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THIS WEEK'S COURIER.

This week's issue of the Courier, while not a special or boom edition, contains much of general information about Grants Pass, Josephine county and the Rogue River Valley which will be of special interest to those of other states who are contemplating a change for either health or investment. Residents of Grants Pass who mail copies of this issue to eastern or other friends will, therefore, be conferring a favor upon the person to whom they send the paper, and at the same time manifest that they are standing up for the town and splendid country in which we live. The data has been gathered with a view to accuracy and conservatism with the thought that it would cover many of the ordinary questions which the average investor or prospective visitor to this section would naturally ask. Though double the regular issue has been printed, the greater portion of the extras were sold in advance, and those desiring a few copies to send away should call early as no more will be printed. The more progressive real estate men of the city have taken a number of copies to be utilized in their correspondence department, and one man took 50 copies. Read this issue, mark it and send it to a friend in the east. It will be like bread cast upon the waters.

DOES PROHIBITION PAY?

The following editorial comment on the prohibition question by the Portland Journal is so practical and convincing that we present the editorial in its entirety. It is not the noise of a fanatic, who really does the cause more harm than good, but is both reasonable and logical. The Journal says: "Whether prohibition throughout a rural county, like Benton or Linn or Polk or Morrow or Umatilla, pays, from a purely economic or commercial point of view, is a question now being much discussed, and on which there is naturally a wide divergence of opinion. Some apparently weighty arguments are advanced by the anti-prohibitionists, yet the counties and small cities that have had prohibition for two years or more seem to be thriving quite as well if not better than their 'wet' neighbors. Perhaps it may be said that prohibition is a good thing for an agricultural county, and not so good for a county whose resources run more to timber, mines, mills and manufacturing; or it may be only that it is easier to maintain prohibition in the former class of communities. The prohibition question is up for determination at the approaching election in Morrow, among other counties, and Sheriff Shutt, who is a candidate for the fourth successive term, is zealously in favor of it. We received recently a letter from L. J. Gates of Kent, Sherman county, manager of the Kent Commercial company and for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., which in part says: "We can not understand how any good, live sensible business man can for a moment stand for the saloon, the thing of all things that draws money from legitimate channels of business, and directly injures the business of every merchant in the county, to say nothing about the moral injury to the community. Notwithstanding we had the tail end of two crop failures to contend with here in Sherman county, our business for the year ending February 15, last was just \$10,000 heavier than it was two years ago

when we had the saloons. The year after the saloons were put out of business, though our crops were a complete failure, our cash sales were 26 1/2 per cent better than the year before and our secure time sales 10 per cent heavier. It seems very ridiculous for a business man to favor the saloons. Our taxes have been lower each year since the saloons went out of commission. It is safe to say that Sherman county is saved at least \$25,000 a year by the saloons being put out of business—saved to the farmer, the stockman and the laborer, the taxpayers. They are the fellow who foot the bill." "This seems to be testimony worth considering. It is not the rapid harangue of a professional reformer, but the careful, cool-headed statement of a business man who most know what he is talking about. Is there any argument or testimony to overcome such evidence as this?"

A MARKET DAY—WHY NOT?

"Market Day" has come to be one for the tangible institutions of modern industrialism on the Pacific coast, and one of the business men in Grants Pass who is a booster by both nature and acquisition—never owned a hammer—has suggested, and quite pertinently too, that Grants Pass should adopt the plan. The idea is to set apart one Saturday in each month—or more if deemed advisable—on which all the merchants of the town will offer special bargains on some particular article in their store, and that at some time during the day there shall be an auction sale at which all farmers and others may offer horses, cattle, sheep or farm machinery at public auction, the services of the auctioneer for such sale to be absolutely free to the farmer or other person offering any article for sale.

The plan commends itself to the business man of Grants Pass, no matter what line he may be interested in, for the reason that it gives him an opportunity, not otherwise available, to meet new customers; to get in touch with them and learn their needs. It brings people to town oftener, and also those who might ordinarily go elsewhere to trade. Each merchant may make a special price on some particular line and thus every one has an opportunity to appeal to the consumer. Market Day would also give the country people—the orchardist the farmer and others—an opportunity for an interchange of ideas of mutual benefit.

The Courier believes Grants Pass should have a market day once or twice a month. Let the band play and show the people a good time. Let us all get closer together in our core of building Grants Pass and Josephine county the industrial factor which she ought to be as a part of the great commonwealth of the state of Oregon.

Josephine county never had a more flattering prospect for an abundant fruit crop than just now, and there is an apparent dawn of progress and development of the natural resources of this section of the Rogue River valley which should cheer every resident.

The "Merry Widow" has received more newspaper attention than any wear of feminine head gear that has ever come up the pike, and comment on this modern canopy for the fair sex has been given an exalted position in the editorial columns of the metropolitan press as well as many county sheets where Peruna, Lydia Pinkham's and many other proprietary articles have never been able to get a "look-in." Notwithstanding all this a New Yorker who recently visited Grants Pass, says this peculiar specie of millinery, with all its attractions, is not to be compared with the alluring enchantment of the play entitled "Merry Widow." This genteel New Yorker is an up-to-date business man, sixty odd years old, and yet frankly confesses that the play completely sets a man's heart on fire and he has attended five times at three dollars per seat. Nuff said.

