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DINNER ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVOLT INSTITUTE

Well Filled Lunch Baskets, an all Important Matter—Committee to Arrange Tables.

Editor Courier—As there seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of some on the committee on dinner for the Farmers Institute to be held at this place on the 17th inst., I wish to say that one and all are expected to bring their dinner as there will be three sessions at the institute, morning, afternoon and evening and by having a basket dinner it will enable those who come from a distance to get the benefit of both day sessions. Those who wish can bring lunch to have some for the evening and stay for the night session which will be as highly profitable as either of the other two sessions. So let all come who possibly can and assist in making this institute a great success.

Those on the committee on dinner are expected to bring a basket, and to see their neighbors and encourage them to come and bring a basket also with dinner enough for themselves and some over so that those who come who have no one to cook for them will not go away hungry. The committee is expected to take charge of the dinner at the institute and see that it is arranged all right.

Special notice was not given to each one on the committee as the editor informed me that each one had been sent a copy of the Courier with my report in on committees.

R. F. LEWMAN, Sec'y of Com. Provolt, Ore., Feb. 6, 1906.

The third number of the Lyceum entertainment course will be given Friday, February 23d. A medley program of songs, stories, costume selections and character delineations will be given by Mr. Ellsworth Plumstead.

Mr. Plumstead as an entertainer has no superior in his class. Press notices of the various cities from New Hampshire to Oregon speak very flatteringly of him.

Reserved seats will be on sale at the usual place, beginning Tuesday 20th, at 9 o'clock. Persons holding season tickets should remember to take same with them to secure reserved seats and also to present at the door on evening of the 23d.

A Healing Gospel.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a God-send to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores. Price 50c.

SOME PRACTICAL ROAD SUGGESTIONS

Supervisor Gentner Tells His Experience in Road Building—Favors Cash System.

C. F. Gentner was a caller at the Courier office Wednesday to express some positive and sensible ideas he has on the road subject, he being somewhat annoyed over a criticism made of his road work by the New Hope correspondent to the Courier. Mr. Gentner is road supervisor for the Murphy district and the correspondent had charged him with neglecting the roads in the New Hope part of the district. Mr. Gentner says that as he has each year but a limited amount of money and labor to spend upon the roads in his district he is compelled to better the worst places first and that as the roads in the New Hope section are on dry, sandy ground and always in fairly good condition he had to let them be as they are until the county will supply more road money. Of the washing out of a section of road and the destruction of a large culvert in the New Hope section, Mr. Gentner stated that damage was caused by some person in cutting trees for wood falling them so the brush of the tops formed a dam in the large ditch by the road side and turned the water during one of the big rains this winter down the road washing out the track and the culvert. A little care by the farmer in removing the brush from the ditch would have prevented this damage to the road, which amounted to fully \$25.

Another prolific cause of destruction to roads, says Mr. Gentner, are the irrigation ditches. So frequently the farmers neglect to shut the headgates when the winter rains begin. With every big rain or snow these ditches bring down a flood of water and as many of the ditches parallel or cross the roads the overflow water gullies out the roads and frequently carries out the culverts. An instance of what irrigation ditches do in winter floods is told by Mr. Gentner. Last year he graded and put a section of road in good permanent shape for team travel. During the winter the flood waters from one of the irrigation ditches tore the road to pieces and made it almost impassable. The seepage from the irrigating ditches in many places keep the roads full of mud holes even in the summer. Almost invariably wherever the ditches cross the roads a bad place for teams to pull over is made. There is either a deep ditch or a mudhole to pull through, or the ditch banked up on each side with a rickety culvert over it and a sharp pitch is made of 10 to 20 per cent for teams to pull over.

