

**MURPHY**

The literary at Murphy every Saturday night is interesting and well attended.

J. W. Gilmore sold a team this week to Mr. Wood of Lee district.

D. O. Hays, teacher at Williams, has a vacation this week and is visiting relatives at Murphy and Merlin.

Ike Vincent of Missouri Flat made a mislick with his ax Monday and cut his foot to and into the bone of the instep.

"Shorty" and "Eben" think we have a most wonderful country, and we probably have, but they forgot to mention the fact that Harriman holds the first mortgage on it.

Williams Bros. have bought the track and two miles of Gas pipe from the Applegate Boom & Lumber Co. and moved same to their plant at Cow Creek.

Rev. Good, presiding elder, assisted by Rev. Blakman of Grants Pass and Rev. Mrs. Reed, the Pastor at Murphy, held quarterly meetings here Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week.

The Applegate Valley Telephone Co. is steadily growing. They now have 60 phones extending from the Blue ledge in California to Grants Pass and more clamoring to be admitted.

Miss Iva McArthur closes a successful four months term of school here today. Miss Iva made many friends during her stay in our neighborhood and we wish her much success wherever her duties call her.

Will Hill passed through Murphy this week with the 10 H. P. donkey engine from Dr. Flanagan's Exchange mine. Mr. Hill has a contract to grab 20 acres of Tokay land near the Pass and intends using the donkey as a grub puller.

Uncle Bob Cook postmaster for 25 years at Draper on Foothills Creek, spent Saturday and Sunday with his old acquaintance, James Gilmore at Murphy. Uncle Bob tells many interesting reminiscences of his trip with an ox team from Springfield, Mo., to Oregon City in '51 and '52.

Say "Uncle Joe" we don't blame you much for thinking that Missouri Flat is a windy place, for really that 10 pound spud story rather takes a fellow aback unless he is familiar with this Applegate soil and its possibilities. All the same "Uncle Joe" you will find this phenomenal potato at the office formerly occupied by the Sherman Realty Co. north of the Josephine hotel. Go there some day and take a look at the biggest spud you or any other man ever saw, and remember it grew in "The Italy of America," Applegate Province.

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**"Worst Roads in America."**

M. Worth Colwell, writing on the worst roads in America in the November Outing, says: Mr. Charles J. Glidden, the donor of the Glidden auto trophy, who holds the world's record for automobile mileage and who has traveled in nearly a dozen countries a distance of more than 90,000 miles, declared that never in all his touring here or abroad had he encountered such execrable mud road conditions as those in Ohio and Indiana on the road to South Bend. Speaking on this subject, he said: "Seventy per cent of the roads encountered on this tour would by any European government be closed to travel and marked 'Use at your own peril.' One of the things that this tour has accomplished is that it has revealed some of the deplorable conditions of the highways of a prosperous nation. The accidents on the tour were due wholly to the bad roads, which were unknown to the drivers. They were the worst trails imaginable."

**Modern Oiled Roads.**

It somewhat appears that our whole country is soon to be made available through roads constructed by what some one has dubbed the petrolytic process, says the Los Angeles Times. In riding over a country road a few days ago a chauffeur was heard to remark, "I have driven over all kinds of roads, but that sausage machine roller beats down the best surface I ever traveled over." Judging by the mileage now under construction by this process, it would appear that the general public heartily indorses the opinion of the driver quoted.

**DEERING**

There is no place like home and surely everything indicates that Deering is home.

Our boys here paraded in going in swimming regardless of the fact that January is a winter month.

The month of December comprised 16 cloudy days of which 12 were rainy and all the rest of the month was either pure sunshine with summer temperature.

We see that the esteemed Observer is still stoutly maintaining that Sen. Fulton is the only one of the gang who has never been caught and for that simple reason is trying to cram him down the throat of Oregon voters again. Oh, when will our county papers devote their time and talents for the people and not for the politicians?

We see that there are a few "doubting Thomases" in regard to those 10 pound Rogue River spuds. As to farther proof, will say that our neighbor, Fred Ahlberg raised potatoes that one would make any four Irishmen's square meal.

D. L. and L. R. Webb have suspended work on their California claims until dry weather. They are now home, bag and baggage.

Tom Gilligan has been busy for the last week looking up his cattle on the range. Tommie has quite a hand and so far has lost none to his knowledge.

