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PEARS--PEACHES FOR MARKETING

Army of Workers Preparing Fruit for Cans.

PAYROLL OF \$600 WEEKLY

144 Tons of Pears Shipped From Outside Points Besides Local Product.

The Grants Pass Cannery is a busy hive of industry these days. A representative of the Courier paid that place a visit one day this week and while we expected to find a large number of employes and much fruit being handled, what was seen was an eye-opener not soon to be forgotten. The working force has been increased from the 60 men, women and children of a couple of weeks ago to 188 persons in addition to the regular salaried employes, making a payroll of \$600 a week.

This small army of workers are on the jump from morning till night taking care of the fruit that being unloaded at the warehouses. Canning is now going on at the rate of from 6000 to 10,000 cans of peaches and pears a day. The canning season for pears will end in a day or two and it is expected that the pack will amount to between 3000 and 4000 cases. The pears, peaches, plums and blackberries packed earlier in the season are now ready for the labels and as fast as these are put on, they will be marketed.

As soon as these fruits are out of the way they will commence on the apples and tomatoes. The latter are coming in but the rush is not expected for about a week later. At this time it is expected that the tomatoes will run to somewhere in the neighborhood of 30,000 cases.

The manufacture of vinegar is just beginning. A new building is being erected in which will be placed two new vinegar tanks each 12 feet in diameter and 6 feet high, which in addition to the tanks and barrels already on hand will enable them to put out a large amount of this article. At the present time there are 161,000 gallons of vinegar stock on hand.

It is almost impossible to form an idea of the amount of fresh fruit used by the cannery as every few minutes someone drives up with a wagon load of some kind or other. Besides the fruit purchased from our local orchardists, 144 tons of pears have been shipped in from outside points. Something like 6000 boxes of peaches have been shipped in.

He Likes Our Fruit.

John Lietha, a native of Switzerland, but for many years a resident of Seattle where he has been engaged in garden and orchard work is in the city and has spent some days in looking over the valley with a view of locating here. He was out to the Carson vineyard Monday and was mightily pleased with what he saw, and says that with the climate and soil here it is only a question of time until all of the hills will be converted into vineyards. All that is needed is to get the valley under irrigation and then let the world know more about what nature has done for this section in the way of climate and soil.

Mr. Lietha says there is a splendid opening here for a landscape gardener, as there seems to be no system to what has been done here in the way of beautifying the city.

Speaking of the fruit here he said: I had expected to find fine fruit raised here, but I did not expect to find the quality so fine as it is. Some of the orchards where I have been, the trees are simply loaded and the quality beats anything I ever tasted. And as for grapes, why if this country was cultivated as Switzerland is, Oregon would have a population of from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 people.

Don't forget Pattons Son Proof Paint when you want to paint your house. Call for a color card at Cramer Bros.

COMMITTEE TO REPORT BY NEXT MONDAY

The committee on Irrigation appointed by the commercial club have had four meetings since last Saturday morning and have gone over the subject of water and the price thereof carefully and conscientiously. They will be ready to make a report to the Executive committee of the commercial club about Monday next. The report will show all phases of the irrigation question including the price of water rights, the yearly maintenance fee and many other things connected with the subject. This committee has, from the first, labored incessantly to bring about irrigation and it is generally believed that their efforts will be rewarded by securing irrigation not only for the low lands but the bench lands of the valley on either side of the river. A feasible plan to supply water to the rich lands of the Rogue River valley is the one aim and ambition of this committee.

Quartz Blanks at the Courier office.

GRANTS PASS SCHOOLS OPENED LAST MONDAY

School days have come again and the boy and girl, loaded with books hastening to the institutions of learning where Old Glory floats on the breeze, has become again a regular feature of our municipal life. Monday morning 681 pupils enrolled in the Grants Pass schools, an increase of 43 over the opening day of last year, a large percentage of the increase being in the high school where there are 104 pupils. A much larger enrollment is expected in the grade school after the hop picking season is over and the orchard work is out of the way. Two new teachers have been employed this year making 25 in all. The High School course of study has been strengthened by the addition of work in astronomy, chemistry and trigonometry. The business department of the school is in excellent shape and quite a number of students are taking shorthand, typewriting and book-keeping, though as is to be expected, the great majority of the pupils are taking the regular course of study.

