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Our Deering correspondent tells of the small boys out that way going swimming, these January days! How's that for a mild climate? Why, even Southern California with all its boasted climate could not begin to equal that.

It is now permissible in England for a man to marry his wife's sister, if the wife is dead. Is it not about time to enact a law in America for the protection of the wife's mother from the alleged funny man, who never was funny?

It is said that the disgruntled Observer has been "rounding up" the various county officials and in his pompous manner has intimated that unless they give him all the patronage of their respective offices they cannot expect the support of this mighty organ of the "ring." But he is so in the habit of claiming everything in sight that his rantings are not regarded very seriously.

Postmaster Harmon has asked the Courier to call the attention to the practice of some people on the rural routes, in placing loose change in the boxes, when they want to mail a letter, instead of providing themselves with stamps. He hopes the practice will be discontinued and that rural route patrons will place a small cup of wood or tin in their boxes, in which to place the coin, in case it becomes necessary for them to do so.

The man who wrote this is not a minister but a newspaper chap who has had experience in the world: "The best people in town are church people. There may be hypocrites among them, and a scoundrel or two, but as a whole these people are the ones you need. You do not worry about your daughter if she builds up her social circle among these church people, and in your heart you are glad that your boy has found friends in the church, even if you haven't set foot inside of a church for 20 years."

A young bachelor sheriff who was called upon to serve an attachment on a handsome young widow and the following experience: "Madam, I have an attachment for you." She blushed and said the attachment was reciprocated. "You misunderstood, he said, you must proceed to court. She told him she knew it was leap year, but she had rather be would do the courting. "Madam," he continued "this is no time for trifling. The Justice is waiting. "O, I prefer a minister," she replied. "A minister married me the first time, and I had had luck!"

Today the Angora breeders of this valley are in session here at Grants Pass, for the purpose of perfecting a Rogue River Valley Association. This is a most hopeful sign, for it is conceded that we have the ideal spot for breeding this money producing animal. The Angora is well adapted to our cold climate, and with so many acres of hill land good for nothing else, we may well lay claim to having

the place for the propagation of the Angoras. And they bring good returns, too. Now that the common sheep are diminishing all over this and other countries, it becomes evident that mohair will be needed and in great demand.

We are almost too busy enrolling the names of new subscribers and in gathering the local news for our constantly increasing circle of readers to even notice the little thrust which the pessimistic editor of the Observer attempts to give us. True to his nature, he can see nothing good in the newspaper line unless it emanates from his overtaxed brain. We have not the time to waste on such people who, envious of the success that is coming to the Courier, attempt to deceive the people of Josephine county. We merely "consider the source" as the fellow did, who was kicked by the mule.

Grants Pass business men should turn out and attend the fruitgrowers' meeting, tomorrow. We are told by the fruit men that in the past our merchants have shown very little interest in these gatherings. This ought not to be, for with our mild climate, excellent soil and many other such things, it is evident that this is destined to be the crowning industry of our favored valley. Mining, timber and other things will add materially to our general prosperity, but nothing can begin to equal the fruit growing industry. So, it behooves our dealers to turn out and take more than a passing interest in tomorrow's meeting.

Will the Observer man have another sick spell, now that he has relieved his over worked brain, again? Three weeks ago his labored and incoherent article proved to be too much for his physical makeup and he had to recuperate for a few days. Now that he has again given utterance to a bit of his spleen, we may expect him to succumb for a season. We prefer to expend our energies in gathering the news, which is, we are sure, decidedly more acceptable to our readers than to dish up a lot of mud, as the Observer's mighty editor is doing. But he's getting his own hands dirty in so doing.

Now that the Observer editor has succeeded in having himself made a member of the republican political machine of Josephine county, have you noticed how solicitous he is to have the voters of this county "line up" and pay tribute to the "ring," of which he is one of the chiefs? His efforts, however, have been abortive, for the intelligent voters of this county have been fooled too often in the past to again be hoodwinked after any such fashion. The "ring" candidates in Josephine county will hear a mighty thud, about the 15th of June, when the independent voters get in their work, or we miss our guess. Already machine candidates are trying in vain to hush up the Observer, for they see their chances go glimmering as he lays on the party lash. Sick 'em tight!

