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## PRIZE COMMERCIAL CLUB LETTER

Written by Helen F. Hall to Eastern Friends.

## HAS THE BOOSTER SPIRIT

This Letter is One of the Winners in the School Letter Writing Contest.

Grants Pass, the metropolis and county seat of Josephine county is without an exception the finest place for a health resort of any place in the vast state of Oregon. But you will say it is shut in by mountains. Yes, we are surrounded by mountains on all sides, the Cascades on the east, the Siskiyou on the south, the Coast Range on the west, and the Umpqua Divide, which is a rugged portion of the Cascades on the north.

But friends, if it were not for these huge monsters our climate would not be so mild and beneficial as it is. It is these that protect it from the wintry blasts, cyclones and storms of the middle west, central and eastern states.

Grants Pass has a population of nearly 6000. Its school population has increased about eighty per cent in five years and in the last two years the high school alone has increased about seventy per cent.

Mr. Thomas Richardson, the great boomer of Portland was here a few days ago and to his surprise and our joy when he asked for a standing vote of all who had come west in the last five years eighty per cent rose to their feet out of a large attendance. He was here for the purpose of interesting the people in their own country enough to aid new comers, which are constantly coming in. He asked in behalf of our commercial club if every pupil would write letters to as many as we could out of the state of Oregon, but to be sure to tell nothing but the truth. I hereby, as one of the many pupils, pledged myself to aid our enterprising commercial club in what ever way I could though it be but a little.

Our city supports nine good churches, three ward schools and one high school, which in the near future will be supplanted by a larger and more modern one, two box factories, one planing factory, a foundry, two ice plants and many nice public buildings of important interest.

The country adjacent to Grants Pass is noted for its vast forests, mines and orchards of apples and pears, also Tokay grapes lands, which yield a net of \$300 to \$600 per acre. It has been proved that the Tokay grape of the Rogue River valley brings a larger price in New York and the eastern states than any other Tokay grape in the entire country. Its color is deeper, being the same all over, while others are colored on one side the other of which is green.

Fruit lands can now be obtained at a low rate in order to give the immigrant an opportunity to come west with however small an amount of money he may have, and be able to make a rich income in a short time. There is an unlimited amount of water power from Rogue river and many other streams, to aid the farming and fruit industry. There are three kinds of soil, loam of the bottom land, which if watered properly will produce wonderfully. The red land requires more cultivation than the loam, but it is on this that we grow such fine grapes of various varieties. The fruits of Josephine county are said to be unsurpassed both in flavor and in quality.

Pears and apples of the Rogue River valley have gained a world-wide reputation for quality, flavor and perfectness and demand the highest prices in the United States and foreign markets. Prunes, peaches and pears are always abundant and always bring good prices.

The cherries are unequalled anywhere as shippers because of their keeping qualities. They are large and have an excellent flavor. The Black Republican and Royal Anne makes

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The orchard meeting that was to have been held under the auspices of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association and Fruitale Graage at Riverside and Elerslee fruit farms last Saturday afternoon was postponed on account of the heavy rain that prevailed all day and prevented the attendance of the fruit growers. Prof. P. J. O'Gara, of the Department of Agriculture, and who is at the head of the Government experts who are conducting the fight that is being waged all over the United States against the pear blight, having arrived in the valley and being unable to remain long, the Fruitale orchard meeting was held Thursday afternoon of this week to enable the fruit growers to hear his address on pear tree diseases. There were over a hundred orchardists present and the meeting was a decided success. A full report of Prof. O'Gara's address will be given in the Courier of next week.

## TOM RICHARDSON HAS READ THE COURIER

Notes What is Going On in Grants Pass—His Letter.

The following letter from Tom Richardson, the alert manager of the Portland Commercial club to the Courier shows the impression and influence of the well conducted country newspaper. It may be read thousands of miles away from the office of publication and yet it creates a good impression akin to the metropolitan sheet.

