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## GREAT SINGER NORDICA TO MARRY MINING MAN

Owner of Josephine County Mine Soon Captures Brilliant Singer

Here is a telegram from New York City, which conveys some news regarding the sensational greeting which was accorded Geo. W. Young, who is well known in Grants Pass, as being the sole owner of the Preston Peak Copper Mines, located near Waldo, Josephine county, and Mme. Li Lian Nordica, the world renowned singer:

New York, Jan. 26—"Hello, George. How are you?" said Madame Nordica today as she stepped from a train at the Grand Central station and kissed George W. Young, head of the banking house of George W. Young & Company, who had been waiting her arrival from Chicago.

The affectionate meeting of the couple was expected in view of the story telegraphed from Chicago that Mme. Nordica left there yesterday, that she had come East at the urgent solicitation of Mr. Young and that the pair would be married in the East within a few days.

The singer herself as well as Mr. Young are silent on this phase of her trip. Mr. Young and Mme. Nordica have been associated in business. Mr. Young was the former president of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company. His first wife, who gave him his freedom two weeks ago was Miss Natalie B. Bray.

The marriage would be the third of Mme. Nordica. Her last husband was Herr Doehme.

## EASTERNERS LOOKING OUR COUNTRY OVER

The Courier has been headed a copy of the Beaver Falls, Pa., Review, of recent date, which mentions having heard from some natives of their section, who are looking over Oregon state. Some of the items are a bit incorrect, as will be seen from the following:

"We are in receipt of some scenery views from the Webfoot State, from a party of New Sewickley folks, who left for the Pacific Slope, the latter part of October, after submitting to 'tottering monopoly' for one week. They brast forth one bright morning along about the first of November, 1907, into the realm of eternal summer, greeted by the rich odor of violets, the everblooming rose and the twittering of birds amongst the dense foliage of the magnolia. It is expected that they will locate permanently on the Southern Pacific at Medford, a town near the Big Butte, with a population of 967 inhabitants."

"Our friends way out back of the Cascade mountains of Oregon have again sent us some very fine scenic views, and write that they are thinking of quitting Medford and take up their abode, three hundred miles north, in the beautiful city of Portland, known as the Rose City. The Rogue river valley of Oregon, is famed for its red and yellow apples. The thermometer there seldom gets below 50 degrees, flowers bloom the whole year round. Active garden making commenced along about the first of February. In the distance you can see the white cones of the Cascade mountains covered with snow to a depth of apparently 30 feet or so. One of the party climbed to dizzy heights on Eagle Point, getting into the snow."

Had they but stopped off and viewed the landscape over they would have gone no farther. When they behold our 10 pound potatoes, 40 pound cabbages, immense bunches of Today grapes, roses blooming every day in the year, mild climate and other things too numerous to mention, they would have asked for no more proof of the fact that it is in very truth "God's country."

This week F. W. Steele was operated upon for a bad case of appendicitis and Dr. Longbridge discovered a miniature fishbone in the appendix, which was successfully removed and now the patient is getting along nicely.

Rumor has it that Grants Pass is soon to have a new bank, as well as another abstract company.

## INTERESTING DIGEST OF OREGON'S NEW TAX LAW

Showing Some of the Radical Changes Proposed by the Legislature.

Taxes will become delinquent the first Monday in April. If the full amount is paid on or before the 15th of March, a rebate of three per cent. will be allowed. If one-half of the above taxes are paid on or before the first Monday in April, the time for the remaining half will be extended to the first Monday in October; if not so paid and become delinquent, a penalty of 10 per cent and 12 per cent interest will be added.

The following sections found in the statutes, will also have a tendency to enlighten those not posted on the law:

Sec. 55—All lots, tracts and parcels of land upon which taxes remain due and unpaid at the date of the taking effect of this act and which have not heretofore been sold for such taxes, either to the county, or to any other person, except the taxes for the current year shall be deemed to be delinquent under the provisions of this act, and the same proceedings may be had to enforce the payment of such unpaid taxes, with penalty, interest and costs, and payment enforced and liens foreclosed under and by virtue of the provisions of this act, the date of delinquency shall be construed to mean the date when the taxes first became delinquent; provided, that all sales of property for which certificates of delinquency are held by the county, if no bids are received, the county shall be considered a bidder for the full area of each tract or lot to the amount of such taxes, penalties, interest and costs due thereon, and where no bidder appears acquire the title thereto as absolutely as if purchased by an individual under the provisions of this act; all bidders except the county at sales of property for which certificate of delinquency are held by the county shall pay the full amount of taxes, penalties, interest, and costs for all subsequent year due on said property at the date of sale.

Sec. 56—The tax collector shall, upon the issuance of a certificate of delinquency, collect 50 cents. For making a deed, to include not more than 10 tracts or lots and including all services rendered, including sales and posting notices, \$3. The clerk of the county shall collect from each contestant at the time of filing such contest \$5.

Mrs. J. W. Lewis, of Holland, who has been paying her mother a six weeks' visit, at Fresno, Cal., returned home, yesterday.

