

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

Messrs. G. M. Coleman, A. J. Clark and Oscar Allender form a trio of fruit growers of Wenatchee, Wash., who have been overlooking the different parts of Rogue River Valley, with the expectations of permanently locating here. Some of them first visited Grants Pass and then went to Medford, but now they are all agreed that this is the place they are looking for and they will proceed to secure some choice orchard land in this vicinity. Mr. Allender, in speaking for the trio remarked that they did not find things at Medford just as they desired them to be and that they were better satisfied with Grants Pass, after having gone there to investigate conditions. They are all quite sanguine as to the great advancement that is coming to the fruit growing industry in this valley.

"These are my sentiments," remarked one leading citizen, as he handed the Courier editor the following clipping: "Oregon Catholics are starting an anti-treating crusade which, if successful will do much toward eliminating the worst feature of the liquor business. There is no doubt but that the treating habit does more to teach young men the use of liquor and afterward turn them into scots than any other custom. But it is believed that the temperance movement has gone beyond such mild measures and that Oregon, with the rest of the country, is on the road to absolute prohibition. The anti-treating campaigns have been tried before, and failed, now the country is in a mood to try something more drastic and far-reaching. There is not a necessity for the liquor traffic but that can be otherwise met, and it carries in its wake crime and death that no intelligent people can condone."

"It is a most encouraging sign to see the various churches of this city agreeing so nicely about the revival meetings which they are each to hold and all at the same time," said a prominent church worker, who resumed: "It means much for the churches thus associated in the grand movement and it tells to the outside world that we have as fine a class of citizens as one could desire to find anywhere. I predict that the various denominations in this city will each have large gatherings of members to their rolls, as they well deserve to have."

"For the life of me, I can't see why the people of Grants Pass put up with practically but one crossing over the Southern Pacific tracks, in the business portion of the city," was the remark made by County Surveyor H. C. Perkins, to the Courier news vendor. "Why there is lots of inconvenience about this having but one crossing. When a train stops at the depot, everything else hereabout stops, as no teams can get by and even pedestrians have to stand and wait, or else hike around the cars. Seems to me that the people of Grants Pass are a very patient set of folks. In many other communities there would have been kicks registered long ago and more than likely several other streets would have been opened, ere this time."

"I don't want to appear too critical," said D. A. Harmon, the confectionery man, "but I do firmly believe that if the band boys would give us some rag-time music or at least something not quite so classical it would take better with the masses. They are doing remarkably well, in so short a time, but I, for one, would prefer to have something not quite so classical."

"Rah for Mayor Smith," was the salutation which one enthusiastic admirer of Grants Pass' official, who continued to remark: "He's all right and I hope he will carry out his idea of having the people decide whether or not they want municipal ownership of their waterworks. And say he's bringing those Portland owners of the old system around in good shape. From what I hear they are on their knees, now, whereas, when the council first tried to get them to keep the old rates in vogue they were said to be quite independent. Guess they find that the people have some rights as well as themselves."

Editor Courier: I was reading in your paper that a man living on Upper Applegate raised a potato weighing 10 pounds. Will Mr. Applegate please leave some of those large spuds at the Courier's office or at the Real Estate office of Verdin & Conger in Grants Pass so we can get a sight at them. Have they had any heavy wind storms on Missouri Flat lately, as that potato story sounds rather windy. UNCLE JOE.

BIG POULTRY SHOW SOON TO TAKE PLACE

Preparations are now well under way for the First Annual Rogue River Valley Poultry Show that is to be held in Grants Pass, under the auspices of the Grants Pass Poultry Keepers' Association on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 30, 31 and February 1st. The Association has issued a well gotten up premium list of a thousand copies in pamphlet form that is being distributed over Josephine and Jackson counties to advertise the show. This being the first show and the Association having limited means it will give only handsome ribbon awards, but through the public spirit of many of the business men of Grants Pass and of Portland and other places the Association is enabled to offer a number of valuable premiums that are well worth competing for by the poultry fanciers. The premium list also contains the rules and regulations that will govern the show. Copies of the premium list may be had of A. T. Marshall, secretary of the Association. The officers of the Association are John Summers, president, George P. Cramer, vice-president, and C. E. Palmer, treasurer.

The show will be under the general superintendency of President John Summers, and will be assisted by an executive committee composed of George P. Cramer, Charles Kingwell and J. F. Fryer. The judge will be Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City. Mr. Dixon is a licensed judge by the American Poultry Association and will do the judging by the rules of that Association and by the score card system. Mr. Dixon is one of the most noted poultry judges of the Pacific Coast and this winter and past season he has judged poultry at the big show held in Portland, Spokane, Seattle, Victoria and other Coast cities. Securing the service of such a noted party is quite an expense to the Grants Pass Association but the members feel warranted in it by the results that will be sure to come from having the poultry breeders of Rogue River Valley set the benefit of his rating of their birds. The arranging of the exhibits will be under the direction of Prof. James Dryden, of the department of poultry of the Oregon

Agricultural College. Prof. Dryden, came from the east last year and he has the standing both there and on this coast of being an expert in all that pertains to poultry raising.

He will be present during the entire fair and those interested in the poultry industry will be free to ask him any questions they may desire to have information on.

The Show will be open to birds only owned in Rogue River Valley and from the interest that the poultry raisers of the Valley are taking in the undertaking this show will be quite the equal of those held in other sections of the Pacific Coast where such exhibitions have been held annually for years past.

Angora Breeders Organize.

