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SATISFIED WITH OREGON CLIMATE

T. P. Cramer and Family Had Unfavorable Samples of Eastern Weather.

Columbus, O., May 22, 1907.

Editor Courier:

If you should hear any Grants Pass residents complaining about the weather, please advise him to take a trip East right away, and he will come back thoroughly convinced that he lives in the most favored spot in the United States. We left Grants Pass on the 9th with sunshine and roses and balmy Spring weather. We did not see the sun again except a short time in East Washington and one glimpse at Chicago, until the day after I arrived at Columbus. We saw all kinds of weather on the trip and each sample felt worse than the last. In Portland it rained of course, in Montana we saw snow over everything, in Dakota we had a blizzard and in Minneapolis it was snow, rain and hail all the day we were there. The train people said Montana only had two seasons, viz: Winter and July, and another man said the only thing he saw the matter with that country was that the people could not use their bob sleds three months of the year. In most places the buds were just swelling and the grass was not green. Plowing is only one-third done, and a Dakota man told me that up to May 12th there had been only two nights without frost. Of course they all say this "is most exceptional" but the fact remains that they have a hard and unpleasant climate.

After leaving Chicago over the Pan-handle route, we saw plenty of fine farms, and evidences of Spring were not wanting, but even here they are a month behind us. Coming from our clear skies and fresh green verdure, the dinginess of all out doors in the cities impressed us. The trees and shrubs are all black from coal smoke and the children noticed that the sparrows were black and not grey and brown as with us. In the capitol grounds at Columbus the same squirrels which should be gray, are a dirty dark color, and have nothing of the dapper appearance of our gray.

We had a very pleasant trip across the country and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure except a delay of four hours at Minneapolis. Grants Pass may not have all the good things, but in comparison with other places we saw, it has so many that it moved my wife to say several times, that she was awfully glad she was not to remain in that country for good.

The General Assembly is this year the largest body it has ever been, owing to the fact that the Cumberland church was allowed its commissioners until the Synods and Presbyteries have been rearranged. There are about 1000 men in attendance and they come from all over this and mission lands. We met men from New York, Kentucky, Texas, Iowa and the Pacific Coast, and they all look alike. The Cumberland church now exists no more for those who came into union and they are receiving a hearty welcome into all the work of the church. Rev. Ira Landrith, the last Cumberland assembly moderator, preached a fine sermon at the opening of the assembly and he also made a happy nominating speech in favor of Dr. Wm. D. Roberts, who was elected moderator by acclamation. The fight for union has been very bitter on the part of the anti-

union churches and the stories remind one of the times of '61-'65. Many ministers have suffered heavy losses in their congregations and it will take years of faithful work to bring anything like peace to the churches which are holding out.

The general tone of the Assembly is very harmonious and we hope for a most enjoyable session during the coming week. All the "big guns" of the church are here and we hope to hear most, if not all of them. This afternoon there was no business session and we were free to amuse ourselves. I visited the Ohio State University which is located on the edge of Columbus. They have a magnificent piece of land of 300 acres which is laid out like a park, with the buildings around the outside and the center with fine lawns and trees. The museum contains some fine specimens, one being the skeleton of the American Elephant, found in a bog in the state. It is 28 feet long, over all and the tusks are 10 feet long. The buildings were fine but not as well kept up as one would expect of a state institution. The state capitol is a fine structure of solid granite. The assembly photograph was taken there yesterday.

Will try to write again before we sail.
Yours truly
THEO P. CRAMER.

A JOLLY CROWD ON MOONLIGHT PICNIC

A Wagon Load of 30 Spend the Evening on Banks of Jones Creek.

A moonlight picnic was enjoyed by about 30 of the Grants Pass young people Tuesday evening. At 7 o'clock all were gathered at the meeting place, laden with lunch baskets and in a short time the large picnic van was on its way to Jones creek, carrying one of the jolliest crowds that ever left the city. The party arrived at its destination about 8:30 and a large bon fire was built and all the games and pastimes incident to affairs of this kind were indulged in until supper was announced and was partaken of, after which the good time continued, interspersed with singing and also stump speeches which showed the oratorical ability of some of the gentlemen to good advantage. August Goettsche, however, could not be induced to say anything during the evening, he being naturally of a quiet, retiring and dignified nature. R. W. Veatch drove the party out and when asked if he was one of the chaperones, he was heard to mutter: "I guess so; I didn't bring my shotgun along, but I wish I had."

The moon, bright and beautiful joined the happy crowd at 10 o'clock and at 11, the homeward journey was begun, all expressing themselves as thoroughly delighted with their evening with Nature and returned joyfully to their homes, having found nothing to "jar" them except the rocks in the Josephine county road they drove over.