An excellent feature of the high school department is the reading table which is supplied with all of the magazines and many papers for the use of the students when studies are out of the way. The high school is very crowded and at the present rate of increase in students a new high school building will be required within the next two years. The schools are in a very satisfactory condition. Superintendent R. B. Turner and his able corps of teachers have their work well in hand and the schools throughout are of such a high standard that the people of Grants Pass may well be proud of them.

A Picturesque Play of the West.

A play calculated to afford the greatest pleasure to the greatest number of people should involve a pleasing story, told in a simple and unaffected manner—such a play Manager Frank G. King flatters himself that he has found in "The Little Prospector," and confidently offers it to the public with "Chic" Perkins as the interpreter of the leading role which is that of a well born young eastern girl. She, in company with her father, a graduate physician, a highly educated, polished and refined man, but unfortunately addicted to strong drink drifts out with the tide into the gold mining regions of the far west and devotes her time and energies to the reclamation of her father, and incidentally to prospecting for gold. She is eminently successful in both. There is a pretty little love story interwoven with the plot which adds greatly to its interest. Fourteen cleverly drawn characters are required to present the play. The comedy element is rare and sparkling and is furnished in unlimited quantities by a funny Chinaman a characteristic western judge and sheriff and a stormy but good hearted Irishwoman. The star "Chic" Perkins is too well and favorably known to need any comment. The supporting company is all that could be desired by the most exacting. The scenery and appointments are abundant elaborate and appropriate. "The Little Prospector" will be seen at the Opera House on Friday September 25th.

REAL ESTATE DEALERS OF CITY ARE SANGUINE

Outlook is Encouraging and Bleif is General That Many New People Are Headed This Way to See and Buy Rogue River Lands.

The Courier man this week made the rounds of the real estate men and gathered a consensus of opinion regarding business in their line. It can be said that the outlook is very encouraging and judging from reports from all sources there will be a large amount of business done providing prices remain at fair figures. Irrigation, however, will be a great factor in the real estate business this year; should it appear certain that the effort of the Commercial Club to secure ditch building this year will be successful fruit and agricultural lands around Grants Pass will be in active demand and many new settlers will make their homes in our valley.

At the Gillette-Biggs Land Company's office, E. L. Churehill reported a greatly increased correspondence, which he thought indicated numerous buyers during the next couple of months, especially actual settlers. That the advertising campaign, he thought, had been productive of much good and also the colonist rates, but, he added, that the best advertisement this country can have is irrigation and he predicted that when we do have it the people will flock here in large numbers.

Mr. Fuller of the firm of Best-Fuller Company, gave it as his opinion that this would be a fairly good year in the real estate business. He felt satisfied that a large number of home-seekers will take advantage of the colonist rates given for September and October and will visit Grants Pass. He said that the colonist rates are important and yet he called attention to the fact that land buyers have been coming all Summer when there was no rate on and these people have been buying right along. This, to his mind was an indication that Grants Pass is in the public eye and that advertising is doing its perfect work.

Joseph Moss, the pioneer real estate man said "The outlook for business during the time the colonist rates are on is very encouraging. Real estate transfers both in country and city property have kept up very nicely and sales are being made right along. I think the colonist rates will do quite a lot of good, in fact, people are already coming in on them, but the real thing is the advertising campaign which has been carried on. We are beginning to reap the harvest from our booklets but we will reap a greater harvest later on. The city is already pretty well filled up and practically all of the houses are occupied."

At the office of Elmer Shank, Mr. Hall the junior member of the firm said: "We are greatly pleased with the results, so far, of the first real publicity given this country. From the correspondence carried on by us. We are satisfied that for the next two months the real estate men will have their hands full looking after the newcomers. The eastern farmers have heard about Southern Oregon and will have time during September and October to look around. The colonist rates are low enough to induce them to come."

The senior member of the firm of Herzinger & Mitchell said: "The business from the colonist rates is beginning, and the outlook is that there will be more real estate transfers this fall than ever before in the history of Josephine county. People are beginning to learn that we have the finest climate and soil in the world and they now want to know what we are doing about irrigation. The water is here in abundance and when we begin to apply it, we will have no trouble in bringing in people to go on the lands, and they will make it the garden spot of the world."

