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GRANTS PASS CANNERY MUST BE BUILT

Will Give the Farmer a Cash Market and the City a Larger Payroll.

That Grants Pass is to have a fruit and vegetable cannery that it will be ready to handle a pack this season is a certainty for the Fruit Growers Union and the Commercial Club will back the undertaking until it is put on a strong financial foundation and be in a position to become a success. The committee appointed by the Commercial Club is working early and late to get the details closed up. Articles of incorporation, with H. C. Kinney, L. B. Hall and Herbert C. Sampson as incorporators, have been prepared by Attorney H. D. Norton, of the committee, and have been filed with the secretary of state. The organization is to be known as the Grants Pass Canning Company and has a capital stock of \$15,000 in shares of \$25 each. At a meeting Monday of the managing committee, subcommittees were appointed to canvass for the sale of the stock, they being as follows: H. C. Kinney and Joseph Moss for North Grants Pass, Lee Calvert and W. T. Coburn and G. B. Riddle and T. P. Cramer for South Grants Pass and Charles Meserve and Herbert Sampson for the county. The committees are having good success and it is expected to have the majority of the stock subscribed by next week when a meeting of the stockholders will be held and officers for the company elected. Options have been secured on four desirable tracts for the cannery and so soon as the directors are chosen they will purchase one of these tracts and at once rush the completion of the building and installing the equipment to have the cannery ready for operation by July 1st.

As the raising of \$15,000 is no small task for Grants Pass and Josephine county with their limited population and wealth it will have to be a case of everybody help to get this industry started that will mean so much to the prosperity of the entire county. The cannery will pay cash for all the produce it buys and the farmer who are stockholders will be given the preference and if this supply is sufficient then none will be bought of outsiders. The Grants Pass Canning Company will have advantages not had by another cannery company in Oregon for making a financial success of its undertaking for it will not depend alone on canning fruits and vegetables with the plant idle half of the year but will carry on other industries that will keep it in operation every work day in the year. These additional industries will be the making of cider, cider mist, sweet grape juice, jelly, jam, preserves, pickles, vinegar, lime-sulphur and arsenate of lead spray solutions and denatured alcohol. The alcohol and arsenate of lead plants will not be put in until next year, but all the other products will be put up this season.

Piano music while you eat, special feature of the Club dinner, given April 24th, 5 to 8 p. m., G. A. R. hall, 4-19-11

Real Estate Transfers.
J. A. Burbano, Administrator, to August Fetsch, Lots 7, 8 and 10, Block 62, O. T. S.
The above sale was made through the Real Estate Agency of Joseph Mess. See him for bargains. O. T. S. 518 H Street.

WORK ON BOX FACTORY SOON TO COMMENCE

Mills Now Cutting the Lumber, and When Delivered Carpenters Will Go to Work.

The Courier is able to announce that there is no uncertainty about Grants Pass getting the second box factory. The Grants Pass hustlers will be rewarded for their work and the money they put up to secure this fine addition to the city's payroll by hearing this factory's encouraging whistle about the middle of June. The whistle will create a jar on the nerves of the knockers and when the cannery whistle blows about the first of July they will be brought to realize that Grants Pass is no place for them and they will either have to join the procession of progress or leave for a more congenial residence place.

Work on the new box factory will be begun as soon as lumber can be had from the country mills, whose cut for this season has been contracted for by Mr. Johnson for Mr. Warren, the California man who will put on the factory. If the present dry weather continues it is expected that the teams will begin hauling lumber by the first of May and then the work of erecting the buildings will be begun at once.

To get this factory with its payroll of over 100 required some rustling for Medford and Glendale were eligible locations and were after it. To secure it for Grants Pass it was necessary to buy the ground for building and lumber yards. The 20 acres required and which lies east of the Pine Needle Factory, was bought of Lee Calvert for \$2500. This money was raised by a Commercial Club committee.

A Club dinner will be served in the G. A. R. hall by the Epworth League, Wednesday evening, April 24th, from 5 to 8 p. m. for the benefit of the piano fund. Come and bring your friends. 4-19-11

Manzanita Heights.
Mrs. Mary Thompson, owner of Manzanita Heights, is a woman of progressive ideas, intense enthusiasm and an abiding faith in Grants Pass. Although she has been a resident of this place only since last October, Mrs. Thompson has invested in property in different parts of the county, one piece being the Nelson tract of 34 acres on Iowa street, which she has named Manzanita Heights and will place on the market, the first sale of lots being on May 15, when the tract will be formally opened. The easy payment plan which is in vogue in so many parts of the east has been adopted and an initial payment of \$5 with subsequent monthly payments of a like amount secures a lot, thus making it easy to own a location for a home.

