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TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR APPLAGATE VALLEY

Centrals to be Established at Provolt, Murphy and Willderville.

The Applagate Valley Telephone Company is getting the difficulties overcome of installing a new telephone system and will soon be able to give a first-class service for that entire Valley and connection with Grants Pass and the other rural lines that are connected with the city system. The Applagate Company's lines now extend from Grants Pass to Murphy, Provolt, Davidson, Williams and Applagate and the system is to be extended at once up the Applagate Valley to near Ruch and down the Valley to take in New Hope, Chaney Creek, Slate Creek, Jerome Prairie and down Rogue river to about Limpy Creek. Other extensions of the Company's lines will be made in the near future which with the other rural lines in the county will give Josephine county more rural telephones than either Jackson or Douglas county.

There are now more telephones on the Grants Pass city system than either Roseburg, Medford or Ashland and the increase is so rapid that this city will continue in the lead. In recognition of the large business had from Grants Pass the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, which operates all the town telephones systems of the Pacific Coast, will soon give this city the central energy system. This central energy system is a big improvement over the old system now in use, among the features will be no bell ringing to call central and there will not be to exceed four telephones on a line and when a call is made only the bell of the telephone wanted will ring. It was through the active work of A. T. Marshall, county manager for the Pacific States Company, that Grants Pass is to be the first town in Southern Oregon to get this modern telephone system. The central office will be moved from the present rooms in the First National Bank block to the brick building, half a block west of the present location, that was erected last fall by Judge Booth for the Company. Part of the equipment has arrived and if no more delays are had in receiving the remainder the new central will be installed by the middle of May and then the work of re-wiring the city and installing the new telephones will be hurried along. It being the expectation of Manager Marshall to have the new system in operation by the first of June, if possible.

An addition to the telephone system of Josephine county that will be greatly appreciated by the stockmen and by the residents of the county and by tourists will be the installation of a telephone system in the Siskiyou forest reserve to cover the country about Grayback Mountain and the Southern Oregon caves. These lines will be built by the Government for the use of the forest rangers, but through an agreement between Acting Supervisor M. J. Anderson and the directors of the Applagate Valley Telephone Company the forest reserve lines will be connected at the head of Williams Valley with the lines of the latter Company and the Government employees will be given free service over the Company's entire system and with Grants Pass in return for the use of the Government telephones by the patrons of the Applagate Valley system. This will be a great convenience to the stockmen ranging stock on the forest reserve and to residents of Grants Pass and the general public who want to take an outing and enjoy the grand scenery of Old Grayback with its perpetual snow and lakes and trout streams and delightful camping places. Supervisor Anderson states that he will have a good trail cut through from Williams to Grayback Mountain and also to the Caves so that great wonder will be accessible to tourists.

A meeting of the directors of the Applagate Valley Telephone Company was held Wednesday afternoon at Provolt, with the full board and other officers present, they being O. O. Biglow, president; E. Badger, vice-president; Directors J. T. Payne, C. C. English, Charles Meserve, J. W. Gilmore, A. F. Knox, E. N. Provolt, W. B. York and W. S. Bailey, secretary, J. W. Pernoll, treasurer. To afford a better telephone service it was decided to readjust the main line from Provolt to Grants Pass and the branch lines connecting with it. The main line will be changed from a metallic to a ground circuit. This will make but one line necessary and this will be kept clear of telephones and used only to give connection between Grants Pass and the Company's centrals at Provolt and Murphy. The second line from Provolt to Grants Pass will be used to carry the local telephones. It will be cut at Mathes' place and all above there will be put on the Provolt central and all below Mr. Mathes' will be put on the Grants Pass central until a central is established at Murphy. The Payne-Knox line will be disconnected from the main line to Grants Pass and run into the Provolt central. The Missouri Flat line so soon as enough telephones are secured to warrant it will be cut from the Mathes-Prevolt line and extended down the north Applagate road to Murphy. The Williams line to Provolt having been changed to a ground circuit the idle wire will be left to accommodate the additional telephones that will be taken in Williams Valley and to give connection to the Government line from the forest reserve. An extension was authorized of the main line up Applagate Valley. This will put the Company's line almost in back of Jacksonville and if encouragement is had from the settlers on above the line will be still further extended and on to the famous Blue Ledge copper district if the miners will aid in the undertaking. The supervision of the readjustment of the lines as above stated was given to a committee composed of J. T. Payne, A. F. Knox and E. N. Provolt.

