# Rogne River Conrier.

Says a Hood River Apple Grower

This Valley.

Who Was Well Pleased With

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# GRANTS PASS, JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1906.

**GRANTS PASS SCHOOLS** LEAD SOUTHERN UREGON

Enrollment Increases and Twen ty-Two Teachers are Now Employed.

The Grants Pass schools opened fully explain. The board is able to Monday with an enrollment of 583, get a highly competent teacher at a which is 34 more than for the first reasonable salary for this position,

hopes the number of graduates for ren some training in singing. this year will be double the number of last year, thus keeping up the ratio RAILROAD WAR IN of increase for the number of graduates last year was just double that of the previous year. A number of additional students are expected to enter Harriman and Hill Interests are the High School but Prof. Turner does not anticipate that they will increase materially the size of the graduating class as it is the rule in all high schools that fully 80 per cent of those who enter after the first drop

cause is that a student who has not nouncement that the Weed railroad studies. The High School is a county made a main line for traffic between sioners J. T. Logan and M. A. Wertz by the irrigation projects in the building material, at their session Wednesday increased Klamath country.

cations of life without the further ation and arrangement of the matter. gon In a written letter these essentials can be hidden by poor chirography but the printed characters of the type-writer bring them out in embarrassing prominence. It has come that every

The board is considering having draw- ROGUE RIVER A ing taught in all the grades for this is another necessity to a well-rounded education. Not that all should be or could be taught to be artists, but every man and woman should have sufficient knowledge of drawing that they could, if occasion required, draw the plan of a house, make sketch of any article that they desired to more

The Oregonian of Tuesday gives the interesting report of the meeting and subjoined interview with A. I. day of the term last year. The at- Mr. O'Brien, who conducts the art who with Dr. James Withycombe and the irrigation work carried on by the lance will be greatly increased classes in the Masonic block, having Prof. C. I. Lewis, of the State Ag. government. Mr. Wilson and County during the next two weeks by the agreed to take charge of the work. ricultural College, conducted a series Judge Jewell were in conference return to the city of the families Mr. O'Brien is a teacher of drawing of six fruit growers meetings in this with the heads of the officials rewho went to the hop yards and by and painting of years experience and section of Rogue River Valley. Mr. clamation service and laid before those who moved to the sawmills was one of the leading artists of Mason, in the interview paid an apand mines last Spring. The corps Chicago, before coming to Grants preciated compliment to this Valley Josephine county and particularly the of teachers numbers 22, while Ashland Pass last year for his health The which he says is a second Hood River. has 21 and Medford 14, thus giving adding of this study would make no Of the destruction of salmon in Rogue Grants Pass the lead of Rogue River great increase in expense in providing river at the dam of the Water Works be covered by a ditch, which according Valley towns in the siz of its schools. the books, etc., as the outfit for a Mr. Mason made a personal observa-The enrollment in the High School scholar costs but little. There is a tion and he thinks it a gross neglect could be accomplished at a minimum has made a satisfactory increase and likelihood that vocal music may be and cruelty to the fish that no ladder City Superintendent R. R. Turner taught in the grades to give the child- is provided for their getting over the dam :

# "Professors Withycombe and Lewis, of the Oregon Agricultural College, EASTERN OREGON accompanied by A. I. Mason, of Hood River, have returned from a trip into the Rogue River country,

College.

Striving to Get Control of That Section.

The San Francisco Chronicle of sources of the Rogue River country, Nevada. In the latter state he located out before the close of the term. The Saturday says that the recent an- and says the people of that section are some claims that are very promising, ambition to start with the class lacks was to be extended by the Southern the region for fruitrgowing as well as good future and will yet be a big the energy to keep up with his Pacific and the Weed-Natron branch other important industries.

