

**W. G. SMITH AND OTHERS
BUY WOLF CREEK TRACT**
Includes 2753 Acres. Greater Portion of Which Will Be Planted to Fruit.

W. G. Smith of Medford last Saturday closed a deal for the Wolf Creek property, a tract of 2743 acres of farm and fruit land, 30 miles north of here. About 1900 acres of this property is especially adapted to fruit culture to which it will be devoted.

Associated with Mr. Smith in this purchase are his brother J. Irvine Smith of Williamsport, Pa., and J. M. Pinkerton of Klamath Falls. They got possession of the land April 10.

Mr. Smith spent some four months in Ohio and Pennsylvania last year for the purpose of arranging for the location of a colony of eastern people in this section of the state and the purchase of the Wolf Creek tract is the beginning of a consummation of this plan. The consideration for this property approximates \$30,000, and the deal was made through Meserve & Jester.

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. Starcher, 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.

MISSOURI FLAT

C. M. Rexford was in Grants Pass one day last week on business. Mr. Rexford has just finished the surveying of his orchard, and reports the scale to be almost a thing of the past.

John Meek, made a trip to Grants Pass one day last week on business. Mr. Meek is now dealing exclusively in saws, furs and ginseng and reports a flourishing trade.

Joe York, one of our most energetic Missourians, is doing some ditch work for Joe Russel of Grants Pass.

Bert York, of Grants Pass is doing some ditch work for John Meek, another one of our Missourians.

Joe York informs us that he is going back to Alaska where he will perhaps remain for several years. This is the birth place of Mr. York and from boyhood he has been considered an upright, honorable and reliable man, and one whom we are sorry to part with, for so many years. But all the same we wish him the best luck that this world affords.

John Meek informs us that C. V. Finkle, the sawmill man will soon commence operations near Woodville.

Homer York, an enterprising young man of this locality, made a trip to Grants Pass, last Saturday, returning home Sunday, which looks mighty curious to me.

O. H. Perry, has been employing quite a number of men on the monster irrigation ditch on which he is understood to be a large share holder and which passes through his beautiful farm and onward through miles of country, covering hundreds of acres of the finest farming land that the world can produce. A land where Tokays flourish in a vineyard on one side of the fence and three crops of alfalfa are out in one season on the other.

L. W. D. McKeel, an enterprising citizen of this place and a man who is taking great interest in our school,

was in Grants Pass one day last week, and reports the arrival of the new library.

Mr. Berry and wife were visitors of the Pass one day this week.

Jess York, a former resident of this place, is now employed in the livery stables of T. E. McKoin.

J. W. York made Grants Pass a visit one day last week on business.

Willie Farris informs us that he will soon be employed in one of the sawmills that are situated near Woodville. Mr. Farris is a thorough mill man and has followed the business for many years.

FOXY.

WITH THE CHURCHES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Morning preaching service at 10:30. "God's Ideals for Us" will be the topic of the message. A Temperance lesson will be the opportune study in the Bible School at 11:45. The Junior Young people meet at 3 p. m., and the Seniors at 6:30. The latter will be a Conquest Meeting and led by Joseph Randall. The last service of the day will be at 7:30 when the pastor will speak on the topic "Man's Position in this World." To all of these services you will be cordially received.

F. C. LOVETT.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
The audiences at the Christian church are constantly increasing. The Sunday school is growing, and is in a contest with Medford. The church building interior is being repaired. The theme next Sunday morning will be "Thirsting for the Springs" and Sunday evening "Where art Thou?" The Sunday evening services are conducted by the children and are being very well attended. The Junior children give special numbers of music and special readings. Come and enjoy these evening services as conducted by the Junior. All most welcome at all services.

SALVATION ARMY
Major Faulkner, divisional officer for Oregon and Idaho, of the Salvation Army, will be in Grants Pass Saturday and Sunday March 28 and 29 and will speak at the Army hall, Fourth and Front street. The major made a trip to Southern Oregon in December last, accompanied by his daughter.

