W. A. Massie, who operates the ferry across the Rogue river and carries the mail to the Galice district, is building a large new hotel in Merlin. The structural part of the building is now up, but further work has been temporarily delayed to await the arrival of the finishing lumber. When completed the hotel will be the largest north of Grants Pass in the county and will be furnished with all modern improvements and conveniences.

The main county bridge over Jump-off-Joe creek, one mile from here, is being replanked and otherwise made a stronger and better structure than formerly.

Another new business building recently put up is that of E. Jones, who has opened a large general stock of hardware and is doing a good business.

C. M. Smith formerly of Grants Pass has opened up a barber shop in a new structure and is about to add several improvements of importance to his line of business. William M. Richards and Prof. J. P. McConnell, both of whom are engaged in the general merchandise trade, report increasing business and are having their full share of all that comes.

Best Liniment on Earth. Henry D. Baldwin, Sept. City Water Works, Shullsburg, Wis., writes: "I have tried many kinds of liniment, but I have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at Rotermond's and Model Drug Store.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY WINS FEW MEDALS

Two Gold, Two Silver, One Bronze Medal and Five Diplomas for This County.

The list of awards made at the Lewis and Clark fair to the counties and individuals having exhibits there have been published and Josephine county comes out with but little credit and little to show for the \$2500 appropriated by the county to meet the expenses of the exhibit. The county got one silver medal on its mineral display and a few individuals and companies got awards. Of the latter the Greenback Mining Company, silver medal for gold quartz; Deep Gravel Mining Company, bronze medal for exhibit of platinum. Diplomas of honorable mention were awarded to the Galice Consolidated Mining Company for photographs, Gold Bug Mining Company for quartz specimens, Waldo Smelting & Mining Company copper ores, and to Mrs. Florence McDaniels for display of crystals from Josephine county caves. John C. Lewis, colored photos of Leland placer mines. Pacific Pine Needle Company, of Grants Pass, two gold medals, one for pine needle products and one for fibers.

The total of Josephine county's prizes was two gold medals, two silver medals, one bronze medal and five diplomas of honorable mention. Jackson county, generally credited here in Southern Oregon for not being rich in minerals as Josephine county and of being no better fruit, grain, grass and timber section than this county, for Rogue River Valley in the two counties is identical the same in climate, soil and productiveness, secures more prizes than any other county in the state. The county got a gold medal for its mineral exhibit the only other county winning a gold medal being Baker county. Jackson county came within 15 points of winning a share of the prize of \$1000 for the best county exhibit, the last points being by not having an educational exhibit. The list of private exhibitors who won prizes was so long that it required a column and a quarter of space in solid type in the Ashland Tidings of Monday to give all their names and their exhibits.

In comparison with other counties Jackson county has the greatest number of awards. It secured a total of 112, of which 18 are gold medals, 19 silver, 41 bronze, and 34 diplomas of honorable mention. Wasco has 90 awards, 20 of them gold, 22 silver, 21 bronze and 17 diplomas of honorable mention. Wasco has the greatest number of gold and silver medals. Umatilla County, in third place, has 77 awards, 16 being gold medals, 11 silver, 26 bronze and 24 diplomas of honorable mention. The standing of the counties is as follows:

Baker county, 1 gold, 1 silver, 7 bronze, 12 honorable mention.
Benton County, 2 gold, 11 silver, 6 bronze, 14 diplomas of honorable mention.
Clackamas, 4 gold, 7 silver, 23 bronze, 36 honorable mention.
Columbia, 2 gold, 3 silver, 22 bronze, 18 honorable mention.
Creek, 1 silver.
Douglas, 4 gold, 5 silver, 19 bronze, 17 honorable mention.
Jackson, 18 gold, 9 silver, 4 bronze, 34 honorable mention.
Klamath, gold.
Lane, 7 silver, 19 bronze, 14 honorable mention.
Lincoln, 2 silver, 11 bronze, 10 honorable mention.
Linn, 8 gold, 10 silver, 30 bronze, 34 honorable mention.
Marion, 8 gold, 12 silver, 25 bronze, 30 honorable mention.
Malheur, 1 gold, 1 silver, 9 bronze, 24 honorable mention.
Morrow, 1 gold, 1 silver, 4 bronze, 4 honorable mention.
Multnomah, 2 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze, 1 honorable mention.
Polk, 5 gold, 5 silver, 17 bronze, 37 honorable mention.
Sherman, 1 gold, 3 bronze, 5 honorable mention.
Tillamook, 1 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze.
Union, 3 gold, 3 silver, 9 bronze, 4 honorable mention.
Umatilla, 16 gold, 11 silver, 26 bronze, 24 honorable mention.
Walla, 4 silver, 15 bronze, 8 honorable mention.
Wasco, 30 gold, 22 silver, 31 bronze, 17 honorable mention.
Washington, 4 gold, 5 silver, 17 bronze, 27 honorable mention.
Yamhill, 9 gold, 11 silver, 18 bronze, 16 honorable mention.

