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## RAILROAD OFFICIALS VISIT GRANTS PASS

They Are Hoping to See This Entire Section Have Better Service and Come to the Front

Grants Pass is bound to profit not a little from the visit of the prominent Southern Pacific officials, this week. These gentlemen took particular pains to look carefully into present conditions in this city and they will see to it that some things desired by the citizens will be promptly looked after. For instance the much-needed cement walk on Sixth street, between F and G will be constructed at once.

General Passenger Wm. McMurray, paid the Courier a very pleasant call and conversed freely and frankly regarding this section, its needs and its wonderful possibilities. He was found to be very approachable as expressed evident interest in the plans for the betterment of conditions hereabouts. He will put forth an extra effort to assist in making the Poultry Show and Horse and Fruit meetings which are to be held here the latter part of January decided successes. His company will print and distribute handbills announcing special rates to those meetings and will see to it that the papers in Southern Oregon give the occasions much publicity.

Mr. McMurray told how the railroad was doing some most effective advertising throughout the east. One way is to have stereopticon slides, showing some grand scenic views and conditions that exist in Oregon, and these are to be loaned to speakers, throughout the eastern states, who in turn will dwell upon the many attractions of this region. They have some splendid Josephine county views and will obtain others. They have engaged Chas. Meserve to write a series of fruit articles, dealing with facts and figures regarding this very promising industry.

He took particular interest in the fruit growing and says that his people are going to set forth this region as one of the very best sections of the state for fruit growing. He also thinks that the possibilities for grape growing hereabouts are truly wonderful. And he finds much interest in being taken in this locality as well fitted for the growing of walnuts.

Regarding advertising, Mr. McMurray remarked that James Irwin, of San Francisco, an able speaker has been engaged to deliver two lectures, one entitled "Where Rolls the Oregon," and the other, "The Road of a Thousand Wonders," and these will be given this winter in New England, New York and all over the eastern communities, in school houses and anywhere, just so the masses are reached.

In short, Mr. McMurray showed conclusively that he has the best interests of this entire state at heart and what is more, that he is an unflinching worker to bring about these much-desired conditions.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court will consider sealed bids to keep the County Home for the year 1908. Bids to be filed on or before 10 o'clock, Dec. 16, 1907. Terms of contract on file in the office of County Clerk.

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### Notice to the Public.

Having purchased the Real Estate business of W. L. Ireland, I will be pleased to meet all of his friends and patrons and all others desirous of investing in either city or farm properties, will make a specialty of mining, both quartz and placer. Come and see me, five doors west of Palace Hotel on Front street.

H. L. HERZINGER.

### Bank Statement.

Statement of Condition of Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company at close of business, December 11, 1907.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Securities	\$162,994.06
Bank Fixtures and Real Estate	3,967.00
Cash in vault, Gold Dust and Due from Banks	51,884.78
Total	\$218,846.69

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	2,365.96
Demand Deposits	128,954.73
Savings and Time Deposits	87,526.70
Total	\$218,846.69

At this time the public is especially interested in and entitled to know the condition of the bank with which it

has entrusted funds. We, therefore, take pleasure in submitting the above statement for your consideration.

We also take this means of extending our thanks for the liberal support of friends and patrons which has enabled us to make the above showing.

With best wishes for the coming year, and assuring you of our ability and desire to serve your needs, we are,

Very truly yours,

GRANTS PASS BANKING & TRUST CO.  
J. T. TUFFS, Vice-President,  
L. L. JEWELL, Cashier.

## IMPORTANT CHANGE IN BUSINESS CIRCLES

Well Known Sherman Realty Company Purchased by Eastern Washington Citizens.

An important change in business circles this week greatly surprised the people of this vicinity, for it was The W. B. Sherman Realty Co., selling out to Messrs Isaac Best, of Tekoa, Wash. and W. A. Fuller, of Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Sherman has been closely identified with the building up of this community and he has been untiring in the good work which he has been accomplishing. He has been very successful and has built up an excellent business. His patrons have come from all parts of the country and he has caused many others to take an interest in this section.

