

WILLIAMS

B. L. Moffit is pruning orchards for J. M. John.

Mick Miller is doing considerable business trapping for fur-bearing animals this winter, catching skunk, coon, wildcat, fox, coyote and other animals.

Frank Smith, son of J. M. Smith of Baltimore district was operated on last week at St. Cloud Cal., for appendicitis. We are glad to hear that he is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parke have been made happy by the advent of a son. The newcomer made his arrival on February 27. He has not yet expressed his opinion about how he likes Oregon's glorious climate.

Mrs. Andrew Tarry has just returned from Talent, Jackson County, where she went to attend the funeral of her grandson, Joseph Kerby, a lad of 7 years, who died of spinal meningitis.

We would like to boom Williams Valley a little on its fine grape land.

Here are hundreds of acres of fine grape land as there is in Southern Oregon and yet the real estate boomers of Grants Pass don't seem to know anything about it—guess they never get out this far.

BALTIMORE.

MISSOURI FLAT

Mr. Bohl was a visitor to Grants Pass one day last week.

S. A. Berry and Miss Reta Miller made a business trip to Grants Pass, Tuesday.

Fred Miller picked up a nice nugget out of his mine one day last week. We hope he has good success and will pick up some more nice nuggets.

C. M. Rexford took a load of potatoes to Grants Pass one day last week.

L. G. Roberts made a business trip to Grants Pass Tuesday.

Henry Knutzen was a visitor to Grants Pass Wednesday.

Frank Jantzer, Jr., who was a resident of Missouri Flat, but now of California has been visiting old time friends once again, and thinks he might locate here once again. We hope so anyway.

The dance held at Fred Miller's place February 28, was a great success although it was a pretty stormy night, the Missouri Flat people don't care.

There will be a dance at Kubli Hall, March 12 and a basket supper. Everybody cordially invited.

Mr. Joseph L. Pierce of Grants Pass is visiting friends of Missouri Flat the past few days.

It has been quite stormy the past few days and this pleases the miners.

LILAC.

DEERING

Ed Courier: Now we can write it Feb. 29th and that reminds us that Mrs. D. L. Webb has a birthday today, which she celebrates every four years and it also reminds us that we have been away for a week over on Saddle bar, where the Webb Bros. have their camp and we only came out for the mail and to say that we saw lots over in that country worth telling about it is true, but will only mention a few facts. We left the boys with a big fat bear hanging up besides a few grey foxes and snow was two feet deep there and still snowing. This is California, remember, not Oregon. The boys are camped in Ignatz Knapke's cabin where he has signs up that hunters and prospectors are welcome to the use of the cabin, but puts a ban on timber thieves in very strong language. We saw old Examiners and Oregonians there and also a few copies of the Courier issued in 1903 and there was one feature of the Courier that we did not fail to note and that was that then, as now, it was engaged in telling the people of the fruit industry of Josephine county what had been done and what could be done and not trying to cram down our throats some knock-kneed, lantern-jawed, crooked politician. So long as the Courier keeps

up its present tune it is well worth going 12 miles over snow covered mountains to get and we are going to take back a couple copies of 1908—See? We like the Courier because it has the welfare of our county at heart and we wish it all kinds of good luck.

EBEN.

HOLLAND

See the beautiful snow—we have two and one-half inches and prospects of more before night.

Guy Weatherby of Applegate has been visiting relatives in our berg for the past week.

Roy Briggs paid your city a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gibbs of Althouse were out making 15 minute calls in our part of the valley Sunday.

Mrs. Jesse Barnett was visiting Mrs. M. E. Leonard Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Damon of Deering is working in this valley.

W. A. Moore and daughter, Miss Carrie of this place, paid your city a visit last week. Miss Carrie had her throat operated on by Dr. Findley.

Miss Vivian McVay, who has been quite sick, is much better.

Miss Ethel Holland who has been attending school at Kerby will return home next week.

