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PROSEPRITY AHEAD.

It will be noticed on another page of this issue that the irrigation committee of the Grants Pass Commercial Club have taken decided steps in the direction of securing for this part of the Rogue River valley the benefits of the long talked of and much needed irrigation. The matter has been managed by a special committee composed of some of the leading farmers in the county and a number of the best business men in the city. The object has been to complete an organization that will be able to construct irrigating canals and ditches and to secure water to fill them. Every step has been carefully investigated so as to protect the rights of all who may become interested in this important enterprise. The next step will be the investigation by an expert of the sources of supply of water and the amount of land that can be covered. There will be not less than 50 miles of ditches and these are intended to cover somewhere between 30,000 and 30,000 acres of land. From first to last it has been the aim of those interested in the work to arrange for the completion of as many miles of ditches as possible before water will be needed for the crop season of 1909. Irrigation once established in this valley will bring to Josephine county and Grants Pass great and abiding prosperity. It is the corner stone on which will be builded Twentieth century methods of intense farming and fruit growing. It is now a well known fact, which is capable of demonstration that water is the essential part of scientific cultivation. While irrigation is as old as the history of the human race it is comparatively new in most parts of the United States. A glance backward over the civilization of the centuries of progress shows that those countries which led in the arts and sciences were in nearly every instance irrigated countries. In our own country irrigation has brought with it great prosperity to every state and locality where it has been adopted. It is the science of agriculture and the touchstone of success. It demands of its followers education, deep study, industry and that devotion from which alone comes achievement. Placing this valley under water will immediately double the farm population and this increase in the number of families in our rural districts will go on from year to year. Big farms will disappear and numerous small ones come in their places. Ten and twenty acre orchards and vineyards will occupy the land which now supports a growth of chaparral, manzanita, scrub oak and other worthless forest growth. Not alone will the prosperity be confined to the farm lands of the valley. Grants Pass will double its business and population during the first twelve months of irrigation and from a town of a little more than 5000 souls will grow a city of the population of from fifteen to twenty thousand population within the next five years. All this will be brought about through the foresight of those who have led the way in bringing irrigation to the Rogue River Valley.

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NOT SO POPULAR.

An interesting political development that is of direct interest to manufacturers and financiers is the action of the Oklahoma banks in abandoning Mr. Bryan's pet bank deposit scheme. Of the fifty-seven national banks in Oklahoma that went into the plan along with State banks and trust companies only about fifteen preferred to throw up their Federal charters and become state institutions. The significance of this movement is apparent. It would seem that the majority of the Oklahoma bankers are now in accord with Secretary Elliott Root's judgment that "The attempt to make all the profits of good management bear all the losses of bad management is a step in the socialist process which would level all distinction between thrift and recklessness."—American Industries for October.

Attention is called to the article on another page of this issue, entitled "Iconoclasts vs. Reformers" as being not only worth reading but far more than that, worthy of serious thought and action. There is no question but that the best way to rid a community of any evil is to furnish something good to take its place. Grants Pass is certainly large enough, prosperous enough and in every way able to furnish some place for those who have been in the habit of frequenting the saloons to gather and enjoy themselves. There is only one time to do this and that is now, while the prohibition law is practically on trial, for at the end of two years the voters will again have an opportunity to say whether prohibition is a success or a failure. Those who believe that the saloon is an evil and have worked for its abolishment should certainly take the lead in supplying a substitute for it, for the saloon is the poor man's club.

The fact that Grants Pass apples won the first prizes on the principal varieties of that fruit at the district fair held at Medford recently, adds important significance to that section as an apple growing country. The action of the Medford fair managers in ignoring Grants Pass by not inviting it to exhibit, has caused considerable feeling in the prosperous Josephine county city, and rightly. If they can grow better apples at Grants Pass than they can at Medford the latter ought to honestly acknowledge it and take their defeat philosophically and graciously.—Hood River Glacier.