Local dealers tell us that ever since Grants Pass was anything of a place, there have been shipments of poultry made from eastern states of chickens and eggs. This has thus been a constant drain upon the locality's resources, for the freight, alone, is a no small item. But, we are glad to note that this state of affairs may not long exist. And one of the surest signs is the interest which is being taken in the poultry industry. That is exactly what the Grants Pass Poultry Keepers' Association is striving at, and we should lend a helping hand. Soon, instead of paying out our good money for eastern "hen fruit," we will hope to be shipping the low legged setters and many eggs to the Portland and other markets. Yes, we can make "not mistake" in encouraging

ing this new, and growing organization, for it means much for the future growth and development of the entire valley.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

By Old Man Smith

### MODERN SAINTS.

Not such as dwell in cloisters, nor such as love to gaze at the stars but men who follow the primitive if not Divine method of life by cultivating the soil and garnering the fruits of the earth. Man's first business was horticulture. After degradation came the artist the builder and the trader. The man who chooses to dress and keep the trees in his garden and bring to perfection its luscious fruits is getting back to God's way. No better occupation need be sought, for it tends to bring out all that is lovely in human character. The merchant regards another as his rival whom he must beat by sharp practice, fake sales and shoddy goods. The stockman fences the public domain for his own use and threatens bloody murder if anyone proposes to interfere. The sheepowner is shot down for pasturing where his neighbor herds his stock. Lawyers and Doctors rail at each other for gobbling up the fees. Even the minister in a small parish though sometimes justly, dreads the incoming of a possible rival. But the fruit grower welcomes another of the same kind and more of them. Each helps the other. And the more and better fruit in any neighborhood helps in marketing at more remunerative prices so that the benefit of one is the benefit of all. And the watchfulness, the constant labor required in ridding the orchard of pests as well as the care in putting up the fruit in the most attractive form for the market with the sure and better returns for his investment all go to make the fruit grower a well developed man. And fruitgrowers as a release from the vices of artificial society. The horticulturalist ought to be an angel.

### GEMS OF LITERATURE.

Careful with fire is good advice we know.  
Careful with words is ten times doubly so;  
Boys flying kites haul in their white winged birds.  
You can't do that way when you are flying words,  
Things that we think may sometimes fall back dead,  
But God himself can't kill them, when they're said.

A powerful King of Greece had imprisoned a learned man for some offense. It happened that the King of Spain one day presented the Greek monarch with a noble horse. He sent for the learned prisoner to tell him the value of the horse. After a thorough inspection the Greek pronounced the horse a beautiful courser but said he, the horse had been fed on asses' milk which the king found to be true. On another occasion the king was inspecting his jewels and again he sent for the learned man who told him that in a certain stone was a living worm which was found to be true. On another occasion the learned Greek told the king that he was merely the son of a baker. The king was struck with his wisdom and asked the Greek how he obtained so much knowledge. "I will tell you," said he: "I knew the horse had been fed on asses' milk because he hung his ears. I knew there was a live worm in the stone because it was warm while other stones are cold and I knew that you are the son of a baker because when I told you of the horse, you ordered me the gift of a half loaf a day and when I told you of the stone, you ordered me a whole loaf. If you had been a king's son you would have given me a city."

### LITTLE NUGETS.

After special services the churches endeavor to tabulate the results. But the most permanent results cannot be counted on your fingers. Truthful sowing brings its appropriate harvest. But you must wait.  
It is a pretty combination of graft and politics that Henry is disclosing in Portland. So far protection for grafters in return for votes is all the evidence disclosed. But that is enough to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the honest citizen. There is need of a wholesale purging in party politics.

### Special Rates From Grants Pass.

On account of the 3th annual convention Western Retail Lumbermen's Association at Tacoma, February 27th, 28th and 29th. Tickets will be sold at Grants Pass on the certificate plan, to Tacoma, entitling holders to return at one-third fare from Tacoma, having paid full fare going. Further particulars at the depot.

R. K. MONTGOMERY,  
Agent.

## CITY TEACHER WIELDS BIRCH TOO FREELY

Prof. C. V. Kilgore, principal of the East public schools of Grants Pass was arrested and tried this week, on the charge of assault and battery upon Harry Truax, the 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Truax. The trial occurred before Justice of the Peace, James Holman, at the city hall, Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon, many interested citizens being in attendance.

It was charged that Mr. Kilgore, in reprimanding the young boy had overstepped his bounds and had inflicted wounds upon the body of the child, so his mother testified.

After hearing all the testimony, Justice Holman assessed a fine of \$10 and costs against Mr. Kilgore.

