

A Brief Record of Local Events.

Candidates' Petitions for sale at the Courier Office.

Application and affidavits for Fishing Appliance Licenses can be found at the Courier office (down stairs.)

A drilling contest is to take place at Gold Hill February 4th. The purse will be \$100 and the winning team takes the gate receipts. Admission 25 cents.

A. A. Davis, proprietor of the Medford flour mills, and one of the leading capitalists of that town, was in Grants Pass Monday placing orders for flour, his mill having a large trade here.

It is expected to have school begin in the Jewell district the first of March for a four months term. The district has 26 children of school age and the school house is on the Jerome Prairie road three miles south of Grants Pass. Stephen Jewell is the clerk and no teacher has yet been hired.

E. Betts, of the roundhouse force, was taken Tuesday to the railroad hospital in Portland for treatment for what was supposed to be a knot of the intestines. Word was received Thursday by his family that no operation was necessary and that he will be able to return home in a few days.

C. A. Dickson has purchased the half interest held by T. Y. Dean in the Fashion livery stable and is now the sole owner of that popular stable. Mr. Dickson will continue the business and be ready at all times to supply rigs of all descriptions and have both horses and vehicles first-class equal to the best in Southern Oregon.

Glen Fryer, a young man residing on Louse Creek, came near losing a foot Monday in an accident and as it is he was so severely injured that he will be unable to work for some time. Mr. Fryer was hewing timbers when the ax glanced and the blade laid open the top of his right foot, penetrating to the bone. Dr. Beard dressed the injured foot and it took five stitches to close the wound.

Mrs. A. Wright, mother of Mrs. W. A. Newell, and who makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law Assistant Postmaster W. A. Newell, has bought a 2½ acre tract of Mrs. Wm. Ledbrook. The land is improved and lies at the head of Ninth street and has a slightly location. Mrs. Wright, who will be assisted by Mr. Newell in bearing the expense, will have work begun at once to improve the grounds and to build a dwelling house, to which the family will move.

Roseburg is to have a new paper, the third for the town and the same number that Grants Pass now has. It is to appear next week and will be called the Bulletin, and will be republican in politics. The paper will be owned by Dr. J. W. Strange and his son Dale, the Doctor doing the editorial work and the young man, who is a practical printer, attending to the business and mechanical departments. The plant is from this city and was used in the office of the late Grants Pass Herald.

C. H. Sampson received this week from Old Town, Maine as a present from his brother, a handsome 20-foot canoe. This canoe is made after the pattern of the birch canoes but is constructed of thin strips of cedar reinforced with ash ribs, the whole covered on the outside with two thicknesses of canvas. Along the gunwales on each side is an air chamber which will prevent the boat from capsizing. Old Town has six or seven factories for the manufacture of canoes alone, which are shipped to all parts of the country. Mr. Sampson, as he expresses it, was raised in a canoe, and he will derive a great deal of pleasure from this gift.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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Railroad Lands for Lease

Lands of the Oregon and California Railroad Company, in Oregon, will be leased for the year 1906 subject to cancellation of lease in the event of the sale of the land during the term of the lease.

Owners of farms and ranches adjoining railroad lands should file their applications not later than February 1, 1906, after which date applications from others will also be considered. Address CHARLES W. EBERLEIN, Acting Land Agent, 1035 Merchants Exchange, San Francisco, Cal.

WILLIAMS

Joe Johnson made a business trip to the city last Friday.

George and Miss Katharin Chapman returned from Grants Pass Thursday.

Born—Wednesday, January 25, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. James Turvey, a son.

Ed Bingaman and Mat Chapman made a business trip to Grants Pass last week.

The Quarterly meeting will be held at the Kennedy Chapel next Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Tryer and little daughter, Remoh, went to Grants Pass Thursday to visit friends.

George Chapman left for Alaska last Thursday. His wife accompanied him as far as Jacksonville.