At the office of Harmon & South, Mr. South said: "The outlook is good for a large number of home-seekers to come this fall as the advance guard is already arriving and our correspondence indicates that more are on the way. There are some fairly large sales pending and the outlook is good for the future is as good as we have a right to expect. The main trouble is in finding lands for sale close in."

"The outlook for mining this fall is exceptionally good. There are lots of inquiries for mining properties and a good many mining men are visiting this section now, and we look for renewed activity in mining circles."

ENJOYABLE RECEPTION TO BETHANY MINISTER

Last Friday evening about 200 people assembled in the Bethany Presbyterian Church parlors to welcome their new pastor, Rev. Robert McLean and his family back to the scene of their former labors, after an absence of 10 years, much of which time has been spent in the mission field in Porto Rico. The addresses of welcome carried with them tenderest feeling for each member of this esteemed family. Miss Ethlyn Bartlett represented the Christian Endeavors and Mrs. T. P. Cramer voiced the sentiments of the Ladies Benefit society. George Parker welcomed the good brother on behalf of the church membership. Dr. Van Dyke was spokesman for the congregation, and the Ministerial association had for its representative Rev. A. R. Lane. These addresses were responded to by Rev. Robert McLean who very tenderly thanked those present for their kind, sympathetic and loving words for himself and family. During the evening a musical program consisting of vocal numbers by Mrs. E. S. Veatch and T. P. Cramer and selections by the Bethany Male quartette were greatly enjoyed. H. C. Kinney acted as master of ceremonies and soon had the guests congenially employed in a game called sherbet and cake which the ladies had prepared.

The Young People's Society of the Baptist church gave a watermelon social at the Churchill home Wednesday.

REVEREND LOVETT RETURNS WITH BRIDE

Reverend Frederick C. Lovett of the First Baptist Church of this city, accompanied by his bride, arrived last Saturday. The wedding occurred August 15th at Austin, Minn., and in the meantime they have been on their wedding tour. They visited in Minneapolis Park Rapids and Wheaton, Minn. and at each of these places Rev. Lovett preached. They also stopped at Williston N. D., where Mrs. Lovett has a brother. They also visited in Seattle. At Wheaton, Minn., where both are well known, a reception was tendered them and they were presented with a beautiful set of knives and forks and a silver serving dish.

Mrs. Lovett was Miss Augusta E. Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Baker of Austin, Minn., and graduated at the Austin High School and at the University of Minnesota. She was principal of the Wheaton, Minn. High School for four years, also taught in the Austin schools and is spoken of as a gifted and lovely Christian young lady, active in good works and with high ideals in life.

Rev. Lovett is a favorite in Grants Pass and the members of his church and friends generally are pleased to welcome both the pastor and his bride.

Reverend and Mrs. Lovett will be at home to friends after October 5th. New stock of Stranaky ware just received from the factory by Cramer Bros.

LITTLEFIELD IS HELD TO AWAIT GRAND JURY

The preliminary hearing of Winfield Littlefield, for the shooting of Charles Christie was begun last Monday and after the examination of several witnesses, continued until Wednesday.

Attorney A. C. Hough had charge of the case for the state and Attorney W. C. Hale for the defendant. No new facts were developed on the hearing and no evidence offered by the defense. A witness who had been over and made a thorough examination of the ground where the shooting occurred testified that from the descriptions given, i. e., that Christie was in a stooping position when shot, he could not have been seen from where Littlefield stood when he fired the shot. Christie stated before his death that he was stooping to examine a deer bed when the shot was fired.

At the conclusion of the hearing Littlefield was bound over to await the action of the grand jury and his bail fixed at \$300.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HERE NEXT WEEK

Next week Thursday, September 24, will be a great day in Grants Pass for the Knights Templar, for on that day will be held the Annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Oregon. There are 12 commanderies in the state and delegates are expected from each, the visitors probably numbering 60 to 75 will arrive on the morning train and will be met by members of the local Commandery, Melita No. 8, in uniform marching from the Masonic hall to the depot and return.

Sessions of the Grand Commandery will be held at 11 o'clock a. m. and 1:30 o'clock p. m. At 4 in the afternoon will be held the competitive drill at the A. A. C. ball grounds, at which the drill team from Oregon Commandery No. 1, of Portland, and from the DeMolay Commandery of Salem will compete for the banner. Admission to the grounds for this drill is free to all.

The band has been engaged for the day and will play at the drill grounds.