Wm. Cogdale, who is interested with Al. Sattman in a cinnabar proposition on the Diamond Creek diggings reports plenty of ore that will run over 2 per cent and says he expects to strike it much richer in the near future.

A. C. Reynolds claims that he was an eye witness to two hogs at Waldo that dressed over 800 pounds. He says these are the biggest known in Oregon, except a few timber thieves. Just as soon as we can steal enough from the public and get ourselves elected to the legislature then we will be ready to enter society. Yes we will.

We think that Hon. Judge Jewell did very wrong when he caused the Courier to be designated as the "Official paper." You see the Courier is liable to make about 67 cents out of the transaction. That money is badly needed to pay the salaries of state officials whom we hire to steal us blind.

Han't Oregon any "favorite sons" for the presidency? What's the matter with C. W. Fulton or better still, Binger Herman? EBEN.

**ASHLAND NORMAL**

The regular meetings of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are well attended. Great interest is taken in these as well as in the Mission Class.

Rev. Matlock, of Eugene, gave an inspiring address in Chapel Wednesday.

There are about 20 new magazines to be placed on the reading table hereafter. These added to the list of dailies and other periodicals will furnish the students with all the reading material needed.

Karl Moore, Class '07, vice principal of the Jacksonville schools, made the Normal a visit this week.

On Friday morning a splendid address on the subject of psychology was given by C. B. Watson.

Many students attended the lecture at the opera house by Homer Davenport.

President Payne gave a fine talk in chapel on the subject "Be True to Yourself."

Prof. Mulkey, of Jacksonville, walked very quietly into chapel Tuesday morning. Instantly he was greeted by vigorous clapping. President Payne escorted him to the platform where he gave one of his characteristically cheerful talks.

The enthusiasm in the manual training department grows stronger daily. When a new student enters this department and sees what the other students are making, he can not work fast enough to suit himself. Everyone is hurrying to get one article made that they may begin on the next piece. Each new design seems better than the last. Prof. Wardrip is kept busy directing the work.

The first of a series of entertainments under the auspices of the Band was given at the Opera House Friday night, the Robley Quartet. The entertainment was very creditable and was much enjoyed by the audience. On Saturday, Feb. 1, Sobieski, the Polish prince and rightful heir to the throne of Poland, will lecture, and on Monday night the Menley Quartet, singers of national fame, will give a musical entertainment. The remaining two numbers of the course will be 75 cents. They promise to be real treats.

**SECRET RATES GIVEN**

Do Express Companies Thus Aid the Mail Order Houses?

**CONGRESSMAN SO ALLEGES.**

Mr. Anthony Presents Evidence to Show Violation of Interstate Commerce Act—Chicago Concern Indicted For Illegal Use of Mails.

A day of reckoning seems to be in prospect for some of the big mail order houses which appear to have been violating the laws. Congressman D. R. Anthony of Kansas, who represents the Leavenworth district and is a son of one of the most noted editors in the history of his state and a nephew of Miss Susan B. Anthony, the famous woman suffragist, has furnished evidence to Postmaster General Meyer which is said to show that some of the mail order concerns enjoy secret cut rates from the express companies.

Congressman Anthony has been gathering facts to substantiate his statement that the express companies give discriminatory rates, thus enabling the mail order people to ship their goods to country customers at rates low as or even lower than those suggested in the postmaster general's recent recommendation for the establishment of a parcel post. Should these charges be substantiated both the express companies and the mail order concerns participating in this underhand work are liable to prosecution under the interstate commerce act, just as the railroads and the Standard Oil company have been prosecuted for giving and accepting rebates on freight transportation.

Many country merchants oppose parcels post legislation because they fear that it would give such an advantage to the mail order stores in the large cities that the local retailers would be driven out of business. Just how Mr. Anthony's investigations may turn out is a matter of conjecture, but should his statements be substantiated by official investigation it is evident that the discovery of express rebates will tend to reconcile retail merchants to parcels post legislation. At any rate, these charges coming from a man of Congressman Anthony's standing should cause thousands of mail order patrons to think twice before patronizing houses suspected of violating this highly important law. Those who believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none will be inclined to class the mammoth mail order concerns with the Standard Oil company and other preyers on the public weal.

