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THE SIXTH STREET CROSSING.

The conditions existing at the Sixth Street crossing in this city are a constant menace to life and property at all hours of the day. The Southern Pacific Railroad practically divides the town into two parts and Sixth Street is the main connection between the two parts. This results in teams and pedestrians being congested at this one point. It would not be so bad if the main track was all there was to contend with, but the switching yards of the railroad lie right across this business street. The most aggravating thing of all is the manner in which some trains block the street anywhere from five to twenty-five minutes, and men, women and children have to stand in the rain or the broiling sun, as the case may be, and wait for a long string of freight cars to be pulled out of the way. Now it is the city of Grants Pass' own fault that this condition of affairs exists. An ordinance has been enacted to meet this matter of blocking the street by trains, and the head officials of the S. P. are anxious that their train crews obey the laws but the city authorities seem to be afraid to enforce the laws. You let some poor widow's cow stroll down Sixth street and the marshal gathers in that cow and marches her off to the pound. The dignity of Grants Pass has been insulted and the widow must pay for it. Or you let some miner come in from the hills with a three months' thirst and the same amount of wages in his pocket. The combination produces results right away and things begin to happen. The law lays its heavy hand on him, and the City Recorder enriches the city treasury by about \$35. But when a railroad conductor holds the street for twenty minutes, it is a different story. The Southern Pacific seems to be sacred or else they have mighty tender feelings. If the Mayor wishes to make himself popular with the majority of this community, let him instruct his marshals to pull a conductor once in a while for obstructing Sixth Street and to be as brave with conductors as they are with cows and drunks.

PORTLAND'S ROSE FIESTA.

This has been a week of roses in Portland and the most beautiful of all the flowers has had the glory and the attention that it deserves. There is nothing that advertises the energy and enterprise of a community more than to devote a few days of each year to the exploiting of some of its natural products or resources. Thus the towns of Iowa in the past had their corn palaces, wonderful fabrications in which corn and its products were shown forth in every imaginable way. Then there were the Ice Palaces of St. Paul and Minneapolis, but one would naturally think that most of communities would hesitate about advertising such products of their climate. Then there was the Cotton Exposition of New Orleans several years ago that went to prove

that cotton was king south of the Mason and Dixon line. And Southern California has made a great point with its various flower fiestas to attract the tourist and the home-seeker. This is Portland's first attempt along this line and her success will have a stimulating effect upon the other towns in Oregon.

The possibilities for Southern Oregon are the equal of any place North or South; it only remains for our people to become active and alive to their opportunities. Grants Pass' roses, as witnessed by a few enterprising growers, cannot be excelled by any town, and it is to be hoped that others will take courage and devote more time to this beautiful bush. Roses appeal to the aesthetic part of mankind, but to the man who looks at the utilitarian side of every question there remains the grape, and it is his duty to make Rogue River Valley famous for its grapes. It can be done and that very easily.

NOT THE DOLLAR.

In the past the dollar has been the goal of too many Americans. The constant struggle has been for money, more money. The world in the past has always asked the questions: "Have you got any money?" never: "How did you get it?" But there is a change coming. Men are trying to get more out of life and to put more into it. They are beginning to realize that the greatest good to the greatest number is a pretty good platform to stand on. The backers of the Standard Oil Trust and the Beef Trust have worked on the theory of the greatest good to the least possible number, and they always managed it so they were that few. But their day is going by. The man who makes money his god is doubly punished by the terrible effect on his children. In the first place such children never know what home life is. There, home is like a boarding house, where they can get three meals a day and a place to sleep. It naturally follows that they find their amusement and companionship on the outside, and this soon begins to tell on their morals. Everybody knowing that some time they will inherit wealth, they are petted and humored and given into until their disposition would shame the inhabitants of the infernal regions. The saddest condition of all is when the whirligig of Fortune, at the turn of the wheel, reduces them to poverty. Then the children of the wealthy soon go to the wall, for they are not equal to the struggle of earning an honest living.

It is a most honorable ambition to strive to obtain sufficient wealth to provide for the lean years of old age, but does not mean that we should commit all the crimes of the Decalogue in our efforts to attain it.

What do you think of a fellow who would perpetrate this on his best girl? When you were a tadpole and I was a fish,
In the Paleozoic time,
And side by side on the ebbing tide,
We sprawled through the ooze and slime,
Or skittered with many a caudal flip
Through the depths of the Cambrian fen,
My heart was rife with the joy of life,
For I loved you even then.