The appalling murder of Nathan Wolff, a pawn broker of Portland and the startling allegation that E. H. Martin, an employe of the city engineer's office of that place is the author of the tragedy has again shaken the even tenor of decency and regard for sobriety and good citizenship of a commonwealth if not a nation. The accused is said to be a man of talent education and position, but all these attainments and natural acumen, reason, grace and talent, have all been undermined and wrecked by the habitual use of morphine and cocaine. Whether Martin be the murderer or not, his addiction to the drug habit should impress every one who has read the story of his inebriety. Excessive use of alcoholic stimulants were had enough and is not infrequently followed of the limit of using the drug, but the use of the latter is a hundred fold more pernicious in its awful effect. The electors of Josephine county should

profit by this tragic warning and at the June election remove the first step to debauchery and ruin by banishing the liquor traffic.

EXPERIENCE SOCIAL A MOST HAPPY EVENT

Ladies Told How They Earned Money for Church Repairs—Raise \$250.

Last Friday evening the parlors of Bethany Presbyterian church were filled to overflowing and 60 to 100 people found accommodations in the body of the church, the occasion being the experience social by the ladies of the Benefit Society. For weeks past the members and friends of the church, both men and women, had been intent on securing any job of work aside from their regular vocation, by which they might earn a dime or dollar for the church carpet fund and the experiences related that night were many of them very amusing, and on the side of the ladies represented nearly every field of operation from manual labor to high financiering, and the amount realized by individuals reached, in two instances, over \$11. Mrs. Geo. Cramer and Mrs. Geo. Parker, having the highest amounts, and the full amount realized by the ladies was over \$170. The men contributed about \$60. Their experiences were considerably less numerous, although they represented several lines of labor. One man, however, made a thank offering because his wife had given outside labor and returned to the bosom of the family to take up household duties. Experiences were related in prose and poetry and their relating made a fall evening's program. There were ice cream and cake served, which brought in the full amount realized to date at \$250.

The Ladies Benefit society has taken in hand the repairing of the interior, the rewiring and carpeting of the church. The rewiring and interior decorating have already been done and the church presents a greatly beautified appearance and the work is a credit to the industry and labor of the ladies. The carpet will be in place later in the season. The expenditures for repairs and carpet amount to something over \$800.

Calhoun's Specials.

- Special Monday, May 18—best 50 cent Work Shirts, 37 1/2 cents, hundreds of them to select from.
- Special Tuesday, May 19—50 cent Suspenders for 40 cents. 35c Suspenders for 25c.
- Special Wednesday, May 20—Boys' suits just one-half price.
- Special Thursday, May 21—Men's Sox 8 1/2c, 10c and 20c.
- Special Friday, May 22d. Great bargains on our complete line of Straw Hats.
- Special, Saturday, May 23—All Summer Underwear at reduced prices of from 25c to \$1 per suit.

NEW RAILROAD TIME CARD.

It is now definitely known that a new time card will go into effect on the Southern Pacific May 17th, next Sunday. According to this new card passenger trains 11 and 12, Portland to Roseburg, will hereafter run through to San Francisco. A strictly limited train of about seven coaches will also be placed on the run from Portland to San Francisco. From the best information obtainable at this time passenger trains 15 and 16 will be the only trains passing through here in the day time. Their present schedule will in all probability remain unchanged.

Box Ball Bowling, easy to play. More fun for your money than anything else in the city. At Bowling Parlor on H street upstairs, back of bank. 5-15 1t

BORN.

- ACKERMAN—Monday, May 11, 1908 to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ackerman of Golden Drift, a 10-pound girl.
- MCCARDLE—Sunday, May 3d 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCordle, a boy.
- REGAL—Sunday, May 3d, 1908 to Mr. and Mrs. S. Regal, a son.
- AYER—Tuesday, May 12, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Ayer of Merlin, a girl.

MARRIED.

- HARRISON—REED—Wednesday evening, May 12, 1908 at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson, Robt. M. Harrison and Hattie M. Reed.
- The groom is one of the Harrison brothers who have been prospecting and mining on Williams Creek with so much success this spring.
- YOUNG—ENOS—Saturday evening, May 2, 1908, at the county court house in this city, Mr. Geo. D. Young and Anna M. Enos, both of Grants Pass, Judge Jewell officiating.
- The newly married couple immediately went to housekeeping and are

now costily domiciled on E street.

DIED.

HOUCK—Monday, May 11, 1908, at his home at Holland, after a lingering illness, David Houck, aged about 80 years.
The deceased was one of the early pioneers of this section of the state. He is survived by a wife and a large family. Funeral services were held Wednesday and interment took place at the Kerby cemetery.

