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GRANTS PASS SCHOOLS CLOSE WORK FOR YEAR

Been a Success and Outlook Encouraging for Next Term—
Large Class Next Year.

The schools of Grants Pass closed their work for the year last Friday and in the evening the commencement exercises were held in the opera house. The stage was tastily decorated with the class colors of white and green and flags and bunting. Flowers in profusion gave added beauty to the scene and bouquets in plenty were for the graduates. There was a large attendance of the patrons of the schools and they greatly appreciated the interesting features of the program.

The exercises opened by a well rendered instrumental selection by an orchestra made up of pupils of Prof. W. A. Henry. City Superintendent R. R. Turner then read his report of the work of the schools for the term. The showing made was very gratifying to teachers and parents and gave proof that the schools of Grants Pass were such that the citizens of the city could be proud of and that they equaled the best grade and high schools in the state. Subjoined is a synopsis of the report of Supt. Turner.

A vocal solo by Mrs. W. L. Ireland was exceedingly well rendered and was given a hearty encore by the audience.

President P. L. Campbell of the State University had been engaged to deliver the address, but he could not reach the city in time to meet his appointment. President Campbell was in Jackson county where he had delivered the addresses at the Jacksonville and Medford high school commencements and was stranded at Medford by reason of trains not running, the Southern Pacific being tied up by a big landslide in California. The lack of trains also stranded Hon. W. C. Hawley, of Salem, in Grants Pass, he having given the principal address at the republican rally in this city the previous evening. At the request of Supt. Turner and Chairman Gilkey, of the school board, Mr. Hawley made the address of the evening. Brains, that most valuable of finished products, Mr. Hawley took as his theme and he made a most convincing argument in favor of boys and girls, men and women acquiring the greatest brain efficiency and capacity possible. Brute force no longer ruled the world or brought success to the individual in any walk of life. His address was scholarly and of high merit and made a fine impression on the young people of the school and on the older persons present.

A very pleasing selection by the orchestra under Prof. Henry was rendered after which H. L. Gilkey, chairman of school board presented the High school graduates with their diplomas. There were four in the class, Daisy Cole, Blanche Ferdine, Addie Robinson and Dale Williams and the young ladies had each made fine records in school and attained high ratings in the examination papers. That the class was so small and that it contained no boys was commented on by Chairman Gilkey in his address and he attributed it to the spirit of commercialism now dominating the land. The average boy and girl so soon as old enough earn money, imbibing this spirit, quit school some even before the high school grades were reached and went out in the world but half

prepared for the struggle of life. Mr. Gilkey laid special stress on the working value of an education and expressed the hope that parents would more fully realize the need of at least a thorough common school education for their children and would keep them at their studies until they had completed the high school course.

For the school year of 1906-7 the expectation is that the Grants Pass High School will have the largest enrollment in its history, for there has been an unusually large eighth grade class graduated from the schools of this city and from the schools of the county. It is expected that fully 60 pupils will enter the high school for the next term as there are 28 eighth grade graduates from the Grants Pass schools and 12 who passed in the recent examination except in one or two studies and these they will take at the June examination. There will be fully as many graduates from the other schools of the county as from this city.

The following are the scholars of the Grants Pass schools who passed the eighth grade the recent examination:

Roy Cheshire, Clifford Dean, James DeLameter, Geo. Fay, Errol Gilkey, Lionel Gordon, Henry Newell, Dale Sturgis, Stewart Dishrow, Gladys Archer, Marion Clarke, Electa Chapman, Jessie Cargill, Alice Huggert, Pearl Kerns, Emma Loughridge, Emma Letcher, Fannie Montgomery, Jose McCarthy, Geneva Myers, Laocasta Mangum, Zora Perry, Alma Wolke, Vera Whipple, Fannie Yost, Clea Williams, Myrtle Moore, Maud Peachey, Orville Whipple.

The report of City Superintendent Turner showed that the enrollment for this term had been 962, for last year 896 a gain of 66. Average daily attendance 67 for this term and for last term 58, a gain of 9. Cases of tardiness for this term 159 and for last term 204, a decrease of 45 for this year, a good showing as the enrollment was much larger than for last year.