Mr. Gentner is a veteran road builder, having been supervisor in his district much of the time for the past 15 years. Has not accepted the position for the profit or the honor that came of it, for there was neither. He never got full pay for work he did and the loss of time from his farm work, and instead of honor maledictions were heaped upon him because the roads were not all made into turnpikes, while the farmers were to be allowed their own leisure and method of working out their road tax. The supervisor was blamed for all bad roads when really many times it was the county court that was at fault.

As to methods of road work Mr. Gentner holds that all road work in Josephine county should be done during February and March as the wet earth of the new grades packs with the first dry weather and becomes a hard roadbed. If the work is done in April or later the new grade at once dries out and becomes a dust bank for the summer and one great mudhole the following winter. Another feature favorable to February work is that men and teams can be hired then cheaper than later on when teaming and farming has fully begun. As to volunteer road work Mr. Gentner does not place great dependence on that method of securing a road crew. Last fall he had the promise of 14 farmers to come a certain day with their teams to haul gravel to rock a new section of road, on condition that he hire men to do the loading of the wagons. On the day appointed he had the required six shovellers on hand, but only six of the 14 teams were on duty to haul gravel. He thinks that it would be cheaper for the county to hire a regular road crew and have them work as they would for an individual or a company.

The larger part of the soil formation of Josephine county is of a nature that will make a firm roadbed, without a rock covering, if the road is but graded up well, thoroughly drained and firmly packed before teams are allowed upon it. On all the granite and sandy soils Mr. Gentner has proven that roads can be made that will be passable for loaded teams even during the wet season. He is confident that if the county would buy a large steam roller and when a road is to be built, first roll the roadbed, or foundation thoroughly so as to get

out all the soft places, then roll until packed so hard as to shed the surface water from rains and snows, each layer of earth placed on the road. Then giving the road a finishing roll to make its surface so hard that heavy freight teams will not cause ruts or chuckholes. Then at least twice a year go over the roads first with a Missouri drag to smooth the surface, where ruts may have formed and then with the steam roller to pack the earth again into place. By this method Mr. Gentner thinks good roads could be built and maintained in most of the districts of Josephine county at a small cost to the taxpayers.

MAIL CONTRACT AWARDED

Edward W. Herriott has the job for Another Four Years.

Edward W. Herriott has been awarded the contract to carry the mails for the next four years on the Grants Pass and Williams route, delivering mails to Murphy, Provolt and Williams. The service is to be daily, round trip, except Sunday, and the pay will be \$856 a year. The price for years past has been but \$385 a year, which did not half pay the operating expenses of the stage on which the mail was carried. Mr. Herriott's bondsmen are E. N. Provolt and A. F. Knox. The service on the present schedule is for the mail to leave Grants Pass at 7 a. m. and arrive at Williams at 12 noon leave Williams at 1 p. m. and arrive in Grants Pass at 5:30 p. m. After July 1st the schedule will be changed and the mail will leave Williams at 7 a. m. and arrive at Grants Pass at 11:30 a. m. and leave for the return trip at 1 p. m. arriving at Williams at 6 p. m. Mr. Herriott has carried the mail and operated a stage on this route for the past four years. He has been very prompt in the delivery of the mails and reasonable in his charges for passengers and freight, and he announces that he will continue to give a first-class service to the public.

MURPHY.

Now honest, somebody ought to tell Fred Knox that its time to dig carrots.

Wm. T. Perry was out this week looking after his Oscar creek mining interests.

Mrs. Franz Whetstone of Medford, with her two sons were visiting her uncle, J. W. Gilmore, the first of the week.

The young folks of the neighborhood had an enjoyable dance at the home of J. D. Wimer last Friday night. Always count on a good time at Jeff's.

Apparently Ed Cockerline and Thos. Leith have more faith in this sunny weather than they have in the ground hog as both are sowing grain this week.

The Misses Bessie and Annabelle Leith and Miss Florence Darneille, students of the Grants Pass High School were out to see home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Elmer Gilmore, who has been with his brother, Arthur, the past six months in the gold mines of California, is again among his many friends here and will farm the ranch recently bought by Arthur from the Bunch tract.

