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THE EARTH'S CLIMACTERIC.

When man reaches his sixty-third year it is called the grand climacteric of his life and is supposed to be a critical period in his existence. If he gets over this period safely he can assure himself of going on through the balance of the allotted span of three score years and ten and some more on top of that. At the time of the grand climacteric, he will have some serious sickness and it is this that he has to guard against.

Well, Old Mother Earth seems to have reached a climacteric period in her existence. Her body seems to be shaken and torn with pain and the Earth, if symptoms mean anything, is evidently passing through a critical period of existence. The first warning symptoms was the eruption of Mt. Pelee on the island of Martinique and since then there has been a continual succession of like events. Mt. Vesuvius has had one of the hardest eruptions within the historical period. Then came our own San Francisco earthquake which for horror and general destructiveness has not been exceeded on the North American Continent. Soon after, Valparaiso was shaken to pieces. Then the island of Jamaica suffered from the growing or the dying pains, we don't know which, of Mother Earth. And the latest press dispatches are telling of earthquake shocks in Mexico, China and the Philippine Islands.

Never before have the mighty forces of Nature seemed to be so out of tune and working in conflict with each other. The Earth is evidently passing through a crisis and whether the climax has been passed or what has gone is only a beginning, time alone can tell. The possibilities are startling in the extreme. If Mt. Tacoma should wake up from its long sleep and become an active volcano, the fertile valleys that lie around Tacoma and Seattle would become rains.

Further south is the Isthmus of Panama. The narrow backbone, thirty or forty miles wide, connecting two great continents. The cutting of which is proving a problem to the United States. Yet nature in the twinkling of an eye could sever the continents by one convulsion. If the

Isthmus of Panama should sink it would make startling economic changes in our country. Make and unmake cities and produce climatic changes that would be far-reaching in effect. A convulsion in this Caribbean region might be of sufficient strength to change the course of the Gulf Stream and the life of Northern Europe and England hangs on the thread of the Gulf Stream. A thousand years ago or even a hundred for that matter, man would have ascribed these convulsions as a punishment laid on him for his wickedness but we have gone far enough now to know that they are nothing but the working out of natural laws.

GOING TO THE CIRCUS.

The day of the circus is the day of joy to the small boy and all his tribe. The minute the first circus poster is posted up the small boy is strictly in evidence. His one aim of life is to earn funds to buy a ticket and so he goes around gathering up scrap iron to sell to the foundry man and he makes the druggist weary trying to sell him empty bottles. After the circus has gone, the small boy gets out in the back yard and proceeds to do the high dive act and get ready for a circus of his own. He sews gunny sacks together for a tent, makes Flido do duty as a lion and cages up the cat for a tiger. He has a chum do a tumbling act and tries to rope in the neighborhood at the rate of five pins a head. But the grown-ups are not far behind. Sometimes a family will sell their cook stove to get money for the tickets and a man has been known to buy a sack of flour in one store on credit and then sell it to another for cash in order to satisfy his longing ambition to see the circus.

The secret of the attractiveness of the circus is in its novelty. A circus parade every day in the year would get to be a pretty old thing and while a baboon may be amusing to look at in a cage once every twelve months, it would become exceedingly tiresome to have to eat breakfast with one every morning for a week. Now don't take this last remark as a personal one. If you feel that way about your lord and master you had better get a divorce. Another attractive thing about the circus is the glitter and glint of the gold lace and spangles. We know that they are shams but we do not see them in our every day life and consequently they appeal to that barbaric love of tinsel and show that is in us all.

When the circus finally arrives we are all good natured. If a small boy we have watched the tents put up, seen the animals unloaded and followed the band wagon all around the town. If a young man we have taken our best girl and tried to look as though a circus was a very common, every day affair with us and if a little older, we have "taken the children" or gone "to see the animals." Long live the circus.

Keeper H. Gabbert, the well known newspaper man of Portland and vicinity who carried head of beat

disease in Portland on Wednesday of last week is remembered in this city as the editor of the Argus, the first attempt at a newspaper to be published in Grants Pass. The Argus appeared in 1886, a few weeks prior to the founding of the Courier. It was a little two column affair, short lived and erratic in publication during its life. Full of overflowing with typographical and rhetorical errors, it was nevertheless a spicy little sheet and what news it had was live and interesting. Mr. Gabbert was about 50 years of age and during late years had been employed at various times by all of the Portland dailies. For some time past he had been a newspaper correspondent at Oregon City.

