DEERING.

Homer Moore of Sucker Creek Valley was the guest of A. C. Reynolds Sunday.

Miss Lena Kernutt of Holland was he guest of frineds here this week.

Mrs. D. L. Webb was a visitor at the nome of T. D. Collett on the Illinois Sunday.

Mr. Keel of Takilma was a visitor at the Copper mine of A. I. Reynolds Friday.

Ernnie Reynolds has a Calico prospect—says it looks good. Stay with it Ernnie.

L. R. Webb is improving very fast and says that he believes if the devil were dying, someone would tell what a good fellow he was anyway, and if he died they would be in for canonizing him. Some over zealous friends sometimes smear it on so thickly they mother their victim.

Mrs. E. W. Kuykendall of Rossburg was called here last Monday by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. O. T. Webb. She departed for home today, taking her mother with her, so as to be near medical aid. We hope for a speedy recveroy of this dear old lady who has been as a mother to all in our valley.

Last Monay afternoon, J. W. Mocks team ran away, smashing his wagon and spilling a lot of groceries along the road. They were stopped by E. M. Albright and an oak tree two feet throgh of which they ran afoul. The team escaped without injury, thanks to our good roads.

Today is election for sure and Deering is going to roll up 16 good solid, votes for Statement No. 1. Yes, betcher life.

Wm. Thrasher came over from Medford last week, says thats getting to be a good town. Since when Bill?

We were a caller at the ranch of Alfred Peterson yesterday and we want to say right here if there are any doubting Thomases in regard to Josephine soil, here's the place to chase the bats from their attic. This quiet and comfortable home is located on the head waters of Elk Creek and proof of what industry and common sense can accomplish. Mr. Peterson is getting his cleared land into red clover and is cleaning up more as fast as possible. He has also some fine fruit trees and a fine garden.

EBEN.

SELMA.

June 2, and raining and well it may, for "Old Josephine" has gone "dry." Whoopee! Hurrah!! Three cheers for our noble husbands and sons, who did vote so well! And farthermore we wish to say right here that "Our Courier" has gained many friends at this place during this present campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walton of your city has been visiting the past week with friends and relatives at this place.

Clifford, little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Kiphart, who has been quite sick, is reported better at present.

Mrs Lizzie Helland of Holland, Ore., is at present visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Hiatt.

A. B. Ragan and son Roy were summoned to Portland yesterday to the bedside of the formers brother-in-law who is said to be dying.

Jacob Mehrtens marketed his first crop of strawebrries in Selma today.

Miss Lulu Slagle passed through here today on route to Grants Pass.

Mrs. Jemima Hathaway, the aged mother of Mrs. T. G. Harmon and E. F. Hathaway is visiting at the former's home.

Mrs. L. C. Turner returned to her home in your city after spending Sunday and Monday at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. G. Harmon of Dryden.

Wednesday, June 10, is the regular meeting day of the W. C. T. U., a new organization of this place.

Peter Bour from down the Illinois river was trading in Selma today.

GREENBERRY.

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.

R. K. MONTGOMERY,
Agent.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY GRANGE DEPARTMENT

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Preparations are now well underway for the celebration that is to be held on the Fourth of July at Wilderville under the auspices of the five Granges in Josephine county, and it promises to be the largest gathering of farmers ever held in Rogue River Valley and there is every reason to expect that the towns will be well represented, for so far as now announced, the only towns in Southern Oregon that are planning to celebrate are Ashland and Roseburg. The celebration is not an exclusive Grange affair and all will be welcome to come and enjoy an outing in one of the most delightful groves in this part of the state. This grove is large enough to accommodate the largest crowd with more space in the adjoining forest and it is clean and in perfect order. The grove is located just across Slate creek from Wilderville postoffice and is easily accessible to vehicles of all kinds. A special attraction is that there is a large spring of ice cold water on the grounds.

