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RAILROAD PEOPLE WILL RENDER ASSISTANCE

They Tell the Courier That They Will do This State Very Much Good.

W. D. Fenton, who stands at the ead of the legal department of the . P. in Oregon, informed a Courier epresentative that in his opinion the ilroad was not going to lose any of land obtained under the grant, hich is so much talked about these ays. But he volunteered the infor- ation that the road officials would roceed to have the land reappraised, the records were all burned in the n Francisco fire, and this work will done in the spring, as soon as the eather will permit the surveyors to out. This land that is good for ricultural and mineral purposes, he inks and feels confidently, will be ld at reasonable figures to home- kers. But the land best suited for mber and which has timber on it d is accessible, will be retained by railroad, as it is going to need all timber it can secure, for its own nsumption and it would be unwise dispose of the land suitable for is purpose and then have to turn ound and buy other land. But he inks that where there is timber land out-of-the-way places and near wmills, that the timber lands of is kind will likely be sold to the rsons directly interested.

He goes to San Francisco shortly d this matter will then be ken up formally with the head of- e, and he thinks with very good spects of being favorably acted on.

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Assistant Passenger Agent, J. M. tt, gave every evidence of being f to the best interests of this sec- n of country. He told how in '08 road would conduct a campaign of y aggressive advertising through- the eastern states, the like of ich had never before been known t there. He thinks that next r will prove a record-breaker in matter of the coming of desirable mseekers into Southern Oregon.

He also mentioned that the tourist vel would be brought closely in ch with the Josephine county es, which the railroad folks are ling: "The Marble Halls of Ore- n." In order to arouse and create erest all over the country in these derful caves, the railroad people in- ed Joaquin Miller and other noted ons to make a personal inspection these wonderful attractions. And y have secured the cooperation of forestry service in making the d to that resort much better and they are sure of having the tourists e here to enjoy seeing those great ers. This means that they make Grants Pass a visit, for this is the gateway for approaching cave. He thinks this item alone of no small importance to the ple of Grants Pass and Josephine nty.

They will also set forth the attrac- s of Crater Lake to the outside ld, as well as telling of the rableness of coming to camp on Siskiyou mountains in summer e for an outing.

Speaking of the train service, Mr. t expressed the belief that early e spring, or just as soon as the l picked up materially, the er service would again be in- ed. He is quite optimistic t the future growth and develop- t of this valley and in his mind's can look ahead and see a special enger service for the Rogue River ey, covering the same territory the fast freight now makes. honestly believes that ere many s this favored spot will be boast- of a half million people.

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erintendent L. R. Field told of good work being done in ballast- he roadbed with decomposed ite and how the present loade- equipment was to be replaced in next year or so with a fine large e, better passenger and freight and many such important im- ements.

the financial flurry blows over, expects it will, then '08 will s great and lasting improve- ts in the roadbed, rolling stock general equipment of the lines ghout Oregon.

en now the curves are being out of the road and heavy, 94 pound rails are laid, and nothing is to be left undone to better and improve the service.

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On the whole, the visitors were very able and it did the business men of Grants Pass good to thus come more closely in touch with the men at the helm in the railroad's affairs. Such meetings cannot help but be productive of good for all parties concerned.

COMING EVENTS.

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—Colt 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.

The Wilderville Grange is planning to have an "Open Session," on Thursday, December 26. The forenoon will be devoted to transacting some important business, including the reception of a number of new members and in the afternoon everybody will be welcome to enjoy the "open" meeting, when many matters of much importance to the neighborhood will be discussed. Among other things will be the question of having the telephone line from Applegate Valley extended to that district and to that end that the populace may be fully enlightened, Chas. Meserve has been invited to address the people on this matter.

Seen those Comfortable Slippers yet? Harths.

The Bijou Theatre has opened up in Hall's hall and gives continuous performances, with Moving Pictures and Illustrated songs. The gentlemen who are affording Grants Passites this attraction are experts at the business and have come to Grants Pass to stay, having taken out a city license for one year. They also conduct a like attracion at Medford. The attractions are chagned twice a week, and will afford a great amount of entertainment.