Mat Chapman and Ed Bingaman are preparing to go to Washington. Mr. Chapman has been engaged for the past two years in the shingle business, having a mill in upper Williams creek.

UPPER WILLIAMS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reel of Nebraska are visiting relatives at Williams.

The weather has been quite pleasant for about a week and looks like it would continue for some time.

For all there has been quite a bit of rain and snow, it has not made any water yet for the dry mine and this fine spell of weather makes them look discouraged.

Mrs. Manda Davis has returned to her home near Ashland from a visit to relatives here. She reported that farmers in her neighborhood were busy putting in crops. Webfoot.

Womans Relief Corps Meeting.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps met at their hall Saturday afternoon. A large attendance of members were present.

In reviewing the work of the past year a good advancement had been made both socially and financially. Also several requests for assistance from Department headquarters have been liberally granted. The various committee for the new year were appointed and their respective duties outlined.

The W. R. C. know they have a special work to do in the next few months in assisting the Post and citizens of Grants Pass to provide "ways and means" for the coming encampment to be held here in June.

While the Woman's Relief Corps stands pledged, first, to specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of their hero dead, these loyal women do not hesitate to extend a helping hand wherever want or sickness may be found. Written reports from the department and state officers show that at the close of the year 1905, a grand work has been done in the name of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

Mrs. A. Mallory, Press Cor. W. R. C.

Douglas County Merchants Union

E. L. Cannon of Roseburg, was in our city on Wednesday in the interest of the Merchants' Protective Association of Douglas county. Our leading merchants have joined the association, the object of which, as its name implies, is to protect the interests of the merchants and further their welfare. The organization was started in Roseburg a short time ago and was first merely local in its scope, but is now branching out so as to embrace most, if not all, of the merchants of the county. Most merchants sell more or less on credit. The good will of the merchants is often taken advantage of by people who either cannot or will not pay. The delinquent list of the association shows at once who is good pay and who is not deserving of credit. In older communities where the merchants' associations have existed for several years, valuable results have been achieved.—Glendale News.

The Original.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originators of Foley's Catarrh and Lung Remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Catarrh and Lung Remedy are offered for the genuine. Ask for Foley's Catarrh and Lung Remedy and refuse any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates and is safest for children and delicate persons. For sale by H. A. Rotermund.

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N. B.—Souvenir with each 10c package.

THE OILED ROADS OF CALIFORNIA

Are a Success in California, But a Failure in Some Eastern States.

The use of crude oil to lay dust, on railways and roads, has been tried extensively of late. In the East, although great hopes were at first entertained of its efficacy, it has generally been abandoned, while in the West, especially in California, it has been very successful and is looked upon as having passed the experimental stage. The reason for this difference appears to be in the quality of the oil used, that employed in California being much the heavier, says an editorial writer in The Railway and Engineering Review (Chicago, December 30):

"In the West, particularly in the Southwest, crossing the desert country, the use of oil for laying dust is now extensively in practice. The oil used is the crude petroleum obtained from California wells. This is a heavy oil having an asphaltum base, which renders it particularly adaptable to the purpose of laying dust and improving the ballast in other respects."

"In southern California the public roads quite generally are sprinkled with oil and a good result is obtained at cheap cost. The results on railway roadbed are obtained where the oil is applied to a ballast of adobe sand, which is a material quite widely found in that section of the country. The asphaltum of the petroleum unites with this sand and it cures into a hard covering which is waterproof, and where the ballast is properly sloped it gives the track good protection during the rainy season. This hard oil covering is about one-half inch thick, and is similar in appearance to the material of a tar and gravel roof."