high school the fund for its main. Portland and San Francisco, was to the finest marble quarries in the of any state he has ilved in. tenance being raised by both Grants conceal the real meaning of its pur- country exists in the vicinity of Pass and Josephine county, so that it chase by the Harriman people. The Grants Pass, the product of which man of Cripple Creek, Colo., account is open free of tuition to all residents Chronicle says: A railroad war of ranks with the best in the United panied Mr. Smith to Grants and will of the county. Heretofore the county the keenest interest to Californians, States. Both black and white marhas contributed \$1100 each year for its and having as the prize the control of ble are mined in abundance, the sup- locating here. Mr. Otts t. nks that a support the city putting up the bal- the heart of Oregon, is now being ply being more than sufficient to supance. At the request of a number of waged by two huge interests. The ply immediate demands in this state, leading taxpayers the county board Hill people and the Harriman inter- and he deplores the fact that such an rich mining district. of education composed of County Su- ests are battling for the control of the important industry is overlooked to a perintendent Lincoln Savage, County rich lands of Oregon and the vast large extent, and money sent away for Judge Stephen Jewell and Commis- stretches of country to be opened up an inferior grade of this kind of "While Mr. Mason is a great ad-

the High School fund to \$1250 a year. The war is none the less deadly be- mirer of the Rogue River Valley re-This with the increased amount that the city provided for in its tax levy for this year will give a maintenance heralded, but both sides are going fund for the Grants Pass High School into the matter with the grim dete? ment he can pay to the southern fruitnot exceeded by any similar school in mination to win. The first intima- growing belt is that it is a second the state in a town the size of this city, tion of the straggle that came from edition of Hood River.

The course of study in the schools the citadels of the two forces was the "He thinks the State Fish Warden of the city has been enlarged and announcement made by the Southern should look after things a little more made more in kceping with the de. Pacific Company that it had purchased carefully in connection with the dam mand of the times to have the school the California Northeastern. In in Rogue River, near Grants Pass, work practical and to fully fit boys order to well the significance of the which, he says, is deficient in fish and girls to take up the ordinary vo- purchase the officials intimated that ladders, with the result that salmon in time this road would be used as expense and time and the necessity of leaving home to attend a distant school. In addition to the usual class-ical and English branches taught in ""Out of 20 large-sized fish, " said school. In addition to the usual class-ical and English branches taught in the best high schools, bookkeeping and stenography are taught and the board intends to add typewriting in the near future. That this latter study has become a necessity is ap-parent in the correspondence that a parent in the correspondence that a Mr. Mason, 'I counted only four that parent in the correspondence that a business man receives, for a very large per cent of the type written letters show a gross lack of knowledge by the writers of the most common rules of spelling, capitals, punctu. COMMERCIAL CLUB AND MINERS ASSO. MERGE Commercial Club Will Maintain Exhibit Rooms Formerly Kept by Association. A special meeting of the Grants prominence. It has come that every person having even a reasonable amount of correspondence uses a type-writer and as it is not possible for all to have the benefit of a training at a business college the high school should fill this need as much as possible. which is to start at Butte. Mont., and run in a sunthwesterly direction through Salmon City. Boise (Idaho). and on down to San Francisco. This line would open up a new stretch of territory and would afford a decided cut-off for travel from the Northwest, now reaching San Francisco by way of Portland. Pass commercial club was held at the mining exhibit rooms Monday evening at which a merger of the Commercial Club and the Miners Association was affected, the Miners Association turning over their exhibits and effects to the Club who will maintain the exhibit room as heretofore. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The Miners<sup>®</sup>Association has for nearly three years past kept an exhibit room open, the expense of its maintenance being borne by business and mining Sell Real Estate men who subscribed toward its support.

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poses. In consideration of the fact FRUIT GROWERS TO that all property would be benefitted SECOND HOOD RIVER alike by any advantages accruing from advertising, it is unfair to leave this burden on the shoulders of a few of the business men who will be no more benefitted than the balance of

the people of the county. Roy S. Wilson, delegate to the Irrigation Congress at Boise, made a very

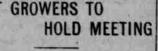
expressed belief in the probability them the needs and possibilities of section of land south of Rogue river, in invited and expected to be present. which thousands of acres of land could to a map of watersheds and elevations, cost. It is probable that some of the officials in the reclamation service will visit Josephine county later on.

