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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GRANTS PASS

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 the Courier in my possession, I find that in August, 1886, the first bridge across Rogue river at Grants Pass was completed.

Dear old Judge P. P. Prim of Jacksonville voted in the legislature for the appropriation and through the Courier received the thanks of the citizens of Grants Pass.

Dec., 1886, at a public meeting by special call of H. B. Miller and S. U. Mitchell, a resolution was passed 54 to 11 favoring the incorporation of the town.

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. Chanslor, county clerk.

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it spoke volumes for incorporation. The court house was built in 1886. Those who subscribed toward the location fund in sums of \$25 and upward were H. B. Miller, \$250; George W. Riddle, \$100; Campbell & Tufts, \$100; J. W. Howard & Co., (J. W. Howard and Chas. Nickell), \$100; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Toffe, \$50; Ben Dimick, \$40; M. W. Wesseler, \$25; Sam Harkness, \$25; T. P. Lee, \$25. Who's amount subscribed \$1886.50.

The Courier of December 10th, 1886, says "Hon. H. B. Miller, A. A. Porter, Geo. W. Riddle, H. L. Daveport, Henry Rogers, Jonathan Bourne and Chas. Hughes deserve everlasting praise for their efforts in behalf of Josephine county for securing the annexation of four townships of Jackson county land by which we have acquired the best little town in Southern Oregon."

The first pamphlet ever issued by Josephine county, setting forth her advantages, was issued by the Josephine county board of immigration, 1885, which consisted of the following members: F. W. Van Dyke, Grants Pass; W. J. Wimer, Waldo; Chas. Hughes, Kerby; J. S. Denise, Wilderville; A. H. Carson, Morphy.

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The artesian well at the brewery is the grandest thing in Grants Pass. The water is no more like the water in the wells than day is like its opposite. It is undoubtedly heavily charged with carbon, causing it to sparkle like a thousand stars; clearness does not describe it.

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Dangers of a Cold and How to Avoid Them. More fatalities have their origin in or result from a cold than from any other cause. This fact alone should make people more careful as there is no danger whatever from a cold when it is properly treated in the beginning.

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Doctors Are Puzzled. The remarkable recovery of Kenneth Melver, of Vancouver, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends.

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