"As already explained, the effect of the California oil is quite different from that of the lighter and thinner eastern oils. The experience on one road is to use the oil in such quantities that the ballast is thoroughly soaked to a depth of an inch or two under the bottoms of the ties. In this case the oil is not applied by sprinkling. The first thing that is done is to shovel the ballast from between the ties and heap it up at the ends of them. Oil tank cars are then hauled along and the oil is allowed to run out upon the tracks into puddles several inches deep between the ties. While this is soaking in the ballast that which has been thrown outside the track is put back, so that all of the ballast becomes thoroughly soaked with oil—in fact, over-saturated. The result is a heavy material which becomes hard and compact under the ties, practically waterproof and sterile to the growth of vegetation. With this oil there are no complaints of soiled clothing from oily dust, as has been the case with some of the roads in the East, particularly in New England. On the public roads and streets also the absence of dust and compact surface formed of the sandy ground gives results highly appreciated by the public. In Southern California and the desert country of the Southwest it seems to be well settled that oiled roadbed has passed the experimental stage."

Pioneer Grocer Retires.

T. B. Cornell has sold his grocery store to A. J. Pike and T. Y. Dean and the new owners assumed control Thursday. Mr. Cornell has been in business in Grants Pass for the past 13 years and he has made a financial success of his venture and he had one of the best grocery trades in the city to turn over to his successors. He will not leave Grants Pass, but after taking a well earned vacation will again go into business, but what line he has not decided on.

Of the new proprietors, Mr. Pike has been the head clerk in Mr. Cornell's store and he has proven himself to be a thorough business man and thoroughly reliable. Mr. Dean has an equally good standing in the business community of Grants Pass and the new firm begins their undertaking with every prospect of success.

The Yellow Fever Germ

has recently been discovered. It bears a close resemblance to the malaria germ. To free the system from disease germs, the most effective remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed to cure all diseases due to malaria poison and constipation. 50c at all drug stores.

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AL THOUSE

We are glad to make a note of Grandma Sewell receiving her pension. Two years have passed since she first applied for it. And time and again she would despair of ever getting it, when at last the letter came telling her the good news it lifted a great burden off her mind. Her friends all rejoice with her.

At last we are favored with a nice little snow storm. Who can say aught of the weather? All kinds of weather here. All through December there was scarcely a rainfall. Summer days were intermingled with calm, cool days when there was not even the chirp of a little bird, then came our cheerful little rains and now a nice little snow which is just what we desired. Who could be displeased with Oregon?

On January the 13th a cheerful party was organized at George Mathewson's, all eager to have a good time, regardless of the snowy weather. George arranged the wagon as the people did who crossed the plains and then the merry crowd started out to Roy Wells' where they were greeted with a hearty welcome by both host and hostess. Dancing began at an early hour and a tempting supper was served at midnight. Dancing was resumed until morning, when even then, they were loth to take their departure having been treated so nicely. The good time will long be remembered.

On Friday, January the 13th, a nice party was had at George Wells'. Everyone enjoyed themselves and pronounced this dance one among the best. As dancing is all the rage the social set concluded they couldn't let another week pass without having a party somewhere, and Mr. Gibbs' hall was the place decided on. All did full justice to the occasion Friday evening and danced all night till broad daylight and went home with the girls in the morning. Happy.

Lumbermen Visit California.

J. H. and T. W. Williams left Monday for a three weeks business and pleasure trip through California. They go first to San Francisco where they will spend three or four days, after which they will visit the Southern California cities. They will go to Los Angeles by the Coast railroad and after visiting the various sections of that part of the state will return north by way of the San Joaquin Valley.

The principal object of their trip is to investigate the lumber and box market of California. These gentlemen own a saw mill and a fine body of timber on Cheney creek and a small planing mill in this city, which they erected last Summer after selling their saw and door factory to the California Pine Box & Lumber Co., who are now operating it in connection with their other large plant in the city. The proposed railroad from Grants Pass to the Illinois Valley would pass not far from the mill and timber of Williams Bros. and if the railroad is built it would lessen the cost of transportation to Grants Pass, which is now done by team, to a rate that it would make it profitable to them to operate their sawmill the full time each season. This past season the mill was run but two weeks while cutting on a special order that Williams Bros. had to fill. Should the railroad be built and the lumber market conditions improve Williams Bros. will quite likely run their sawmill this Summer and also may enlarge their planing mill.