Following is the letter:  
Reading the Courier would indicate that things were busy at Grants Pass and in that vicinity. Your issue of June 12th starts out with a report of the annual meeting of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers' Association; then an account of the new cannery building; then the organization of the ladies to help along the progress of Grants Pass; then the financial report of the Commercial Club; the wonderful future of Grants Pass as shown by an interview with Mr. W. B. Sherman. Now you ought to get a whole lot of good liberal advertising during the canestoupe season. Just suggest this to Secretary Andrews.

## ATTORNEYS APPLY FOR RESTRAINING ORDER

Attorneys R. G. Smith and E. E. Kelley Wednesday afternoon on behalf of J. C. Hall applied to the circuit court at Jacksonville for a restraining order to prevent County Judge Dunn from declaring prohibition in effect in the county precincts of Jackson county on the ground that no legal prohibition election had been held in the county, because the court had failed to exclude Medford from the election call, as she was exempted from the workings of the local option law by her charter.

There is no doubt that the injunction will be granted and made permanent, as under the court's recent ruling this question was decided. The present proceedings are merely a legal formality.

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## Holiday Rates.

July 2d and 4th special holiday Railway rates effective will be one and one-third fare to all points, locally, limited to return up to and including July 6th. No stop-overs given on these tickets. 6-26 2t

## CLEVELAND DIES AT PRINCETON

Ex-President Died Wednesday Morning.

## SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OLD

The Eminent Statesman Had Suffered for Some Time from a Complication of Ills.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 2.—Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, died suddenly at his home at Westland, here at 8:40 o'clock this morning. Death was due to heart failure, complicated with other diseases. The passing away of Mr. Cleveland was not immediately announced, but was delayed until an official statement had been prepared by the physicians who had been attending him in the various periods of his illness.

The funeral will be held Friday, June 26, at "Westland," Mr. Cleveland's residence on Bayard Lane, Princeton, and will be strictly private. The following statement signed by Drs. Joseph D. Bryant, George R. Lockwood and J. M. Carnochan was given out:

"Mr. Cleveland for many years had suffered from repeated gastro-intestinal attacks. Also he had long standing organic disease of the heart and kidneys. Heart failure, complicated with pulmonary thrombosis and oedema, was the immediate cause of his death."

While Mr. Cleveland had been seriously ill from time to time, the announcement of his death came like a thunderbolt to those who had been watching his illness.

Last night there was a slight flurry among the friends of the Cleverlands that something was seriously wrong with the ex-president. This was occasioned by a visit of Dr. Bryant, of New York, Mr. Cleveland's physician for many years. Mrs. Cleveland, later in the evening, discussing Dr. Bryant's visit, said that there was no occasion for alarm and that Mr. Cleveland was getting along nicely. This reassurance totally unprepared their friends for the announcement of his death.

The children are at the Cleveland summer home at Tamworth, N. H., in charge of Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Cleveland's mother.

The Cleverlands came from Lakewood, where the former president lay sick for many weeks, on June 1, and intended to go to their summer home as soon as Mr. Cleveland had gained sufficient strength.

The former president died in bed in the second story front room. Those at the bedside when the end came were Mrs. Cleveland and the three physicians. The only other persons in the house at the time were a number of servants.

Drs. Bryant and Lockwood, who came here from New York early yesterday evening, remained at the Cleveland home all night, as was their custom when they visited Princeton. While Mrs. Cleveland did not wish to alarm her friends last night by telling them that her distinguished husband was again quite ill, in fact she assured them that he was doing quite well. There was nothing alarming in his condition; it was thought by the physician, and the former president passed a fairly good night, notwithstanding the oppressive heat.

## NUMBERING THE HOUSES FOR FREE DELIVERY

D. E. Dotson and Ed. Fryer have been employed by the city council to number the business houses and residences of the city preparatory to free mail delivery. This numbering is another metropolitan air for Grants Pass and will prove a great convenience to the residence and business communication and is an indication to outsiders who read the local press that this is no longer a small country town but a real city.

