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FARMER TELEPHONE LINES NOW THE GO

All Josephine County Soon to Have Complete System of Telephones

The Applegate Valley Telephone Company is now one of the fixed institutions of Josephine county, it having been incorporated last Saturday and the necessary papers sent to the secretary of state at Salem. Tuesday the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of Oregon were received from Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar and now the permanent organization of the Company will be effected at Provolet this Saturday afternoon. The expense of incorporating was \$10 for organization fee and corporation tax of \$2.66 paid to the secretary of state. This amount pays the tax to June 30 when \$10 will have to be paid for the state tax for the next fiscal year. The incorporation articles had also to be filed with the county clerk, the fee for which was \$1.25.

The incorporators were E. Badger and E. N. Provolet and Charles Meserve. C. O. Biglow of Williams had been chosen to act as one of the incorporators, but he was unable to come to Grants Pass Saturday to act and requested that Mr. Meserve take his place. The permanent organization of the company will take place at Provolet this Saturday when officers will be elected and the contract signed up with the Pacific States Telephone Company whereby free switching will be had for all rural lines in Josephine with the Grants Pass system and through that free switching is to be had for these rural lines one with the other. The order for the telephones will be placed and wire stringing commenced next week and it is expected to have at least 50 phones installed by April 15.

The residents of the western and northern sections of the county are taking an active interest in their proposed telephone company and it is expected that fully 100 members will be had at its formation. A meeting for the Rogue River farmers will be held at the Lee school house on Saturday, April 7, at 7:30 p. m. to organize for that section of the district. Then on the following Saturday, April 14, at 2 p. m. a meeting will be held at Merlin for Lower Rogue River Grave, Wolf, Jump-off-Joe and Louse creek sections. Mr. Meserve of the Courier, will be present at these meetings to assist in getting the Lower Rogue River Telephone Company properly organized, so that it can arrange for service with the Pacific States Telephone Company and with the three other independent companies that will cover the field embraced in the trade zone of the city of Grants Pass.

The last of April a telephone company will be organized for the Illinois Valley and later on one will be formed for that section of Rogue River above Grants Pass and embracing Evans and Foots creek valleys. It is certain that within a year 1000 rural telephones will be in connection with Grants Pass and Josephine county will have the first and the largest system of telephones having free switching over the entire territory of any county in Oregon.

To each of the first 12 boys, ages from seven to 15, who buy their Spring suit from us, we will give without extra cost a good watch. It is guaranteed to keep perfect time for one year.—Geo. S. Cahoon Co. 3-30 11

Miss Estella Chaddock of Roseburg arrived here Friday for a visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. G. Smythe.

PROFITS ON GRAPES BUILDS FINE HOUSE

Residence of Hon. A. H. Carson of Redlands Vineyard A Credit to the County.

A. H. Carson, who with his son, Louis Carson, owns Redlands vineyard located on the Applegate and which is the largest vineyard in Oregon, was in Grants Pass Saturday. Mr. Carson stated that his grape vines were in the best of condition and that the unusually heavy storm and cold snap the first of this month did not injure the vines at all. As grapes do not start their fruit buds for a month yet the frost did not effect the yield for this year.

Mr. Carson now has 37,000 grape vines in his vineyard and he will root 20,000 cuttings this spring. A part of these cuttings will be for vines to sell this Fall and Winter, but most of them will be for planting in his vineyard, it being the plan of Mr. Carson to increase his vineyard until he has 100 acres to grapes. That he has found grape growing profitable is proved by the fact that Mr. Carson has completed this winter by far the finest farm residence in Rogue River Valley. It is a nine-room building with every convenience of the best city home and the rooms are finished in Southern Oregon woods in their natural state. In the large sitting room there is a generous sized fireplace that has a mantel and jams of oak and madrone finished in a manner that would be an ornament to a \$10,000 city residence. This fine home has been fully paid for by the sale of grapes, and he shipped grapes by the ton last Fall. Mr. Carson had more orders than he could fill. Rogue River grapes are now getting a reputation in the markets of Portland for having a finer flavor and of being more juicy and a better table fruit than California grapes. The time is near at hand when Rogue River will be shipping hundreds of car loads of grapes each season to the markets of the north from Portland through to Nome in Northern Alaska.