The following is the roll of honor of those making the best standing in attendance, deportment and writing:

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WILL BUILD EIGHT ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE

Bonds of \$15,000 Voted and New
Brick to Be Completed
This Summer.

The election Monday on an issue of \$15,000 in bonds for funds to build the Third Ward school house resulted in an almost unanimous vote in favor of the proposition. In anticipation of the bonds being voted the board has had plans prepared for an eight-room brick building and have advertised for bids for its construction. All bids must be in by June 5 and Chas. E. Burggraf of Albany, the architect, will be in Grants Pass this Friday to meet bidders who may wish further information as to plans and specifications for the building.

The new building is to embody all the latest ideas in school architecture and will be a credit to Grants Pass. An innovation to Southern Oregon schools will be a play ground of an acre adjoining the grounds of the building this tract having a part of it in a handsome grove of shade trees. The building is to be completed ready for the opening of school which will be the second Monday in September.

JUDGE BOOTH CLEARS UP CHAUSSE FOG

Clearly Shows That Charges
Against Him Have No
Foundation.

Editor Courier: I note that in the issue of the Oregon Observer of date May 23, 1906, F. W. Chausse makes reference to the county court's allowance of certain bills in favor of Dr. F. W. Kremer, with the intention apparently of casting some reflection on me personally, because of the matters connected with the allowance of his bills, and I desire through your columns to make a true statement of the facts, in order that no impression may go abroad that there is anything in the transactions which was not strictly proper and just.

It will be remembered that during the Spring and Summer of 1903 there was an epidemic of smallpox in the outlying districts of this county.

For the purpose of providing medical assistance in case of such epidemics, the legislature, in its regular session of 1903, passed an act which was approved and went into effect February 18, 1903, which gave the State Board of Health power to compel county boards of health and all other persons to cause any special disease and mortality to be abated and removed, and provided for a fine of \$100 in case of each violation of any order of the State Board.

Upon the disease threatening to become epidemic in Josephine county, the State Board of Health took charge of the matter under its legislative powers, and repeatedly ordered the county board to quarantine the various cases, and to furnish necessary medical assistance.

Dr. W. F. Kremer was under contract with the county to furnish necessary medical assistance to county paupers and indigent poor, but his contract did not cover extraordinary services performed for others under the orders of the State Board of Health.

The County Commissioner's Court endeavored to compel the State Board to pay these extraordinary expenses occasioned through their orders, and I personally and at my own expense went to Portland to confer with the State Board in an endeavor to relieve Josephine county of the expenses, but I found that no provision had been made by the legislature for the payment of such expenses, but that the State Board required the various counties to defray all expenses so occasioned within their limits, and it therefore became incumbent upon the board of county commissioners to make proper allowances for payment of these expenses.

The first bills that were presented by Dr. Kremer and Dr. Love were cut down by the county commissioners considerably below the amount claimed, and Dr. Kremer was very much dissatisfied at the amounts allowed, and was proposing to take action against the county to compel the payment of the usual fees and charges. When the bills referred to in Mr. Chausse's articles were presented to the county court by Dr. Love, the matter of the previous allowances was discussed, and it was suggested by Dr. Love that if the county commissioners would increase these claims about 10 per cent that it would be accepted in settlement of Dr. Kremer's claims for previous services. Dr. Love at this time had charge of Dr. Kremer's business and was conducting it. After due consideration the county court concluded that it would be advisable to adjust the dispute and relieve the county from further liability by making Dr. Kremer an additional allowance, all of which was done, and the warrants accepted in full satisfaction and discharge of Dr. Kremer's claims against the county.

It is insinuated in the article that the warrants or the proceeds thereof came to me. The fact in that matter is this: when the warrants were issued they were turned over to Dr. Love and by him turned over to me and sold to the bank at 90c and by Dr. Love's directions were applied to pay certain drafts and claims of wholesale houses and others against Dr. Kremer, that were then lying in the bank awaiting payment, and this is absolutely the only connection with or interest in the matter that I have ever had.

