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How long, oh how long are we people of Grants Pass to wait for the Southern Pacific magnates to make up their minds about building that much desired cement walk on Sixth street? Ever time we have occasion to wade through those mud puddles we feel like saying something that would not look a bit good in print and what is more, it would not be so very complimentary to the said dilatory officials.

In an address to young men recently, A. Bennett thus freely and opportunely said: "Thousands of young men are today pining and whining because there is no opening for them. While they sit sucking their thumb, there is work at hand to do but it does not butt into them. Opportunity does not often hit one with a brick. Opportunity waits for us to grapple with her and take a fall out of her. Laziness, indolence, laziness! There you are! These are the things making all the trouble for our young men."

A story is told of a Kalamazoo county farmer who wore his old suit until everyone was tired of it, and his estimable wife was almost ashamed of the hustling man who has been inside it so long. One day he went to town to sell his produce and while there he determined to buy a new suit and, happy thought, surprise Eliza. So he huddled a neat suit into the wagon and drove homeward. It was after night as he hurried homeward, and at a bridge over a river he stood up in the wagon and "peeled" and threw the despised old suit in the water. Then he reached for his new clothes. They were gone—had jolted out of the wagon. The night was cold and his teeth chattered as he hurried home. He surprised Eliza even more than he anticipated.

It seems altogether problematical as to who is going to be the rebullican presidential nominee, but not so uncertain seems this matter in the democratic ranks. And it would not surprise many people if the first letters of the name of the next chief executive of this country will be no less a personage than William Jennings Bryan. Ever now and then we hear of a "Bryan republican," and it is a very common thing to find "Roosevelt democrats." So, we say, just who is going to be in line and carry off the honors from the republican side of the house seems to be quite uncertain, but Mr. Bryan is almost conceded the nomination from the opposition.

The Grangers wish to have the following amendment to the State constitution passed: Section 22a. The Legislative Assembly shall not, directly or indirectly, repeal, or amend, or in anywise modify any act or law enacted by the people or legal voters of the state of Oregon in the exercise of the initiative power reserved to them by this Constitution; the power to repeal, amend or modify any such act or law to be and remain exclusively in the legal voters of the State.

The Observer thinks it sees in the act of the county commissioners making the Courier the official paper of Josephine county, some kind of trickery. We are astonished at the vitriolic manner in which the editor of that sheet pitches into the commissioners and the Courier. Guess he must feel pretty badly over the matter. For the facts in the case, we refer our readers to the communication from Judge Jewell, found elsewhere in today's Courier.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By Old Man Smith

COMING DEMOCRACY.

No one can fail to observe the tendency of the times in the rising of the common people against the special privileges of predatory wealth, the relegation of the political boss to the rear and the improved moral tone of municipal state and general government. The people are coming to their own. It is several steps in advance to have the recommendation of the Postal Savings Bank and the Parcel Post in a Presidential message and in the report of a Cabinet officer. Doubtless there will be opposition, delay and temporary defeat before these wholesome measures become law. But the people will get them if they go for them through their duly constituted representatives. They are not visionary schemes of impractical enthusiasts but proved and tried schemes of a businesslike administration of government. But it is humiliating to confess that European governments have shown us the way in these matters and we have been too slow to follow. There ought to be one end of special advocacy of such inevitable public benefit. But too often the head of some organized system of plunder may be seen restraining our law makers from effecting those reforms that the people want and have a right to expect.

Our primary with the Australian ballot the initiative and referendum are attempts at feeling our way along the pathway of popular government. Mistakes are inevitable when new methods of government are in a formative condition. But it is evident that the days of the ward stricker, the political boss and his henchman, the grinding monopoly of the trust magnates and the slavish subservency to the party whip are numbered. So note it be.

LITTLE NUGGETS

So Tibni, died and Omri reigned, but a change of masters brought no change in the people. If you want to know how, why, and wherefore, read the 16th chapter of the Book of Kings. Tibni and Omri are with us today. If all that the Tibnites say about the Omrites is true they ought to be in the penitentiary and if all that the Omrites say about the Tibnites is true they ought to be in prison, and if all that each party says about itself is true, well there—that is partisan politics.