Mrs. Thompson is very enthusiastic in regard to the possibilities of Grants Pass and believes that the city has all the natural advantages which should make it the big city of Southern Oregon, but in order to become the important city Grants Pass citizens will have to lay aside petty jealousies and all pull together for the upbuilding of the city. The ladies also could have a great part in making the city more attractive in appearance and thus make a favorable impression upon the strangers who come here for the first time.

Don't miss the special Club dinner April 24th, 5 to 8 p. m.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Medford Ball Team Engaged to Play With Grants Pass on July 4th.

Takilma tribe, I. O. R. M., who have undertaken the arrangement and management of a grand Fourth of July celebration for Grants Pass are working industriously to that end and are planning many novel and entertaining features which will be announced later. The Medford band has been engaged to furnish music for the day and the Medford ball team will be here to cross bats with the local team. As Grants Pass has not held a celebration for several years the event is

looked forward to with added interest and anticipation. The Commercial Club, through its executive committee has passed a resolution endorsing the action of the Red Men and signify their willingness to assist energetically to make the celebration a thorough success. The following committees have been appointed by the Redmen: Executive: Geo. S. Calhoun, Thomas Gilmore, D. E. Dotson, W. G. Thrasher, G. D. Williams.

Finance: Dr. J. C. Smith, August Fetsch, W. H. Fallin, Jos. Moss, Ed. Trier.

Advertising: P. P. Proctor, Geo. S. Calhoun, T. Y. Dean.

Program, grounds, fireworks executive committee.

Parade: W. G. Thrasher, Robert Veatch, A. D. Knight, Geo. Finch.

Sports: P. P. Proctor, D. E. Dotson, Fred Roper, W. T. Coburn, Geo. Finch.

G. P. H. S. News Notes

On April 10th and 12th the declamatory contests were held. The schools had been divided into four classes: Class 1, comprising the first, second and third grades; class 2, the fourth and fifth grades; class three, the sixth and seventh, and eighth grades and class four, the four classes of the High School. Preliminary contests had been held and one or two pupils from each grade chosen to represent that grade in the final contest. The contests were held in the High School assembly room, which was completely filled both nights. A gold medal was awarded to the best speaker in each class. They were won by Percival Schmidt in class 1; Helen Love, class 2; Mildred Churchill, class 3 and Ethel Riggs in class 4. The programs were as follows:

Class 1—
"Grandma's Angel," Bessie Wells.
"My Ma, She Knows," Paul Day.
"One Two, Three," John Harmon.
"The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat," Horace Hair.
"Grandma's Spectacles," Esther Gilkey.

"My Kitty and I," Doris Russel.
"Our Hired Girl," Ita Banfield.
"My Dead Dolly," Gertrude Kerley.
"As One man to Another," Herbert Murray.
"The Little boy who ran away," Reinhold Schmidt.
"Goin' Barefoot," Jimmy Tuffs.
"Seein' things at night," Winfield Gilkey.
"He's Scotch as he can be," Oliver Moore.

Class 2—
"Exhibition Day," Mildred Churchill.
"The Yankee Girl," Sally Hughes.
"Widow Bodott's poetry," Lola Rehkopf.
"Little Tommy at the dime Museum," Martha Labor.
"As Seen from the Pit," Merle Caldwell.
"The Time Bell's Story," Harold Duxee.
"Jane Jones," Grace Kenney.
"Tonssaint L. Overture," Lester Coburn.
"A Sermon to the Sisters," Irene Darnielle.
"Sam's Letter," Arline Sweetland.

Class 3—
"The Last hymn," Mildred Poole.
"Little Stevie," Ruth Hathaway.
"The Freckle Face Girl," Marie Farrell.
"The Smack in School," Marie Edwards.
"The Kitten of the Regiment," Aliene Dunbar.
"The King's Kiss," Grace Jeffers.
"Entertaining her Sister's Beau," Lois Pritton.
"The Dead Dolly," Ruth Williams.
"The Guardian Angel," Helen Love.
"The Visitor," Vernon Harrington.

Class 4—
"On the Irish Disturbance Bill," Genevieve Patillo.
"The Shepard's Trophy," Ethel Riggs.
"The Combat in the Arena," Emma Loughbridge.
"Why Destroy our Government?" Nina Faddock.

responded to by quotations about trees and ending with a debate on "Resolved, That the Freshmen are not as green as they appear." The affirmative was supported by two freshmen and the negative was upheld by two sophomores; quite an amusing debate was the result. School was then dismissed about an hour earlier than usual; as the afternoon was very pleasant, this arrangement was most pleasing to both teachers and pupils.