Stanley Frye, who with Albert Aubery, Mr. Kline, and Mr. Brown started down Rogue river with the scows loaded with machinery, makes strenuous objections to the article which recently appeared in the Courier which seems to indicate that they were afraid to continue the trip. Mr. Frye says they were not afraid and jumped the job only because they were obliged to lay over several days when within but three miles of their destination, and at their own expense, and that plenty of men could be secured easily for the balance of the trip which required less than half an hour.

GRANTS PASS HONORS ITS SOLDIER DEAD

Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day Observed With Appropriate Exercises.

Memorial Sunday was observed in Grants Pass by union services at the Presbyterian church at 11 a.m. The church was decorated with flags, bunting and flowers and it was crowded to its utmost seating capacity by an appreciative audience. Promptly at the time for beginning the exercises the members of General Logan Post and Relief Corps marched into the church and took seats that had been reserved for them. The scripture reading was by Rev. F. C. Lovett, of the Baptist church, the general prayer by Rev. F. E. Billington, of the Christian church and the benediction was given by Rev. C. O. Beckman, of the M. E. church. The sermon was by Evan P. Hughes, of the Presbyterian church, and his theme was "How Best Honor Our Heroic Dead?" His address was scholarly and very appropriate to the occasion.

Grants Pass observed Decoration day, Thursday in a manner befitting the occasion. Most of the business houses closed in the forenoon and all closed at noon and there was no ball game or boisterous amusements to mar the object for which the day is observed. The cemeteries were a wealth of flowers so nearly were all the graves decorated and flags were placed on the resting places of the soldier dead.

The public exercises were held in the afternoon at the Opera House and the attendance was very large. The stage was artistically decorated with flags and bunting. General Logan Post No. 39 and General Logan Relief Corps No. 25 each attended in a body, the former under Commander H. B. Alverson and the latter under President Josephine Mowers. The meeting was called to order by Commander Alverson when the orders for the day were read for the Corps by President Mowers and for the post by Commander Alverson. Then followed a well rendered program of patriotic selections. Recitations were given by Inez Howard, Laura Bixson, Marion Mitchell and Lois Britton, the girls acquitting themselves well. A flag drill by nine little girls was a pleasing feature, those taking part being Zatha and Nettie Fitzgerald, Lois Britton, Alice Randle, Ruth and Mable Eberle, Doris Caldwell, Ercil and Carmen Cheshire. A ladies quartette made up of Mrs. W. W. Walker, Mrs. Arthur Conklin, Miss Nina Paddock and Miss Millie Drake with Miss Glenna Burton, accompanist, added much to the program by their fine singing.

H. D. Norton had been invited by the Grand Army to deliver the address, but on learning that Congressman C. Hawley would be in Grants Pass Decoration Day Mr. Norton generously insisted that the honor be given to the distinguished visitor and thus it was that Mr. Hawley spoke at the meeting. In well chosen words Mr. Norton introduced Congressman Hawley, who, as he arose to speak, was greeted with hearty applause. Mr. Hawley is a man of fine presence, college educated and well read and a forceful speaker and his address was one of the very best ever delivered in Grants Pass on a similar occasion. It was not along stereotyped lines of the average Decoration Day speech yet it was every word appropriate. He traced the growth of liberty from the struggle of the Jews under Moses on down through the efforts that the Greeks, Romans, Germans, the English and then America where the last and the greatest struggle for liberty and the overthrow of slavery. He closed with a fine eulogy of the men who by their patriotism, bravery and sacrifices saved the Union and made possible the greatest and best nation that the world has yet seen. Mr. Hawley was frequently applauded during his speech and at its close he was given an ovation. The singing of America with the audience standing closed the exercises in the Opera House. Then all repaired to the public square. Here the members of the Post and Corps carried out the beautiful ceremony in memory of the unknown soldier dead.

Look in the pocket of your overalls, if you buy them of us, and you'll find a large pack of Firecrackers.

GRANTS PASS SCHOOLS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Graduating Class Is Largest in The History of The High School.

The commencement exercises of the Grants Pass High School were held last Friday evening in the Opera House with an attendance that indicated the high appreciation in which the school is held by the people of this city for every seat was occupied. The stage was handsomely decorated with flowers and with bunting and ribbons in the class colors of gold and white.

