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Interesting Facts of Early Days as Told by a Former Editor of the Courier.

Editor Courier:

Continuing my narrative of events of early days as taken from files of feet, length over all 510 feet; cost, complete, \$9750. It was built by state appropriation, the sum given Josephine county by the state being the state treasurer the remaining \$250.

sonville voted in the legislature for the appropriation and through the Courier received the thanks of the citizens of Grants Pass.

Dear old Judge P. P. Prim of Jack-

August, 1886, Hon. A. A. Booth resigned as editor of the Drain Echo, taking up his residence in Grants Pass in the employ of the Sugar Pine Door and Lumber Co.

Dec., 1886, at a public meeting by special call of H. B. Miller and S. U. Mitchell, a resolution was passed 54 ...Timber Interests' (this article was was Shultz's attorney to execute the to II favoring the incorporation of the town. S. U. Mitchell was elected chairman and H. L. Benson secretary. On motion the chair appointed the following committee to frame the first charter for Grants Pass: H. B. Miller, Sam White, the attorney, H. L. Benson, W. J. Wimer and Chas. K. City or country calls attended night Chanslor, county clerk. On motion or day. Sixth and H. Tuff's building. of Mr. Miller, S. U. Mitchell was made chairman of the committee. The incorporation bill was bitterly fought in the legislature by some of our best citizens. Messrs. Sol Abraham of Roseburg, Jonathan Bourne of Portland, Davis Brower and George W. Riddle were prominent men opposed. Several petitions were sent to Salem against it but it passed and cecame law with but few dissenting votes. The bone of contention was the water bond clause. Many supposed that the charter if adopted would carry with it a bonded indebtedness of \$40,000. The committee was divided on that issue; three were in - . OREGON favor of traming the charter so that it would carry the bonded indebtedness, while three were opposed to it. Davis Brower refused to attend the open meetings of the committee and yet openly declared that the charter as framed would fasten this debt upon the people. He prepared a long article for publication in the Courier in which he denounced the charter committee as corrupt and betraying the trust reposed in it. When I refused it space because of its language and falseboods contained he went about OREGON and said that the Courier had refused their side a hearing. The Courier demanded that the town be incorporated and cleaned up; the dangerous stove pipes, of which there were Practices in all State and Federal Courts about two dozen in the block bounded Office over Hair Riddle Hardware Co. by Front and H and Fifth and Sixth OREGON streets, removed and the hogs penned

up. On March 7, 1887, the charter election was held. It was perhaps the bitterest election fight the city has ever had. Every voter and vote were watched and counted as they passed their ballots in at the court house window. The vote stood 102 for and 79 against; whole number of votes cast 181. The ayes were very "I'll tell you what I wanted with jubilant, some of whom made quite a those 30 big dollars. Last night at demonstration that night. Those onposed were resigned to their fate and soon heartily took up with the new order of things.

The larger portion of all this strife he was strongly in favor of incorporation but later opposed it and denied Surveys promptly and accurately that he ever did favor it. At one of our public meetings F. W. Van Dyke, with that frank courage so E. PETERSON the chairman stated that Mr. Brower had been very outspoken in favor of incorporation and that he had so stated to several of our citizens. Mr Brower jumped to his feet and denied the assertion as false and demanded that the Mr. Van Dyke produce the persons who ever heard him say so. At this juncture Mr. Van Dyke cooly turned to the andinece and pointing out, affected, 'God bless the sinners of named a half dozen prominent men present to whom Mr. Brower had so Estimates and bids fusnished on expressed himself. Some of these action but all of them gave evidence by their silence that Mr. Brower had Office, Room 3 Masonic Temple, so stated to them. This blow Mr. shifty Brower several degrees. The pupils enrolled. Courier in its remarks upon the result dove for the cabbage stalk supposed to times a week.

it spoke volumes for incorporation. "The artesian well at the brewery is Dangers of a Cold and How to Avoid Them Dimick, \$40; M. W. Wneeler, \$35; suppose." across Rogue river at Grants Pass was completed. The main span was 175 port, Henry Rogers, Jonathan Bourne ation the penalty being 50 cents per M. Clemens.

ern Oregon. " The first pamphlet ever issued by hog who dared to break one of the Josephine county, setting forth her ordinances of the newly incorporated advantages, was issued by the Jose- burg. phine county board of immigrat on, One more item in reference to the Lumber Co, 's mill at Grants Pass.

house

by the Pacific Bridge Co., Portland, case and from the woman's sincerity

Oregon. Church for the purpose of raising the did pay the principal and interest of necessary funds to send the minister the note and Mr. Shultz's expenses to Albany of this state. Those present and attorney fees. W. J. WIMER, labored hard but failed utterly. One of the elders got up and said that they were short just \$30 of raising son, who was not present at the meet-

no questions asked." I dug for it almost trembling in my boots, fearing
We will give One Hundred Dollars ed it over to him and away he went muttering "I must raise 30 of them and want nothing but big dollars." Later I met him and expressed surprise that he had not gone out on the last train. "No" said the Professor, the Methodist business meeting they lacked \$30 of having money enough to pay Uncle John McIntire's expenses to Albany, and a red headed deacon, who was entirely off his feed, bobbed could be expected from the sinners of Grants Pass.' I made up my mind I do you know, that when I made my presentation speech and laid those 30 him that I tendered them to him on he filled up so full he could not talk and tears as large as big peas chased each other down over his bonest old Grants Pass. ' "