Our school will open March 30 with Miss Janita Norton of Ashland as teacher. Miss Norton has just finished a successful term in the High school at Selma.

Ed Trefethen of our berg was in Kerby last week.

BLUE BELL.

THINKS LIME-SULPHUR IS PROPER SOLUTION

A recent issue of the Oregonian contained the following timely article on the importance of spraying: "During the month of February you can tell an honest fruitgrower by the smell—if he hasn't the odor of the lime sulphur spray about him, he isn't giving the fruit industry a square deal. This is a test that will never fail. When you meet a fruitgrower this month, stand for a moment on the lee side of him, and if you don't get a whiff of sulphur perfume, ask him 'Why is a San Jose scale?' And don't be offended if the suggestion of brimstone be very strong. Don't tell your friend that he smells like Hades. The fact of the matter is that the true character of sulphurous odors depends chiefly upon the frame of mind of the smeller. If you can enjoy good fruit—if you are a friend of the fruit industry, the fumes of sulphur during the month of February will be as sweet incense to your olfactory nerves. Only an uncultured, rude and ignorant person would assert that lime-sulphur spray stinks. The untrained sense of smell is no more capable of passing judgment upon the odor of sulphur than is the untrained ear fitted to form an opinion of the merits of grand opera, or the inexperienced taste qualified to declare the virtues of different brands of whiskies.

To appreciate the fragrance of the lime-sulphur spray, one must not only possess a cultivated sense of smell, but must have a regenerated heart. For, indeed, the use of spray has its religious aspect. To the mind filled with the true spirit of repentance the dissemination of sulphurous odors in February of each year is a religious duty only a little less sacred than the scattering of incense in the temple of Zerubbabel on the day of atonement. Through ignorance or wilful neglect, the farmers of Willamette Valley have been sinning against the laws of righteous fruitgrowing. The use of lime-sulphur spray is a manifestation of conversion and true repentance, with consequent regeneration.

Moreover, the smell of sulphur is not only a pleasant one to the cultured nose but we have no doubts, it is also a healthful smell. Dr. Woods Hutchison has not yet written an article on the medicinal value of fumes from winter spray, but when he shall do so, there can be no question that his opinion will be unqualifiedly in favor of the spray. We all remember what an indispensable remedy sulphur

and molasses was in our childhood days, and since there has been great progress in medical science in half a century, it is a safe prediction that modern authorities on the practice of medicine will vouch for the potency of sulphur in every form. It need occasion no surprise whatever, if Dr. Hutchison proclaims that consumptives who engage in spraying fruit trees experience immediate recovery. Certainly the germs of typhoid, malaria, diphtheria and meningitis will not live if subjected to the fumes that pervade all well managed apple orchards at this season of the year. If a little effort were made it is probable that several hundred testimonials could be secured certifying that going bareheaded while engaged in spraying means sure death to the dandruff microbe, and therefore effective cure of baldness. Why not? When we were boys sulphur was the recognized remedy for the itch. It is a reasonable deduction that use of lime-sulphur spray will prove to be a good cure for itch for office."

Quartz Blanks at the Courier office.

BUILDING OPERATIONS AND TIMBER SUPPLY

Cement and steel and brick and stone are not yet used in sufficient quantities to encourage lumber users to predict the time when the forests will not be called upon to furnish the principal materials used in building operations. Notwithstanding the remarkable increase in the use of cement and other fire proof materials, the last reports of the building operations in 49 of the leading cities of the United States for the year, collected by the Geological Survey, show that 59 per cent were wooden construction. Even if the remaining 41 per cent of the building were built of brick, stone and concrete, vast quantities of wood are consumed both in the construction and in the finish, though in the latter form, metal is taking the place of wood to a very large extent. The amount of lumber given above does not take into consideration this item at all.