The inauguration of free mail delivery will be even more metropolitan and a greater convenience. Free delivery will be particularly advantageous to the south siders for the reason that the city is divided by the railroad and the post office is on the north side.

It is estimated that six weeks will be required in which to complete the numbering of the houses and putting up the names of the streets at the various corners. Messrs. Dotson and Fryer began on the work last Friday.

Nate Howe of Placer is now occupying a cell in the county jail in default of \$1000 bail, charged with assault on the person of Chester Blalock, aged 13 years. Information was filed by W. T. Gardner, superintendent of the Boys and Girls Home, and a preliminary hearing had before Justice Holman Monday. County Judge Jewell committed the girl to the Boys and Girls Home Friday.

## OREGONIAN RECOGNIZES GRANTS PASS CANNERY

Editorially Comments on the Importance of the Tomato Industry Here.

The following editorial which appeared in Tuesday's Morning Oregonian of last week is a significant indication of the growing prosperity of Grants Pass as a commercial center and the productiveness of the soil of Josephine county:

Tomato growing has proved to be very profitable in Rogues River Valley. A cannery has been established at Grants Pass to care for the crop and the acreage will be double that of last year. This vegetable fruit has come into use almost entirely within the past half century. It has been developed by cultivation from the bright little "love apple," so-called yellow and red, round and pear-shaped, which were grown as ornaments to the garden border by our great-grandmothers, and which the children were warned not to touch, as they were poisonous—to the smooth, bright, large and spotless product grown by the ton and found upon the table of rich and poor alike the year round.

The yield, when properly cultivated, is from 20 to 40, tons to the acre, and the season in Rogue River Valley lasts from August until November, for the fresh product and the year round for the canned product, the country over. A tomato field with plants bearing ripe, green and growing fruit and still set with points of yellow blossoms is a sight worth going far to see. It is seen at its best in the Rogue River Valley in the late summer and early autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gilkey returned last week from their Eastern trip, having been in attendance at the National Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. They also visited many other points among them Boston, New York, Washington, Niagara Falls and Chicago. They report having had a very pleasant trip. The weather, however, was not all that could have been desired both extremes of heat and cold, rains and winds.

C. J. Carrin has removed to Grants Pass from Corvallis, having graduated from the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Carrin last spring purchased DeArmond ranch of 160 acres on Jerome Prairie and will now spend his time in improving the property, intending to eventually set the entire available land to grapes.

Geo. Hansen of Portland was to town the fore part of the week, looking after business matters. Their address hereafter will be Brownsville, they having moved to a ranch near that place.

Miss Josephine Moss is visiting Ashland friends.

## COUNTY TREASURER CALLS FOR WARRANTS

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants registered prior to August 15, 1906. Interest will cease from this date.

Dated June 26, 1908.  
J. T. TAYLOR,  
Treasurer of Josephine County, Ore.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve supper at the Manse Wednesday night, commencing at 5:30.

## FINEST FLOWERS ON EXHIBITION

Flower Show May Become Annual Event.

## RINK BOWER OF BLOSSOMS

Parade of Decorated Automobiles a Pleasant Feature of the Day.

Today is Flower Festival day in Grants Pass, the event of the First Annual Rose and Flower Festival, and the Coliseum rink on F street presents a scene which the ladies of Commercial Club Auxiliary may well feel proud. The rink, a structure about 50x100 feet is a bower of beauty and with its present decorations, would never be thought of as a skating rink. Festooned from the ceiling are coils of green and along the walls are myriads of blossoms of all kinds from the old fashioned blue bells and marigolds to the latest shade and coloring of the delicate rose. In the center of the hall artistically arranged on long tables are the individual exhibits of choice roses, and they present a scene of rare beauty. At the end of the hall under the folds of Old Glory is the speaker's stand from which the following programs were rendered:

**AFTERNOON.**  
"Civic Improvement", G. H. Clement  
Vocal Solo, Mrs. W. W. Walker  
"Old Fashioned Flowers",  
Dennis Stovall

**EVENING.**  
Promenade March  
"Roses Best Adapted to this Climate", T. P. Cramer.  
Vocal Solo, Miss Marion Clarke  
"Improvement in Eugene",  
E. S. VanDyke  
Vocal Solo, Mrs. W. L. Ireland  
"Benefits of Annual Rose Shows",  
Mrs. M. C. Findley  
Music, Orchestra.