Court Josephine, No. 27, Foresters of America, meets First and Third Wednesdays in each month, in Redmen Hall. Visitors Welcome. Geo. Bryan, R; Frank Fetsch, Sec. 12-20 tf

AS the Xmas season has again rolled around, the COURIER would take this means of wishing for it's many friends and patrons all the happiness that could be desired. May this be a time of great rejoicing for you, one and all is our wish, and may nothing be lacking to make it a time when you will have such an occasion that will prove to be one long to be remembered in after years.

FINANCIAL SITUATION ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY

Grants Pass Banks are Doing Business at the Old Stand and Everybody Smiles.

The "lid" was taken off of the Grants Pass banks, Monday morning, although the said institutions really began paying out the ready cash Saturday, and there was not the slightest indication of anything out of the ordinary.

The Courier man visited both banks Monday forenoon and found everything moving along in the even tenor of its way. At the First National Assistant Cashier Roy Hackett greeted him very cordially and reported that there was nothing at all out of the way and on the contrary that the deposits were fully equal to the withdrawals. He said they were much pleased with the way matters were going and that everything indicated that there would not even be anything like a ripple on the local financial surface.

At the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co., Cashier L. L. Jewell and his able assistants were found greeting their may patrons with smiling countenances and when accosted by the newsgatherer, Mr. Jewell remarked that "everything was lovely." He also stated that the line of deposits were coming in nicely and were fully equal, if not greater than the cash that was going out. Of course he was more than pleased with this state of affairs and did not hesitate to say so. He thinks that the flurry is all over and that now the business world will settle down to its normal condition.

Business men were interviewed by the reporter and without exception they were one and all found to be of a very optimistic frame of mind and they predicted that conditions would continue to improve right along from this time on and that in a few weeks there would be no trace left of this bit of financial excitement.

Citizens in general who were approached by the pencil pusher, were wearing hopeful countenances and they talked in a manner to indicate all too plainly that they were deeply interested in this matter. They too felt good over the way things were going and likewise predicted that the strigency was a thing of the past and that now confidence would be restored right along and the business world would get back into its customary channels. Everybody seems glad of the final outcome and one and all believe and trust that nothing of the kind will ever occur again.

Arthur Fitzgerald, aged 36 and Arthur Hansen, aged 12, residents of Iowa street, celebrated a simultaneous birthday last Friday evening at the home of Mr. Fitzgerald. Mrs. Fitzgerald, to make the occasion more enjoyable, invited the neighbors and friends to join in a surprise party. They presented themselves en masse at the Fitzgerald home and spent a most enjoyable evening with games and other social amusements. Mrs. Fred Mensch won the Cinderella prize offered by the hostess. Refreshments of candy, cocoa and cake were served.

Brass Canlde Sticks at Clemens.

ROGUE RIVER APPLES TO BE SENT BACK EAST

Passenger Agent McMurray will Send Many Boxes Back to Advertise Resources.

That the Southern Pacific officials are doing what they can to advertise the Rogue River Valley in the east is shown by the fact that William McMurray, general passenger agent, has personally spent $135 for 30 boxes of fancy apples, which at his own expense he has placed where they would do the most for this section, says the Medford Tribune. This is probably a larger amount than any resident has expended this year in making southern Oregon fruit famous. These apples were mostly sent to prominent men in the east and all brought forth letters of highest commendations.

Two of these boxes, one each of Spitzenberg and Newtowns, were placed on exhibit at the international livestock exhibition held at Chicago last week, where they attracted general attention. Writing of this exhibit, James Horsburgh, Jr., general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in California, states:

"George L. McDonough, who unpacked the exhibits, says: 'While we were opening the two boxes of Medford apples, the Spitzenberg and Newtown Pippins, two parties stopped and watched. One said 'I wonder what they are worth.' The other spoke up: 'I don't know what they consider them worth, but I will pay $8 a box for them gladly.'"

