

**ASHLAND NORMAL**

Y. W. C. A. was led Wednesday by Miss Josie Chamberlain. The new pupils who entered the training department this week were Myron, Hugh and Gladys Sayles, Jess Olliver and Hugh Randall. Charles Plum of Igera, Cal., entered the Normal this week.

A very pleasant reception was given by the Seniors last Friday night in honor of President and Mrs. Payne.

The girls in the Sophomore class have organized a basketball team.

The program for next semester is being made out.

The credential committee is busy examining school records.

The change in the Chapel period from 8:30 to 10:30 has proved very satisfactory.

From the numerous Faculty meetings being held, something of importance is likely to be announced soon.

Miss Case gave an interesting talk in Chapel last Thursday about the immigrants on Ellis Island.

**MISSOURI FLAT**

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent have returned from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. L. C. Baeye of Jump-off Joe.

John Bohl is at work this winter for Fred Miller in the Placer mine.

I. G. Roberts was a visitor of Grants Pass Wednesday.

S. A. Berry made a trip to the city one day of last week.

Mrs. Fred Miller and son, Joaquin made a trip to Grants Pass Wednesday.

Homer York was out from Grants Pass one day last week, visiting home folks.

W. S. Bailey was at the city Friday. Mr. McKel made a trip to Grants Pass Saturday.

Geo. W. Meek has been doing some improving on his nice farm on the Applegate River, the past week.

Mrs. Henry Knutzen was a visitor of Grants Pass Saturday and Sunday of last week.

John Slagle has been sick the past few days.

Mrs. Henry York was called to Grants Pass one day of last week on the account of sickness of her grandson.

Andy Grimes has been hauling some baled hay from the York place on Applegate.

Pat McFadden has been building some new fence the past week.

**This is Best Country on Earth.**

Murphy, Ore., Jan. 15, 1908. Dear Editor: Would you allow me space in your valuable paper for a few words about Josephine County and some of her products and mild climate?

First I will speak of her climate, which is second to none even now, the 15th day of January, is so warm that a person needs no wraps and the sun is as bright as if it were the 15th of May. It has been rightly named when it was named the "Italy of America" for it has been proved that lemons and figs will grow here and apples—why we are second to none for finest ones, and potatoes that weigh five and six pounds are quite common. Peaches are the finest that can be grown, cabbage that weighs 15 and 20 pounds, onions weighing two and three pounds are all just common sizes. Grapes with bunches that weigh eight and nine pounds each and grown without cultivation by H. S. Wynant of Murphy all of which will show for themselves. As alfalfa and clover hay is produced on some of the poorest of land which yields as high as eight and nine tons per acre and strawberries that yield as high as 1300 and 1500 crates without more than half cultivation and as to her mineral resources why her hillsides are full of it and fish can be caught any time of the year, also her timber is equaled by the million of feet.

SHORTY.

**SPEAKER PEOPLE WANT SCHOOL OUT THEIR WAY**

Speaker, Ore., Jan. 12, 1908.

Editor Courier: Your paper, being the recognized organ of Southern Oregon, keeping the people abreast of the times, I would like you to listen to and publish if consistent a renouncement from our little corner in so far as schools go. We have here 15 children permanent residents of Grants Pass and all are of schooling age. Several months since the superintendent of schools was apprised of the fact and he was requested to personally try and get us some recognition by school board. He in turn advised us to make request direct, which we did, following this letter after some time had passed. We wrote to the Hon. County Judge, asking him to give personal attention to the matter. He advised that he would take it up with Supt. of Schools, but up to date not a word farther have we heard.

We are seven miles from Wolf Creek district, but it appears that they, the W. C. Dist., include our children. If this is a fact the school money is applied wrongfully, it seems rather rank at this age to absolutely ignore the welfare of these children from an educational standpoint, and if we can do no more, we can at least make these facts known generally through you.

We have a suitable building and wood, etc., will be furnished at no cost and the proper authorities were so advised. A high grade teacher is not necessary as the children are all small or young, rather, so it can be readily seen our request is not one that would cost a great sum of money. The children should be considered, not the cost.

READER.

**DEERING**

"Well now this is what I call fine" remarked M. C. Heller of Phoenix, Arizona, geologist and mining expert, who was making comments on weather and scenery of our valley while looking over the Webb and Albright properties. He then proceeded to sing the praises of Southern Oregon "till your poor Uncle Ebe imagined he was away back in the garden of Eden picking fruit with the mother of Creation. Mr. Heller was a man who did not advertise his business, but nevertheless he seemed very favorably impressed with the mineral outlook here of which he spoke in no light terms.

Lets see—it was Gen. Sherman who designated war as "Hell" was it not? But then it is very evident the general never bobbed up against a bunch of 20th century politics.

E. M. Albright and Hugh Shelly made a trip to your city this week. They have been engaged in doing assessment work on the Calumet mine for a time back.

Swan Haglund is home from Crescent City where he has been employed in the saw mills of that place. He reports business slack there at present. Just watch our valley grow. Three homesteads have been located within two miles of Deering this winter and have all received permits from the government to occupy and build homes on quarter sections picked out by them now in the reserve.

