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GRANTS PASS LEADS IN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Will Have Nearly Four Miles Main Sewers—Business Streets to Be Paved Soon.

Having completed the examination of the transcript of all the proceedings relative to the issuance of the \$19,000 of bonds for the construction of the Second and Seventh streets sewers, and found every detail strictly legal...

out-lying residence districts remaining unimproved and there would be a section of mud-covered streets to connect the macadamized county roads with the paved business streets.

To depend on the assessment system for improving the streets of Grants Pass would be certain to result in differing for an indefinite period the betterment of the streets of this city.

It will be seen that the campaign of 1906 really begins during the last week in December of this year, when initiative petitions must be filed if the promoters desire to file pamphlets in support of the proposed measures.

MAGNESITE LEDGES WILL BE OF VALUE

Big Deposits in Josephine County Awaiting Development—Be a Great Industry.

California is the only state, according to a report issued by the Geological Survey, that produces magnesite, which is a native magnesium carbonate, composed of 47.6 per cent magnesia and 52.4 per cent carbon dioxide.

There are vast deposits of magnesite in Josephine county, it being especially plentiful on Limpy creek, 14 miles west of Grants Pass, and on Taylor creek in the Galilee district.

Magnesite is valuable for a variety of purposes, chief of which is in paper manufacture, for soda and other mineral waters and fire brick for furnaces.

REDUCED RAILWAY RATES

The S. P. Co. Reduces Rates for the Holidays.

On December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1905 and January 1st, 1906 tickets will be on sale to all points on Oregon Lines...

Return limit January 1st. Stopovers will not be permitted.

A. L. CRAIG, G. P. A.

Repairing Chairs and Rockers Have your 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.

AN ELECTION GUIDE FOR OREGON VOTERS

Full Instructions That Voters Must Heed in the Forthcoming Election.

The following from the Oregonian is a complete synopsis of the direct primary and general election laws of Oregon, and it should be preserved for reference by voters.

The adoption of the direct primary law has given Oregon such a complicated system of elections that not even the accomplished politician can carry in his mind all the details of the proceedings leading up to the general election of state, district and county officers.

In fact, the ordinary citizen cannot figure out the dates if he has the statute before him, for the language varies and different methods of computing time must be adopted.

It should also be explained that petitions for nominations for district officers, such as circuit judge, district attorney, joint senator and joint representative, must be filed in the office of the secretary of state, and not in the offices of county clerks, and the dates governing nominations for state offices are applicable.

Registration—Registration books opened by county clerks, Tuesday, January 2.

Registration books closed for primary election, April 10, 5 p. m.

Registration books opened after primary election, April 20.

Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

Initiative petitions—Number of signatures required to initiate laws or amendments, 7489.

Last day for filing initiative petitions, February 3.

Last day for filing pamphlets advocating measures December 30, 1905.

Last day for filing pamphlets opposing measures, February 5.

Direct primary election—County clerks give notice of primary election not later than March 21.

Last day for filing petitions of placing names on ballot of state, congressional and district offices, March 30.

Last day for filing petitions of county offices, April 4.

Date of primary election, April 20.

Canvassing of primary election for state offices, May 6.

General election—Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 19.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for county offices by assembly of electors, May 4.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 19.

General election, June 4.

THE OBSERVER FAVORS JAPANESE IMMIGRATION

That Paper Taken to Task for Advocating Such Un-American Ideas.

Editor Courier: As an American and a working man, I cannot refrain from answering in your paper, an article published in the Observer of December 13th, relative to the indignation of President Roosevelt over the exclusion of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast.

The Observer says that the Californians evidently have a poor conception of the fitness of things when they desire the restriction of Japanese immigration.

Let us see what the Observer evidently considers the fit order of things. According to good authority nearly all white foreigners, and Americans also, are forced by Japanese competition to leave the Hawaiian Islands, where these Asiatics fill every position from a common laborer up.

The little Brown man works for the sum of \$14 a month and boards himself and proportionally cheap at different kinds of skilled labor.

shanty? Are thousands of young white men of Christian parents to be obliged to work for starvation wages, or be driven from the walks of business life by the men from the Mikado's dominion?

Are our white brothers to be poverty stricken and their prospects ruined, in order to insure the prosperity of the Hagan Jap?

And when the Observer refers to the English and Irish in his comparison, it is to be deplored that he seems to be incapable of making at least a slight distinction between his fellow white men and a Brown Asiatic. There are at present 60,000 Japanese in California, and because the intelligent people of that state demonstrate against the influx of this class, that threatens ruin to themselves and their families, the Observer thinks the Californians have a poor conception of the fitness of things.

When the Observer says it is such an outrage to exclude the Japanese because they possess so much valor and learning, let him remember that many of the dark colored descendants of Mohammed and his followers, were great warriors and learned men, and yet who is it today that wishes they had conquered and dominated Europe?

Yours truly, WILLIAM MACKAY.

Grants Pass, December 18, 1905.