While this percentage is representative of the building industry in the United States, dealers point out that it does not include the large quantities of lumber used for the construction of dwellings, stores and other buildings in the thousands of small cities and towns scattered over the country and not included in the 49 cities on which a reckoning was made. In towns and small cities wood is usually the predominant building material and it is safe to say that if the statistics had included figures for all places of whatever size, the percentage of wooden construction would have been much greater. These figures, as a rule, are only for the corporate limits, and the suburbs of these cities have each very large amounts to be added. The cost, also, is relatively higher in these cities than in towns nearer the base of the supply.

In wooden buildings New York City is at the bottom of the list, though it leads with \$18,075 as the average cost of buildings. Except at San Francisco, where abnormal conditions have prevailed since the fire, Boston shows the greatest increase of any of the cities in the total cost of building operations. The average cost of buildings is constantly increasing, having risen over \$300 during the last three years. The average value of a building is given in the report as \$2035.

Lumber is by far the greatest drain on the forests, and the wonderful development of the country during the past decade has called for the use of nearly 40,000,000,000 board feet a year. The largest quantity ever reported for a single year was for 1906, when thirty-seven and one-half billion feet, with a mill value of \$621,151,388 was used. Including the value of the lath and shingles used with this amount, the total value of the wood used for building is brought up to \$654,798,513.

The increasing price of lumber and the rapidly increasing use of perfected fireproof systems of construction should have much to do in holding down the amount which the forests are called upon to yield each year, but so far these more substantial materials have not decreased the lumber cut of the nation.

Many Mining Matters

Messrs Hugh Jones and E. Parry, of Jacksonville were in Grants Pass, over Sunday, while en route to work on the Picket Creek Consolidated mines.

L. B. Ellis, a mining man from the well known Idaho mining center of Mullan, is in this vicinity, looking up the various interests, and more particularly that of the mines.

O. A. Thomas took a stroll out into the Picket Creek district, through Sunday's snowstorm and there he found no less than 26 inches of "The Beautiful." He reports the Picket Creek Consolidated people are making some fine showings and doing extensive development work.

Geo. Henderson, who has some extensive mining interests in the Wolf Creek district, this county, but who is now doing some prospecting work in Arizona, was here for a few days of this week, looking after some important business matters. E. Perig is up from the Kennett, Cal., mines, looking up this region, with a view to making some investments in mining property.

A piece of mining litigation was commenced in the circuit court the other day, wherein T. K. Anderson, H. A. Williamson and Albert Phillips, co tenants brought an action against Grant Phegley and Emma G. Robinson, seeking to have the court order the sale of certain mining property, located in the Galice district, claiming \$5000 damages against defendant Phegley, "sustained by reason of his wrongful acts," in the conduct of said mine. A decree is asked, terminating the trust that had been formed and which had this property in hand. The matter dates back to '04 when a mortgage for \$2000 was given by the Galice Consolidated Mines Co., to the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co., and in '05 another, second mortgage was given Grant Phegley. Then, matters were still more complicated by litigation over the conduct of a high line ditch, wherein a judgment for \$2500 and a perpetual restraining order were the outcome.

The Gold Hill News has this item: "A branch of Stopers of the World was organized at Grants Pass on Monday evening of this week. A number of Gold Hill people were taken in at the time. The Stopers of the World, is an organization that has been founded for the purpose of promoting legitimate mining in all conditions. Much good will come to Southern Oregon through the efforts of this organization. Among those going from Gold Hill were J. T. Neilson, W. L. McClure, J. E. Davidson, Marion and George Lance, C. H. Farmer, C. H. Smith and Lynn Purdin."

H. T. Schweirs, of Los Gatos, Cal. has come to investigate some of the flattering rumors he has heard regarding the mining industry of this region.

E. W. and W. O. Wresler, two prominent Harrison, Idaho, mining men have come to inspect mining interests in this locality.

H. B. Parkey, a wealthy Goldfield, Nevada miner has decided to come here and enjoy life, raising Tokay grapes.

Grant Lindby and T. Reddick, two experienced mining men of Lebanon, Ore., are taking a good look at some promising mines in this county.