T. D. Collett of Vernont, who put in two years on Williams Creek has located on a quarter section of land on the Illinois river two miles from here. He brought in a whole batch of poultry besides pigs and cattle. He also brought in a good deal of fruit tree plants and cuttings and expects to devote most of his time to fruit and poultry raising.

Mrs. H. A. Freeman, wife of one of our neighbors is just recovering from a severe attack of sickness, contracted while moving in here. She is quite an optimist and believes these bright warm days will effect a permanent cure.

H. T. Jones of Portland was interviewing residents in our valley last Wednesday. He also took a look at the big bodies of copper exposed here.

Most all of our residents here take sides with the Courier in regard to the "Knockers". They ought to have a chance to make their escape, before bit with a washtub full of oblivion. Vamoos! Skidoo! Scat! If you perchance see anyone looking for a dose of summer sunshine, just point your index finger toward Deering. Oh Winter! Where art thou!

Last week A. S. Reynolds came stamping and jumping out of the Oregon mountains, where he ran over and killed two jack rabbits and kicked a four point buck over a precipice. His hair was standing straight up and his hat hanging on one of his eyeballs. No, it was not a bear or cougar. Guess again. Yes, that's right, he had struck copper in one of his tunnels.

EBEN.

**AMONG THE LODGES**

Sunday the members of Thermopylae Lodge, No. 59, Knights of Pythias, had as their guests, John M. Wall, Grand Chancellor and John R. Stinson, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, of Oregon jurisdiction. The visitings of these high officials of the order had the effect to greatly revive the Sir Knights and now the local branch of the order proposes to revive and get down to effective work. This is regarded as one of the strongest secret orders on the coast and Thermopylae proposes to keep abreast the profession, as there are a great many members of the order in this city and many more who would like to enter the mysteries of the lodge.

The Odd Fellows of this vicinity had a big time at Gold Hill, Saturday evening, when the installation of the new officers of Gold Hill Lodge No. 129 were inducted into office in grand style. There was a sumptuous banquet, following the ceremonies and the following Grants Pass wearers of the three links report having had a grand, good time of it: Robert Schour, D. A. Harmon, J. M. Thomas, J. F. Burke, Ed Layton and Mr. Craig.

S. W. Budrow, traveling organizer of the Fraternal Brotherhood, will soon be in Grants Pass, for the express purpose of forming a local lodge of that fraternal insurance organization, which is growing so rapidly all over the Pacific coast.

Saturday evening the members of the Bethany Fraternal Club indulged in a "Peanut Bum," which is reported to have been a decided success. A varied program was carried out, including the reception of a large class of new members.

A. L. Lovelace, who has been in this city organizing a branch of the "Stoppers of America," for a few weeks past, informs the Courier lodge editor that he is succeeding nicely and that soon the lodge, which is an Oregon production, pure and simple and has to do more particularly with mining men and their interests, will be started up here, under very promising auspices.

**MINING MANS PREDICTION**

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work has been done. Thus on the "Hidden Treasure" on the Sucker Creek side of the range a tunnel started near the creek bed on a seam of quartz, has at a distance of less than 40 feet, developed an ore body of very promising quartz, extending across the whole face of the tunnel, with only one wall in sight and carrying good values in gold, according to statements made by the owner. On the "Gem" where a narrow seam showed on the surface, ore was found some distance below, yielding values up to \$1000 a ton. On the "Seattle" claim, a mile south of the "Gem" a ledge showing but a few inches at the surface, yielding good values both in the pan and by fire assay, with occasional specimens showing free gold, has widened out to five feet in a tunnel started lower down the hill, and a vertical depth of about 40 feet. The ore at this point carries its values in sulphurets, little or no leaching having taken place and no free gold occurs. As the principal pay shoot as shown on the surface, lies 70 feet beyond present face of the tunnel, it does not follow that free gold will not be encountered further on; but, the fact remains that the ledge is much wider and the quartz more nearly as originally deposited, with its constituent elements practically unaltered. Other ledges on the same claim, opened for a few feet down only, disclose the same characteristic widening.

From the January group, adjoining the "Seattle" on the south, two tons of ore shipped to the Takilma smelter last summer as a test, gave over \$80 a ton. H. G. Siskson, the owner, has just completed an arrastre and is preparing to work some of his ore in that manner.

It may therefore be taken as established, so far as any actual development work has been done, that the ore bodies on Gold Ridge, the eroded portions of which have furnished the rich placer deposits with their treasure will be found to be of considerable size and extent, though perhaps not as readily discovered as if marked by prominent outcrops, and an abundance of "float". This conclusion is not based wholly or even to any considerable extent, on the work done so far, but also on the fact that Gold Ridge presents geologically some of the most favorable gold-bearing rock formations to be found anywhere, in this respect being, indeed, ideal. It should also be noted in this connection that every quick on

both sides of the ridge, where water is plentiful have been, or are, profitably worked, the gold being generally very fine, but frequently rough nuggets, with more or less quartz still clinging to them, are also found, showing that the gold is strictly of local origin.