PROFITABLE OPENING FOR A FLOUR MILL

Not a Flour Mill Operated in Josephine County—Fine Mill in Grants Pass Stands Idle.

While Grants Pass has a new flour mill of 90 barrels capacity, with space and power for enlarging to 120 barrels per day, yet not a pound of flour is manufactured in this city, all being imported, the bulk coming from Medford, where an 85 barrel mill is operated to its full capacity, day and night.

Josephine county also has flour mills at Ashland, Eagle Point and Gold Hill, as well as for the wheat for use, as well as for the Medford mill, is imported from Eastern Oregon and Washington, but little wheat is raised in that county since such vast areas have been put to fruit and alfalfa.

While Josephine county has two great mills, one at Grants Pass and one at Kerby, yet neither ever turns a wheel, this inactivity is not caused by the lack of a market, for the sales this past year in Grants Pass alone amounted, as reported to the Courier by the local dealers, to over 16,000 barrels of flour and 60 car loads of feed. While Grants Pass is the chief distributing point of Josephine county and a part of Jackson county, the imports of flour and feed at this place is fully equalled by that at the other railroad points from Woodville to Wolf Creek. It is a low estimate to place the increase in flour and feed consumption for Josephine county at 10 per cent per year.

This is the Ruling of Judge Frazier, of Portland, and is Sound Law. Circuit Judge Frazier of Portland has rendered a decision in his court that a husband can be made to support his wife and children, whom he has deserted even though he has published notice that he will not pay their bills, the filing of a divorce suit by the husband or wife being all that will terminate the husband's liability to the support of his family.

Wife desertion is becoming such a frequent crime in Oregon that more drastic laws should be enacted to punish such husbands. Such a law would do more to prevent the marriage of irresponsible men and thoughtless women than all the restrictions on divorce that could be brought about by church edicts and moral reformers.

The Grants Pass flour mill is new, both building and equipment, and is up-to-date in every respect. It has a choice location on one of the most accessible places in the city and has a switch to bring cars alongside the warehouse. The mill is now fitted with a 50 H. P. boiler and a 45 H. P. engine, and fuel is no higher here than in other Oregon towns.

Electric power can now be had and probably at a rate less than steam would cost. The main building of the mill is 30x40 feet, of four stories, with a warehouse adjoining 20x70 feet, and a large boiler and engine house that is separate from the main building.

The parties building the Grants Pass mill were through millwrights and did a first-class job from the foundation to installing the machinery and got it so nearly completed before their money gave out that it would require out over \$250 and 10 days time to have all in readiness for grinding wheat.

GOLD MEDAL AWARDED FOR NUGGET DISPLAY

Grants Pass Banking and Trust Company Given Honor by Lewis and Clark Fair.

Manager L. L. Jewell, of the Grants Pass Banking and Trust Company, received Saturday the gold medal and the accompanying diploma that was awarded his bank for its display of gold in nuggets and quartz form, at the Lewis and Clark fair. This was the only gold medal that was awarded to a Josephine county exhibit, and being given in a contest with gold exhibits from all sections of the Pacific Coast and Alaska is a fine compliment to the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company, as well as a high honor to Grants Pass and to this mining district.

The Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company buys more gold from miners than any other bank in Southern Oregon, with the possible exception of the First National Bank of this city, and it is quite certain handles more gold than any bank in the other mining districts of Oregon.

This exhibition was made up from the stock of gold that had come to the bank in the ordinary dealings with the miners and no nuggets were purchased or borrowed from other banks to complete the display. A display almost as large and fine can be seen at any time at this bank, for new purchases are regularly made and a considerable quantity is carried as a part of the cash reserve fund.

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This ruling of Judge Frazier is of special interest in Grants Pass for there are a half dozen or more, deserted wives in this city who are struggling to support themselves and their children, while their faithless husbands are able to shirk their part of the burdens that bear so heavily on the helpless women and children. Louisiana has a law that makes it a crime for a husband to desert his family and not provide for their support, and he is liable to a term in prison and to have his property applied to maintain his wife and children.

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DANCING HARMFUL ONLY WHEN MADE SO

A Correspondent Submits His Ideas on This Vexed Question.

Editor Courier—As some of your readers are hunting a solid foundation for their views on the dancing question, permit me to give them a little assistance.

The question of dancing, like many other questions, must be settled at the bar of common sense. There is no divine law on the subject, and very little in any of our civil codes. Abstractly, it is neither sinful nor disgraceful. A man may engage in dancing and still be a Christian, a gentleman, and a democrat.

There are, however, many evils associated with some of our modern dancing parties, but these same evils are found at other kinds of parties. The ball games, the Christmas tree party and the church festival are not always free from disorderly conduct.

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STEPHEN JEWELL.

Announcement for Sheriff.

I take this opportunity to announce through the press to my friends of Josephine county and the republican party of said county that I am a candidate for the office of sheriff of said county. My name will be before the primary nominating election April 20, 1906, as a candidate for nomination to the office of sheriff by said republican party.

J. P. McCONNELL, Merlin, Ore.

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