**RESIDENT OF MURPHY
DIES BY BULLET**

William Messenger, a prominent young farmer, in a fit of despondency took his own life at 7:30 Wednesday evening at his home, one mile west of Murphy by shooting himself with a rifle.

Meager reports of the tragedy which reached Grants Pass early yesterday morning were suggestion of foul play, and Sheriff Russel and Deputy District Attorney Van Dyke drove out to the scene of the tragedy at an early hour yesterday morning and discovered that Mr. Messenger had shot himself in front of his own home expiring about 30 minutes after.

Messenger had placed the muzzle of his gun just over his heart and pulled the trigger. The ball passed through his body. His last words were—"Put me out of my misery."

The deceased was 32 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Messenger, one of the most prominent families in Josephine county. He leaves a wife and two children.

Coroner Stricker was called to the scene of the tragedy and after the impalement of a jury and a careful examination the jury found that Mr. Messenger came to his death by his own hand.

THE "open season" for good clothes is at hand. Our new stock of fine suits and overcoats, fresh from *Hart Schaffner & Marx* is now ready for your inspection; and for your wearing.

The new styles are very smart; we'd just like to have you see the various models we show in the Varsity sack suit; they're the snappiest styles you'll ever see.

The new fabrics, too, are especially attractive; bright colorings, handsome patterns.

It's not a habit with us to brag about the progress we are making. It doesn't interest the public very much; you don't care how many suits we sell; you're more interested in the one suit you put your money and body into. If it's a good suit you're probably willing to take all the rest for granted.

Hart Schaffner & Marx suits are always good suits.

It's been our policy to never knowingly handle a poor article. We demand the highest standards of quality in every thing we buy. We never had any doubt of the wisdom of that policy, nor of it's success. You have not heard us complain of the so-called "hard time." The past few months have proved to us anew the truth that quality wins. The next time you buy look for the name, ask for it.

HART SCHAFFNER & MARX, hand tailored suits, guaranteed by them and by us.
\$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$27.50 and \$30.00.

We also handle the best \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00 suits, in Rogue River Valley.

GEO. S. CALHOUN CO.

"OUTFITTERS TO BOY AND MAN"



Copyright 1908 by Hart Schaffner & Marx

JOSEPHINE NATURAL GARDEN OF THE TOKAY

Carload of Cuttings Received Here Saturday Which Are Now Being Planted.

Culture of the Tokay grape has already become a permanent and substantial reality in Josephine county and there are a number of good vine yards contiguous to Grants Pass, which have elicited the attention and comment of the "green eye" of other sections.

As an augmentation to Josephine county's already famous distinction in the line of grape culture a shipment of a carload of splendid Tokay cuttings arrived here last Friday for W. B. Sherman. This consignment embraces 14,000 vines, all of which are to be planted in this county within a short distance of Grants Pass. The planting and tending of these vines will employ thirty-five men and five teams and the work has already begun.

The Grants Pass Commercial Club should in its future campaign of publicity, not forget to impress upon the people that Josephine county is the natural home of the Tokay—one of the very remunerative crops of the Rogue River Valley.

**RUMORS OF CHANGE
IN S. P. TIME CARD**

A rumor is current that beginning April 1st, a fast limited train will be put on between Portland and San Francisco, in place of No. 14 and 13 now running. No announcement of exact train schedule is made but the train will be a strictly limited one

of eight cars—all first-class. Further changes are also rumored but nothing definite is known. The present freight trains Nos. 225 and 226 between Grants Pass and Ashland will likely be run in the daytime instead of night time. Old No. 11 and 12 will probably be replaced on the run with time somewhat altered from the old schedule.

**FIRST OF APRIL
WILL SOON BE HERE**

But two more issues of the Courier before the order of the Postoffice Department affecting all newspapers will become operative. On and after April 1, 1908, no weekly newspaper will be permitted to go at second class rates to ANY SUBSCRIBER WHO IS ONE YEAR OR MORE IN ARREARS. The rate of postage after April 1, on papers sent to any subscriber who is one year or more in arrears is ONE CENT for each copy—52c a year. This is prohibitive so that the Courier will have no choice in the matter, but MUST TAKE OFF EVERY NAME ON OUR LIST WHO OWES ONE YEAR OR MORE.