In endeavoring to smirch me in this transaction Mr. Chausse brings into question the official integrity of the two county commissioners who sat in

the board sessions and who acted in these matters.

Had these expenses been voluntarily incurred by the county court, then Mr. Chausse might be entitled to question our judgment and business acumen in subjecting the county to such expenses, but no right minded person would attempt to condemn me or the county commissioners for allowing bills which were forced upon the county by operation of law and the acts of a superior board over which we had no control.

J. O. BOOTH.

I have read over the preceding article, shown me by Judge Booth. I remember clearly that one bill which was put into the county in my name, while I was in Dr. Kremer's employ, was cut in two in the middle by the court. I also remember that I discussed with Judge Booth, that fact, and insisted that it should have been allowed. My recollection is that I caused the bills at Dr. Kremer's, referred to in Judge Booth's article, to be prepared by our bookkeeper and then sent them to be presented to the court, which was done. Subject to these modifications, I believe Judge Booth's article fairly states the facts in the premises, as clearly as I can now remember them. D. P. LOVE.

PROVES GRANITE LAND WILL PRODUCE CROPS

Jump-off-Joe Farmer is Making
Money by Modern Inten-
sified Farming.

The idea has been dominant in Rogue River Valley since its first settlement that only the rich, bottom lands were fit for agricultural purposes and this belief was given some foundation by the failures of many farmers who attempted to grow crops and fruit on the less favored lands of the Valley. What is known as the Flanagan ranch in Jump-off-Joe Valley, seven miles from Grants Pass, has been a fair illustration of so many Josephine county ranches for heretofore it has been a losing venture to all who have handled it. Last year this tract of land, which consists of 720 acres, was purchased by P. H. Jewell, who came here from Columbia county in this state. Mr. Jewell is a farmer who uses his brains quite as much as his muscle and is an alert student in modern agricultural methods.

The land he purchased is largely of the much detested granite soil yet Mr. Jewell saw that it could be made to produce crops as has been demonstrated by other progressive farmers in this county. By deep plowing, early planting and by shallow and frequent cultivation to conserve the moisture Mr. Jewell was confident that he could make the land a profitable investment. And this he is demonstrating in a most satisfactory manner for he has 30 acres of fine grain and an acre each of sugar beets, carrots and beans that give promise of a good yield. He has a fine patch of corn and an acre of potatoes. That the potatoes will yield a good crop is now an assured fact for Tuesday he brought the first to Grants Pass, leaving a mess of as fine Early Rose as a cook would wish to serve. As his potatoes are the first on the market, Mr. Jewell has more orders than he can fill at three cents a pound, as against a cent a pound later in the season. Mr. Jewell is only growing a small acreage this season while testing his land and the demands of the ket, but he expects to next year increase his crop area.

Mr. Jewell is also taking up dairying and hog and poultry raising so as to diversify his industry and also to enrich the fertility of his soil. He is now milking eight cows and he expects to milk 20 during the winter months when the price of cream is highest. He ships his cream to the Medford creamery, as there is no creamery in Grants Pass, or in Josephine except near Kerby in the Illinois Valley. Mr. Jewell has about a hundred hogs and he is convinced that there is profit in them that he will keep a large number on his farm. Tuesday he brought a wagon load of live, fat hogs to the Grants Pass market and he plans to have hogs to sell from time to time during the year, which with the monthly receipts from cream will give him a steady income. Mr. Jewell sowed a field of vetch this Spring but the crop will be light as the seeding was too late. Hereafter he will sow early in the Fall.

Mr. Jewell will also engage in fruit-raising and he has 10 acres of bearing trees, half to apples and half to peaches. The trees are well loaded and the quality of the fruit promises to be very fine. Mr. Jewell will study the soil conditions of his land and if he finds that he has a favorable location will plant a large orchard.

FIRST CREAMERY IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Located in Illinois Valley and is
a Fine Plant—Begins Op-
erations June 15.

The industrial development of Josephine county is coming on apace and one after another of the causes that drain the county of cash, sent away for products that could be produced here, is stopped. The first flour mill in the county was put in operation two months since in Grants Pass is turning out a high grade of flour and is building up a satisfactory business, but could do better if the housewives of Josephine county would give their preference when ordering flour to the brands made by the Grants Pass mills, provided the quality and the price are equal to that of the imported flour.