Several rules were adopted governing the service over the Company's lines. Only stockholders in the Company are to be permitted to use the telephones free of charge. This includes the Grants Pass stockholders and permits them if out in the country and desiring to use a telephone to avail themselves of the nearest telephone free of charge, they giving their name to the nearest central for identification. All others will pay 25 cents for the use of a telephone. The free use of the Company's telephones was granted Ed Herriott, of the Williams stage or his drivers in consideration of his transporting supplies for the company free of charge. A central office was authorized for Murphy as soon as 20 members for the Company had been secured on the lines centering there. The expense of putting in new lines and extensions is to be paid by the persons taking telephones on the line. If it is \$5 for a share of stock does.

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LET THE AMERICAN EAGLE SCREAM

Grants Pass Will Celebrate July Fourth in the Good Old-Fashioned Way.

Plans for the celebration on July Fourth are progressing nicely and now it only depends upon the finance committee, to complete their work before the final and minor details are arranged.

The Medford band has been engaged, and the Medford ball team will play here with the A. A. C. team. A rock drilling contest is being arranged and the fireworks committee, among other things, has ordered especially made in New York a set piece representing an Indian chief life size. This will be one of the finest pieces of fireworks ever seen in Grants Pass. It is probable that a balloon ascension and parachute jump will be arranged for.

Many other features are being considered which will go far toward making the 1907 celebration at Grants Pass a glorious success.

G. P. H. S. News Notes

High School Picnic.

On Saturday morning at 8:15 o'clock a party of young people were gathered at the High School Building and it seemed that at least the long desired picnic was at hand. The boys had secured one wagon, thinking it enough, but when we were all in our places and ready to start, a crash was heard and to our dismay a part of the wagon had broken, so that the boys were required to get another. But soon we were on our way and in order that the spectators along Sixth street would know who we were, we gave our "yells." The ride was a pleasant one, indeed; we breathed freely the fresh mountain dust, and enjoyed the bumping over the corduroy road. When we neared the steep part of the road, we all got out and walked up to the spring and here rested and prepared for lunch, before the climb up Baldy. This was enjoyed by everyone, as their appetites had been strengthened by the ride and the way they devoured the pies was shocking. After dinner Mr. Turner reclined upon a soft bed of grass and bade the others wait an hour before the climb. During this time the boys supplied the girls with walking sticks so that they might reach the top. The climb up the mountain was considered the best part of the picnic by some, while others seemed to be struggling over lack of breath. The little sharp rocks which constituted about half the path, aided us in sliding backwards, but in spite of these, everyone reached the top before three o'clock. As the day was clear, we had a splendid view of Mt. Pitt and Grants Pass. Some went down the mountain to the spring, but vowed they were more thirsty when they returned than when they started. Others climbed Grouse mountain and returned to camp by that route.

We ate our supper at the spring and then walked down to the place where the wagon had left us. In the evening the boys built a large bonfire and we spent the time up to 8 o'clock sitting around it and singing.

At 8 o'clock the wagon came and we all climbed in, making a good load. The ride home, indeed, if anything, more bumpy than going, but we sang all the way, the bumping aided to throw the trills. Shortly after 10 our wagon stopped in front of the court house and we all alighted, proud partners of the High School Picnic.

Sad, sad was our plight,
To be home before night;
And to miss all the fun,
In the glorious moonlight.

So we ended our lives,
On the lonely hillside;
We bid you goodbye,
For we surely have died.

No search you need make,
For 'twill be of no use,
We are both hung up too tight,
And we cannot get loose.

Farewell, to you all;
Dear teachers and mates,
Please tell our folks gently,
About our sad fates.

Owlen Hughes,
Anna May Thomas.

Grants Pass Savings Bank.

The Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co. have just received a supply of Pocket savings banks and also home savings banks, which will be placed in the hands of patrons of the savings department. The pocket bank is a hard some article, leather covered and will hold quite an amount in small change. The banks are unlocked by the cashier who alone has a key, and the amount of cash contained will be added to the owner's deposit. These deposits bear interest which is computed semi-annually. The savings department of this bank seems to have sprang into popular favor, judging from the way the depositors have come forward and the size of the deposits. Stockings and cans as repositories for coin have in a number of cases been retired and the valuables placed where they will draw interest. A few weeks ago one depositor placed \$500 on deposits which had previously been kept hidden away in a tin can.

Sunday hours at the post office have been changed and hereafter the general delivery window will be open from 10 to 11 a. m. instead of 11 to 12 as heretofore.

GRANTS PASS CANNING COMPANY ORGANIZED

Will Build a Cannery and Have It in Operation for This Season's Pack.