## POULTRY SHOW PROVING TO BE A BIG SUCCESS

The First Annual Poultry Show of the Rogue River Valley began in this city, Thursday and will continue through Saturday. The indications point to an interesting and successful affair. There were something like 50 exhibitors made out the first day, with others to come in as the show progressed.

The exhibit is being held in the new warehouse of Messrs. Cramer Bros., on H street. Here some 60 exhibit pens were prepared before the opening of the display, the officers thinking that perhaps they would be sufficient, but it looks very much as though they would have to provide extra pens, for more chicken fanciers will undoubtedly come in today and tomorrow.

Elmer Dixon, the prominent Oregon City poultryman, who has acted in the capacity of judge in so many such shows, is here to perform a like service and he informs the Courier that the showing made by the poultry men of Rogue River at this time is very creditable and that for the first effort it is fully equal to any that have been given in the state. He sees a very marked and rapid growth in this particular industry here and all over the state and predicts that soon it will have developed wonderfully, adding greatly to the production of this great and growing commonwealth.

Masters Clarence and Chester Newton, who have been visiting Woodburn relatives, returned home, this week, accompanied by their aunt, Miss Vesta Miller, of Woodburn.



Grants Pass Successful High School Debaters

These speakers met and vanquished the Roseburg and Klamath Falls teams and now they will meet the Marshfield debaters in the First Baptist Church of Roseburg, when they will contest for the honors in this district.

## OREGON FRUIT STORY TOLD ALL OVER WORLD

Commercial Bodies of the State Unite in Setting Forth Interesting Facts.

(Special Correspondence)

Portland, Ore., January 27, 1908. Working in connection with several commercial bodies over the state, and aided by individual fruit growers, the Portland Commercial Club has issued a fruit bulletin composed of four pages of the New Year's Oregonian. Each paper sent out bears a paragraph, conspicuously stamped in two places, telling the reader that he can buy his ticket on the road most convenient to him at a remarkably low colonist rate between March 1st and April 30th. The \$30 rate from the great middle west is made the striking feature of the stamp. Of course mention is made also of rates from other sections. The bulletins are prepared in advance for the use of the agents employed by the various railroads, localizing the rate for their particular line.

The Mid-Winter Livestock Show at Denver just closed was a tremendous success, and many of the exhibitors expressed a determination to be present at the Livestock Show in Portland this coming fall. The Portland Country Club and Livestock Association have promised the Hunt Club that accommodations will be ready for them in June, and an army of men and horses are at work at the present time to make this pledge good.

The Pacific Coast Ad Men's Association will hold their next annual convention in Portland during the Rose Festival.

The Oregon Development League is exceedingly prosperous. The past two weeks have added three members to the organization. The Stayton Commercial Club, W. L. Freres, President, R. A. Elwood, secretary; the Commercial Club of Mosier Valley, with Dr. David Robinson, secretary; the Scio Commercial Club, T. J. Munken, president, and A. G. Prill, secretary.

The Hood River Commercial Club will hold its third annual banquet Friday evening, January 31. Delegates will be present from Portland, The Dalles and other cities throughout the state.

Newberg will have a house warming, under the auspices of the Newberg Board of Trade, on February 1st, celebrating the opening of their fine new Imperial Hotel.

The Executive committee of the Portland Commercial Club are appealing for additional funds to advertise the resources of Oregon, and at no time during the active work of that Committee have responses been so generous. New subscriptions are coming in, former contributors are either doubling or materially increasing their subscriptions, and every cent of it is devoted to advertising the State and not the city. Complete plans have been decided upon for the Oregon Building at the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition, and up to date it is the most attractive state building yet shown in America upon the grounds of a great Fair.

Will L. Lynn, representative of the Pacific Printers' Supply Co., of Seattle, was looking after the interests of the local newspaper plants, Wednesday.

## REPORTS TELL OF MANY PEOPLE COMING WEST

Easterners are Looking This Way as Never Before, With Longing Eyes.

All indications point to a big influx of easterners this way, the coming season. The various railroads are giving special rates, as an inducement and there is some most judicious advertising being done in the Eastern and Middle states, setting forth, in an attractive manner the many good things which might be said about the Beaver State.

Every day signs of these facts are coming in evidence and here is a newspaper clipping from one of the big dailies of Chicago, handed to the Courier by A. B. Cornell, who received it from his "mister in the east. This will serve as a sample of the way they are talking back that way: It is estimated that 50,000 persons in the territory west of the Mississippi River availed themselves of the first of the homeseekers' rates, which went into effect yesterday, and departed for points west of the Missouri.

Notwithstanding the protests of two or three roads operating east of the Missouri River only the low fares will be continued throughout the year. The excursions will be run the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The rate will be one fare for the round trip, plus \$2 and the territory covered will be practically everything west of the Mississippi except California.

The tickets will be second-class—that is, will not be honored in first-class sleeper, but will be good in the tourist cars. To a majority of the points the final limit for return trip will be 30 days and stayovers will be allowed at nearly any point west of the Missouri River, including the larger cities like Denver, Pueblo, Salt Lake City and Ogden.