The Grangers will put into effect several innovations that they expect will conduce to make their celebration a day of perfect enjoyment as well as rest to those who attend. That owners of vehicles may have no fear that whips, lap robes or wraps will be purloined or lunch baskets disturbed a committee will look after all automobiles and other vehicles. All vehicles will be assigned a place in the grove and at least one of the committee will be on duty all the time to look out for hoodlum boys and pilfering men. It is not expected that belongings in the vehicles will be disturbed for the people of Rogue River Valley are noted for being honest, but there are always toughs at a public gathering and these light fingered gentry will be promptly arrested if caught disturbing other people's property. Camping facilities will be afforded those coming from a distance who may desire to come the day before and camp. And the young man with a whiskey bottle in his hip pocket, with his hat on the back of his head and a frizzly foretop of hair to accentuate his leary countenance and who frequents outdoor gatherings to make a show of himself and to create a disturbance, will get what he is looking for in about two minutes after he lands on the grounds, at the hands of the marshal or the deputies, and he will either subside or get off the grounds. While dancing is one of the nicest of amusements, yet this same class of hoodlum young men have brought public dances into disfavor and there will be no platform dance in or about the grounds for the Grange executive committee has control for that day of the lands adjoining the grove.

With no conveniences for rest, a picnic day gives but little pleasure to tired mothers with babies and small children and old people too, and the day tiresome, for sitting on a bench or the ground has lost its attraction there. A large tent will be erected on the grounds and fitted with easy chairs, lounges, cots and wash basins, towels, etc., to which mothers with their children will be welcome and a committee of ladies will be in charge to make the rest room one of the commendable features of the picnic. In the shade of the trees adjoining the rest room will be placed easy charis and hammocks that will be for the use of elderly people who want to take a quiet rest. Another feature is that no firecrackers, bombs or other explosives will be allowed on or about the grounds and any such danger making, noise producing Chinese appliances will be promptly confiscated by the marshal so soon as found on the grounds. The cracker, bomb nuisance has had its day in American public gatherings and at many celebrations they are prohibited and many towns and cities have forbid their being exploded within the city limits. Nigger baby racks and other games of chance will also be forbidden. But there will be amusements in plenty for the young people and the older people to. Swings and games will be provided for the children and a fine program of athletic sports will be a feature of the picnic.

The program for the day will embrace forenoon and afternoon exercises and the addresses and musical features will be of a high order and the equal of the best celebration ever held in Southern Oregon. The speakers will be Dr. J. W. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, Austin T. Buxton, of Forest Grove, master of the Oregon State Grange, and J. J. Johnson, of Multnomah county, lecturer for the Oregon State Grange. Dr. Kerr is a man of broad attainments and one of the ablest men in Oregon. Mr. Buxton is a progressive, successful farmer of Washington county and a man of practical ideas on the problems that confront the farmers of Oregon. Mr. Johnson has the honor of being the master of the largest Grange in this state and of the Pacific coast and he is a practical farmer and as a public speaker he ranks with the best in the state. In the musical features it is expected to secure some of the best vocal and instrumental musicians of Grants Pass and if the sale of the stand concessions afford the funds the Grants Pass Band will be secured. The invocation will be by Rev. W. B Pepper, pastor of the Wilderville church and the Declaration of Independence will be read by Miss Lucie George, a teacher in the Grants Pass schools and a fine elocutionist.