"Of the Spitzenbergs there were 80 in the box, of the Newtown Pippins 54. That would make them 10 cents apiece for the Spitzenbergs and nearly 15 cents apiece for the Newtowns.

"McDonough says everything is the same way and that our exhibit is ahead of everything."

During the exhibit the Southern Pacific carried a good-sized display ad in the Chicago papers entitled "The Greatest Attraction at the International Livestock Exposition Is the Wonder of the West, northwest corner Record building, an exhibition showing the agricultural wealth of the following sections: Oregon—1. Rogue River Valley. 2. Great Klamath country." These were the only sections of the state represented, though California and Idaho were represented. The Newtowns on display were grown by H. C. Cook of Central Point and Spitzenbergs by Tronson & Guthrie of Eagle Point.

Wood Jeter, of Williams Valley was at the county seat, the other day and told the reporter that the work he has been engaged in helping to build a trail for the forestry service, from the end of the Williams county road to the "Marble Halls of Oregon," is progressing nicely. It is finished to a point on Central creek, where the trail forks, one branch going to the caves and the other to Bigelow's place. There have been several changes in the trail and it has been considerably shortened. The trail altogether is only about nine miles from the wagon road. The work has been stopped on account of the snows in the mountains.

Toys Express Wagons at Cramer Bros.

November Weather.

Following summary is taken from the report for November of J. B. Paddock, observer a Grants Pass for he U. S. Weather Bureau:

Mean temperature of November, 4 degrees.

Highest temperature, 65 degrees on the 9th.

Lowest temperature, 27 degrees, on the 9th.

Total rainfall 1.94 inches.

Snowfall none.

Clear days, 9; partly cloudy 2; cloudy 9.

Prevailing wind, showers.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TRANSACT BUSINESS

Hold an adjourned Meeting at Which Matters of Interest are Considered.

An adjourned meeting of the County Commissioners was held Monday, with Judge Jewell, Commissioner M. A. Wertz, Clerk S. F. Cheshire and Sheriff W. J. Russell in attendance. The following business was looked after:

The petition of C. A. Trefethen, for a liquor license in the Althouse precinct was granted.

No bills were allowed but these were laid over until the January meeting.

In the matter of printing the delinquent tax list, there were two bids offered, one from the Outlook being for 20 cents per line each insertion and the other for 3 cents per line, by the Observer. The latter bid was duly accepted.

Bids for the supervision of the county poor farm were opened and the contract was given to F. G Burns, at $50 per month. Sheriff W. J. Russell, showed the board that he was carrying two bonds, each in the sum of $10,000, one being personal security and the other by the National Surety, Co., the Sheriff paying for the latter. Upon such representation, the last named bond was released, said release to date from July 2, 1907.

The time for the filing of bids for the proposed building of a new bridge over Rogue River, here in Grants Pass, was extended to February 5, 1908, at 10 a. m., when the matter will be formally acted upon.

There being no further business to come up at this session, the board adjourned to meet Wednesday, Jan. 1.

CONVERSATION OVERHEARD—

MR. BOOSTER—Fat man.

A TOURIST—The other fellow

TOURIST—Say, Mr. Fat Man where can I buy some Good Furniture, Stoves and Goods to go housefurnishing with? I know where to buy the other kind but I want something extra good.

MR. BOOSTER—Why, go to O'Neill's, the largest house furnisher of them all. He buys direct from the manufacturer and guarantees every piece of goods sent out of his store. Say, Mr. Tourist, he carries everything you can think of for the house. His prices are right, and there's nothing small about him.

Seeing Grants Pass

is not complete without seeing the large and splendid Holiday Display at R. H. O'Neill's, which is recognized as headquarters for this line.

He purchases all goods direct from the factory and ships in carload lots. This gives the buyer the very finest assortmemt, and when it comes to prices, he is thus enabled to give bottom figures. Newcomers and all will discover that he has by far the largest establishment in this part of the State. Ladies will find the display of articles very attractive and just what they are looking for

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, Graniteware, Agateware, Tinware, Woodenware, Willoware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.