During the heavy snow storms of the Winter of 1886, I noted in the

Van Dyke lowered the prestige of the the Grants Pass school district had 12 ed. Health, vigor and tone predomi-

of the incorporate election, r versed ing the first mail route schedule from his name saying it was his r ward for Grants Pass to Crescent City, No. 44178 his valiant services, which made him seven trips a week on 19 hours in very mad. Immediately after incor- Summer and 27 hours Winter run, to poration a big black hog, whose habi- take effect July 1st, 1886. Hon. Binhied herself around to the slop barrel get the route adopted by the departin the back lot lof the old original ment. The previous service was from Drug Co. and at Rotermund's. Palace hotel and climbing the barrel Jacksonville to Crescent City three

ter, Geo. W. Riddle, H. L. Daven- being forbidden from the incorpor- tem to a healthy condition. Sold by stores. and Chas Hughes deserve everlasting head, some small boys became very son county land by which we have they arrested them and turned them preciation and honor by returning to acquired the best little town in South- over to the city marshal, being care-

> 1885, which consisted of the following wily Brower and I am done with him. members: F. W. Van Dyke, Grants Mrs. Blackwood owned the old Palace Pass; W. J. Wimer, Waldo; Chas. hotel. She owed A. F. Shultz \$20 and Hughes, Kerby; J. S. Denise, Wilder- wanted to borrow \$500 of him. In ville; A. H. Carson, Murphy. Its order to collect the \$20, he made the articles were written by Sandford on loan and gave her \$480 and took a 'Agriculture,' Wimer on "Mining mortgage on the Palace for \$500. Interests," VanDyke "Riffe, Rod, Gus Mr. Shultz, living at Canyonville, and Climate," Alex Burgess on left the money with me. Mr. Brower written by H. B. Miller) Homer mortgage, it to run two years. When Harkness of Grave Creek on "Scenery the mortgage came due I was in Caliand Natural Curiosities." This pam- fornia. Mrs. Biackword had never phlet had but one illustration and that received but \$460 from Brower. She was a cut of the Sugar Pine Door & went to Brower about tois. He told her that he gave her all the money I The first public hall was built by had given him and not only advised the band boys on Fifth street near her that she had been swindled by the present site of Ablt's packing Mr. Shultz through me but it was a clear case of usury and that she could The first Applegate bridge was built beat the mortgage and he actally took by the San Francisco Bridge Co. in the case as her atterney to contest the very mortgage which he had made as The Rogue river bridge was built Mr. Shultz's attorney. They put up a it seemed that \$20 of the \$480 had been Rev. John McIntire, if not the first kept by Brower or myself. Mr. Methodist minister, came early. He Shultz employed Wm. M. Colvig to was a steruly conscientions man with enforce the mortgage, who sought my that air about his symmons that if the deposition. I volunteered to come up shoe fits, etc. Some of the more en- at my own expense rather than to alterprising brethren believed that a low him to smirk my character, man more up-to-date and not quite so When Mr. Shultz, Mr. Colvig, County pointed in his public utterances would Clerk Chanslor and myself appeared build up the church more rapidly. In in Mr. Brower's office to take my March, 1887, his health failing, the deposition the whole combination rev. gentieman resigned. A business collapsed like an egg shell and Mr. meeting was held at the little M. E. Brower became suddenly willing and

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

Waldo, March 19, 1906.

enough money to meet the necessiry by local applications, as they cannot expenses. Another arose in despair reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one and remarked that it was "useless to expect any aid from the sinners of Grants Pass." Someone present carried this remark to Prof. H. L. Benson, who was not present at the meetson, who was not present at the meet-ing. Early next morning the Profess-and when it is entirely closed, deafor may have been seen galloping ness is the result, and unless the in-across lots in quest of special sinners flammation can be taken out and this whom he had in his mind. He headwhom he had in his mind. He head-ed me off crossing the railroad tracks nine cases out of 10 are caused by saying "I want a big hog dellar and Catarrh, which is nothing but an in-

I did not have it, but fortunately it for any case of deafness (caused by came in sight and I promptly hand-ed it over to him and away he went Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for cirulars. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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Who a amount subsection 21886 50 and the cine in use for this disease. It acts Kings New Discovery and I am happy Who e amount subscribed \$1886.50, construction of the court house and on nature's plan, loosens the cough, it saved my life," Cures the Courier of December 10th, 1886, jail. J. M. Chiles opened his store of early days as taken from files of the Courier of December 10th, 1886, jail. J. M. Chiles opened his store relieves the lungs, opens the secretions tonsilitis, weak longs, hoarseness and the Courier in my possession, I find says "Hon. H. B. Miller, A. A. Por April, 1886, About this time hogs and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by stores, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle

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