His many friends in this city, while regretting that he has seen fit to take such action will be glad to know that he is not going to leave this city, but will remain and look after his extensive property holdings, and also engage largely in buying and selling timber lands, having organized a strong company for this purpose. He will reserve a private office in the Sherman Building. He will also engage in the growing of Tokay grapes, the industry which he has been so successfully encouraging.

His successors are men of large business experience and will be a very welcome addition to the city's business circles. Mr. Best is a real estate man of much experience and although Mr. Fuller has not been engaged in the same line of work, yet he has been a successful business man and they will make a team that will be hard to surpass.

The style name of the new firm will be The Best-Fuller Realty Co., and the Courier does not hesitate in predicting for these gentlemen a large and constantly increasing volume of business.

Instead of the carpenters of Grants Pass planning to have an increase of wages to \$3.50 per day, the price they have been having, the item should have read that they propose to get their hours shortened from nine to eight per day, along about the first of the new year.

John F. Smallwood, one of Williams' residents has written to the local representatives of the Southern Pacific regarding the best manner in which he can set forth to eastern people some of the many attractions of this favored region. He leaves for Kansas City, Mo., soon and he expects to stop at other places while en route and while back there he proposes doing some effective missionary work for Josephine county. His communication was also referred to Secretary Andrews, of the Commercial Club, who will proceed to give him many valuable pointers along the desired lines. Such personal work is most effective and will result in accomplishing a vast amount of real good for this entire valley.

The many friends of Chas. Sampson, the faithful S. P. engineer, will be pained to learn that while he was on the side of his engine, on the turntable in this city, Tuesday morning, he had the misfortune to fall off and down into the pit of the turntable, badly injuring one of his shoulders and otherwise bruising him. Dr. Loughridge was summoned and advised that the injured man be taken to the Portland hospital, at once, for treatment. Mr. Sampson is about 60 years old and for about 40 years past he has been actively engaged in railroad work, half of this time being spent in Maine and the rest here on the run between between this city and Roseburg. It is hoped that the injuries may not prove to be as serious as was pronounced at first.

## RAILROAD COMMISSION VISITS GRANTS PASS

Comes Here to Give the People a Chance to Make Complaint About Train Service

Tuesday the Oregon Railroad Commission, consisting of Messrs. C. B. Aitchison, Oswald West and T. F. Campbell dropped into Grants Pass, although their coming was known to but comparatively few citizens.

Along with the Commission came a number of prominent S. P. people, including Gen. Pass. Agent Wm. McMurray; Asst. Gen. Pass. Agent S. C. Stone; Traveling Freight Agent, J. M. Jenkins, Superintendent L. R. Field, W. D. Fenton, leading attorney for the lines in Oregon, and S. P. Rosenbaum, the Medford S. P. Agent and Deputy District Attorney Clarence Reames was also on hand to conduct the examination of witnesses, who might be called to testify regarding the present service being rendered the traveling public by the S. P. folks.

Many citizens would have liked to have attended and testified, had they known anything about the meeting. But they failed to hear of the session until it was over. Postmaster Harmon, whom Attorney Fenton frequently addressed as "Senator," proved to be one of the best witnesses on behalf of the complainants. He showed that by the taking off of the two passenger trains, Nos. 11 and 12, the majority of the country people living in the section tributary to Grants Pass very frequently received their mail 24 hours late.

A. C. Hough was called and told how he had been somewhat discommoded by the present arrangement, as he could not now make trips up an down the road as nicely as heretofore.

Mayor J. C. Smith proved to be a good witness, as he told how, in making may professional trips out in the country he now was forced to resort to teams to make the journey, whereas, formerly he found the train service very convenient.

City recorder Clements was called and told how he had found very much complaint among the people.

T. K. Anderson, a Galice mining man added some valuable testimony, showing how inconvenient the present schedule of trains was for the people out his way.

Judge Stephen Jewell believed that the service now was not at all satisfactory, although personally he had not much complaint to make.

Ray Wilson, manager for the firm of Harth & Son told how 1608 traveling shoe men called upon that firm, during the year 1906. He testified that the drummers were very much put out by this new plan and that it also worked a hardship on the merchants, as there was but little time between trains, and the drummers tried to take the second train out, as it meant a lay over of 24 hours, if they did not.