GRANTS PASS GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT AT ASHLAND

High School Boys to Give the Normal Team a Hard Tussle Next Friday.

The football game last Saturday, played at Ashland by two teams representing the Ashland Normal School and Grants Pass High School resulted in a score of 15 to 0 in favor of Ashland Normal.

During the first half of the game Grants Pass seemed to have the stronger team and had no difficulty in making gains through the Ashland line, the entire half being played in Ashland's territory. By straight line plunges the Grants Pass boys carried the ball within seven yards of Ashland goal. Here they were held for downs. Ashland punted and Grants Pass again worked the ball down in front of Ashland's goal. Time was called for the first half with the ball five yards from the goal. Neither team scored in this half, though Grants Pass did all the playing and would very probably have scored had the captain known of the shortness of time. The failure to score in the first half rather disturbed the Grants Pass boys and this feeling told on their defense in the second half. Ashland went around the ends for long gains, using greater back, and end runs to good advantage. Ashland scored two touchdowns in this half, one of which resulted in a goal and also kicked a goal from the field.

The Grants Pass boys were defeated fair and square and they know how it was done. They are confident that in the next game they can stop the play that defeated them. The next game with Ashland will be played at Grants Pass November 10th. All the leading business men will close store from 3 till 5 that afternoon to give all a chance to see an exciting game.

The Western, a first-class family hotel. Quiet location, yet convenient to depot and near court house. Good meals and clean beds and prices reasonable.

Local bidders will be given the preference and as the result of instructions which have been issued by Postmaster-General Cortelyou, mail-carriers upon star routes in the West will have an opportunity to close contracts with the government at a figure that will allow them to make a reasonable profit upon their services.

It is stated upon good authority that at present not 10 per cent of the mail routes upon the Pacific Coast are operated without loss. The order which is expected to remedy this condition provides that all bidders for contracts to carry mail must live contiguous to the routes upon which bids are made and if awarded the contract must carry the mail themselves or give it their direct supervision.

Up to four years ago the Postal Department awarded contracts for western mail routes to the lowest bidder, without regard to his place of residence, and permitted him to sublet them if he so desired. As a result, professional mail contractors sprang up, living mostly in Kentucky and Missouri. These men bid upon contracts, not only in their own states, but also in the West. Not knowing anything of western conditions, they often took contracts at a figure that would not permit the routes to be operated with profit. The routes were always sublet to anyone who would take them, and as the pay was extremely low, poor service resulted.

MORE PROMISING MINES IN MT. BALDY DISTRICT

Hidden Treasure Company and Warner Bros. Each Opening Rich Veins.

J. L. Warner who has been in the Mt. Baldy district for the last two months, where he is interested in several mining claims left Thursday for his home in Portland, where he will remain until about February or March when he will return to resume his mining operation. His brother, who is interested with him in the claims, left Tuesday for his home in Bellingham, Washington, to return again early in the spring.

The Warner Bros. own a claim that is located on the east slope of Mt. Baldy that has a most encouraging prospect. They run a drift on the vein and got to a depth of 12 feet at which point it was a full foot in width and was steadily widening. It carries high values and gives every promise of becoming a profitable property. Early in the spring Warner Bros. will begin work well down the side of the hill and will drive a tunnel to tap the vein at about the 200 foot level. If the ore is of the class that it is in their present workings they will take up permanent mining operations and have their ore treated at the Grants Pass smelter, which can be reached by a tramway of about three miles to Savage Rapids.

