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The real estate men, Cobb & Isaacs, last week sold a tract of land in the north end of town containing 30 lots, and this week sold another tract of 30 lots, besides some improved lots with cottages on. If you want your property sold, list with us. If you want to buy anything see us first. The reason we sell so much property is, we sell right.

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FARMERS INSTITUTE WANTED AT WILLIAMS

That Institute Idea is Growing in Southern Oregon Indicates Progressive Farmers.

Editor Courier—In the last issue of the Courier I note with pleasure the fact that we are to have another farmers institute in our valley. Now it seems to me we might arrange to hold this one at Williams instead of Provoit. This Valley is 12 miles long with Williams Post office, church and hall near the center. There are more farmers above the Post office than below and by holding the institute here it would give all the people a greater advantage than to have the meeting at Provoit. Besides this the best farming part of the country is nearer Williams than Provoit.

This is not a selfish motive on my part for I am only six miles from the place where the former institute was held but many interested people are farther away. At the request of Mr. J. M. John and others I wrote to Dr. Withycombe along this line. The people here would attend well, I can assure you, and many would be pleased with the honor of entertaining one or more of the gentlemen from the college. Trusting this will meet with your favor and that you will assist in getting the institute for this place, I am, Very truly yours,
Williams Creek Farmer.

In regard to the above request for a farmers institute at Williams, the matter has been referred to Dr. Withycombe. So well pleased were those farmers who attended the institutes held last fall in Rogue River Valley that many requests have been sent to the Courier asking that a series of institutes be arranged for during this winter. Though having more applications for institutes in other parts of the state than he could fill, Dr. Withycombe has consented to spend a week in Southern Oregon in February and hold as many institutes as possible in that time. The arranging of the schedule was left to the editor of the Courier as the Doctor did not know what places desired institutes and was unfamiliar with the routes of travel. The one injunction was given to arrange for as many institutes as possible within the given time and to have as little loss of time as possible in reaching the various places. With this end in view two schedules have been submitted to Dr. Withycombe.

The muddy, almost impassable condition of the roads, the long distances to travel, and the short winter days made it necessary to give institutes at places that could be most easily reached and which would not cause delays in making the appointments. Another thing considered in arranging the schedule was that the speakers attending evening sessions would be up late nights and that with the cold, disagreeable weather of winter in which the drive from one place to another would make it every trying on them, and furthermore at several places it is asked that three sessions a day be had. Kerby was the only distant place selected in either Josephine or Jackson county for holding an institute, and that was made at the earnest request of a number of prominent farmers of that section. Williams is the center of a large, fine valley and the farmers of that section are progressive and an institute there would be quite certain to be a success. If Dr. Withycombe can arrange to give another day to his Southern Oregon trip he will be quite certain to hold an institute at Williams this February. If he is unable though to meet the wish of the Williams farmers this time he will be quite sure to give them an institute on his next trip to Rogue River Valley.

Mill at Monumental Mine.

The following from the Crescent City Recorder indicates that development work on a larger scale than ever is to be carried on at the Monumental mine:

"Five teams left early this week for the Monumental Mines, with portions of a roller quartz mill to be put up at the mines for working ore. The plant is for the purpose of testing ore from various portions of the mine, and if results are satisfactory many more stamps will be added. Two motors and considerable pipe was taken out, there being good water power at the mines for operating the mill. A modern concentrator was also sent out. The bed of the mill weighs 7500 pounds but no difficulty is expected in hauling it out. The teamsters inform us that the road is in excellent condition."

Rock Drilling Challenge.

S. L. Sandry and Joe Silligo will meet any team in a rock drilling contest for a purse of \$150 or \$200 that may accept. The contest to be held in Grants Pass any time in December. Three weeks notice to be given of acceptance prior to contest.
Address S. L. Sandry, Grants Pass.

UNION SERVICES FOR THANKSGIVING

Will Be Held in Baptist Church Next Thursday Morning. All Are Invited.

The Union Thanksgiving service will be held this year at the Baptist church at 10:30 a. m. as decided at the meeting of the Ministerial Association.