W. R. C. Meeting.

The regular meeting of Gen. Logan W. R. C. No. 25 last Saturday had a large attendance.

The work was taken up according to the ritual and reports read by the chairman of each committee. All lines showed that patient and consistent work had been done; six new members were enrolled in March.

It was decided to meet every Saturday until accumulated business plans for the G. A. R. encampment and district reunion had been disposed of. General Orders No. 5 were read from Mrs. Jennie B. Harding, department president, in which she notes with pleasure the efficient work being done. To officers and members, ever remembering their pledges and motto—"Fraternity and Loyalty to one another and to our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Charity to each other and to all veterans many of whom need our sympathy and care."

The Roseburg Cottage fund has been cancelled, an obligation the W. R. C. of Oregon agreed to donate sufficient sum of money to furnish the cottages, which are now ready for occupancy.

Business over, a pleasant hour was spent entertaining Mr. Morris. It had been decided that he must be thanked personally for his beautiful and timely gift, the four silk flags, which he further improved by adding a white ornamental pole to each flag. After the gentleman had been captured and brought to the hall, he willingly or unwillingly—surrendered to the inevitable and accepted the greeting, thanks and refreshment with a hearty good will that gave pleasure to his entertainers. MRS. A. MALLORY, Press cor., W. R. C.

FINE STOCK IN ILLINOIS VALLEY

Farmers Raise Big Horses and Also Take up Dairying—Buy Percheron Horse

Will A. Leonard, a rancher of Sucker Valley, residing near Holland, was in Grants Pass Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Leonard formerly made beef cattle the chief product of his farm, but like many other cattlemen he became convinced that the continued low price of beef cattle of the last few years was due to the control of the market by the beef trust that now fully controls all the packing houses of the country, and he has turned his attention to dairying and to raising heavy draft horses. He is to be one of the patrons of the new creamery that is being erected in Sucker Valley and which will be the first in Josephine county. This creamery will be in operation by the 10th of April. Mr. Leonard is a member of both the Kerby Breeders Association and of the Josephine County Stockmen's Association and he is secretary of the latter organization.

The Kerby Breeders Association, of which U. P. George is president, and T. G. Burroughs is secretary, was organized last Fall by 19 of the progressive farmers of Illinois Valley for the purpose of purchasing a thoroughbred Percheron horse. A two year old horse was bought of McLaughlin Bros. of Columbus, Ohio, they had imported from France last Summer. The horse was on exhibition at the Lewis and Clark fair and took a prize and he was one of the most perfect horses ever brought to Oregon. The Association paid \$3000 for him and brought him to Kerby. Soon after his arrival he smashed a partition to his stall and almost tore one of his front legs loose from his body. Though the best surgical care was given the horse, blood poisoning set in and he died. An insurance of \$1000 had been placed on him in the Pacific Live Stock Association of Spokane. After repeated notifications and much correspondence the Company has agreed to pay the insurance on April 24. McLaughlin Bros. on learning of the loss of the horse notified the Association that they would give them the pick of their stable of horses at Kansas City, many of which are valued as high as \$5000, by the Association paying them the \$1000 insurance. This generous offer has been accepted and their insurance money being yet held back the members of the Association raised among themselves the \$1000 to be paid McLaughlin Bros., and \$350 for expenses in getting the horse here and have sent Secretary T. G. Burroughs and Nicholas Sauer to Kansas to make the selection. They are expected to arrive in Grants Pass the last of next week with a Percheron that will be quite the equal of their first purchase. The horse will be given a few days rest here and then be taken to Kerby.

This purchase by the Kerby Breeders Association will give Josephine county two thoroughbred Percheron horses, the other one having been purchased last Fall from McLaughlin Bros. by the Grants Pass Breeders Association. With such fine horses as these for the use of breeders the day will be passed for the horse that is too small to haul even a fair sized load, and too slow to win even a scrub race and too generally useless to bring over \$75 in the market. With this splendid beginning made the time is not distant when \$200 horses will be as plentiful in Josephine county as are now the little \$80 animals.

Butterworth Concert.