In the evening from 6 to 8 o'clock the knights and ladies will be banqueted at the Masonic Temple banquet rooms. A cordial invitation is extended to all Sir Knights who may be in the city at that time to be present at the banquet. Each knight is privileged to be accompanied by one lady.

Friday, the 25th, will be devoted to entertaining the visitors who are able to stay over during the day and a program is being arranged. It is probable that a trip down the river will be made and the visiting knights given a fruit and game luncheon. While the program has not yet been definitely arranged it is certain that Melita Commandery will give the visitors an enjoyable time.

Council Met Thursday.

The City council met Thursday evening and transacted a considerable amount of business. The usual bills were paid. The ordinance submitting to the people the proposition to buy the water system was passed, also the ordinance regulating the peddling or vending of fruit and other eatables at the passenger trains, prohibiting the selling, except from the south side of the trains, and fixing a penalty for selling infected fruit. An ordinance providing for a sewer on West G street was placed on its second reading.

The judges and clerks for the primary nominating convention of November were named at this meeting.

A Rural Blessing.

Several of the rural districts around Grants Pass have constructed telephone lines so they can converse with their neighbors and with persons with whom they have business in town. These communities which have telephones have found them so desirable that several other lines will probably be built in the near future.

The rural telephone has been a great blessing to the farming communities of the United States as it has done much to break up the isolation of the farm as well as to save many long trips to town at busy times, and in cases of sickness. It is an improvement which no farmer would do without after once enjoying its use.

Stoneware Jars all sizes up to 20 gallons at Cramer Bros.

GIVEN OVATION SUNDAY EVENING

Crowds Visit Depot to See Candidate.

RED SPECIAL WAS LATE

Speaking at Opera House Listened to Attentively by Our Citizens in General.

The Red Special which was to arrive at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, failed to put in an appearance until after 7. When it did come in a considerable crowd was awaiting it. Everyone wanted to see Debs, the socialist candidate for the presidency, but everyone was disappointed for Debs didn't appear when the train stopped. Members of the party stated that he had made more than a dozen speeches during the day and that he was resting to prepare for his speech at the Opera House later in the evening. The 15 piece socialist volunteer band led the way to the Opera House and played in front of that building while the people poured in to get seats, and while the people poured in they were entertained by several fellows from the train who were selling photos of Debs, campaign buttons, campaign literature, and campaign songs; then the band came in and after a tune or so, E. C. McKee of San Diego, who is making the Pacific Tour with the Red Special was introduced by the chairman, Marcus Robbins, and he talked for three-quarters of an hour on socialism. Mr. McKee was a good talker and aroused some enthusiasm, but it was plain to be seen that the people were there to see Debs.

After McKee had concluded his talk and a collection had been taken for the cause of socialism and to help defray the expense of the Red Special, the committee of the Chamber of Commerce led by Judge Jewell brought in Mr. Debs, and he was introduced to the audience. He was not in a very good voice and explained that he had been having rather a strenuous time of it for many days and was beginning to get tired. A few minutes, however, soon warmed him to his subject and he made a good socialist talk.

Those who had never seen Debs were surprised in his appearance. He is a giant in stature and his method of dress accentuates his great height. His dress also differed from the usual campaign speaker as he wore an old serge suit, and blue shirt, though he did have a white collar.

His speech was about the same as he has been making from the beginning of his tour, starting with the origin of socialism, referring to the republican, democratic, prohibition and other parties, and telling what the socialist party expects to do when it comes into power.

At a late hour the speaking ended and Debs and his party returned to the train and at 3 a. m. departed for Roseburg and other towns up that way.

The Red Special, is not as was supposed by many, painted red, as the railroad company would not allow their cars to be painted, but a liberal supply of red cloth gives color enough to enable anyone to identify the train. The socialists say the special is costing them \$20,000. The trip is supposed to cover 30,000 miles and make 500 scheduled stops besides a great many more that will be sandwiched in as opportunity offers. The socialists also claim that the trip made by Debs will be the longest ever made by a candidate for office.

Notice to Republicans.

All republicans interested in forming a Taft and Sherman Club for Josephine County are requested to meet at the Court House, Grants Pass, Oregon, Tuesday evening, September 22d, 1908, at 8 p. m.

By order of the County Central Committee. JOSEPH MOSS,

Chairman.

J. F. GALBRAITH, Sec'y.

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