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J. PARDEE

Front Street, Grants Pass, Oregon

DEERING

There has been a hard scrap between our old friends Japs and Sol for some time. While Japs has succeeded in blacking Sol's countenance more or less, Sol has succeeded in slaying old Japs's hide a great number of times and as we go to press is conqueror of the battle field. Speaking about weather, that reminds us. Isn't this glorious?

A boy's best friend varies as the seasons go by. Just now the fish brook carries that distinction.

Grandma Webb who has been in poor health for some time on account of old age mostly, is very seriously ill, brought about by the shock and worry over the accident sustained by her son, L. R. Webb, Saturday morning. Miss Hattie, who is in San Francisco, the guest of Mrs. Herbert Shelly, where she went to witness the arrival of Atlantic fleet, is expected home soon.

A good reporter should not confine his pencil to local gossip entirely, but report the condition and needs of his neighborhood. Let us do our duty. The editor will do his.

There has been so many stories in regard to L. R. Webb's injury. I will give his version of it, as he was undoubtedly on the spot and ought to know. "You see, I was trying to help Tommie Gilligan milk a cow whose calf had strayed away and her udder was badly swollen and whether she took offense at something I said, or thought that Tommie was trying to force a strange calf upon her, I cannot say, but she proceeded to stick one of her horns into my person and after giving me a touch of high life, deposited me on the ground near Tommie, who hastily summoned George Webb with his horse and buggy, gathered up the largest chunks they could find hauling me home, threw the trophies at the feet of my delighted wife. That's all there is to it."

Mr. Webb is badly lacerated, contused and punctured in the region of the right thigh and is suffering intense pain, but does not consider his condition bad at all, compared to the bleeding condition of his state. It is money and lands stolen and its people robbed and disgraced by as miserable a set of scoundrels as ever played politics or bought legislation; one of our senators is trying to cover up his past deeds with a recent good one and the other crying his head off for a second term for Roosevelt, while poor Oregon, neglected, slighted, robbed, sits back and weeps. Oh Oregon, will thou longer tolerate the federal crowd who has wrought such devastation within thy borders? Here is beautiful fertile Elk Valley, with its great trees as a testimonial to its soil, where are

grouped together the best neighbors ever known; yes, good people, kind people, intelligent people, Statement No. 1 people. Here was the hand of political graft heavily laid prospectors driven from their claims (and others who would not drive, their money expended in litigation and the families suffering for the comforts of life) by the grafters who in turn are protected by federal prosecutors who will not prosecute and who obtain their appointments by the recommendations of our senators who owe their great station to the lumbering interests, and other corporations who paid for their togs in gold. Is it any wonder our people are shouting for Statement No. 1? Just across the Illinois river on a beautiful stretch of valley land, level as a prairie in Iowa, this blighting curse has also fallen. Homesteaders, honest and true, have come a great many miles with permits in their pockets to settle upon this land, pending an investigation as to its agricultural character. Without an inspection it was reported to the agricultural department as "heavily timbered" by the "Forest service," another branch run by men who obtain their appointments the same way, and one of these families was turned off, sicked out with two children, one three months old and born on the coveted homestead.

Now, everyone who is not an entire ignoramus knows this is not timber land. If it had the least appearance of being timber land it would have been gobbled up a number of years ago. Wherever grafters can graft they will graft, regardless of the cries of despairing mankind or wailing infants. They will show no mercy. Why then, should we show mercy at the polls? Stand up, ye sons of Oregon and unfurl the banner of Statement No. 1 and fight until every ballot box in the state is captured. Is it any wonder that our neighbor, Mr. Webb, regards his wounds so lightly when the cry of greater suffering is going up all over our fair state. We will say right here that you could not kill him with shot out of a 12-inch gun slung through the republican state platform built of stolen timber from mineral and agricultural lands. Now, democrats, don't grin some of your ilk helped pick that goose. EBEN.

Received too late for last issue.

Rain and shine intermingled with light roasts has been our weather for the last fortnight and still our fruit trees grin through it all and promise an abundant harvest this fall.