The Butterworth Concert, which was the last of the series of the Concert course, was given at the opera house last Saturday evening and was thoroughly enjoyable. Harry T. Butterworth, basso, was unable to sing, owing to a hoarseness which attacked him after reaching the hall. He, however, unwilling to disappoint his audience made an attempt, but it was apparent to the audience that his voice was in no condition. Hattie Reed Grace, the soprano soloist and whistler was very pleasing, while Miss Wallace, reader, delighted the audience. The playing of Miss Rosentower, violinist, was especially pleasing and she was repeatedly encouraged. Mr. Butterworth's engagement with the Lyceum Bureau will close this month and he will make a return trip, stopping in Grants Pass in about two or three weeks.

Mr. C. F. Tilton, whose husband is one of the leading dentists of Ashland, arrived in Grants Pass Tuesday to remain for several days while being treated by Dr. Findley for a trouble to one of her ears.

LELAND TO HAVE COAST WAGON ROAD

That Hustling Town After Trade That Grants Pass Should Readily Get.

Grants Pass, once almost the exclusive trading point for all Josephine county, is now faced with competition from many places, and it is up to the business men of this city to hold their prestige and trade that they may prosper and their town continue to make the fine growth it has in the past. The new railroad to the Illinois Valley and on to the coast will be a big factor in making Grants Pass the commercial metropolis of Southern Oregon. The system of rural telephones, with free switching from all parts of the county with Grants Pass, which has been brought about through the efforts of the Courier, will be another factor in bringing the outlying districts into closer touch with this city. When the illegal clause in the Grants Pass charter is abrogated and the city is put back into Josephine and pays road tax, as the farmers are now doing all alone, and the business men join with the farmers in making this city the center for a system of modern roads that shall be as passable to loaded teams in January as in July then will the third and greatest factor in the upbuilding of this city and county be put into action.

The business men of Leland realize full well the value of good roads as trade generators and they are joining with the business men of lower Rogue river and of Curry county in opening a road that will make a large and rich section of country tributary to their town. Their plan is to build a toll wagon road from Port Orford in Curry county to an intersection with the Southern Pacific railroad at Leland. The distance will be about 90 miles, and there is now 60 miles of the route open to travel by wagon road and trail. They will also put in a telephone line along the road.

This new venture to give Curry a direct outlet to the Southern Pacific railroad is headed by Capt. E. B. Burns of Marial and they have incorporated under the names of the Leland, Illabe and Port Orford Wagon & Toll Road and Telephone Co. Associated with Captain Burns in the initiative are two other Curry county gentlemen, Jacob Frye, of Illabe and J. D. Cooley, of Agness. The capital stock is fixed at \$100,000, divided into as many shares. For the present, Leland will be the headquarters of the company. The construction of the proposed road would tap one of the richest mineral and timber belts on the Pacific coast, hence the project is of the greatest importance to all of southwestern Oregon.

Reduced Round Trip Rates Eastern Points Season 1906.

On July 2d and 3d, August 7th, 8th and 9th and September 8th and 10th, 1906, Round Trip tickets will be on sale to points named under the following conditions:

Both ways through Portland, to Chicago, \$80.45; St. Louis, \$75.45; Milwaukee, \$78.65; St. Paul and Minneapolis, \$68.95; Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, St. Joseph, Atchinson, Leavenworth and Kansas City, \$68.95.

One way through Portland, and one way through California, to Chicago, \$85; St. Louis, \$81; Milwaukee, \$83.20; St. Paul and Minneapolis, \$81.40; Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, St. Joseph, Leavenworth and Kansas City, \$73.50.

Tickets will be sold to Milwaukee, only on August 7th, 8th and 9th.

Limits: Going, 10 days; tickets must be used going on date of sale; final return limit 90 days from date of sale but not beyond October 31, 1906.

Stopovers: Stopovers will be granted in either direction within the transit limits, west of Missouri River, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, also New Orleans, when through that point, except that no stopovers will be permitted in California on going trip. A. L. CRAIG, G. P. A.

Dedication Services.

The dedication of the Free Methodist church will take place this Sunday at 11 a. m. The services will be conducted by Bishop E. P. Hart of Alameda, Cal. Bishop Hart is one of the ablest pulpits orators on the Pacific Coast and his discourse will be certain to be of a high order. A cordial invitation is extended to the pastors and members of the other city churches to attend and the invitation

QUEER FREAK OF BIRD AND ANIMAL

White Raccoon Killed, Also a Cross Between a Quail and Chicken-Spotted Blackbird.