The big stick was at first a mere shingle but now it has grown to be club of Broddingnagian proportions. A spring near Ada, Ohio, has commenced to flow water that has an intoxicating effect and has a smell like moonshine whiskey. We did not think this of Ohio.

A Tacoma man who had been arrested for some crime or other was forced to take a bath with the result that when he was put into the water, he was seized with convulsions and may die. Seattle's turn next.

The Portland Journal has a beauty contest on. Surely the Rogue River Valley that produces such luscious, bright, red apples, can do as well in the line of pink cheeks and dimpled chins.

The proposition of sending some of the fair maidens of Oregon dressed as Indians to the Jamestown Exposition has raised a great hubbub in our state. We have a solution. Let the girls stay at home and send some of the young men dressed up as bucks in the full canopy of war paint and turkey feathers.

SWITCH ENGINE NEEDED FOR GRANTS PASS YARD

Freight Traffic Now so Large That Better Facilities Are Now Required.

Grants Pass is coming to the front as one of the important railroad points of Oregon, for the freight and passenger traffic handled from this place is larger than that of Ashland, Medford, Roseburg, Eugene or any of the other shipping points on the Southern Pacific between Salem and Redding. There is a certainty that a switch engine will be put on this Summer for the Grants Pass yard. This work is now done by the engines of the local freight trains each morning and evening. The yard work has so increased within the past year that it is all that these engines can do and make the regular schedule with the local freight trains. The switching work in the Grants Pass yard will be more than double this year than that of last year or any previous year. There will be double the lumber handled here both in direct shipments and through the box factory and planing mill of the California Pine Box & Lumber Company and the new box factory and planing mill that is soon to be erected by the Warren Company from California. The Takilma Smelter will ship double the tonnage than heretofore as teams will be put to hauling so soon as the roads are in good shape and reports are that ore shipments will be continued into the Fall as long as the roads are passable. The Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union will handle more than double the fruit that was shipped last year and the new cannery will greatly increase the shipments of fruit and vegetables. At Hood River the O. R. & N. puts on a switch engine each freight season to handle the cars for the union. The fruit shipments from Grants Pass will in the near future also require the aid of a switch engine here for local cars must be handled expeditiously. It is likely that the Grants Pass Cold Storage Works will get the contract this season to lease for the Refrigerator Car Companies and that will add to the need of a switch engine. Then there is the merchantile, hay, potatoes, machinery and other commodities that are handled in car lots and the receipts and ship of which will be one-half larger than ever before. With all this tonnage to be handled in the Grants Pass railroad yard to get prompt service for the shippers it is absolutely necessary that the Southern Pacific put on a yard engine here.

To hasten this needed help to the transportation facilities of Grants Pass it would be well for the Commercial Club to take up the matter with the railroad Company in the near future for it will take some time to get the order granted for a switch engine at this point.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