Fred Alberg made a trip to Walds Tuesday and carried the mail in the place of Alfred Peterson, who has been quite sick with grip.

A. I. Reynolds was a visitor at the home of L. R. Webb Sunday.

Lou G. Graham is doing a lot of work on his copper property, south of the Webb and Mammoth mines. Lou has some fine rock exposed and it seems to be very extensive.

Mrs. D. L. Webb was a visitor for a couple of days with Mrs. Sam Egger on the Illinois. She said Mr. Egger's orchard was a beautiful sight to behold.

We were visiting Messrs. Freeman and Collett on the Rough and Ready Flat this week and we hope these gentlemen will obtain the land they covet as they are wide awake, eastern men and are truly an acquisition to any community. In fact they know what soil and climate can produce.

Uncle Ebe thought for a time that he would have to give up writing for the Courier, owing to absence from home, but has arranged to be home every two weeks, so shall not neglect entirely his end of the county; so line up Brother Scribe, and do your duty. Tom Lewman, where art thou?

Tommie Gilligan, the best of men and neighbors, has given up Josephine juries as a bad lot, and in the future will devote his time to red clover and potatoes. He claims Oregon soil is peculiarly adapted to red clover and can show as fine a stand as we ever saw.

W. J. Russell of Grants Pass and Wm. Tyler of Kerby, were calling on the voters of our place this week in the interests of the former who once more is glancing at the sheriff's office with longing eyes.

Convention Rates.


On the following occasions tickets will be sold on the certificate plan at Grants Pass for one and one-third fare for the round trip:

Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M., and Grand Chapter R. A. Masons of Oregon, Portland, June 8th to June 13th.

No stopovers given on above tickets. For the conventions tickets may be purchased three days prior to or on the opening day, and are good to return any time within two days after meetings close. For further information call at the depot.

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WILL MANUFACTURE FRUIT EVAPORATORS

A. W. Coleman Inventor and Patentee Now Located on West G Street.

A. W. Coleman the inventor and patentee of the Perfection fruit and vegetable evaporator, has again established himself in Grants Pass, having rented a building on West G street, for the purpose of manufacturing this drying apparatus which appears to be so necessary an adjunct to fruit raising. Mr. Coleman's machine seems to overcome the weak points of most other drying apparatus, in that his is less expensive, is not cumbersome, can be taken into the house, and is simple of operation. The machine is made in sizes to evaporate from 15 bushels to 100 bushels per day and the prices range from \$150 to \$325 per machine, according to size. Mr. Coleman says that one of these machines will pay for itself in 30 to 60 days in the evaporation of your second class fruit. It will also evaporate squash or sweet corn with equal facility.

In addition to its value for curing fruits, vegetables, etc., it will be found, during long damp or rainy spells a great convenience for drying clothes—as it will thoroughly dry towels, napkins, etc., in from eight to 10 minutes, and heavier materials in proportionate time, while heating the irons for ironing them at the same time. It can be run in the open air or in the house, as, if it is properly connected with a chimney, neither heat nor the moisture from drying fruits or clothes escape into the room. A little second class fruit mixed in with a lot of first-class fruit, gives the commission men an excuse to rate it all as second-class, and they seldom fail to do it. If fruit growers would always work up their second-class fruit at home by evaporating it, and also their first-class fruit when the price falls below fair profit, they, and not the dealers or middlemen would be masters of the situation, and as evaporated fruits have all of America and eight foreign countries for market, and the grower can hold it till he is ready to sell, there is no danger of a glutted market for it, or price so low that it will not pay fair profit for time and labor invested.

Mr. Coleman is preparing to manufacture this evaporating machine on a large scale, and the apparatus seems to be so practical and so superior to other similar machines that the industry should soon develop into a permanent commercial institution for Grants Pass and furnish employment for quite a number of families.

IDENTITY OF SKULL MAY BE ESTABLISHED

Sheriff Gets a Letter of Inquiry From Man at Bell-fountain.

Sheriff Russell received a letter Wednesday morning from a man residing at Bellfountain, Ore., by the name of W. R. Stanturf, enquiring about the human skull recently found near Selma. Stanturf had seen a published account of the find and wrote the sheriff for further particulars.