In Iowa the federal authorities are going after one mail order concern, that of Sears, Roebuck & Co. of Chicago, in another way. The federal grand jury at Des Moines has returned an indictment in three counts against the Chicago firm on charges of using the mails to defraud.

It is alleged that this concern sold to a citizen of Des Moines some paints which it described in a letter to the prospective buyer as containing white lead and being manufactured "in our own great paint factory under the supervision of the finest paint experts." The indictment sets forth that the paints did not contain white lead and were not manufactured in the concern's own factory, Sears, Roebuck & Co. not possessing a paint factory.

The other two counts name a rural free delivery route victim who bought two rings from the Chicago concern on the strength of its catalogue recommendation. One of these rings was said to contain pearls and sapphires, the other pearls and rubies. Neither of the rings contained the jewels mentioned, according to the indictment.

As the catalogues and the rings were sent through the mails, a violation of the federal statutes is charged.

Whether this indictment holds or not, there is food for thought in the reflection that you cannot always get what you want by seeing a picture and description of it in a catalogue and sending your money by mail without first seeing the goods.

The local merchant keeps his goods in sight, and the purchaser always knows what he is buying. Purchasing articles by mail is pretty much like swapping pocketknives "unsight and unseen." Very frequently the other boy's knife is not half so good a knife as yours, but when you trade that way your knife is gone. It is a good rule to insist upon seeing the knife before making the trade.

At your home stores you can always see the knife and test the blades before buying.

Work For Live Improvement Society. In small centers of population where none but the most general laws govern it is necessary to form an improvement society to look after the health and well being of the people as a whole, says the Los Angeles Times. The laws of hygiene must be observed. Both sewers and surface drainage should be provided by the people as a whole, and where no city government exists this is a splendid work for a live society for civic betterment.

**Gold Bricks.**

A common brick weighs about two pounds. A gold brick 2 inches by 4 by 8 would weigh more than forty pounds and be worth some \$11,000. Few men could carry a bag of \$50,000 in gold very far.

**WHAT PEOPLE SAY**

What People Say. "Have you noticed what fine roses we have here in Grants Pass, right in mid-winter?" was the inquiry made of the Courier man by Will L. Ireland who resumed: "Yes, we've had fine roses every week in the year and even with our frost of this week, they are as bright and pretty as ever." The reporter can attest to the foregoing, for in his rounds this week he has seen many fine roses and has also had his attention called to many other beautiful specimens. These, together with the nice sunshine we are having, rightly entitles us to claim this to indeed be the "land of sunshine and flowers."

Mr. Ireland, in speaking with the newsgatherer, took occasion to remark that he was almost daily in receipt of communications from people from all over the country, who saw his advertisements, last summer and who seemed anxious to learn all they can about this favored locality. He is referring these letters to his successors, Messrs. Herzinger & Mitchell, who are also receiving many such communications and who are doing much to enlighten the easterners regarding this promising section.

"I notice in your courthouse report last week about the way the voters are registering, but I really think that the way things are going is somewhat misleading. You say that they are mostly of the republican political faith, whereas, although they register that way and are probably so with regards to national affairs, yet, like myself, many a man who is down as a republican will exercise his rights at the primaries and if the right kind of a candidate is named, will probably vote that way at the general election, but you will find that no ring rule goes in Josephine county. We stand for the man, rather than for the party. So, I say, when the election occurs you will doubtless be somewhat surprised to see the returns come in." This was the expression of one republican's views and the Courier man finds that many people will not be bound by party lines, but merely register that way, in order to get a chance to vote at the primaries. "Despite the fact that Josephine county is about the only county in the state where the republican machine is striving to manipulate affairs, yet our people will not have the yoke put on them." Was the way another voter voiced his sentiments.

"You may tell the dear people, if you desire to do so that we are meeting all our obligations and soon we will be able to discount all accounts," said Manager Horner of the Grants Pass Box Factory, who also informed the Courier representative that he had now 65 men at work and hoped to soon increase the force quite materially.

"Gee, are those attorneys going to do away with the juries?" asked one citizen, who had evidently read of the big joint debate in which four Grants Pass attorneys are to indulge in at the Opera House, Lincoln's Birthday, Wednesday, February 12. He admitted that "some juries were rotten," and that lots of jurors could be "bought up," but he would hate to entirely do away with the trial-by-jury system and he will be an interested listener at the spirited oratorical contest before mentioned.