- NEW TODAY.
- FOR SALE—30 gallon hot water tank and lunch or store counter for sale. Inquire M. E. Moore's Second Hand Store. 4-262 t
 - GOOD PAYING bicycles and repair business for sale. Must be sold at once on account of failing health. Or will exchange for residence property. W. A. Paddock. 4-26 t
 - GILT EDGE proposition for hustling real estate men at home; write to day. Jacob-Stine Co., Portland, Ore. 4-26 3t
 - GIRL Wanted for general house work in small family; good place and steady work for right party. Apply A. E. Voorhies, Grants Pass.
 - FOR SALE. SEWING MACHINE—New Home Sewing Machine for sale at \$30, new, never used. Inquire Music Store.
 - FOR SALE OR TRADE—One-third or two-third interest in Steam Merry-go-Round. Address Box 324, Grants Pass, Ore.
 - HARNESS and two buggies in good condition for sale. Inquire at P. H. Harth & Son's store. 4-12 t
 - SINGLE COMB Brown Leghorn eggs, 15 for \$1 at my place near Applegate, Oregon. Clinton Cook. 3-15 t
 - FOR SALE—Fine fruit ranch, 240 bearing fruit trees. Price \$200. Easy terms. See Joseph Moss, The Real Estate Man, Office 516 E St.
 - 23 ACRES of land joining Merlin townsite, suitable for small fruit, garden and chickens, for sale. Call on or address, O. T. Smith, Merlin, Ore. 4-19 4t
 - 150 ACRES for sale about 50 under fence and cultivation, 20 more slashed—easy to clear. Good two-story house and big barn, family orchard and berries, well of splendid water on porch. Daily mail at door. Oak, fir and pine to make 2000 cords wood, worth \$4 on track. All down grade haul. If you like it I will surely sell to you. Address Box 17, Woodville, Ore. 4-19 4t
 - MINING MACHINERY—One 35 H. P. Enterprise Marine Engine and Boiler, one Steam Hoist complete, one Rock Crusher, one Steivasant quartz mill, one Lot of Stem pipe, one Cyanide Plant Complete, one Solution Pump. The above machinery is new and in splendid condition. Anyone wanting information in regard to it will please call on or address E. P. Dixon, Grants Pass, Ore. 3-8 t
 - GOATS—F. A. Pierce, Merlin, Ore. Breeder of Pure blood Angora Goats; Flock headed by South African import; correspondence solicited in regard to goats. 11-26 ft
 - TWO BULLS, past year old, one Jersey and one Holstein and from good milking dams, for sale. Call on, write or telephone T. J. Bidness, Merlin, Ore. 4-19 ft
 - WANTED. WANTED—Six to eight head of short stocky mules, weighing 1050 pounds or more, ages from 5 1/2 to 8 years. Nothing but good, sound stock wanted. The Borrell Orchard, Medford, Ore. 4-19 2t
 - DRESSMAKER, first-class, and apprentice wanted by Mrs. J. O. Clark, apply at Christian Science reading room, Second and D streets 4-12 t
 - WANTED—Grain Sacks, Tools and other second-hand goods. Harrison Bros., Second hand-store, corner Sixth and J streets. 2-9 t
 - WANTED—Salesmen. Many Make \$100 to \$150 per month; some even more. Stock clean; grown on Reservation, far from old orchards. Cash advanced weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Teppeneish, Washington.
 - DISSOLUTION NOTICE. The firm of Thomas & O'Neill is this day dissolved by mutual consent. R. Thomas retiring. All accounts due the old firm are payable immediately. R. H. O'Neill will continue the business and will settle all obligations of the old firm. Dated March 28, 1907. R. THOMAS, R. H. O'NEILL.
 - HELP WANTED. GIRL Wanted for general housework. Address box 406, Grants Pass. 3-8 t
 - WOMAN wanted to take charge of our mess-hall on our fruit farm, 2 1/2 miles west of Grants Pass. If a married woman will give work on the farm to her husband will furnish wood and house, pasture for cow and allow chickens to be kept. Call on or telephone or write Eisman Bros., Grants Pass. 4-19 t
 - MISCELLANEOUS. FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Grants Pass, Oregon Post Office for the week ending April 20, 1907. Persons calling for same will please give the date advertised. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery.

Armstrong, Mrs. M. Bricker, M. M. Briggs, Elton. Fitzgerald, J. E. Galbarth, Cal. Hollowell, Lewis Frank, Jackson. Kinney, H. H. Lewis, Chas. McFarland, A. M. Pummill, Miss Lora, Reed, F. K. Rheinstrom, Leon. Spence, A. C. Whipple, George. Wilson, Joe M. Henderson, Mrs. M. E. 4

C. E. HARMON, P. M.

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received for the construction of a Masonic Temple at Kerby, Ore. Building to be of cement concrete, 62x62 feet, two story. All bids must be in by May 1, 1907. Address J. P. Smith, 805 1/2 Building, Cor. Kerby, Ore. 4-12 ft

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L. B. HALL, President
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Report of the Condition of the

First National Bank of Southern Oregon

GRANTS PASS, OREGON

At the close of business March 22, 1907 (condensed).

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$278,895 51
Overdrafts	815 64
Bonds	55,282 73
Real Estate and Building	15,093 15
Cash	106,373 91
	\$511,068 95
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus and Profit	24,014 07
National Bank Notes	11,900 00
Deposits	415,754 88
	\$511,668 95

CALL ISSUE FOR COUNTY WARRANTS

County Treasurer Has Funds on Hand to Pay Many Outstanding Warrants.

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants protested to January 1, 1904.

Interest will cease from this date, April 10th, 1907.

J. T. TAYLOR, Treasurer of Josephine Co., Ore.

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