It is now certain that Grants Pass is to have a cannery and that it will be in readiness to handle a pack for this year is assured. The Grants Pass Canning Company has been incorporated with a capital of \$15,000 with the shares of stock at \$25 each. Over half of these shares having been subscribed for a meeting of the stockholders was held Tuesday afternoon at the Commercial Club room and the organization of the company perfected. The following were elected officers: H. C. Kinney, president, L. B. Hall, vice-president, O. S. Blanchard, secretary, Joseph Moss, treasurer. Directors: H. C. Kinney, L. B. Hall, Joseph Moss, O. S. Blanchard, C. C. English, R. A. N. Reynolds, G. P. Jester, H. C. Sampson and H. D. Norton. Herbert C. Sampson was made superintendent of the cannery.

The directors held a meeting Wednesday evening and made the purchase of a tract of land 100x225 feet lying between the Standard Oil Company's tank and the railroad stock yards in the east part of town and on the north side of the railroad. The location is a desirable one and there is a mill building on it that can be utilized for a warehouse, with a switch now in for bringing in cars. The property was bought from Dr. Loughridge for \$1800. To do this full part in siding to finance the cannery undertaking, Dr. Loughridge took \$400 of the purchase price in stock and only a \$500 cash payment, the balance to be on long time at 6 per cent. The erection of the cannery building will be begun this month and it is expected to have the plant in operation by the first of July. Manager H. C. Sampson, accompanied by his father, C. H. Sampson, the well known Southern Pacific engineer and who is one of the heaviest stockholders in the Canning Company, will leave for Portland Friday evening for the purpose of engaging an expert processor to have charge of the canning

department. The order for the rotors and other canning machinery will also be placed as well as contract for cans, which for this season will be bought ready made.

The Canning Company has taken over the vinegar and spray factory of Sampson Bros., and the equipment will be moved to the new location and made a part of the cannery plant. In addition to putting up all kinds of canned goods, jellies, preserves, etc., the manufacture of vinegar and San Jose and arsenate of lead spray solutions will be carried on. The plan of Manager Sampson being to keep the plant in operation every working day of the year and thereby insure the financial success of the undertaking.

HIGHER POSITION FOR GRANTS PASS BOY

John Galvin Now Holds "Sit" As Assistant City Editor of Sacramento Bee.

John Galvin, a former Grants Pass boy has made rapid strides in the newspaper field, in the past few years and now has reached the position of assistant city editor of one of California's prominent dailies, as will be noted from the following clipping from the Woodland Mail:

"Jack Galvin, who for the past three years has occupied the position of city editor of the Vallejo News, has resigned his place, to go to Sacramento to assume the position of assistant city editor of the Sacramento Bee's Superior California department and also to handle the correspondence of the San Francisco Call in the capital city. Although only 25 years of age, Galvin has succeeded in making his mark in the newspaper world, and the salary he will receive for the combined positions, will be as good, if not better, than that which is being paid any young man of his age, who is now working in the interior cities.

For several months Galvin, before going to Vallejo, occupied the position of city editor of the Marysville Democrat, and he will be remembered by his many friends in that city, who will wish him nothing but success in his new position."


Placer blanks at the Courier office.

The Junior class has entered upon the study of solid geometry. This fact will serve to explain any lack of application in their other classes. For to those uninitiated into its mysteries, be it known, that solid geometry is a most absorbing occupation. After studying into the wee small hours of the morning, you are only conscious of a confused mass of planes, extending in all possible and impossible directions, numerous lines which either are or are not perpendicular to each other or to one or more of the planes and an array of points, through which "iron" must in some unaccountable manner pass the planes or draw the lines. After coming to school you spend two or three periods in attempting to discover what relation a set of colored plates in the back of another geometry can possibly bear to the figures in your own book. Finally on going to class the last straw is added and you are still more hopelessly muddled by the tipsy appearance of the works of art on the blackboards so that not even the past-board figures with which supposedly anything in solid geometry can be proven, nor the oft repeated explanations of the teacher afford much illumination. Under these conditions the Juniors are eagerly awaiting the end of the school year, for no one can tell what may happen in three months and by next year even solid geometry may have improved.

On Wednesday evening W. L. Findley, president of the Audubon society of Oregon, gave an illustrated lecture in the High school room on "The Birds of Oregon." It was intensely interesting and all those fortunate enough to be in attendance thoroughly enjoyed it. A collection was taken, the proceeds of which will be used to procure books on birds, for our High School library.

Mr. Robinson, who has been procured by Mr. Turner to drill and stage the sacred play "Ester" has arrived and held his first practice in the High School Room on Wednesday afternoon.

For New Spring Suite, go to Mrs. J. C. Clark at Christian science reading room.



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