The High School pupils went through the terrible ordeal of having their pictures taken twice on Tuesday afternoon. The first time all the pupils in the central building were assembled on the school ground where they were told to "look pleasant" while the operation was performed. The second time the H. S. was taken by itself. It was not nearly so hard however, to have the pictures taken as it was to go back indoors to lessons for the remainder of the afternoon.

Some things that are worrying the Seniors: Orations; graduation gowns; final exams.

Junior Poem.
By a High School Student.
The Freshman respects all the Seniors, He regards them with awe most profound, And whenever he chances to meet one, He bows himself down to the ground.

And the Sophos too, they make an impression, Tho' the Soph with much noise and bluster Tells the Freshmen "just look at me," But when it comes to the Juniors, The Seniors just drop out of sight, As the twinkling stars are extinguished, When the sun sheds abroad its great light.

So I warn you, don't be imposed on, For it will not be long now to wait, Till next year and then you can honor As you will have to—"The class of '08."

To have their picture taken twice, did not seem to satisfy the Beta Gamma boys, so this society had their picture taken separate just after the High School was taken collectively. While the performance was going on, Mr. Turner stood at an upstairs window, so as to see that the boys were all right, had their hands out of their pockets, their feet in a not too prominent place and to see that the little fellows behaved. At the same time the artist who was to take the pictures, stood in front, with his apparatus, watching a chance, with his eagle eye, when he could record their angelic countenance with all having their pretties smiles and Mr. Patrick was also there. He stood in the rear with a broom, so as to keep from laughing as if the plate would crack if they did. This picture was taken for the purpose of giving the boys a slight remembrance in order to recall the days gone by, although after it was over, and the deed done, most of the boys were sorry, as they thought they could remember all they wanted to of their illustrious schoolmates without a picture to be continually staring them in the face.

As the weather has again improved and the sun shines forth in all its splendor once more, a "High School picnic has been planned if the weather permits it will be on this coming Saturday for a future date would be too risky. This is only the third time that a picnic has been planned but this one will be carried out, if the sun will only shine.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BACKS FRUIT GROWERS

In War on Pests and Favors Strict Enforcement of Law Compelling Trees to Be Sprayed.

A meeting of the executive committee of the commercial Club was held Thursday afternoon at the Club room, with President L. B. Hall, committeemen H. L. Gilkey, R. W. Clark, G. S. Calhoun, O. S. Blanchard, E. V. Smith, E. L. Churchill, Fred D. Eisman and Secretary H. L. Andrews present. A request was read from the president of the Alaska-Yukon-Seattle exposition asking that the Club pass a resolution endorsing that fair, which was done.

Mr. Eismann, on behalf of the fruit growers, stated that while the orchards and the fruit trees in the town of Josephine county were being sprayed more generally this year than ever before since the pests appeared yet there was a disposition on the part of a few to evade the law and allow their fruit trees to continue to be breeding places for pests that would swarm into the orchards of farmers who were trying to raise marketable fruit. He asked that the Commercial Club, as representing the business men and taxpayers of Grants Pass, give their endorsement to the fruit inspector and the county court in having the fruit pest laws rigidly enforced. Mr. Eisman's motion was strongly supported by Mr. Clark, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Gilkey, and President Hall and it carried by the full vote of the committee. R. A. N. Reymers, president of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union, J. H. Robinson, a director of the Union and Charles Meserve, secretary of the Union and county fruit inspector, were present as well as Martin Angel, who came from Hood River last Fall and has leased the Dimmick orchard, and on invitation of President Hall, each spoke on the needs of the co-operation of the citizens of Grants Pass with the fruit growers in having the laws enforced for the checking of the fruit pests, and they heartily appreciated the action of the Club in giving its support in the work of building up the fruit industry that is soon to be one of the biggest wealth producers in Josephine county.

Spray Pumps, Spray Hose and Spray material at Cramer Bros.

COUNTY COURT HOLDS TWO SESSIONS

Commissioners Meet to Audit County Bills and Transact Business.

Court met, Wednesday, April 3, 1907, there being present Hon. Stephen Jewell, judge; M. A. Wertz, commissioner; S. F. Cheshire, clerk, and W. J. Russell, sheriff.

Report of county Board of Road Viewers on petition of P. B. M. Burrows for county road in Section 1, Twp 37, S R 6 W granted.