The Oregon Bonanza Mining Co., which has its head offices at San Francisco, has given James Brindley Rewell, of Grants Pass the option to purchase certain valuable mines located in east half of southeast quarter, sec 16 tp 38 s, r 5, for the sum of \$4000, to be paid on or before January 1909, and the additional sum of \$400, which goes to Messrs. Harmon and South as commission for making the sale.

Good Cough Medicine for Children
The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Sarcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. Sold by M. Clemens.

SOCIALIST CONVENTION.
Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, March 21, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Court House in Grants Pass, Oregon, there will be held a Mass Convention of the Socialists of Josephine County, for the purpose of nominating a County ticket and such other business as may come before it. All Socialists are requested to be present.

MARCUS W. ROBBINS,
County Chairman.

Cash paid for Green and Dry Hides, Furs and Wool, J. H. Ahlf, at City Market.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By Old Man Smith

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The contest between winter and spring gives us rain, hail, snow and sunshine, all in one day, but we know of a certainty that the sun will finally win out. A like contest is going on between the old and the new in our political life. The issue of statement No. 1 is lining up our legislators and prospective United States senator and the pros and cons promise a lively time. It is but a feature of the desire of the people for practical self government on the one hand and the very natural desire of the party politician to preserve his lines intact on the other. Whether it is largely adopted by the voters and their representatives or not one thing is about as sure as the summer's sun and we may consequently expect to see an end to the disgraceful scenes attending the election of United States senators which have so often held up legislation and corrupted our political life. The next legislature ought to accomplish much in the line of popular self-government whoever is elected to fill the seat of Senator Fulton.

Many newcomers may be expected to add their hands and their purses to the development of our fruit lands the coming season. The more the merrier.

Just a little snow flurry. Not enough to pay for keeping a sled.



Try us for Groceries? All we ask is an opportunity to show you our line and acquaint you with the high quality of our goods. It takes but one trial to prove in a most conclusive manner that we are the people to buy from whenever in need of something good to eat.

Several varieties of SEED POTATOES

J. PARDEE The Grocer
FRONT STREET

What would our blizzard struck friends on the other side of the Rockies give for such weather? The panic is busted. Work is getting plentier and hands scarcer. Things have rapidly assumed a normal condition. The trouble was merely on the surface.

Old Houses Made New

"Put a coat of paint on an old house, and you'll come pretty near to having a new house," is an old saying that's proven true every day by the old houses made new with

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT.

S. W. P. protects and beautifies. It's great durability, beauty of finish, and economy, gives satisfaction to the house-owner. It's easy working qualities, great covering capacity, honest measure, and strict purity, satisfy the demands of both painter and house-owner.

Hair-Riddle Hardware Co.

For Just 1 Week

From the date of this paper, we will sell Boys Clothing at the following prices

BOYS SUITS 1/4 OFF

\$5.00 Knee Pant Suits and extra pair pants for \$3.75
\$4.00 Knee Pant Suits 3.00
3.50 " " " 2.65
3.00 " " " 2.25
2.50 " " " 1.90
2.00 " " " 1.50

BOYS OVERCOATS Just 1/2 Price

Boys \$6.00 Overcoats \$3.00
" 5.00 " 2.50
" 4.00 " 2.00
" 3.50 " 1.75
" 4.00 " 1.50

Dress up the boy at less than wholesale cost, now is the time to do it.

GEO. S. CALHOUN CO.
"Outfitters to Boy and Man"

Have you seen a counterfeit dollar? Looked good didn't it? But it was bad. Someone made it to "skin" you—Some Shoes look good, when you wear them you find they are "skin" Shoes, then you know they are bad. I don't like skin Shoes, when you buy say you want Hamilton Brown Shoes. Go where you can get them. Hamilton Brown don't make "skined" Shoes, Nothing but leather.

LLOYD