Mr. Stanturf states that his brother disappeared 14 years ago last January. He says that the skeleton of his brother's body was found all except the skull, the lower jaw being with the rest of the skeleton.

This letter strongly indicates that this skull belonged to the body of Stanturf's brother for the reason that the hat found had a bullet hole through the crown, and the letter also says that the person had long, dark red hair. The hair found with this skull closely answers this description. The letter has been answered and it is expected within a few days information may be received which will definitely disclose the identity of the man whose skull was found near Selma.

Please Call and Settle.

All those knowing themselves indebted to me on account will please call and settle the same at as early a date as possible. My residence and the most of my furniture having been totally destroyed by fire Wednesday, May 6th, I shall need the money now due with which to rebuild. Please do not delay.

J. C. SMITH.

Independent Candidate for Senator.

Editor of the Courier:

Dear Sir: Since I have consented to be an independent candidate for State Senator for Josephine County, many inquiries have come to me as to my position regarding the election of United States Senator. I desire to say to your columns, to those voters who may be interested to know that I believe in the election of United States Senator by the people direct, and if elected I will at all times during my term of office support and vote for the candidate for United States Senator who receives the highest vote of the electors of the State of Oregon at any election in which the matter may be submitted to them, regardless of who that person may be, or what political party he may represent.

By so doing, the legislature would become free during the forty days allotted to it, to legislate on matters pertaining to the welfare of the State and thus avoid the customary hold-ups of the past. Yours respectfully,

H. D. NORTON.

See our window card and you will know what our Friday sale is. W. J. Gardner & Co.

You will find Saymon's Vegetable Wonder Soap at Alfred Schneider's restaurant on G Street. 4-24 tf

The W. C. T. U. will give a box social at Selma Saturday, June 6.

Our store will be closed Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock on account of Decoration Day



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OUTFITTERS TO BOY AND MAN

Salmon Again Scarce

Ten days of salmon fishing in the Columbia River show the salmon supply still on the wane. This is the season of the finest salmon of the river—the best in the world. Soon these fish will be an extinct breed. They are the fish that made the Columbia River famous. The few remaining specimens should be protected with closed season. The open season should be put off from April 15 to May 15. After that there should be the closed Sunday and rigid regulation of all kinds of gear—gillnets, traps, seines and wheels.

Master Fish Warden Van Dusen quit his office May 1, leaving the industry in a bad plight. It is too much to say that he is wholly to blame for this condition of affairs. But the faction with which he has been allied is as much to blame as any other, and is more grasping and none has defeated as much remedial legislation.—Oregonian, April 27th.

The United States Bureau of Fisheries has for a long time been endeavoring to secure just such remedial legislation as is being objected to by the lower river interests. A short time ago Secretary Strauss, of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor, set forth a list of things necessary to save the industry. Initiative bill No. 318 was framed to carry out their ideas. We commend it to your favorable consideration.

COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR WARRANTS

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants registered prior to May 10th, 1908. Interest will cease from this date. May 8th, 1908.

J. T. TAYLOR, Treasurer of Josephine County.

I hereby express my thanks to those of the public whose good will and assistance brought me the following sales for one month's business, ending May 10--

M. G. Patton to Chas. Garber, 6 acres.....	\$ 960
L. A. Kinney to A. E. Shank, house and lots.....	1650
C. F. Gentner to Jos. B. Goldbach, 340 acres.....	6500
Clarence Messinger to A. H. Joy, 160 acres.....	4250
Anna E. Shank to Maud Jarvis, house and lots.....	1700
Perry McCumsey to C. C. Hall, 74 acres.....	950
Clarence Loveless to Adeline Morrison, 80 acres.....	2500
H. L. Reed to Joseph Christmann, 60 acres.....	2140
Chas. Hall to John A. Borchers, 74 acres.....	1250
Walker & VanDyke to Blanchard & Andrews, 65 acres.....	1200
Maggie Ranzau to Lucinda A. McKinney lot.....	300

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