CANDIDATES CARDS

N. REYNOLDS
Of Grants Pass, Candidate for SHERIFF
On Socialist ticket

If elected to this important position I shall give my entire attention to the duties of the office and I shall enforce the laws to the fullest extent with special favors or immunity to no interests, and I would not make unnecessary expense to the taxpayers nor allow work that properly should be done by the sheriff to be done by the constables to make an added expense on the county. I frankly state that I should enforce the law as required of a sheriff, and if the county votes the saloons out at the June election that I would suppress "blind pigs" and all other illegal traffic in liquor, and if the saloons are to be retained I will attend to it that they obey the law and not keep open Sundays nor allow gambling and other forms of vice on their premises.

J. T. TAYLOR
Of Grants Pass
Regular Democratic Nominee for COUNTY TREASURER

J. C. SMITH
Of Grants Pass
Regular Republican Nominee for REPRESENTATIVE

T. Y. DEAN
Of Grants Pass
Democratic Nominee for ASSESSOR

ECLUS POLLOCK
Of Grants Pass
Republican Nominee for ASSESSOR

H. L. DEARMOND
Grants Pass,
Regular Democratic Nominee for REPRESENTATIVE
For Statement No. 1

W. J. RUSSELL
of Grants Pass
Democratic Nominee for SHERIFF

S. F. CHESHIRE
Of Grants Pass
Republican Candidate for COUNTY CLERK

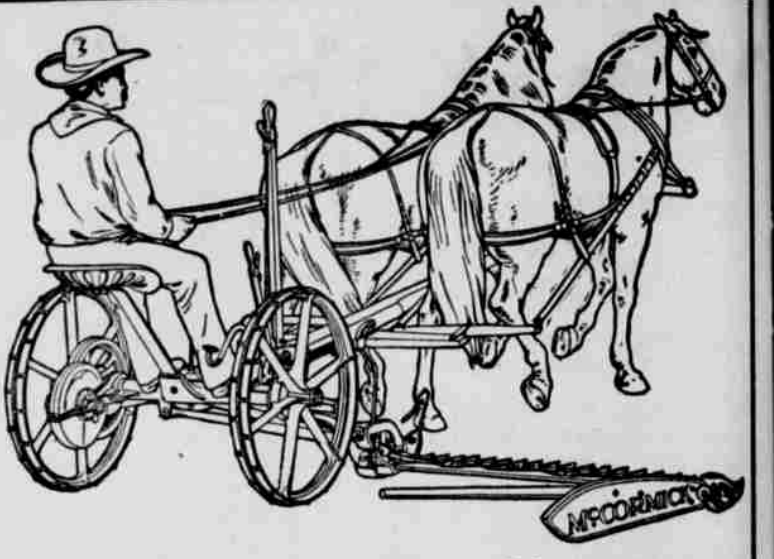
H. N. MITCHELL
of Grants Pass
Republican Candidate for COUNTY TREASURER

L. L. JEWELL
of Grants Pass
Regular Republican Nominee for STATE SENATOR
for Josephine County

H. D. NORTON
of Grants Pass
Independent Candidate for STATE SENATOR
for Josephine County
I believe in the election of a United States Senator by direct vote of the people.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

- NEW TODAY.**
Window glass at Hair-Riddle's.
- SOW**—One black sow with some white spots. Crop off left ear. Came to my place April 10. Owner can have same by paying damages and paying for this advertisement. A. Umphlett, Phone 101X7. 10-15 1t
- FIFTEEN ACRE CHICKEN, berry and fruit ranch for sale 1/2 mile southeast of Grants Pass, 7 1/2 acres fenced and cleared, 3-room house, three wells for irrigation. Price \$650, \$350 cash, balance time. Furniture for sale at \$150. W. E. Smalley, Grants Pass, Ore. 5-15 1t.**



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- IF YOU** have a house or cow you want to sell, or if you want a cow or a horse or a burro, try a Courier Want Ad. Inexpensive, potent and profitable. Try one. Five cents the line.
- FOR SALE.**
CARNATION plants at \$1.50 per dozen. Root cuttings at 50 cents per dozen. Kingwell's Greenhouse, Iowa street, Phone 1031. 5-1 1t
- TEAM** of four year old horses, one weighs 1340 and other 1025 pounds, and are well broke, for sale. Also thoroughbred Poland-China boar. Address or telephone E. Erickson, Wilderville. 5-8-2t
- FOR SALE**—Good sugar pine shakes. Enquire Kenney's Grocery. 5-8 1t
- ONE SPAN** good work horses, one driving or saddle horse for sale—cash or on terms. Wilson Mercantile Co., Leland. 4-24 1t
- FOR SALE**—The fine residence property of H. A. ROTERMUND, two blocks from Masonic Hall. Enquire at Paddock's Marble Works. 5-10 1t
- F. A. PIERCE**—Registered Angoras, Flock headed by one of the famous bucks of the "King Arthur" also other bucks of different strains of breeding. Does of the noted strains. Bucks for sale, Merlin, Ore. 3-27 1t
- FOR EXCHANGE**—Elegant new six room house with all modern conveniences, fully improved popular cross town street. Near Oakland and S F. car and ferry lines, 40x135 feet lot. Small house in rear renting for \$10 per month. Total renting value about \$4500 value of cash difference; trade cash basis. Address owner, 1523 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, Cal. 4-3 1t
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