W. L. Jones, appointed supervisor of Road district No. 3, in place of R. A. N. Reymers, who failed to qualify.

Petition of H. O. Williams, et al for alteration of County road between Placer and Leland coming on for reconsideration, said petition is denied.

Duplicate county warrant ordered to issue in the sum of \$13.50 duplicate of warrant No. 1013, dated August 16th, 1899, to be delivered to J. M. Chiles on his filing a sufficient bond of indemnity.

Appropriation to indigent soldiers fund made and warrant ordered to issue to H. B. Alverson, commander of Gen. Logan Post No. 39, Grants Pass, Oregon, in the sum of \$60 for the year 1907.

Report of W. J. Russell, sheriff on 1905 tax roll examined and approved.

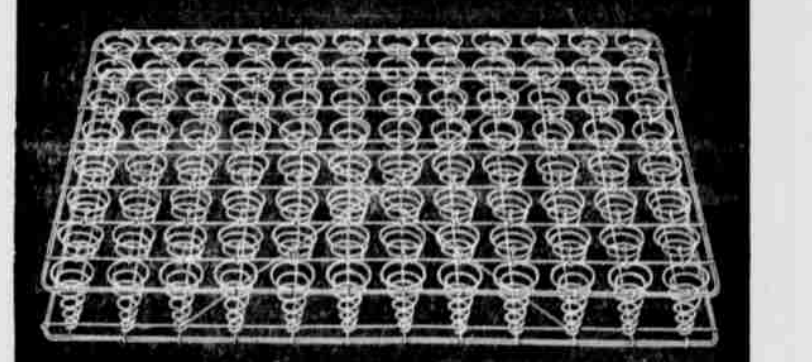
Liquor license issued to Calvin Busby for a period of three months in the town of Placer.

Following bill were allowed:
H Day, wrk on rds. \$ 9 00
Al Mathews, wrk on rds. 4 80
Frank Wilcox, wrk on rds. 47 00
Williams Buell, wrk on rds. 4 00
Wm. Hutter, wrk on rds. 24 00
H L Wilson, wrk on rds. 7 00
G Karg, wrk on rds. 6 00
Arthur Hoock, wrk on rds. 12 00
Frank Hoock, wrk on rds. 12 00
A A Porter, wrk on rds. 3 00
Wm Woodson, wrk on rds. 34 00
Jacob Harpster, wrk rds. 10 00
John Johnson, wrk rds. 20 00
John Jewell, wrk on rds. 12 00
H S Stephens & son, wrk rds. 27 25
William Jewell, wrk rds. 6 00
William Light, wrk rds. 100 75
A L Espey, blacksmith rds. 29 90
Geo Farleigh & son, wrk rds. 34 00
Geo Cronk, burial of pauper. 6 00
J R Yetter, care Co hospital. 249 21
C F Lovelace, 1 day view rds. 4 00
F V Stevenson, 1 day view rds. 4 00
Archie Bunch, wrk rds. 23 00
D E Dotson, assist assessor. 12 50
N Reynolds, Tax rebate. 3 25
Emil Geutner, wrk rds. 63 60

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Treat Yourself to a Good Bed Spring.

Don't think you are selfish just because you want to sleep comfortably. The better you sleep the better you'll work, and be better natured too. What's the use of continuing to put up with a "sagged in the middle" or rickety, noisy old bed spring when you can buy a really good one for so



little money. Call at our store and ask to be shown the Carbonized Steel Bed Spring. You needn't buy unless you want to, you needn't keep if you do buy unless you want, but you will want to and you will thank us for calling your attention to it. We can furnish you bed springs in many styles, and a great variety of prices suiting any purse.

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A Stock Ranch

300 acres located in a very fertile valley in the mountains, two miles from a country store, postoffice (daily mail) and telephone office (could have farmers' phone in the house if wanted). 110 acres now under irrigation, has new ditch surveyed that will cover 60 acres more. 90 acres now in alfalfa, timothy and clover from which can be cut 300 to 400 tons of hay per year. Finest orange for stock in SOUTHERN OREGON. Well assorted family orchard and fine lot of berries. Splendid 9-room house (built in 1904), well painted, nice lawn and an abundance of roses and other flowers. Two large barns, one 22x100 feet with 16 feet shed on two sides and the other 22x80 feet with sheds attached. This is an exceptional proposition for any one desiring to engage in the stock business. The land is also adapted to APPLES and PEARS. The water right alone is worth more than is being asked for the place. Price only \$40 per acre. Will give time on one-half of price.

W. L. IRELAND

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Ground Floor, Opera House Block