They say money is tight in New York. Well, has it not got the right to be if it wants to. Who ever heard of money being sober anyway?

John Kendrick Bunge gets off the unkindest cut of all. He claims that the Teddy Bears are stuffed with sawdust from "his narrative to his head."

The railroads propose to eliminate the genus hobo, but it won't do any harm for you to guard your clothes line and chicken coop for some time to come.

If county elections could only pass off as peacefully as school elections, what a paradise this would be. Grants Pass had a school election Monday, but how many of you knew it?

Dancing and Picnic Party.

A unique little dancing party and picnic was given by about 30 of the Grants Pass young people Tuesday evening. The Savage Creek hall, a mile above Savage Rapids, had been secured for the evening and at 7 o'clock the party was launched on its way in the large picnic van, which was well filled—too well, in fact, as became apparent when about half the distance had been covered, when the seats became "wobbly" and the girls dismounted while the boys repaired the wagon. This being completed, the party proceeded on its way. On arriving at the hall, which was found to be a splendid one, and the musicians having arrived, dancing was at once begun and continued until supper was served. The girls had prepared a swell lunch, but some of it came to grief on the way, for although there was not much room to spare in the wagon, there was evidently a "cake walk" enacted, as one of the cakes was so badly walked over that it was not presentable at the feast. After a critical examination of all feet present, it was unanimously voted that Blanche Dean "took the cake." An abundance of good things remained, however, without any footprints in them, and after making coffee, an appetizing repast was spread on the long table just outside the hall. A large bonfire was built and torches lighted, and the hungry merry makers bidden forth.

Although this was not exactly a fancy dress ball, several of the ladies appeared in costumes that were certainly worthy of mention. Among those most noticeable were the ones worn by Mrs. August Goettsche and Misses Chloe McKenzie and Ruth Dean. Lack of space, however, forbids description.

In returning home the young people walked to the main road, as the road through the woods was very dark and not considered safe with four horses. Armed with candles the procession started down the hill and presented a very uncanny appearance as they wended their way slowly over the rocky road. In a short time they were overtaken by the wagon and all were loaded in and proceeded merrily on their homeward journey, well pleased with the evening's entertainment, and contrary to all expectations and predictions, arrived home early.

MARRIED.

KARLESKINT—HECK—At Meadows, Idaho, Wednesday, June 5, 1907, Otto Karleskint and Miss Grace Heck, a former resident of Grants Pass.

JESS—DUNN—At the residence of Mrs. Margaret Jess, near Wilderville, on Sunday, June 16, 1907, Benjamin H. Jess and Miss Mabel C. Dunn, Judge Stephen Jewell officiating.

CARSON—RUSSELL—At the residence of Mrs. Margaret Jess, near Wilderville, on Sunday, June 16, 1907, Charles W. Carson and Clara E. J. Russell, Judge Stephen Jewell officiating.

There were a number of relatives and friends of the young people present to witness the double wedding, and following the ceremonies all enjoyed a splendid dinner, such as the Jess home is noted for. Both the young couples have many friends in the Applegate Valley who give them the best wishes for a life of happiness and prosperity.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY.

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LARGE BURRO and small pack horse for sale. Inquire at Oak Saloon. 6-21-14

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MISCELLANEOUS.

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

Improvements at First National Bank.

Improvements are now under way that will give the First National Bank of Southern Oregon a suite of rooms that in elegance and completeness of furnishings and convenience of arrangements will make this bank the equal of the best in the state outside of Portland, and not so far behind the big banks of even Portland. The main banking room will have the plastered ceiling replaced with a steel ceiling of artistic design and handsome tiling will be substituted for the wooden floor. The present counter will be removed and in its place will be an elaborate quarter-sawn oak counter with marble base and surmounted with a handsome steel grill-work. The plate glass windows, now among the largest in Grants Pass, will be taken out and new ones fitted in that will reach from a foot above the floor to almost the ceiling. The two glass doors each nine feet square, and cost \$175 each. In transporting them from Portland here a full flat car was required for the casing and the necessary braces. The glasses were packed in a case and this was stood on edge on the car and the top of it was considerable above the top of the average box car.

Among the improvements and rearrangements that will be made is the putting in of a handsome private office to the right of the main entrance for the use of Cashier and Manager H. L. Gilkey. In addition to giving more commodious quarters to Manager Gilkey, the change will afford more space for desks for the clerks in the bank. This improvement to the First National Bank building will be another step forward for Grants Pass in its building up as one of the most progressive towns of Oregon and it is an evidence of the financial stability back of this growth.

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