Such affairs are truly unfortunate for any community, and no matter how decided, they generally tend to demoralize the public schools, of what ever locality they happen to occur in and breed trouble for all parties concerned.

## BUILDING ROAD DOWN ROGUE RIVER TO SEA

The government is making good progress under the direct supervision of the forestry service in extending a road down Rogue river into Curry county. This particular stretch will open up a wide latitude of country rich in mineral and prolific of the best marketable pine. When his work has been completed 10 per cent of the proceeds will be diverted to the school fund, thus increasing the permanent means of keeping up schools. About \$500 has been appropriated to be used in developing highway, and it is expected that Congress will set aside \$500 more to be used on this project. Extreme difficulty is met in some places. For instance along Rogue river in some places men taking the initiative step in building were swung out along the bank of the river until the drilling could be done.

The costignous territory will yield millions of feet of pine and fir, which will increase the revenues of the government at the rate of \$2 and \$2.50 a million.—Crescent City News.

### Colonist Rates.

As has been the custom for several years past the Railroads leading to the coast have agreed on a colonist rate, a little higher than in years past, but still a very attractive rate, and it ought to have the effect of bringing a large number of immigrants to Oregon this spring. The rate is effective from March 1st to April 30th and is substantially as follows: from Chicago \$38; from Missouri river common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City inclusive, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, etc., \$30; St. Louis, \$35.50. Usual stopover privileges will be given on these tickets. 1-24 tf

### Teachers Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Josephine County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Grants Pass.

### FOR STATE PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, February 12, 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 15, 1908 at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, composition, algebra, English literature.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, school law.

### FOR COUNTY PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, February 12, 1908 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 14, 1908, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading, physical geography.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, school law, civil government, English literature. 1-31 tf

LINCOLN SAVAGE,  
Co. Supt.

### Applications for Grazing Permits.

NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the SIS-KIYOU, ASHLAND and that portion of KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST, north of summit of Siskiyou Mountains, during the season of 1908, must be filed in my office at Grants Pass, Oregon, on or before March 10, 1908. (No grazing permits on original Ashland Forest.)

Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged, and blank forms to be used in making application, will be furnished upon request. Milton J. Anderson, Supervisor. 1-31-08

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### LOST.

REWARD for information or return of a small Pug dog. Answers to the name of "Tommy." H. L. Herzinger, Real Estate Dealer. 1-31 7t

### FOR SALE.

A BARGAIN—100 head of goats, about 60 nannies, registered, four fine bucks. Here's a chance to get something good, no extra choice lot. I. A. Dana, Riddles, Ore. 1-17 2t

FOR SALE—Early Excelsior and Oregon Evergreen strawberry plants, best early late market varieties, fine shippers and canners. \$3.50 per thousand. Best selected plants 75 cents per hundred. Inquire of J. Sams, R. F. D. No. 2, Grants Pass, Ore. 1-17 6t

FOR SALE—Jersey Heifer Calves—Thoroughbred Stock—\$5 each. Ask of R. G. Scott, The Dairyman. 1-17 1t

HORSES and Wagons for sale. Inquire of J. M. Mason, Merlin. 1-17-4t

FOR SALE—Six head full blood Hereford Bulls—R. P. George, Kerry, Ore. 11-1 1t

FOR SALE—J. H. Robinson & Son, R. F. D. No. 3, Grants Pass, Breeders and Sellers of Thoroughbred Short-horn Cattle, Poland-China Hogs, Braune Turkeys and Brown Leg-horn Chickens. Fine Northern Bull, which cannot be used with herd, for sale at Reasonable Price. Will furnish pairs of Hogs—Boar and Sows that are of no kin. Turkey and Chicken Block headed each season by Imported Birds and Eggs Guaranteed. Poultry and just as represented. 1-10 1t

### WANTED.

TEAM WANTED—Anyone having workable team, who wants it kept through winter months for light work, apply to Chas. Meserve for particulars. 12-30 1t

WANTED—Salesmen. Many Make \$100 to \$150 per month; some even more. Stock clean; grown on Reservation, far from old orchards. Cash advanced weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Toppenish, Washington.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

BARGAIN IN WOOD—Two-thirds worth of 200 tiers of Dry Oak given for the cutting of same. Nine miles from Grants Pass. Ask at Courier Office for particulars. 1-17 1t

FOR SALE—Three Work Horses for sale at Moody's Wood Yard. 1-17 2t

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### 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 5t