It is something new under the sun, despite the ancient proverb, that the most promising candidate for the presidency is no candidate at all—at least so far as his own personal endeavor goes. The old man will forfeit a whole dish of doughnuts if he is not nominated. Guess his name.

A debate on the policy of prohibition purely upon economical grounds has been suggested and is hereby called for. Who will suggest the names of the debaters?

A goodly share of the History of England lies buried in a single word. The Danes from the land of the North

swooped down upon the Britons and found a little body of water to which they gave their name for water—Wans. The beleaguered Britons begged their nearest neighbors, the Saxons to come and help them expel the Danes. But the Saxons liked the country so well that they stayed and have been staying ever since. They found the little body of water to which they attached their word for water—Beck to the Danish name and called it Wansbeck. Now the modern English call it Wansbeck water.

UP-TO-DATE LAUNDRY PROMISED GRANTS PASS

"You may tell the good people of Grants Pass that if everything goes nicely, we expect to give them one of the nicest, best equipped and most up-to-date plants in Southern Oregon," was the way Geo. G. Peil, the well known laundry man, who has recently taken over the local plant. "Yes," he continued, "We have again taken hold of this laundry and if the people will only give us another chance to redeem the reputation of that institution. You see, we have a new man, R. G. Banks, of Portland, an experienced laundryman to come and take complete charge of this plant. He is thoroughly up-to-date and knows all about the business. We propose to secure the very best equipment that can be had for good money. Already we have placed an order for a fine collar machine, which is manufactured back in Vermont state and which is pronounced superior to any other make.

"And say, to give you an idea of how we propose to run things, we will have a standing offer of 25 cents which we will give to any and every customer who finds a single finished garment we send out which is without one or more buttons.

"Yes, we will have a new driver and thoroughly renovate the business and will strive to build up the patronage, which we hope to merit, and it will be ours if honest, persistent efforts will bring it to us. And say, if the volume of business increases as we hope and confidently expect that it will do, we will erect a new and thoroughly equipped building for this plant. So you see, we are planning great things for Grants Pass and only ask the people to lend us their assistance merely in giving us an opportunity to show them that we can and will turn out the very best work possible."

Mr. Peil remarked that the business here had fallen off very materially since he disposed of it some months ago and that now it only footed up \$137 per week. When it gets to be \$200 per week, he says the new building will be forthcoming and he believes that this time will not be very far distant.

In conclusion, Mr. Peil makes a request of Grants Pass people that they come to Medford and inspect the fine plant he has there established. He says that he proposes to duplicate that plant here, building and all, if he only receives encouragement from the people here. He remarked that Medford people had been very loyal to his plant and he thinks this city in every respect as progressive and the people are as up-to-date here as there. As a matter of fact he thinks that he may eventually return here to reside. For the present he will return here every week, to give the laundry his personal supervision.

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TELLING ABOUT OREGON'S ATTRACTIONS

The Portland Commercial Club has offered a number of valuable prizes as was seen in the last Courier and Rev. W. G. Smith is competing for one or more of these. Here are some extracts from one of his best articles, which is taken from the Williamsport, Pa. News:

"Oregon apples and pears, who knows their equal? Do you know their quality and the profit of the fruit industry in favored sections of Oregon? Other parts of the state may equally surprise you but this article is intended to acquaint you with the wonders of the Rogue River valley as a fruit producing paradise, and that you may be convinced concrete examples will be given. You need not accept the estimate of the producers, but rather that of the consumers, as expressed by the prices they are willing to pay for fruits coming from this valley, prized not only for their excellent flavor but also for their unexcelled keeping quality, pears being annually shipped to the remotest cities of the United States and Canada, and apples to these and the principal cities of Europe.