The exercises opened with a clarinet duet by Dr. F. W. Van Dyke and J. A. Wharton that was very well rendered. City superintendent R. R. Turner then read the report of the work of the school for the year. The showing made was most encouraging and indicated that schools of Grants Pass are doing thorough work and attaining a high standard of efficiency and that they compare well with the best schools in the state. Subjoined is Supt. Turner's report in full. A piano selection by Miss Ethel Palmer was given an appreciative encore. On being introduced by Supt. Turner, Dr. Joseph Schafer, of the University of Oregon, gave the address. The Doctor is a well posted and able speaker and his address was highly instructive. A pleasing vocal duet was given by Mrs. Bert Barnes and Mrs. Nate Bates. The presentation of the diplomas to the graduating class was made by H. L. Gilkey, chairman of the board of education. Mr. Gilkey gave a short talk to the class in which he gave encouragement and admonition that would be most helpful to these young people who are to take up the stern realities of life. The program for the evening closed with a finely rendered violin selection by Miss Glenna Burton, Miss Marion Clark, Ralph Looney and W. A. Newell.

The following is the report of Superintendent R. R. Turner for the school year of 1906-07:

- EXPLANATION.
- (1) Perfect in attendance.
 - (2) Perfect in attendance second term.
 - (3) Best in writing.
 - (4) Greatest improvement in writing.
 - (5) Highest general average.
 - (6) Best in drawing.
 - (7) Greatest improvement in drawing.

First grade, East building—Miss Maude Kelly, teacher—(1) John Williams and Mildred Marshall; (2) Catherine Donnell; B Class (3) Willis Sweetland; (4) Sam Gardner, (5) Sam Gardner. A Class (3) Margaret Root, (4) Donald Kearns, (5) Margaret Root.

First grade, Riverside building, Miss Anna Thompson, teacher—(2) Glenn Steele and Clara Knips, (3) Glenn Steele, (4) Enla Lempke, (5) Lola Lewis. A Class, (3) Reinhold Schmidt, (4) Opal Hiller, (5) Ethel Buell.

Second grade, East building, Miss Lillian Peck, teacher—(1) Ruth Fallon, Emma Colby, Eldon Spalding and Lee Wilson. B Class, (3) Glenn Allen, (4) Lee Wilson, (5) Oliver Moore. A Class (3) Russell Sorrels, (4) Earle Voorhies, (5) Russell Sorrels and Ercil Cheshire.

Second grade, Riverside school, Mrs. Mollie Belding, teacher—(1) Lenzo Fry, Howard Bears and Lee Sauer; (3) Silas McClung; (4) Dorris Russell; (5) Chester Hofstader; A Class, (3) Hazel Abernathy, (4) Millie Piel; (5) Anna Craig.

Third grade, East building, Miss Mozelle Hair, teacher—(1) Dained Flamm and Willie Meade. B Class, (3) Marion George; (4) Esther O'Brian; (5) Alice Randle. A Class, (3) Willie Meade; (4) Winfield Gilkey; (5) Mabel Eberle.

Third grade, Riverside school, Miss Adella Mulkey, teacher (1) Wilbur Bears and Leslie Buell; B Class, (3) Marion Fisher; (4) Leslie Buell; (5) Royal, Eubanks. A Class, (3) Matilda Lewellyn; (4) Margaret Stanley; (5) Albert Schallhorn.

Fourth grade, Riverside school, Miss Lucie George, teacher—(1) Mildred Butler, Francis Beyington, Elvora Sauer, Lewis Sauer, Fred Geyer, and Nora Orme. (6) Herchel Lewellyn; (7) Franz Wickman; B Class, (3) Nora Orme; (4) Charles Tharpe; (5) Herchels Lewellyn. A

Class, (3) Darrence Herbig; (4) Roy Buell; (5) Merle Atkins;

Fourth grade, Central building, Miss Nellie Dement, teacher—(1) Irene Clemo, Herbert McKenzie, Camden Mitchell, Earl Levier; (6) Rea Calvert; Fred Marshal. B Class—(3) Etua Smith; (4) Earl Levier; (5) Albert Presley. A Class—(1) Florence Fenn; (5) Camden Mitchell; (5) Alvah Nipper.

Fourth grade, East building, Miss Alice Horton, teacher—(1) Olive Whipple, Clyde Smith; (6) Ivan Kesterson; (7) Helen Witherspoon. B Class—(3) Gladys Whipple; (4) Louis Baker; (5) Atuel Turner. A Class—(3) Florence Dixon; (4) Willie Chapman; (5) Helen Witherspoon.

Fifth grade, East building, Miss Blanche Crane, teacher—(1) Rita Brown; Don Belding, Harry Briggs, Carroll Cornell, John Dauenberg Edith Day and Leah Slover; (6) Carroll Cornell; (7) Dana Ament. B Class, (3) Hazel Williams; (4) Eddie Steiger; (5) Edna Tryer. A Class—(3) Helen Love; (4) Avis Wilson; (5) Helen Love. No tardy marks in this grade.