One of the well known placer mines of the ridge is located on its very summit to the south and east of the "Cohen Ledge" mentioned above. Considering the foregoing facts, which I have stated as briefly as possible, there is every reason for believing that Gold Ridge will, in a comparatively short time attract at least a part of the attention it deserves from capital seeking legitimate mining investments.

There are so many natural advantages in favor of Southern Oregon as compared with most other districts, and Gold Ridge seems blessed with them all—such as in ideal climate, ample water power, an abundance of timber, ease of access, and the fact that the general rock formation is soft making it possible to do from 25 per cent to 100 per cent more development work with a given amount of money than can be done in the average mining camps.

As this district is directly tributary to Grants Pass, its success will mean a great deal for your charming city, and your citizens should therefore encourage, by word and deed, those who are spending money and time in trying to open up and bring to the notice of the mining world this most promising district.

HANSTEN WARNER.

**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 12-27 st Pine Street.

There came to my place four and a half miles west of Merlin, on Rogue River, about six weeks ago, five shots, 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 st

**FRUITGROWERS PLANNING FOR ROUSING MEETING**

The fruit growers meeting to be held in the Opera House on Saturday, February 1, under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College and the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association is quite certain to be largest in attendance and to have the best program and to be the most profitable to the fruit growers of any similar meeting yet held in Rogue River Valley. There will be two sessions, that of the forenoon beginning at 10 o'clock and the afternoon at 1:30.

There will not be a fixed program for this meeting but it will be largely in the nature of an experience meeting and various fruit growers will be called on to give an account of their successes and failures in their orchard work under the conditions that obtain here in Rogue River Valley.

This feature of the program will bring out many facts that will be helpful to fruit growers and especially to those just beginning in the business in this valley. In addition to these short talks by local fruit men there will be several addresses by persons experts on special factors in the fruit industry. Among these speakers will be Prof. C. I. Lewis, Prof. A. B. Cordley and Prof. James Dryden of the Oregon Agricultural College, G. W. Taylor, fruit inspector of Jackson county, J. A. Perry, manager of the Medford Fruit Growers Association, G. A. Hoyer, one of the leading pear growers of Jackson county. The address of Mr. Taylor will be of special value to those interested in the fight against the codlin moth for Mr. Taylor is considered the best authority in Rogue River Valley on the habits of this dreaded pest. It has been arranged through Mr. Chas. S. Ferguson, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, that Prof. W. S. Ballard, assistant pathologist of the Department of agriculture and in charge of the fight in California against the pear blight, will be present and tell the pear growers how to keep the blight out of this Valley and how to fight it should it get here.

The meeting will be one for all who are interested in the fruit industry and the ladies too are expected to attend. As there will be a number of visitors present it is desired that the growers who yet have fruit bring samples for display. And as a proof of the mild, delightful climate that Rogue River Valley enjoys with many kinds of flowers now in bloom it is asked that the ladies assist in getting up a display of roses and other



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flowers. The Opera House is one of the most comfortable audience rooms in the city and the acoustic properties are perfect and those who attend the meeting will find it time well spent.

**The Implement.**  
The Judge—Did the prisoner have any provocation when he struck you? The Witness—No, sorr; he had a shovel.—Bohemian.

**Drier Than Georgia.**  
"There is no water on the moon." And as we stop to think We wonder what on earth the man Up there can find to drink.—Chicago News.

**Subtle Retort.**  
Prospective Lodger—Are you to be let with the lodgings? Mald—No; I am to be let alone.—Judge.

**Through Love's Eyes.**  
He used to think her "long and lean," But, though she has not changed at all, Since they're engaged he hath not seen A creature "so divinely tall!"—Pueblo Chieftain.

**Up to Devilry.**  
New York Child—Let's play pirates. Boston Child—All right. Shall we pirate plays or books?—Puck.

**The New Member.**  
He broke the shackles which had bound His eloquence. He made his bow And spoke his maiden speech—and found He hadn't said much anyhow!—Washington Star.

The old reliable—The Weekly Oregonian.

**Ignorance in High Life.**  
Kitty—Mamma, are we high in society? Mrs. Topflat—Yes, dear, but society hasn't found it out yet.—Chicago Tribune.

**Useful Odes.**  
He penned her verse on white foolcap That told of Cupid's capers. She answered: "Send some more, old chap. They make such nice curl papers."—Detroit Tribune.

**Speaking of Colors.**  
Mrs. Hoyle—My husband is the pint of perfection. Mrs. Doyle—I'd rather have a man who was true blue.—New York Press.

**One Load and Another.**  
He had a load of trouble—more Than might to him have come Had he not tried to change it for Another load—of rum.—Houston Post.

**The Sordid View.**  
The Long Haired One—You know, a poet is a prophet. The Sordid One—Not to his publishers.—Baltimore American.

**Where He Quit.**  
He led her to the altar, By flower girls attended. Then they transferred the halter, And there his leading ended.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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