Mining Men Return

A. L. Smith, the well known min ing man, returned Saturday to Grants Pass accompanied by Mrs. Smith to where they went upon experimental again take up their residence in this work connected with the Agricultural city. They left last Spring and Mrs. Smith has been with her parents at

"Mr. Mason, who returned to his Neodesha, Kan., while Mr. Smith home last evening, speaks in the high- has been looking over the mining tes terms of the undeveloped re- districts of Missouri, Colorado and just awakening to the possibilities of and he thinks Souhtern Oregon has a mining district and that as a desirable "According to Mr. Mason, one of place of residence it is far ahead

S. H. Otts, a well known mining look over this district with a view of Southern Oregon will prove to be a



Will Meet Saturday, Septembr 22 to Take Steps to Have State

Law Enforced.

Growers Association will be held at grade apples in his orchard. As there Mason, the Hood River apple grower that Josephine county might share in the Courier office on Saturday, Sep- is a likelihood of there being a cider tember 22, at 1:30 p m Every mem- and vinegar factory erected in Grants ber of the Association is expected to Pass this Fall an estimate is wanted be present as there are several matters of the non-shipping apples and also of of importance to be acted on. The pears and prunes. meeting will be open to all fruit growers and every person who has an means the placing of the fruit in-

> One of the principal matters for that end it is to the interest of action will be the adopting of a peti- both farmers and business men to aid tion to the county court asking for the the organization all possible in its appointment of a county fruit in- efforts to get the pests eradicated from spector and the recommending of a the orchards of this section and of sesuitable person for the position, to curing better market facilities and enforce the new state law that makes better prices for fruit. it obligatory on all owners of diseased fruit trees to either free them of pests fruit growers should attend for it or destroy them under penalty of it will be to their financial advantage being done by the inspector and the in many ways.

cost becoming a lean upon the land. As every fruit tree owner will be forced to spray and as the first spraying will have to be done so soon as the leaves are off the trees spray ma-in 1851-2, where the first permaterial will be in demand and the union will supply it at cost to all nent mining camp was established in fruit growers in order to assist them Monday from his farm and mine near who will require spray material will by his wife and their daughter. Mrs. be expected to give in at this meeting the amount they will require.

It being impossible to rent a spitable warehouse in Grants Pass in train for Roseburg, where they go by which to handle this year's crop of stage to Myrtle Point to visit apples it is necessary that the Association build a warehouse. At the forthcoming meeting this matter will be then go to Riverton to visit Mrs. A. considered and arrangements made to 8. York, another daughter and George secure suitable grounds and the erect- Elliott, a son. ion of the building. As this will

require a legal organization to Miners' blanks at the Courier office. properly carry on the business of the Courier office.

Association and enable funds to be secured with which to pay for the warehouse and fitting it up it will be ecessary to incorporate.

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In order to have a basis on which to negotiate with dealers for the purchase of the apple crop it is expected that every farmer, who will ship through the Association, will submit at the meeting to be held next Satur-A meeting of the Grants Pass Fruit day a careful estimate of the first

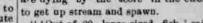
The success of the Association orchard, even of but a dozen trees, is dustry of this section of Rogue River Valley on a profitable basis. To

At the meeting on the 22d all the

Alex Watts, the veteran miner and one of the few left residing in Josephine county of the men who opened up the mines at Sailor Diggings, now Waldo, Josephine county, was in Grants Pass Provolt. Mr. Watts was accompanied A. J. Schrimpf of Santa Paula, Cal., who is here on a visit. Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Schrimpf left by the evening W. Harrington, a daughter of Mrs. Watts, who resides there. They will

Fine commercial printing at the





The club now has a membership of over 40 and an effort is being made to increase the number.

Three new departments were added to the club and vice-presidents elected to the head of the departments as fol-lows: Department of mines, Frank South; department of timber, H. L. Gilkey; department of irrigation, Geo. S. Calhonn.

The matter of Southern Oregon advertising was brought op and a committee which had previously been appointed was instructed to appear before the county court and ask for an appropriation for advertising pur-

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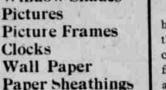
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