**Stenography.**

The earliest printed book on stenography in English or perhaps in any other language is "Character and Arte of Shorte, Swift and Secrete, Writing by Character, Invented by Timothee Bright, Doctor of Philosophie, Imprinted at London by J. Windet, the Assignee of Tim Bright, 1588. Cum Privilegio Regiæ Majestatis. Forbidding All Others to Print the Same."

**Fond of Fine Clothes.**

Parlors are fond of fine clothes and a man's wardrobe for men includes a suit of light, pretty material, a vest of the neck and with long sleeves and a vest that fits close to the figure, also with wide, flowing sleeves.

**Ostrich Plumes.**

Ostrich plumes as they arrive in the market look like bedraggled turkey feathers, and they pass through a score of hands before they become the well known fluffy and graceful adjunct to feminine attire.

**Beautiful School Grounds.**

Just at present is a good time for all interested to look over the local schoolyard and consider if it meets their ideas regarding beauty, shade, protection, educational value, etc. If it does not, the time is ripe to "get busy" with others whose interest is equal to yours and try to ameliorate present conditions so that this piece of public property will no longer be a reproach to those in control.



To buy your **Groceries**

At a store where the assortment is complete, and the quality the rest, you should purchase here. We are di-

ficient in but one thing and trust that is price. Our prices are certainly considerably below what they should be when you take into consideration the high quality of our goods, glance over these figures. Oranges, Lemons, Comb Honey, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. We carry a full supply of Poultry Goods.

**J. Pardee, The Grocer**  
Front Street Grants Pass

**GOOD ROADS APOSTLE.**

Charles Thatcher Advocates Highway From Ocean to Ocean.

Preaching the gospel of good roads, Charles Thatcher, a resident of Wheeling, W. Va., is now traveling from city to city endeavoring to interest the citizens of the nation in permanent

highways and primarily one or more great arteries for vehicle travel from ocean to ocean, says a Bloomington (Ill.) correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean. While he was in Bloomington his curbside talks to the audiences, attracted by the unique outfit accompanying him, were marked by earnestness and enthusiasm. He is not working any grafting or advertising dodge. No one is asked for money, and he has nothing to sell. For this reason he is attracting attention and is winning supporters in his movement.

After a residence of some years in the far west he became imbued with the idea that the absence of good roads leading from the east to the west was a serious handicap to the latter and that the possession of good roads would attract tourists in their automobiles and assist in developing the country. He decided to travel from city to city and not only try to arouse interest in the movement, but to secure signatures to petitions asking the president and congress to take some action. He will reach Washington late this year and will lay his petitions be-

fore President Roosevelt and ask him to use his influence to introduce a resolution in congress to investigate the project. Thatcher travels in a light buggy and is attired in regulation cowboy costume. His outfit is pulled by two western burros, and when he reaches a city he is always sure of an audience. He aims to attend all meetings in the interest of good roads.

His third road will tap New Orleans and thence via the southern tier of states to California. North and south roads extending from the great cities to the main highways are also planned. He has planned a road connecting Chicago and St. Louis which will pass through Bloomington and Springfield. He believes that congress should co-operate with the various states in the construction of these roads, thereby keeping the expense divided equally between the states crossed. Thatcher has traveled 7,000 miles in his unique tour of education and believes that he has inaugurated a movement which will not die.

**Harpooning Sharks.**

St. Kitts, like all the Leeward and Windward Islands, is a victim of foreign landlordism. Its sugar plantations are practically played out. The harbor of Basse-Terre resembles the bay of Naples, but is very shallow. It is, however, infested with man eating sharks up to twenty feet in length, and the tourist can have the sport of his life harpooning these tigers of the sea.

**YOU HEAR SOME TALK**

These days about economy; maybe you're being economical yourself. It's a good thing; we believe in it; but it's best to be clear as to what economy is.

Economy isn't buying cheap stuff because it's low priced; nor paying too much for good stuff because it's good.

Real economy is measured by comparing what you get with what it costs; a question of proportion not price.

That's why you ought to buy our Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes; they're all wool; perfectly tailored; correct in style. You get better value and bigger returns for your money in these goods than in any other. We can save you right now, from \$4 to \$6 on a fine suit or overcoat.

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