We Murphyites have great hopes for the coming railroad. All right, but we're not resting the plow horses preparatory to any great demand for scrapet teams just yet.

The annual meeting of the Murphy Ditch Company was held Monday at the residence of C. C. English. The election of officers resulted in C. C. English being re-elected president and C. N. Hathaway, secretary, P. B. Burrow, treasurer, and Geo. Walters, Geo. Altpeter and E. T. Perry directors. This is a co-operative irrigation company of 12 farmers in this district. The ditch takes water from the Applegate river just below the Murphy bridge and on its upper section it is six feet wide and two feet deep. The ditch was begun two years ago and each winter a section was completed. Work is now being done on the last section, which will be completed within a month. The ditch will terminate at George Altpeter's farm three miles below the intake. This ditch will make of New Hope one of the garden spots of Applegate Valley, for the soil is very rich and with water will produce big crops. Some of the higher land under the ditch is of granite formation and has been counted worthless for without water crops on it cannot withstand the dry weather of summer. Considerable of this land was put in crop last year and produced grass, grain and vegetables quite equal to the best bottom land. The granite soil being light and warm makes it the best of melon land and New Hope water melons and cantaloups should the farmer here take up their cultivation may become noted in the markets of Grants Pass and Portland.

Mryon Jennings was at Medford and other valley towns the first of the week.

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HOLLAND

Fine weather and farmers busy plowing.

T. A. Gynn and daughter, Marguerite, were in Holland, Mouday.

Mrs. F. P. Carroll made a trip to Brownstown on business this week.

Mr. Biers came to Holland this week for a load of supplies for his mine.

A. F. LeFont, a tombstone man from Central Point, was in our valley taking orders recently.

J. E. Hodgdon, landlord of the Holland house, made a trip to Kerby Saturday to attend Masonic lodge.

Willis Alden while loading baled hay at J. E. Holland's fell and injured his limbs quite badly last week.

Miss Ella Turner was the guest of Miss Lucile Smock Saturday, returning on the stage that evening to her home in Kerby.

H. A. Rotermund, of Grants Pass, made a visit to Holland and Brownstown last Sunday and returned to Kerby in the evening.

Frank Fowler, of the Gold Pick mines, and Jess Pinnell made a trip to the Biers mine on East fork of Illinois river on business.

Mart Gates, the packer, is now hauling rails and improving his farm.

Mrs. H. L. Gibbs, of Althouse, made a trip to the Robinson ranch on Sucker creek Monday.

H. M. Brown was in Holland this week buying beef hides. He will open a butcher shop in Kerby in the near future and put in a refrigerator and deliver meat every other day in the valley. Success to you, Harry.

Thomas Keffer and wife left Monday for the Gold Pick mines to take charge of the boarding house.

KERBY

Mrs. Hart is visiting Mrs. Simmons.

Mr. Clarke preached here Sunday evening.

The dancers reported a good time Saturday evening.

Mrs. Hansen and Woodcock visited the schools Thursday.

Mr. Frenholm's friend, Mr. Froze, is in town on business.

Mrs. Kellog has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Duncan, the past week.

Miss Gathrie's pupils had a real house cleaning bee Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade came over from their mine on Josephine creek Saturday.

Mr. Pennington, who has an interest in the Gold King mine, is stopping at The Pioneer.

Everest Brown has been visiting relatives in this vicinity lately. He returned to California Saturday.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

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Valentine Post Cards at Clemens.

Order seals and rubber stamps of A. E. Voorhies.

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Eyes carefully tested and glasses fitted to correct any defect of vision by Dr. W. F. Kremer, Courier building. Prices reasonable.

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Having bought a new lot of cloth at a bargain, the Grants Pass Tailoring company is now able to make a first-class suit at almost half the former price. Call and examine our goods and get prices Number 512, West G street, opposite Depot. 12-15 tf

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