A meeting was held at Wilderville Saturday afternoon, May 23, that was attended by a large number of the members of Wilderville Grange and by representatives of the other Granges in the county, those for Fruitdale Grange being Master H. C. Bateham, Lecturer Mrs. H. C. Bateham and Mrs. Henry Huck; for Dimick Grange Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Alverson, Mrs. H. M. Parham, county organizer, Lecturer, Mrs. Ada Morrison, N. Reynolds and Charles Meserve; for Deer Creek Grange Master A. T. Shoemake and Secretary Marion Crooks; for Illinois Valley Grange M. M. Kohler. An executive committee to have general charge of the picnic had been previously appointed by the five Granges of the county, these being M. M. Kohler for Illinois Valley, Grange, Marion Crooks for Deer Creek Grange, O. F. Lovelace for Wilderville Grange, H. C Bateham for Fruitdale Grange, and Charles Meserve for Dimick Grange. These were all present at the meeting and Charles Meserve was elected chairman of the committee and H. C. Bateham secretary. Committees to have charge of the details of the picnic were appointeed as follows: Grounds, James McCann. A. M. Jess and Soubel Robinson; Decorations, Mrs. E Erickson, Mrs. L. B Akers and Miss Bessie Robinson; Reception, J. H. Robinson, G. A. Hamilton, Mrs. A. E. Hampton, Mrs. Bertha McCann, Mrs. R. F. George, Mrs. Robert Tolin, Mrs. H. M. Parham, and Mrs. F. A Clements; Music, Mrs. H. C. Bateham, Mrs. H. B Alverson, Robert Huck; Rest Room, Mrs. J. H. Robinson, Mrs. Mahala Robinson, Mrs. Adeline Close, Mrs. W. L. Babcock, Mrs. W. A. Low, Mrs. Henry Huck and Mrs. Ada Morrison; Children's amusements, H. C. Bateham, C. L. Woelffie, A. T. Shoemake, James Howard and Lynn D. Allen; Athletic Sports, H. B. Alverson, Carl Allen, F. A. Clements, George Walton and A. E. Sheehan; Team and Camping Supervision, Scott Robinson, E. Erickson and J. D. Tharp. For marshal of the day N. Reynolds was chosen and he was authorized to appoint two deputy marshals.

At the close of the business meeting a short literary program was carried out. Addresses were made by A. T. Shoemake, Mrs. H. C. Bateham, Mrs H. M. Parham and Mrs. Ada Morrison. Mr. Shoemake, who was a delegate from Josephine county to the State Grange and was elected overseer for that oragnization, spoke on the encouraging growth of the order in the state as shown by the report made at the State Grange and of the splendid work the order is doing in many lines for the betterment of the farmers of Oregon. Mrs. Bateham gave some very helpful ideas on how the lecturer can make Grange meetings more profitable and interesting. Mrs. Parham told of the growth of the Grange movement in this county and of the encouraging outlook for adding within this year, at least six more Granges to the five now in Josephine county. Mrs. Morrison gave a comprehensive statement of the benefit that the Grange is to farm communities and the noticeable work for the betterment of the agricultural interests in Josephine county that had been accomplished within the six months since the first Grange was organized here. A comic recitation by H. B. Alverson gave all a good laugh. At the close of the exercises the ladies of Wilderville Grange served lemonade and cake and a delightful social hour was spent by those present.

It was expected to secure Mrs. Clara H. Waldo as one of the speakers but her health being impaired this year she has decided to give up all public speaking and take a rest. Mrs. Waldo has held the position of lecturer in the state Grange for the past 10 years, being re-elected each year without opposition, but at the recent session she declined re-election and she will spend the summer at Newport after which she will go East and during the winter take a trip to Europe. Mrs. Waldo is one of the ablest speakers on the American platform, few men even being able to hold an audidence like she can, and her work has been one of the biggest factors in the splendid success that has come to the Grange movement in Oregon. Mrs. Waldo is also one of the regents of the Oregon Agricultural College and she has done very much to bring that college up to be the largest and most successful of any west of the Rocky Mountains.

The committee on grounds has fixed Saturday, June 13, as the day for all to meet at Wilderville to put the grounds in order. A general invitation is extended to all who are willing to give a helping hand, whether they are members of the Grange or not, to make this celebration a success to come and aid the preparation work. The ladies are invited to come too and make a picnic day of it and well filled lunch baskets would not be amiss. It is expected that all members of the various committees will be present that day to report progress and to arrange further details in the various features connected with the celebration.

Fruitdale Grange is for public improvements as is shown by the committees that report the work in their various lines steadily moving along.

The Rural Telephone Committee will soon be ready to place the poles and stretch the wire to connect with the main line in town. The phones and wire have already been procured and soon the work of installing will be completed and connections made so that the grangers can be in communication with one another and with the business men of town. Thirteen already have signed the petition to be on the line and others are anxious to come in.

The Good Roads committee is wide awake and determied to have better roads in this locality so that the many sightseers need not turn away nor take some other route on account of the poor condition of the roads. Already $49 worth of work has been done by the committee and $18 worth of work by the county. The owners of automobiles have contributed $55 towards the work.