The kickers on the farm are not so hard to get along with as the kickers in town. On the farm there is the kicking cow, and our long eared friend the mule, while in town there is the old mossback, who wants all the municipal improvements without paying for them. The cow may be sold for beef, the mule may be traded for a shotgun, but nothing but a funeral will get rid of the town kicker.—Farmsville (Tex.) Times

Eugene Debs, socialist candidate for the presidency is quoted as saying that he is not fitted either by temperament or taste for the presidential office and that if there was any chance of his election, he would not run. Well, as long as he puts it that way no one is going to object to his running for the office. Wonder if Bryan has any more idea of being elected than Debs has.

If there is any competition between Oregon fruit and the fruit of the East, why is it that the Eastern fruit grower sells a barrel of their best quality apple, containing 2 1/2 bushels, for less than Oregon growers sell a single bush containing only one bushel?—State Horticultural Commissioner A. H. Carson, of the Third District, in his biennial report.

The Newberg Graphic remarks: "A Newberg contractor remarked that he did not know much about politics but he did know the difference between \$1.25 a day and \$4 a day for work and he would vote for Taft."

Communicated.

Mr. Editor: As the tax payers of Grants Pass are called upon to vote on the 27th in a matter of vital importance, viz: the purchase of the present water system at the price of \$94,000. As the means of information to the average citizen is very meager, I have taken the trouble to get the detailed report of civil Engineer Frank C. Kelsey.

Estimated cost of present valuation of labor and material of such a plant put in new, \$98,000. Deduct for depreciation by wear of machinery and decay of pipe some of which has been in for eighteen years, \$12,500. Estimated value counted in on G street and a remark of doubt as if it might be omitted in the count \$1075. Estimated contractor's profit 10 per cent, \$8830, leaving present value \$76,105.

I cannot see why a taxpayer should purchase a piece of property at about \$18,000, above its value, and besides

Mr. Kelsey says that they have in their system 57730 feet of pipe less than 4 inch in diameter, which renders that much of the system worthless in fire protection. I, as a voter signed the petition to the council but did not intend to tie them up to the purchase of this without any chance to do otherwise. Now I think the best thing to do is to vote it down and let the council put the question on the ticket at the regular December election on the basis of a new system. This can be done without cost. Stockholders in the water company are sellers. The taxpayer are purchasers.

Do not be fooled by the indirect influence and talk of a stockholder as to how you shall vote. All the stock that I have in it is \$100 of worthless paper that they robbed me out of 17 years past, when they reorganized under a new name. And later on they got another new name.

I also think there should be several changes in the city charter, granting discretion to city government as to how it should have municipal work done. Whether by contract or day labor, to fit conditions that time might bring. There should be this change made by which the sidewalks should be built and repaired at the expense of abutting property, and street proper should be built and maintained by general taxation. Past practice makes this plan honest and proper in future progress. The unexpired part of time on contract to hydrant water need not interfere with construction of new plant. Build it. Let city stand ready to keep contract. The citizen has the right to stay with the company or take water of the city plant.

It will require considerable time to put in a plant at best. And if we see the hard times coming over the hill they say Bryan's selection will bring with it, we can take refuge by getting a days work to buy a sack of flour with, and it is always a good time for a city or county to go in debt because you get so much work for a dollar.

Respectfully,
J. M. CHILES.

A. E. Voorhies returned from Portland today, having perfected arrangements for shipping the Linotype, press and other material for the Courier office. The latter will arrive next week.

Mrs. Howard Hill and daughter Hazel of Portland visited Mrs. J. E. Peterson early this week and later Mrs. Peterson accompanied them as far as Ashland on their way to Los Angeles.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Christian Science Reading room, 117 E street, near Second. Services Sunday, October, 25th 11 a. m. Subject—"Probation after Death." Wednesday meeting 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

PREPARING FOR BIG TWO DAY CONVENTION

The fourth annual convention of the churches of Christ in the Southwest District will be held tomorrow and Sunday and preparations are being made to make it a great event. The program for the two days is as follows:

- SATURDAY, OCT. 24.**
Morning 9:30—Prayer and song service led by W. L. Mellinger, Ashland.
10:00—Address—"Pittsburg, 1909," H. K. Sicafoose, Central Point.
10:15—Discussion led by Mrs. Edna Raunie.
10:25—"Coos County: Its Needs and Possibilities," J. N. McConnell, Coquille.
10:40—Special Song.
10:45—Address: "Why the Disciples of Christ Should Be Enthusiasts" B. W. Bass, Roseburg.
11:00 Two Centennial Aims: "Two Christian Papers in Every Home," An Offering from Every Disciple to Some Christian College," W. L. Mellinger
11:20—Discussion led by C. F. Swander.
11:35—Address: The Christian and His Diseases," T. P. Reid, Phoenix.
Afternoon.
2:30—Prayer and Praise Service led by Mrs. W. L. Mellinger, Ashland.
2:45—Address: The Necessity of Making Known Our Plea," A. J. Hollinsworth, Grants Pass.
3:00—Discussion Conducted by T. P. Reid.
3:40—Special Song.
3:45—Address: "The Next Thing in Missions," Mrs. G. S. O. Humbert.
3:50—Business Session: Report of President, Report of Treasurer, Election of Officers.
Evening.
7:30—Song Service led by Longman, Bethany, Neb.
8:00—Sermon, Evangelist R. F. Whiston, Boston, Mass.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25.

- Morning
11:00—Sermon R. F. Whiston.
Afternoon.
2:30—Prayer and Song Service led by W. L. Mellinger.
2:45—Address: "Without Spot or Wrinkle," C. F. Swander, Corresponding Secretary, O. C. M. C., Portland.
3:20—Special Song.
3:25—Address: "Our Centennial Aim and How to Reach It," Mrs. Clara G. Escon, State Bible School Evangelist, Portland.
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- FOR SALE or exchange a good, gentle, strong driving horse, harness and buggy. Cheap for cash or would exchange for milch cows. Inquire this office.
- TEN acres for sale cheap in the fruit belt of Grants Pass, two miles from Postoffice. Good house, poultry business established, 250 fruit trees, one acre berries. Will be sold with or without stock. Albert O'dell Grants Pass, Ore. RFD 1. 10-23 2t
- WETHER Goats to trade for small work horse, M. D. Boreman, Wilderville, Ore.
- LOST—A plain gold ring lost Thursday, October 15. Finder please return to the Courier office. 10-23 1t
- FOR SALE—One good, green bone and vegetable cutter, almost new, and one hay cutter for sale cheap. Address P. O. box 52, Grants Pass.
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- PLOW—for sale or exchange for four acres of plowing; 12 white Leghorn hens for sale at \$4. Address W. J. Sturgess, N 10th Street. 10-16 2t
- ONE JERSEY Bull, 15 months old, for sale cheap. Hayden Close. Phone 887, Wilderville. 7-24 tf
- WHITE Leghorn cockerels for sale from pen that took first prize at Grants Pass Poultry show in January Mrs. H. M. Parham RFD No. 2, Box 1, Grants Pass. 9-25 tf
- Window glass at Hair-Riddle's.
- FOR SALE—One half horse power electric motor, nearly new, price \$35. Can furnish shaft and belting if desired. Enquire of W. P. Wright, Conklin building. 8-14 tf
- FOR SALE—Modern hotel in good, incorporated California town; on corner near depot, 27 rooms, bar in connection with large stock of liquors, cigars, and pool table; open night and day. License \$300 per year. Reason for selling, have been admitted to the bar and wish to enter practice of law. Will take \$3500 for furniture and fixtures and stock. Address H. E. M., Conrier office, Grants Pass. 8-7 tf

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WANTED—10 rigging slingers, \$60 per month; 10 lumber pilers, \$250 per day; two lumber graders, \$75 per month; high wheel teamsters, \$65 per month Box factory men \$2. W. H. West & Co., Medford Ore.

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- STRAYED.**
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- STRAYED—Sorrel horse, two white hind feet, weighs 1050. Address Box 631, Grants Pass Ore.
- Rev. Chas. Hays, formerly pastor of Bethany Presbyterian church, visited Mrs. Hays mother, Mrs. Longenecker, and sister, Mrs. George Cramer, this week, returning to Portland Wednesday. Mr. Hays preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.
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