On Friday, January 31, a meeting will be held in Grants Pass of those engaged in raising Angora goats. The object of the meeting is to organize an association after the plan of the wool growers and fruit growers associations for the purpose of marketing the mohair direct to the factories and shipping in car load lots, and also to co-operate in the buying and selling to breeding animals and for the other advantages that may be gained by uniting all who are engaged in the goat industry. There are now fully 4000 Angora goats owned in Josephine and Jackson counties, some of the bands number from 300 to 500. Many of these goats are registered and from the best herds of the United States and South Africa.

That Rogue River Valley is to become as noted for its fine fruits is the opinion of persons who are experts on Valley Angora goats. The climate is ideal for the health of goats, for they are a tender semi-tropical animal and the young especially cannot withstand excessive cold nor beating rain storms. The mild winters and cool summers of Rogue River Valley produce on the goats mohair of remarkable fineness and great length, while the dry hill lands with their heavy growth of brush and wild grasses afford the best of pasturage for goats.

The expense of keeping goats in Rogue River Valley is lower than in most other sections of the Pacific Coast for there are thousands of acres of hill and mountain land that is of little value for other purposes but

would be good pasturage for goats. And the winters are so mild that very little feed would be required for the goats during that season of the year. Now that Angora Goats are being kept in large numbers a great profit can be made on the mohair in shipping in car lots and selling direct to the manufacturers in the East.

New Real Estate Firm.

I am now ready to meet customers and clients in my new quarters in the Observer Building. I will conduct a general Real Estate and Loan business. I will appreciate any aid the public can conscientiously give me in upbuilding the homes and general property of Grants Pass and Josephine County. It is my hope to make my place of business the "Market Place" for buyer and seller, to be able to save purchaser and seller time and money as well as to direct each buyer to that which will suit him best of all purchases to be found in the country or town.

I will conduct a straight commission business expecting to buy and sell for others rather than to speculate for my own account. In this way I can more fairly treat my clients. My aim will be to make my office necessary and essential to the substantial growth and welfare of Josephine County. If the residents of Grants Pass find that I am accomplishing that purpose I respectfully solicit a share of their patronage.

Respectfully yours,

ELMER S. SHANK.

STRAYED.

There strayed from my ranch near Wilderville, one red heifer, branded WT on hip, one black and white heifer branded WT on hip. Finder notify me at Grants Pass, Ore.

W. H. H. TAYLOR
Pine Street.

There came to my place four and a half miles west of Merlin, on Rogue River, about six weeks ago, five shoats, weight about 75 pounds, apiece, black and white spotted, three of them marked a split on each ear and two of them a split on the right ear. Owner can have same by coming and paying damage done by same.

CHAS. DORA.
1-17-08



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MISSOURI FLAT

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. York made a business trip to Grants Pass one day last week and from there to her mother.

Mr. Bohl made a trip to the city last week with a load of baled hay.

C. M. Rexford made a trip to Grants Pass Friday.

G. N. Bailey made a trip to the city last week.

Henry Pernoll took a load of baled hops to town one day last week.

Geo. L. Wooldridge and wife are out on the flat at present.

F. M. Miller has been hauling some pipe for his placer mine on Miller creek.

Miss Winnie Knox has left her grandmother and gone to Albany, Ore., to attend school. One of our merchants of Davidson made a business trip to Grants Pass Saturday.

Vernon Bailey has returned to old Hill since holidays to attend school.

One of Oregon's old pioneers, Aunt Mira Cook passed away after a short

illness and was laid to rest in the Missouri Flat cemetery. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community.

WILDERVILLE

Gay Wetherby is at home again after an absence of about six months. J. B. Robinson has been suffering for about a week with a felon on hand.

Emma Hocking has commenced new term of school on Jerome Prairie. The Wilderville school has begun again after two weeks vacation.

Orpha Stevenson has commenced new term of school in the school here near Geo. Gebers.

Mrs. Milton is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Holland.

Mrs. Geo. Lewis has been on sick list the past few days.

If anyone finds a coal oil can Slate creek just ask Stewart Close he tried to fish with a coal oil can.

UNCLE FULLER



Miss Gloria Dare

Gloria Dare, the young artist whom the Bands of Grants Pass have engaged as a feature of the concert to be given Monday, January 20 at the Opera House, comes to us highly recommended by the press of both Eastern and Western cities. By attending you will not only have an evening's entertainment of high class and moral tone, but you will by your presence and patronage encourage what is everywhere conceded to be the best local enterprise—a good Band.

You need the Band—and they need your support. Following are some of the press notices of Miss Dare's former successes:

"Gloria Dare, the prima donna soprano, gave a genuine surprise. Her work of the old English style, and her songs and recitation 'In the Land of the Buffalo' made a decided hit with the audience. She is by far the best singing comedienne seen at the Grand."—Tacoma Ledger.

Miss Dare possesses the best Mezzo soprano voice heard in the twin cities in a long time."—Pioneer Press, St. Paul.

A large and representative audience including several box parties given by prominent society ladies attended the band concert recital at the Eugene theatre last night. The solo by Miss Dare, "Good Night," accompanied by the band, was a distinctive hit. The words are by Frank L. Stanton, the Southern poet, and Professor Red, director of the Eugene Military Band, arranged the music, this being its first rendition in public.

The music is remarkably adapted to Miss Dare's fine voice, and the song would undoubtedly become widely popular if published. Regarding Miss Dare's work it may be said that the audience was not disappointed in her numbers, although they had been led to expect much from the published press criticism of her ability as a vocalist and elocutionist. They were even more highly pleased than advance promises had led them to expect. She possesses a rich, rare voice that shows thorough artistic training. Her recitation "The Stampede," was extremely well rendered, and in the higher number, "I'm married now," her versatile ability was clearly manifested.—Eugene Guard.

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5.50 ".....	4.40
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