From Chicago it is estimated that 5000 persons went on the rates by the various roads during the day. Though the tickets are of the contract form, they are open to the public, which means that a certain per centage of them were used by regular travelers. A large per cent of the transportation, however, was sold to bona fide homeseekers bound for different points in the great West to look over prospective farms, factory sites and locations for business.

One of the windows of the Geo. S. Calhoun Co., has quite an attraction in the shape of a couple of civet cats, which were captured out in the woods by timber cruisers, Messrs. Conger & Verdin. The animals sleep during the day, but are up to all kinds of pranks after night, as many a miner can well attest, when they carried off his box, and various articles of clothing. But they put an end to all rats and mice, around the premises. Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain has appointed T. P. Judson a notary public.

R. B. Reed, father of Robert Reed arrived from Redding, Cal., Saturday, where he went some weeks ago, to look after one of his mining claims. He has been very ill with pneumonia, but is now on the mend.

Fred Mensch has been out doing some surveying of several mineral claims, in the vicinity of Kerby, the past week.

## GRANTS PASS POSTOFFICE MAKES WONDERFUL GAIN

Annual Report Makes a Fine Showing Which is Decidedly Creditable.

The annual report of the Grants Pass postoffice, which has just been compiled, makes a very gratifying showing of the steady and substantial growth of this city, in this most important direction.

The following figures tell the tale and indicate very plainly how the volume of business has materially increased during the past 12 months: 1907—revenue from sale of stamps and box rent, \$9955.03—1906—\$9273.90, making a gain of \$681.13.

1907—in money order department—7753 orders issued, for \$85,103.89; 1906—7319 orders, \$68,506.09—a gain of 534 orders and \$4,597.80 in cash. While the number paid out in 1907 was 5058, valued at \$56,037.20, as against 5189, worth \$47,545.02, in 1906, making difference in favor of 1907 of \$8489.18.

During 1907 there were 2597 letters registered, while in 1906 the number was only 2508, making a difference for 1907 of 289.

For some months past all of the boxes have been taken and the applications for more of them have been constantly on the increase. In fact the business of this office has been growing right along at a steady rate and Uncle Sam has no complaint to make as regards the Grants Pass office, for the revenue has been quite considerable and is becoming greater all the time.

## COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR WARRANTS

There are funds in the Treasury to pay all warrants registered prior to September 15, 1904. Interest will cease from this date.

January 30, 1908.  
J. T. TAYLOR,  
Co. Treasurer.  
List Your Timber Lands With Herzinger & Mitchell. 12-20 if

## MORE TALK REGARDING THAT NEW RAILROAD

Crescent City Papers are Reliably Informed that Surveyors will Work.

Ever and anon comes a welcome rumor, wafted by the breezes from over Crescent City way, bearing the good tidings that soon the Southern Pacific surveyors will be at work, laying out the long expected, much desired line of railroad, which will connect Grants Pass with the coast.

At times it has seemed as though this fond hope was about to be realized. Now comes the Crescent City News, which declares, "We are informed by reliable authority that there is good prospect of the Southern Pacific railroad surveyors resuming operations through this section, within two or three months."

Other items of a like nature have been coming at intervals from various sources, which, while not containing positive information, yet they have tended to confirm the belief some people hold that this road is really going to materialize, one of these days, and that, too, in the not very distant future.

## CITIZENS HOLD WATERWORKS MASS MEETING

The mass meeting held at the courthouse, Friday evening, in the interests of the municipal ownership of the waterworks, was pretty well attended and much interest was manifested.

Mayor Smith presided and City Attorney Clements was called upon to state the objects of the gathering, which he did in a few, well chosen remarks. Then came an extended talk by W. B. Chase, the consulting engineer of Portland, who went into detail regarding the equipment of this plant, and much other valuable information. He answered questions that were propounded and went over the ground very carefully. It was the unanimous consensus of opinion that steps should be taken towards the city's securing this or some other plant. To this end Messrs. H. C. Kinney, W. T. Coburn and J. T. Tuffa were appointed a committee to secure the services of a competent engineer, whose duty it shall be to estimate the cost of a plant similar to his one and also to carefully go into the relative value of the plant which is now offered the city by its present owners, Messrs. Morris Bros.

The meeting was very harmonious and much interest was taken in the proceedings. It will take some little time for the committee thus appointed carry out the wishes of the community and report its findings.

There will be preaching services at Newman M. E. Church, Sunday morning, in the nature of a union service between this church and the M. E. Church South, Rev. C. H. Cleaves, of the latter church preaching. Sunday school at 10 under the leadership of Superintendent H. L. Gilkey. The Epworth League will hold its usual devotional service in the League room of the church, at 6:30. A cordial welcome is given to everyone to attend these services.

## Something Extraordinary!

The big sale of Graniteware is still on

20 per cent off of Marked Prices

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.	<b>R. H. O'Neill</b> 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.
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