At this juncture the Commissioners took occasion to call on Agent Rosenbaum to the witness stand and then they proceeded to quiz him regarding the famous resolutions which were adopted by the Medford Commercial Club, where it was given out that the people of that community were entirely satisfied with the present train service. Commissioner West asked how many citizens, aside from the railroad representatives were at said meeting. Mr. Rosenbaum seemed indignant that any such questions should be asked, but admitted that there were about 20 people present and that it was a unanimous vote. When asked to tell who those people were, he could only recall the names of about 10. He said that it was a common thing for the Medford Commercial Club to have only 20 to 30 members out at the business meeting. He said that the city council was heartily in favor of said resolutions and would have passed them the other night, only it did not think it was necessary to do so, although Editor Putnam of the Tribune was present and put the question to each member as to whether he was favorably inclined to the resolutions, with the result that they all said they were. He replied to the interrogations of the Commission in such a manner as to indicate all too plainly that he resented the implied insinuations that the resolutions might have been "railroaded" through the club meeting.

Jos. Wolke testified that his firm was much inconvenienced because it could not ship giant powder on the freight which had the passenger coach

attached, saying the agent had refused to send it on that train, as it was contrary to law. Here Attorney Fenton asked if Mr. Wolke did not know that the local agent had since received word from headquarters allowing him to ship giant powder on that "fast freight." This aroused District Attorney Reames, who wanted to know if it was a fact that giant powder was to be shipped on that passenger-freight train and he was informed by the railroad people that it was.

J. A. Calvert was also called and testified as to the inconvenience of the present train schedule. Here Commissioner West stated to Attorney Reames that the delegation to Ashland, Messrs. Harmon, Blanchard, Wilson and Andrews would have to testify before the Commission or they would be unable to allow the witness fees. So Secretary H. L. Andrews took the witness chair. His testimony was evidently somewhat of a surprise to District Attorney Reames, for Mr. Andrews virtually stated that personally he was not much put out by the present train service and he hoped the Commission, in passing upon this matter would decide in such a manner as would be mutually satisfactory to both the people and the railroad folks. Thereupon Mr. Reames endeavored to introduce as evidence a letter written by Mr. Andrews along this line, in which the writer had evidently taken a much different view of the situation. But the railroad folks, after perusing the contents of the said letter, which was not read aloud, refused to have it so introduced and so the letter was ruled out. Mr. Andrews wanted to explain, but Commissioner West smilingly informed him that inasmuch as his letter was not before the Commissioners, that it would be wholly unnecessary for him to make any explanations.

Attorney O. S. Blanchard testified that he was somewhat bothered by the present arrangement of trains, when he wanted to go to Roseburg, to the land office, or elsewhere on professional business.

This closed the session, as there were no more witnesses to testify. When Attorney Fenton addressed the Commission and requested that the hearing on behalf of the railroad as to said complaints, be heard at Portland. To this plan Commissioner West at first was inclined to demur, saying he thought the testimony should be given in the communities where the people who were most interested were located. However, it was finally decided to hold the said session in Portland, Saturday, December 21, in a room in the main building where the S. P. has its main offices.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burdick came up from Ashland, Tuesday, to visit with friends and also to consult with Dr. Findlay about some eye troubles.

### COMING EVENTS.

December 19, Thursday—City Council Meeting.

Dec. 20, Friday—"Geology of the Sierran Regions and the Marble hills of Oregon," lecture at New Opera House by Hon. C. B. Watson.

Dec. 21, Saturday—Meeting of G. P. Fruit Growers' Association.

Dec. 23, Monday—The Holy City, at the New Opera House.

Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dance at Savage Creek Hall, \$1.50 including supper and horse feed. 12-13 2t

Dec. 25, Wed.—Christmas day.

Dec. 25, Wednesday—Stanford Glee and Mandolin Clubs, at New Opera House.

Dec. 31, Tuesday—New Years Dance at Savage Creek Hall, \$1.50 including supper and horse feed. 12-13 3t

Jan. 1, Wed.—New Year's day.

Jan. 7, Tuesday—Meeting of G. P. Poultry Keepers Association, in Guild Hall.