Fifth grade, Central building, Miss Julia Parramore, teacher—(1) Eugene Morrison, Clive Galbraith, James Moore, Olive Patterson; (6) Virginia Morrison; (7) Gladys Conklin. B Class, (3) Olive Patterson; (4) Pearl Newell; (5) Mabel McIntosh. A Class—(3) Rachel Lowe; (4) Ethel Harrington; (5) Frieda Close.

Sixth grade, East Building, A. J. Bish, teacher—(1) Aaron Bratton, Pearl Lund, Mathew Riddle, Edna Cornell, Alice Fallin, Nina Marshall; Fay Savage; (6) Alice Fallin; (7) Fay Savage. B Class—(3) Bertha McAllister, (4) Winnie Flanagan; (5) Bertha McAllister. A Class (3) John Fabs; (4) Eddie Taylor and Sallie Hughes; (5) Alice Fallin.

Sixth grade Riverside—Miss Emily Rodney, teacher—(1) Thayer Yorker; (6) Grace Kenney; (7) Alice Sloan. B Class—(3) Lullina Patterson; (4) Continued on page 4

MORE MONEY IN THE COUNTY TREASURY

County Treasurer Taylor Makes Call for County Warrants. Interest Ceases.

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants protested to June 25th, 1904. Interest will cease from this date, May 31st, 1907.

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

City Treasurer's Notice.

There are funds in the city treasury to redeem all outstanding warrants, protested to May 1, 1905. Interest on same will cease after this date.

Dated at Grants Pass, Ore., May 31, 1907.

COL. W. JOHNSON,
City Treasurer.

PLAN FOR BIG NOISE ON FOURTH

Celebration in Grants Pass This Year Will Be Long Remembered.

The various committees who have the celebration in hand at Grants Pass on July 4th and 5th met in the Red Men hall Monday evening and discussed various phases of the celebration. All of the big events have been arranged and Grants Pass is promised a celebration this year such as has never been witnessed here before. The work of advertising the event has been commenced and Grants Pass expects the largest crowd ever known in its history.

Following are a few of the many events which will occupy the two days: The first day's events will start with the customary salute at sunrise, followed by a grand parade at 9:30. After the parade the oration will be delivered at the grounds by U. S. Senator Chas. Fulton of Astoria, Ore. Following this will be the various minor sports, foot racing, jumping, etc., which will occupy the time until 1 o'clock. The principal event of the afternoon will be the base ball game between the Medford and A. A. C. teams; these teams are the two strongest in Rogue River Valley and an exceptionally fast game is anticipated. Immediately after supper there will be a band concert at the railroad grounds followed by a gorgeous display of fireworks for which a special set piece has been ordered at considerable expense and will be the best ever seen in Southern Oregon. After the fireworks a grand free platform dance will be given, which will complete the first day's entertainment. Minor events have not been arranged yet for the second day but the principal events will be a balloon ascension at 9 o'clock by Prof. R. Berry, a Grants Pass aeronaut, who guarantees an ascension and parachute jump of 5000 feet, a height seldom reached in ascensions given in a town of this size. The balloon ascension will be followed by ball game at the Athletic park at 10:30 completing the forenoon entertainments. The principal event of the afternoon will be a series of horse races at the Dimick race track. In the evening another free dance will be given at the platform. Music will be furnished by the Medford band under the leadership of Prof. John Norling. This is by far the most complete program ever arranged for a celebration in this part of the state. Excursion rates of one and one third fare will be given on all regular trains from the various railroad points good for return up to the morning of the 6th.

Merlin-Gallice stage line leaves Merlin 7 a. m., arrives Gallice 12, return 1; arrive Merlin 6 p. m. 25 pounds baggage free.

40-Acre Farm - \$4,000

This place is located on the Applegate, 7 miles from Grants Pass; has daily mail and farmers' telephone. Place is nearly all in high state of cultivation. 20 acres under irrigation, 500 choice apple trees and 10 fine cherry trees in good bearing, and 40 assorted young trees. Seven-room dwelling and two frame barns. Fine well at the house. Will give terms on portion of price if desired.

W. L. IRELAND
THE REAL ESTATE MAN
Ground Floor, Opera House Block

YOU KNOW 'tis hot, and are trying every possible way to keep cool, but kant I KNOW

that I have the very things which will make you cool. Have you tried our Vudor Hammock Chair? If not, try it. Have you seen our large line of Hammocks from 50c to \$5.50? You have seen those porch screens—they shade your porch and add another room to your house. "We sell them," Screen Doors, Window Screens, Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, Tents, Lawn Settees, Lawn Chairs, Porch Chairs—everything that will keep you cool we sell.

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.	R. H. O'Neil THE HOUSEFURNISHER Front St., bet. 6 and 7	Stoves and Ranges, Graniteware, Agateware, Tinware, Woodenware, Willowware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy Chins, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.
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