We are working hard to have a Rural Free Delivery and the committee on this work feel encouraged and believe that we will be able to meet the requirements to secure same. The committee reports 96 names already secured who desire the R. F. D.

The Grange picnic July 4, this meeting the approval of the Fruitdale Grange. All expect to attend with full baskets and will do their best to help make the day an enjoyable one.

FRUITDALE.

Quite a number from here attended the Decoration Day exercises at Grants Pass on Saturday.

William Byrne, the eldest resident in Fruitdale and a hustler in the modern imprvements of this district, is a member of the G. A. R., having entered the civil war at the age of 15.

Ten subscribers in this neighborhood are soon to be made happy by the use of telephones. The instruments have arrived and will be installed as soon as possible.

W. S. Coutant has the thanks of the whole community by his generosity in deeding to the county a right of way across his place midway between the creek and the two hills over which the present road is located The new road will be on an even grade all the way and will be opened up as soon as fencing can be arranged for.

Henry Huck has sold 60 acres off from the north side of his place to Mrs. Steward for $2400.

Alonzo Jones is negotiating for the sale of his 200 acres in west Fruitdale. Price asked is $5000.

H. C. Bateham has the honor of being the first one in this neighborhood to put up the name of his place over his gate. Wellington Place is the name selecet, tracing their genealogy back to the Duke of Wellington We hope to see many more such names put up this summer.

Fruitdale district was well represented at the Sunday evening temperance rally at the opera house. No less than 18 being present. Mr. H. C. Bateham and Geo. Hamilton were among the speakers of the evening and gave earnest, instructive talks. Both are new residents here and assured us that if our county goes dry many more people will come here to live. No wet votes from this region.

Master Ralph Huck sang a temperance song at the rally at the opera house Sunday evening, which was enjoyed by all present. On being called back he sang a verse giving some good advice to the voters.

MISSOURI FLAT.

Everybody attended the election.

Guy Jeter has been hauling some hay to town the past week for W. B. York.

Miss Carrie Meek is at work for Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hayes at this writing.

Born—At Missouri Flat to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hayes, a son. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were formerly residents of Medford.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Bartie Davidson of this place, a girl.

John Meek and Joe York have been slashing brush the past week for Will Perry of Grants Pass.

It has been quite stormy the past few days

Miss Mollie Bohl and father, were visitors to Grants Pass one day of last week.

W. B. York and brother, were visitors of Grants Pass one day of last week Most everybody attended the memorial services at the Missouri Flat cemetery Saturday.

Ida Dotson and mother were visitors of the Flat Saturday. LILAC.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

At 10:30 a. m. the pastor will preach on the subject "The Fallacy of Bigness." The observance of the Lords Supper and Right Hand of Fellowship follows at 11:30. The Bible School meets at 11:45. The Junior meets at 3 p. m. The Senior Young People at 7 p. m. "What is True Penitence?" is the subject, the service to be led by the pastor. At 8 o'clock occurs the annual Childrens Day Program; the subject of this years program is "Fields and Vineyards." You are cordially invited.

BETHANY CHURCH.

Regular service at the Bethany church Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school at 10, preaching at 11 in the morning. C. E. Service at 7 and preaching at 8 in the evening. Topic for the morning service: "Teaching of Jesus in Regard to the Kingdom of God." For the evening service "The Men Who Refuse to Pay Their Rent." A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

CONTEST NOTICE

Roseburg, Ore, May 13, 1908

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by C. W. PARKS, contestant, against Homestead entry No 10873, made July 18, 1901, for the SE¼ Section 34, Township 33 S, Range 3 west, by Walter L. Crowe Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Walter L. Crowe as not established his residence upon the said land, or cultivated or improved the same, as required by law: that the only improvements upon said land consist of an abandoned cabin, without doors or windows; and further that said Walter L. Crowe has abandoned said land, having been absent therefrom without obtaining leave of absence for more than six months last past; said alleged absence was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States said parties; are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on July 7, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed May 12, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY,
Register.