Among the flowers in the decorations could be seen roses of all kinds, sweet peas, pansies, carnations, honeysuckles, verbenas, fuchsias, geraniums, snow plant, marigolds, Easter lilies, hydrangeas, magnolias, nasturtiums, begonias, and many other plants, all carefully arranged and displaying the skill of the committee having the work in charge.

The parade of decorated automobiles was a very pleasing feature of the day and the line of machines in the procession, although it did not represent one-half of those owned in the city, made a very creditable showing. The parade was headed by Miles McIntyre on his "Twix Indian," closely followed by F. G. McIntyre with a buckboard auto, others in line were H. C. Kinney with Paul at the steering wheel, Dr. Loughridge Vallard Traux, Mayor Smith Dr. Flanagan, Ed Dixon, Fred Gumper, B. F. Olding, Dennis Stovall, Jos. Wolke, E. L. Churchill, Chris Eismann, Roy Wilson. All the machines were decorated, some more elaborately than others and several of them equaled any in the Portland Automobile parade. The Loughridge machine was unique, two rocking horses occupying positions amid the

flowers in front and two little tots driving the horses with ribbon reins. The Wilson machine was conspicuous for its babies, Medames Wilson, Blanchard and Bartlett each holding their baby girls. The Gumpert machine was attractive with flower covered bows crossed for a canopy. The Kinney, Churchill, Olding, and Stovall machines were covered with flowers and presented an attractive appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hathaway and Miss Ruth returned Friday from a three weeks stay at Portland.

## THE COOL, FRESH SHADE OF WILDERVILLE GROVE

Big Crowd Will Enjoy the Fourth in Delightful Retreat. Program of High Order.

The details for the Fourth of July celebration that is to be held at Wilderville grove, under the auspices of the five Granges in Josephine county, are rapidly being perfected and all features of it promise to excel any previous celebration ever held in this county. The grove is very large, clean and free from poison oak or other annoyances and has a big spring of the coldest of water. The shady nooks along Slate creek, a clear running mountain stream, afford delightful places for parties to spread their lunches and to swing hammocks. Last Saturday a large amount of preliminary work was done to put the grove in order and the completion of the work will be done on Tuesday afternoon, June 30, and the final touches on Friday the day before the celebration.

The literary program will embrace forenoon and afternoon exercises and will be of a higher order than is usual for celebrations. The addresses will be by Dr. J. W. Kerr, president of the Oregon agricultural college, and by J. J. Johnson, lecturer of the Oregon State Grange. Both are fine orators and among the ablest men in the state. The declaration of independence will be read. The invocation will be by Rev. W. B. Pepper, of Wilderville. The musical features will be of an unusually high order. The singing will be directed by Mr. H. C. Kinney, of Grants Pass, one of the best musical directors in Southern Oregon. The instrumental music will be by the Grants Pass Cornet Band, of 28 members in full uniform, and by the Grants Pass Orchestra, of eight pieces and conceded to be one of the best orchestras in the state.

The amusements will all be clean and of a wholesome character and variety that will amuse and please both young and old. The committee on athletics is preparing a series of baseball and other games for the afternoon that will be worth attending and the committee on children's sports are planning that the little folks will have their full share of fun. No fire cracker or other explosives will be allowed on the main grounds, but a section of the grove distant from the crowd and the teams will be given over to the children where they may fire crackers and make all the noise they wish and a deputy marshal will be on duty to see that careless boys do not injure themselves or others.

Recognizing that dancing is only harmful when so made and that most

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