This fertile valley, comprising 400,000 acres adapted to the production of various kinds of fruits and nuts, only 30,000 of which is yet set to trees, lies just west of the Cascade mountains, the southern end almost touching the California line. Just before descending into the valley from the south, the Southern Pacific crossing the Stakiyon mountains, a spur of the Cascades extending toward the coast, reaches an elevation of 4125 feet and at the head of the valley, the streams flowing north, passes A. D. Helms' orchard, which has been produced by an expert New York fruit man as the finest apple orchard in the United States, and for which the owner has refused an offer of \$5000 per acre. It is expected to net \$2000 per acre this year. Six miles beyond this orchard is the city of Ashland, elevation 2000 feet, which because of its rare and healthful climate, pure water, crisp and juicy fruits and vegetables, which are common throughout the valley, is fast becoming a resident city to which people are resorting from all parts of the United States. An excellent and well attended Chautauque is maintained here each summer.

In 1906 it was thought by many that the climax had been reached in the prices received for the fruit crop and that such prices could not be hoped for in the future, but the present season has again changed the world's record, which for pears last year was held by J. W. Perkins, of Medford, who received \$8.20 per 50 pound box, \$3450 for a car load in New York city, being about 12 cents per pound wholesale. This year G. A. Morris received \$8.40 per box in the same market. On the D. B. Solis place is a single tree, 40 years old, which has borne without miss since the fifth year, and last year yielded 36 boxes, and this year's crop brought \$224 in the New York market. Think of what an acre of such trees would yield each year, pears running from 60 to 75 trees to the acre. Last year F. H. Hopkins sold the crop from 10 1/2 acres for \$9000, and this year from 18 acres for \$19,000 f. o. b. shipping station. Last year J. G. Gore received for the crop from seven acres \$1045, and this year \$8500.

The financial stringency has somewhat delayed the sale of this year's apple crop and returns from some of the best orchards are not in yet, but prices are better than last year, when C. R. Heimroth received \$5718 from 4 1/2 acres of Spitzenberg and Newtown Pippin apples, W. H. Norcross \$3460 for six acres, J. G. Gore \$4202 for 2 1/2 acres and S. L. Bennett \$1388 for 1 1/2 acres.

It is not strange therefore that orchards coming into bearing are selling at from \$400 to \$600 per acre, and good fruit land at \$150 to \$250 per acre. Pears begin to bear in the third or fourth and apples the fifth or sixth years. About two years ago F. E. Payne bought 40 acres for \$6000, kept it one year and sold to J. E. Watt for \$12,000, and the latter sold the same the past summer for \$25,000.

Five years ago J. A. Perry, secretary and manager of the Medford Fruit association bought 34 acres for \$200, set 20 acres to trees and sold the place recently for \$18,000. Less than three years ago F. W. Street paid \$4000 for 100 acres, kept it for two years spending about \$1000 in improvements, and sold for \$11,000 to Dr. Page, who kept it about nine months and sold for \$25,500. A man tried for years to get \$400 or \$500 for a few acres near here and felt disappointed that he could not sell, but is glad now since this year he sold the apples from the first two rows of trees for \$1200, so when you hear Western stories from reliable men, please believe them until they are disproved.

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FOR SALE—J. H. Robinson & Son, R. F. D. No. 1, Grants Pass, Breeders and Sellers of Thoroughbred Short-horn Cattle, Poland-China Hogs, Bronze Turkeys and Brown Leg-horn Chickens. Fine Shorthorn Bull, which cannot be used with herd, for sale at Reasonable Price. Will furnish pairs of Hogs—Boar and Sow that are of no kin. Turkey and Chicken Flock headed each season by Imported Birds and Eggs Guaranteed Fertile and just as represented. 1-10 tf

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Notice to the stockholders of The Applegate-Williams Creamery Co.: The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the Creamery building at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, January 15th, 1908.
By order of the Board.
STANLEY TAYLOR, Secretary.

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FOR SALE—Jersey Heifer Calves—Thoroughbred Stock—\$5 each. Ask of R. G. Scott, The Dairyman. 1-17 1t
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FOR SALE—Three Work Horses for sale at Moody's Wood Yard. 1-17 2t
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