The following is the order of service:
Organ Voluntary.
Doxology.
The Lord's Prayer.
Proclamation of the President and Governor... Rev. F. C. Williams
Prayer... Rev. H. H. Brown
Anthem... Choir
Announcements and Offering.
Scripture Lesson... Rev. J. H. Austin
Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation."
Sermon... Rev. C. O. Beckman
Hymn—"America."
Benediction.

It is hoped that there may be a larger response and attendance on this service than ever before.

Grants Pass has reason to thank God and remember Him in this service. Let all the merchants make it possible for themselves and their employees to attend the service. Let all the people do their trading the day before that none need be compelled to stay away.

PRACTICAL SUPERVISOR IN MURPHY DISTRICT

Supervisor Gentner Builds Only Small Section but Makes That Permanent.

C. F. Gentner was in town Monday for a load of large tiling to be used for road culverts in his district. Mr. Gentner is supervisor in the Murphy district and he has the well earned reputation of being one of the best road supervisors in Josephine county. Mr. Gentner does not waste the road fund of his district in making temporary repairs to the roads, but he concentrates his efforts on one section of road at a time and gets it permanently improved. Getting the roads on easy grades and thoroughly drained is a leading feature of Mr. Gentner's road work. He uses no wood in constructing the smaller culverts, making them of tiling or stone. He has found that tiling is the least expensive for small culverts, the cost of quarrying, hauling and laying the rock making it expensive, except when the rock can be had at the place it is to be used and is easy to quarry.

Mr. Gentner has this past summer graded and permanently improved a mile of the main Applegate road in his district, and now he will begin the work of graveling it. As the district has but a limited road fund the farmers have volunteered to haul the gravel. Supervisor Gentner furnishing the men to load the wagons. The gravel will be taken from the bars in the Applegate river, where there are thousands of tons of rock that is perfect for road covering. When Supervisor Gentner completes this section of road it will be one of the best constructed and most permanent roads in Josephine county. Such roads bring good returns to the taxpayers, but the average road work that is done, by way of filling mudholes and other temporary improvements is money very largely wasted.

THE HEAVY BURDEN OF THE BAD ROAD TAX

Farmers Lose More on Marketing Produce Than Cost of Good Roads.

Think of waiting for the mud to dry up 16,000,000 horses and mules idle in the stable; \$1,000,000 a day for horse feed; \$28,000,000 a week! Think of the loss of time and labor, the dwarfed and shrunken values of our farms, of the slack supply and good prices when the roads are impassable! Think of the procession of farmers that rush to town and glut the market in the first days of dry weather and think of the paltry prices they get when everybody is trying to sell an overstocked merchant! From the standpoint of profit, in dry weather and wet, the badly kept dirt road is much the same. There is little difference between selling a full load at half price and half a load at full price.

Another notable thing: Every improvement is a herald of prosperity; every good country road increases the value of every farm that fronts it. Raise the value of real estate on American farms 5 per cent and you add \$650,000,000 to our rural wealth. Put a like increase on the value of farm products, live stock and machinery and you gain \$350,000,000 more. Decrease the cost of hauling one year's crop of hay, cereals, potatoes, tobacco and cotton by only 10 cents per ton and you save \$15,000,000. These are not all the items. They will suffice.—Isaac C. Potter.

TRADE AT HOME AND BUILD UP YOUR TOWN

Practical Pointers on How to Cooperate for the Best Interests of All.

Never before has the country press been aroused to such an extent as it is at present as to the evils of patronizing other than home enterprises, says the Home Trade Advocate.

Editorial and local columns of the papers, especially in the western states, are filled with common sense articles setting before the people such facts as appeal to reason and patriotism. Some editors in their zeal to accomplish good perhaps go to far in abuse of systems that take money from their neighborhoods and by severe criticisms of patrons of out of town concerns "overshoot the mark" and fail to accomplish what is much desired.