Butter is another article the importation of which takes thousands of dollars each year out of Josephine county, but this drain on the wealth of the community is certain at no distant date to cease. As a result of the farmers institutes held in Josephine county by Dr. Withycombe and his staff from the State Agricultural College, in which the farmers were told of the steady and profitable income to be had from dairying, that industry is being taken up quite extensively in various sections of this county. Large quantities of cream are now being shipped from Grants Pass and Merlin to Medford and Portland creameries, while large quantities of butter is made by farmers who do not ship cream. A creamery will be quite certain to be erected at Proville this year and within the near future there will be creameries at Merlin and Wilderville. There may though be built at Grants Pass, where the market would be for the butter and the buttermilk, one big creamery that would handle the cream from all sections of the central and northern parts of the county.

The southern part of the county now has a creamery in course of construction and it will be in operation by the last of next week. Wednesday the last two loads of machinery were taken by team from Grants Pass for the creamery, the teams being in charge of Carl Johnson, one of the owners of the creamery, and Wm. McKenney of Kerby. The other machinery has been hauled out and is being set up. The creamery is located at the junction of the Grants Pass and Crescent City stage road and the Sucker Valley road and is in the center of the Illinois Valley, being six miles each from Kerby and Waldo and three and a half miles from Holland. The building was completed some time since and is a substantial frame structure 28x40 feet of two stories and a basement. The basement and first floor will be for the creamery and the second floor will be for a public hall. The equipment is of the latest make and it will be an up-to-date creamery in every respect. With the beginning of operations cream will be had from 200 cows and such is the

interest taken in dairying by the farmers of Illinois Valley that the assurance is given that the cream will be had from more than 300 cows.

The Illinois Valley Creamery will be the name of this first creamery erected in Josephine county and the butter will bear that name as a brand. The owners of this creamery are George Mathewson, a well known farmer and dairyman of Sucker Valley, and Carl J. Johnson, a young man who came to that Valley two years ago. A first-class butter maker from one of the big Willamette Valley creameries will be in charge of the plant.

APPLAGATE FARMER TALKS GOOD ROADS

Endorses Plan to Shorten and
Better Their Roads to
Grants Pass.

G. W. Winetrot was a caller at the Courier office Tuesday. Mr. Winetrot resides on Thompson creek two miles above Applegate postoffice where he has a large farm and is engaged in raising hay and cattle. He stated that grass was fine and that stock were doing well but that the heavy rains of late were making it difficult to save the first crop of alfalfa.

In regard to the plan proposed by E. N. Provolt, candidate for county commissioner, to straighten and improve the road from Grants Pass to Murphy, Provolt, Williams and Missouri Flat, Mr. Winetrot stated that the settlers of Thompson creek and of Applegate Valley in the vicinity of Applegate postoffice were very much in favor of this road improvement. By this plan the road would be shortened fully two miles and the grade would be greatly improved it being so reduced as to not exceed three per cent in any one place. From Applegate postoffice, where the road down Thompson creek intersects the main county road, it is an even distance to Grants Pass and to Medford, it being 20 miles to either place. The farmers market their produce and trade in both towns but prefer Grants Pass as they are able to realize better prices for their produce than at Medford. With the round trip shortened by four miles from the Josephine county boundary to Grants Pass and the road put on almost a level and no heavy hill to pull over as from Medford across the divide to Applegate Valley, the farmers from Thompson creek and the middle section of Applegate Valley would all come to Grants Pass to do their trading and sell their produce. Thompson creek heads in Josephine county and Mr. Winetrot states that most of the settlers live in this county and they have to come to Grants Pass once a year or oftener to attend court and to pay their taxes and as their county interests are with Grants Pass they would do all their trading here if they were afforded a shorter and better road than to Medford.

Three-fourths of the area of Japan is mountainous, and less than 16 per cent is under cultivation.

STORE DOINGS.

More New Goods—

Comforts, Cots, Tents, Hammocks
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New shapes in Small Rockers
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