While much has been done, and we are well satisfied with results so far, there are still many subscription accounts that MUST BE PAID BEFORE APRIL 1. We did not make the law, but we have to be governed by its provisions. The law is mandatory, and we have no other course left to us but to obey its provisions in letter and spirit.

LOOK AT THE DATE AFTER YOUR NAME ON YOUR PAPER AND SEE IF YOU ARE ONE YEAR OR MORE BEHIND. IF SO, PLEASE REMIT.

Gay Gravin returned home Monday after spending a year or more in San Francisco.

**FORMER GRANTS PASS
MAN SHOOTS ANOTHER**

W. H. Carter Kills a Man at Winnemucca in a Shooting Affray.

The following special from Winnemucca, Nev., published in the Oregonian refers to a former resident of Kerby, who is well known here:

"W. F. Armstrong, a so-called 'bad man' from Wyoming, was shot and killed in the Palace saloon in this place by W. H. Carter, one of the managers. Eye witnesses say the shooting was in self-defense. Armstrong and two friends walked into the saloon and commenced gambling. While so occupied Armstrong accused an employe of stealing his money, and, pulling a gun, threatened to kill anyone in the house. 'Put up that gun' said Carter. With that Armstrong swung around and said: 'I'll kill you!'"

"Carter then pulled his revolver and fired. Armstrong fell to the floor dead. Carter gave himself up."

William H. Carter who is mentioned in the foregoing dispatch, is one of the most widely known saloon men in the West, and claims Southern Oregon as his home. During the days of open gambling he was one of the proprietors of the Totem saloon one of the largest places of the kind on the Coast. He came to Seattle about eight years ago from the Black Hills country, in Dakota, where he had for a long time been engaged in cattle raising and later in the saloon business. When gambling was closed in Seattle, Carter went to Southern Oregon, where he bought a large ranch near Kerby, and began farming and stockraising on a large scale. About a year ago he was

attracted by the glowing reports from the new mining districts in Nevada and went to Goldfield, where he bought an interest in a large saloon, and gambling house. When the labor troubles caused times to become dull there he went to Mias, Nev., and about two months ago went to Winnemucca. His family are living in Medford. It is said at the present time.

Carter, who is now in his early fifties, is a frontiersman of the type that is rapidly vanishing. He was born in Missouri and went from that state into the "short grass" country of Kansas when a mere boy, became a "cowpuncher" and grew up among the cattleman cowboys, Indian fighters and outlaws of what was then the frontier. For many years he led a venurous life and is credited with having put several notches in the butt of his sixshooter before the reign of law and order began in the cattle country. He was a participant in several cattle-men's feuds and served with credit as Sheriff of one of the "bad" counties in the old days.

Carter's friends are ready to believe that the shooting at Winnemucca was done in self-defense, as Carter is personally quiet and unassuming and the soul of good nature, though those who know him best vouch for his absolute fearlessness in face of danger and know him as a man well able to take care of himself in any company.

In the early nineties Carter spent some time in Portland and in Tacoma and, during his residence in Seattle, made frequent visits to Portland city, where he has numerous warm friends.

R. A. Sprouse and wife of Tacoma arrived in the city Thursday morning and took a number of views of the city which will be on sale shortly in the form of post cards. These cards will make good advertising for Grants Pass which the people here should send freely to friends in the east.

See Pardee for
Canned Goods
HE SELLS IT FOR LESS

Our Grants Pass Plums per can.....	5c
Our Crawford Peaches per can.....	20c
Standard Tomatoes now go at, per can..	10c

SEE our choice dried Fruits, Peaches—they are finest in the city; and notice them in the window as you go by.

J. Pardee The Front st. Grocer
Grants Pass, Ore.
Don't forget our Garden Seeds and Potatoes