January 10, Friday,—at New Opera House, Roseburg High School vs. G. P. High School, Joint Debate.

Jan. 13, Monday—Circuit Court meets.

Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1, Thu. Fri and Sat. First Annual Show, Grants Pass Poultry Keepers Association.

Jan. 30, 31 and February 1, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Horace K. Turner Art Exhibit, at High School, afternoons and evening.

Jan. 31, Friday—Meeting in Grants Pass to organize the Rogue River Goat Breeders' Association.

Jan. 31, Friday—Cott and Fine Horse Show in Grants Pass, under auspices of Grants Pass and Kerby Breeders' Associations.

Feb. 1, Saturday—Fruit Growers' Meeting in Grants Pass, Under Auspices of Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEETING

Regular Monthly Business Session and Many Important Matters Were Duly Considered.

The regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club, Tuesday evening, was largely attended and many matters of more than passing importance were considered.

Railroad Commissioner C. B. Aitchison, being in attendance, was asked to address the gathering and he complied, going into detail as to what the Railroad Commission was endeavoring to accomplish. His talk was listened to with a great deal of interest.

Forest Supervisor, M. J. Anderson again told the members of the Club regarding the Rogue River trail work that is being done by the government. He took occasion to remark that the County Commissioners had been asked to co-operate by donating \$1000 for this purpose, but while that body was favorably inclined, yet the members of it hardly felt that they could legally vote the appropriation, without some formal expression from the taxpayers of the county. Commissioner M. A. Wertz, who was present also made some few remarks along the same line. A resolution was introduced and passed, voicing it as the sentiment of the Club that Josephine county make such an appropriation for this good cause.

Again was the matter of having the Government change its rules regarding timber locators and a resolution was passed, to that effect. However, there was an animated discussion of said matter ere the resolution went through.

C. L. Mangum, on behalf of the mining men of Josephine county introduced a motion, asking the Oregon representatives to support the bill now pending before congress the purport of which is to relieve the mining men from having to do the assessment work, for this season as is now required.

Councilman H. C. Kinney brought up the matter of what should be done with the big arches over Sixth street. He stated that \$150 would put the structures in a condition that would make them permanent and it was unanimously decided that this should be done. The arches will be covered with roofing paper and faced with asbestos.

Another very important matter was mentioned by President L. B. Hall, who told the Club that Superintendent L. R. Fields had stated that the Southern Pacific would now proceed to at once build the much desired cement sidewalk on both sides of Sixth street, between F and G.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have given my son, Fred Spencer of the age of 18 years, leave to transact business for himself, and from this date to retain his earnings, and I therefore notify all persons that I will not be responsible for any debts or liabilities incurred by him. Dated December 2, 1907.

E. M. SPENCER,  
Provolt, Ore.

Mrs. T. Y. Dean brought to the Courier office some very fine ripe, red raspberries, which were grown at her home, on South Fifth street. The fruit was fine to look upon and very appetizing.

All the new Books at Clemens.

# "Do your Stunt and do not Grunt!"

O'NEILL will make YOUR "Stunt" easy Mr. Buyer.

Our capacity is immense. We are going to make December the biggest month in the history of this firm. In order to do so we need your help, and in order to get that we offer you money saving

## BARGAINS

They are not old stuff we're trying to get rid of, but fresh, new goods that are in daily demand.

COME IN or SEND IN your orders

## TODAY

Don't delay, or we can't promise to fill you order for that Christmas Present you are thinking about.

## What Do You Want?

A PARLOR SUITE  
A DINING TABLE  
A SET OF DINING CHAIRS  
A BUFFETT  
A ROCKER  
A MAGAZINE RACK

BAMBOO BOOK CASE  
BAMBOO MUSIC RACK  
DRESSER  
CHIFFONIER  
PR. PORTIERES  
BOOK CASE

FANCY CHINA or GLASSWARE  
CHAFING DISHES, NICKEL PLATED WARE  
TEA POT, COFFEE POT, Etc.

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.

R. H. O'Neill  
THE HOUSEFURNISHER  
Front St., bet. 6 and 7

Stoves and Ranges, Granite ware, Agate ware, Earthenware, Willoware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.