Warner Bros. are also interested in a group of adjoining claims held by the Hidden Treasure Mining Company. The other members of this company are Portland men and D. M. DePuy, of Grants Pass. One of these claims was what was formerly known as the Old Shot and is credited with being very rich. The company has four men at work driving a tunnel that will tap the vein at the 150 foot level. Some surface work has been done and at the lowest depth the vein was found to be fully four feet wide and shows to be a good low grade body of ore of very uniform values. Development will be continued until the vein is fully opened and then arrangements will probably be made for handling the ore at the smelter at Savage Rapids.

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More New Box Seat Dining Chairs both leather and plain.

More New Dining Tables— attractive styles and prices.

More New Dressers— special good values, \$16.25 to \$26.75.

Couches in the newest of coverings and the best made.

Rugs, Brussels.

Stand Tables—a nice line.

Office Chairs \$5.50 to \$10.00, full of comfort.

Cut Glass

Particularly pleasing prices on some of the best cuttings made.

Bowls worth \$7.50 for \$4.50

Celery Trays worth 7.50 " 4.50

Nappies, " 3.50 " 2.00

Water Bottles, Oil Bottles, Spoon

Trays, Vases.



China Ware

Exquisite decorations—the assortment is far too large to attempt to particularize items, but enough to say we show an enormous variety and at prices never approached in Grants Pass. If you are making collections in Cups and Saucers, Choe Sets, Plates, Pitchers, etc., now is your time to secure something especially good. The 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Tables are a revelation in China selling.

NOVEMBER—This is the month you'll want a Heating Stove.

N. B. For a limited time \$7.50 Heaters for \$5.50 5.75 " " 4.35

Thomas & O'Neill

Housefurnishers to Southern Oregon

NEW REGULATIONS FOR 4TH CLASS POSTMASTERS

To Hold Office So Long as Give Good Service—Must Keep Office Clean and Be Courteous.

In an address before the convention, held in Washington last week of the National League of Postmasters, Postmaster-General Cortelyou outlined the policy of the postoffice department in regard to the fourth class offices.

The Postmaster General announced that fourth class postmasters may hold their positions so long as their services are satisfactory to the patrons of the offices and to the department. One rule that he announced was that postmasters would be expected to keep their offices neat and clean, a dirty office being likely to lead to dismissal, and that the postmaster and his employes shall be attentive to their duties and courteous to the public. Their books and accounts must be so kept as to be ready for inspection at any time. To simplify this work a new set of blanks would be supplied and less rules would be enforced that had no direct bearing on securing the best possible service to the public.

Repairing Chairs and Rockers. Have you a chair or rocker that the rounds and legs persist in coming loose? Call in and let us show you how it can be fixed for keeps. We have opened a repair shop. Phone 235—Thomas & O'Neill.

43 1/2 INCHES THE WORLD'S ROCK DRILLING RECORD

Made at El Paso, Texas, May Be Lower at American Mining Congress Contest.

At the meeting of the American Mining Congress, which is to be held at El Paso, Texas, on November 14 to 18, an effort is to be made to lower the world's rock drilling record and crack teams from all the great mining districts are to participate.

The world's record is now held by Chamberlain and Make, who at El Paso on January 13, 1903, drilled 43 1/2 inches in 14 minutes. The champions declined to drill the full 15 minutes alleging that their steel was too short to hold onto, and also that if they put the hole too deep there would be no more drilling contests. These men in that famous contest struck in one minute shifts for the first half of the time and in half-minute shifts for the second half. Chamberlain made 30 strokes to the minute and Make 45, and they only lost one stroke when changing shifts.

In the forthcoming contest these men will again drill and will try to lower their former record which has stood now almost three years with no other team able to lower it. What an undertaking it is to lower this record is shown by the fact that the average depths made at rock drilling contests runs from 30 to 63 inches, few teams ever driving a hole lower than 25 inches.

Ralph Dean and W. W. Riggs of this city and L. E. Hunt of Grand Rapids, left Monday for the Klamath Lake where they will enjoy a week's sport in duck hunting.

UMBRELLAS.

REPAIRED

Paddock's Bicycle Den.