None will gainsay that the wage earner has the inherent right to spend his earnings wherever he desires. If he wishes to buy his clothes in some distant city, he has that privilege. Sometimes he may have cause to do so. His home merchants may not carry in stock what he wishes to secure. Others may charge him what he considers an exorbitant price. Quite often he may learn that he makes a mistake by buying goods without a careful examination of them. When this is the case—and it frequently is—the purchaser becomes a better patron of home institutions than ever before.

But there are a few things that the average man and woman overlook. It is that the dollars that they send away mean money taken out of local circulation and the consequent impoverishing of the community to that extent. Say that there are 2000 people in the community. Five dollars a year from each one sent away amounts to \$10,000 a year and in 10 years \$100,000.

Supposing that a fifth or sixth of this represented the profits that should be left in the community. It would be quite enough to establish a business enterprise that would support several families. But from some communities the average amounts sent away for goods are from a third to a half and often more than the total paid or needed supplies. Think of what a great loss that is! Think that this trade given to the home town would immediately increase its business from a third to a half.

How many trades would it take if the home trade principle was adhered to strictly before your town would be more than double in size? It would only require a very few years. And with the growth of the town every one living within its limits and its trade radius would receive a benefit.

All the residents of a community have common interests in it. The laborer, the farmer, the merchant, the doctor and the lawyer prosper in common. Their interests are parallel. The community is co-operative. If the merchant who employed men from some distant city to do his work would patronize an out of town doctor and the town doctor send away for the help he needed, the laborer would suffer. And suppose that the laborer should send away for their eggs, their vegetables, fruit, butter, etc., would not the farmer be afflicted? Suppose that the merchant is compelled to do business without profit. Can he pay as good wages to his help as they should be entitled to? So it goes down the line. The better the home town can be made the better it is for all. Be a patron of home industry, and by being such you assist yourself and all in your neighborhood.

Telegram Commends Exhibits.

The Rogue River Valley Fruit Association shipped a carload of Yellow Newtown apples last week from Medford. This fruit was consigned direct to London, England. There were 8000 full size boxes in the car. The Portland Telegram referring to the recent Portland excursion to Southern Oregon says: "The pilgrims from the Rose City realize now more than ever the value of permanent exhibits at the various large towns in the southern part of the state. The displays made by Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Gold Hill were found to be complete in every detail, so far as the different products pertained to the agricultural, horticultural and mineral interests of the immediate territory."

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 knees. "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.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Donald Calvert leaves in a few days for Corvallis where he will enter the O. A. C.

Miss Nina Paddock and Miss Ella Savage have been absent from school this week on account of sickness.

The second year History class, making use of the new reference books, finished a thorough study of the French Revolution last week.

Mr. J. Luschner, of Portland, a representative of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, gave a short, interesting talk to the High School last week, in behalf of his institution.

The High School is about to lose one of its second year pupils. Miss Hazel Howland, who is very popular among the young people of this town, leaves for Portland in two or three weeks and intends to make that city her home in the future.

This year the High School has added three sets of books to its library in addition to those purchased last spring. The books just received are Scott's complete works. The poems of the standard poets in 32 volumes and Irving's complete works.

The High School is divided into three literary societies which render very interesting programs each Friday afternoon. The names of the first two societies are A & Z and the Cicero societies respectively. The third society has not yet been named.

The Grants Pass High school can soon boast of its basket ball team as it now does of the football team. The girls under the leadership of Miss Bridge and Miss Walker have already organized and at their first meeting Miss Helen Clarke was elected to act as chairman until the captain shall be chosen for the team. Those who have joined this organization are Ella Savage, Daisy Cole, Blanche Ferdine, Wilna Gilkey, Ethel Riggs, Helen Clarke, Georgia Coron, Lydia White, Alice McFarland.

"I Thank the Lord"
cried Hannah Plant, of Little Rock, Ark., "for the relief I got from Buckle's Arnica Salve. It cured my fearful running sores, which nothing else would heal, and from which I had suffered for five years." It is a marvelous healer for cuts, burns and wounds Guaranteed at all drug stores; 25c.

Cured Consumption.
Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said that he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago. Since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at Model Drug Store and Holstmann's.
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