The Courier office has two additions to its exhibit of Josephine county products. One is an evergreen blackberry vine grown on the farm of Jimmie McCann in Slate Valley near Wilderville, and the other is a white raccoon skin. The blackberry vine is 26 feet, four inches long and is all of last year's growth and it is lengthy proof of the fertility of Slate creek soil. Mr. McCann came from the East two years ago and last year drove a stage on the Grants Pass and Crescent City line. Last Fall he bought a small farm adjoining that of County Commissioner Lovelace and with his mother he has taken up the life of a farmer. He is making substantial improvements and will keep cows and grow fruit as his principal vocation.

The white raccoon skin was sent to the Courier by C. A. Conner, who resides near Wilderville and who in addition to being a farmer is deputy state game warden for Josephine county. It was on Briggs creek that Mr. Conner ran across this freak of the coon tribe, for a regulation coon is grey with dark bands.

Mr. Conner shot the animal and brought the skin home with him. Mr. Conner is a hunter of years' experience and he states that this is the first white coon he ever saw. While there are many coons in Rogue River Valley, but old hunters say they never have seen one in all their trips through the woods.

In the line of freaks of nature there is an exhibition in Veatch's cigar store in this city, a stuffed bird that is undoubtedly a cross between a quail and a bantam chicken. It is some larger than a quail and his feathers have markings of both quail and the bantam.

It was shot on the bank of Rogue river just east of this city this winter.

A freak blackbird has been frequently seen of late with a flock of blackbirds that were ranging in the north part of the city. This bird was mottled with pure white spots all over its body and fully half of its tail and wings feathers were as white as the plumage of an arctic owl. It was the same size of the other blackbirds and has all the characteristics of those birds.

is also extended to the citizens in general to be present.

Bishop Hart will arrive this Friday evening and will remain until Monday. He will preach this Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday evenings. Presiding Elder W. E. Goode, of Medford, who has been in the city for the past week assisting the pastor, Rev. E. I. Harrington in holding a series of revival meetings, will be present for the dedication and assist in the exercises.

Miners' banks at the Courier office.

ARTESIAN WATER FOR ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

A Flowing Well at Ashland and More Wells to Be Bored With Probable Success.

That artesian water can be had in many places in Southern Oregon is the opinion of many persons posted on the geology of this section. An effort to find artesian water is being undertaken in Jackson county in Ashland and vicinity. The result of this effort will be watched with much interest by residents of Josephine county for if artesian water can be had in Jackson county it is quite likely that this underground water supply can be had in this county.

Of the progress in securing artesian water at Ashland and vicinity the Tidings of that city says the following: "Truxel's well boring outfit, which has been operating in this vicinity for several months past, will begin boring this week for artesian water on M. L. Pellett's orchard farm near Talent. Mr. Pellett has contracted for 800 feet and the boring will be carried to that depth unless a flowing well should be obtained at a lesser depth, in which event the number of wells will be increased. Much interest is manifested in the boring experiments to be conducted in the Talent vicinity as they are fraught with the greatest importance to all farmers and fruit growers.

"The artesian flow which was struck at the round house in the railroad yards at Ashland some months ago, which was the first work done by Truxel's outfit here, continues to attract considerable attention. The other day as an experiment a large 16-foot stand pipe was attached to the well and the water quickly raised and flowed over the top of it though the connection at the ground level was a crude one and permitted of leakage."

Wilderville Wants Telephones.

J. C. K. McCann, who conducts a well stocked and the only store at Wilderville, was in Grants Pass Friday, ordering goods of drummers and also to look after property interests he has in this city.

Mr. McCann stated that all the farmers of his vicinity were very much interested in the formation of the rural telephone company that is to bring free switching on all lines with the Grants Pass system. There is quite a large settlement of which Wilderville is the center and Mr. McCann thinks that sufficient patrons can be had to justify installing a central office at that place. The new railroad that is to be built this Summer from Grants Pass to Takilmas will pass through Wilderville and it is expected to give quite a boom to the village and the farming, mining and timber interests of the adjoining sections.

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