While in California they will thoroughly investigate the construction and cost of oiled and macadamized streets and roads. California has made a success of oiled roads, and it is proposed to give that system a trial on the streets of Grants Pass and also to try it on a section of sidewalk.

A Matrimonial Chance Lost.

A young woman working in a stocking factory, fearing her chances small for a life partner, wrote the following and slipped it into the toe of a gentleman's sock, says the Daily Trade:

"A young lady, good looking and of some means, would like to correspond with the wearer of this stocking, if he is single, with a view to matrimony."

A young man bought the sock, and said, "This is my chance." He wrote to the young lady, offering himself as a suitable party, and to his surprise, got this reply: "I have been married eight years and have a family of five children."

The merchant from whom he bought the socks had never advertised, consequently they had lain on his shelves for eight years.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of small children, for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by all druggists.

OREGON'S TAXABLE WEALTH.

The total increase in the value of taxable property in Oregon has increased from \$141,000,000 to \$309,000,000 in the last five years, or an increase of over 100 per cent. The greater part of this increase occurred within the past year, when an effort was made in several counties to bring assessments a little more nearly up to actual market values. As everyone knows, the assessed valuation is still far short of actual values in several counties, and probably in all of them. The greater gain has been in the assessed value of city lots, which

	1904 Value.	1905 Value.
Tillable lands.....	\$ 29,011,572.00	\$ 53,091,484.00
Non-tillable lands.....	43,436,719.64	53,477,738.80
Improvements on deeded lands.....	8,818,435.00	12,059,955.00
Town and city lots.....	32,518,051.00	70,306,998.00
Improvements on town and city lots.....	22,794,603.00	40,307,372.00
Improvements on lands not deeded or patented.....	554,749.00	944,111.00
Railroad bed.....	8,627,902.50	11,203,548.00
Telegraph and telephone lines.....	669,992.06	1,211,225.00
Street railway bed.....	669,775.00	1,816,245.00
Rolling stock.....	1,287,695.91	2,105,150.39
Steamboats, railroads, stationary engines, etc.....	4,066,423.00	7,191,337.00
Merchandise and stock in trade.....	8,598,335.00	18,340,525.00
Farm implements, wagons, etc.....	1,787,505.00	2,377,040.00
Money.....	1,169,036.00	8,762,037.00
Notes, accounts.....	5,874,202.00	3,877,458.00
Shares of stock.....	2,378,379.00	3,978,687.00
Household furniture, etc.....	4,408,338.00	5,636,656.00
Horses and mules.....	3,156,638.00	4,457,196.00
Cattle.....	5,634,548.00	5,968,154.00
Sheep and goats.....	2,633,610.00	2,837,997.00
Swine.....	172,682.00	206,006.00
Gross value, all property.....	\$188,058,281.11	\$317,956,730.19
Exemptions.....		7,700,081.00
Value of taxable property.....	\$188,058,281.11	\$309,256,649.19



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EVANGELISM CONTINUING

At the Church of Christ, Corner 4th and H Streets.

Mr. Bower has been continuing to do the preaching at the special meetings owing to the detention of Mr. Billington who was to be here to assist. The interest has constantly deepened and the audiences have been large and regular. Several have not missed a service. A number have been added to the church.

Mr. Billington will be here for Sunday, February 4th, and will do the preaching in the remainder of the meeting. The song service will continue to be a strong feature with books for all.

Mr. Bower invites all friends to meet Mr. Billington and to hear his sermon from Sunday on.

Luckiest Man in Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with the first bottle and 12 bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At all druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

W. R. Dickson spent Monday in Medford. Mr. Dickson until recently owned a fine farm near Table Rock and he yet has property interests in that county.

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