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BIG GOOD ROADS MEETING MONDAY

Scott of the Good Roads League Will Speak.

EVERYONE IS INTERESTED

Must Make Plans and Attempt to Secure Legislative Aid for the Cause.

One of the greatest needs—perhaps it should be said the greatest—is good roads. A good roads movement is sweeping over the country and has been for several years past and is being taken up in nearly every state in the Union. Grants Pass will consider the matter next Monday when a convention will be held at the Opera House at 2 p. m. at which Judge John H. Scott of Salem will address our citizens.

Every citizen of Grants Pass and every farmer, orchardist, vineyardist, dairymen and all others living in this part of Josephine county are urged to be in attendance to help formulate the plans for good roads in this county.

Good roads are of equal benefit to the farmer and the business man. The former must come to town and the latter depends to a large extent upon the country trade for existence. Poorly kept thoroughfares are a poor advertisement of any community and the thousands of emigrants who pass this way take note of them and straightway form a poor impression of the country.

One of the things to be taken up by the convention on next Monday will be to formulate some plan of interest to the legislature in the matter so as to get appropriations for state roads. The county must of course keep up most of them but there are many places where the state could properly look after them, for instance the proposed highway to reach from the northern to the southern boundary of the state. The Oregon Good Roads League is doing a highly important work for the betterment of the main highways in all parts of Oregon. Judge Scott, who will speak at the convention Monday is the president of this organization. A meeting will be held in Portland in the near future to map out legislation to be presented to the legislature in behalf of the good roads cause.

The Grants Pass committee, consisting of Judge Stephen Jewell, H. C. Kinney, J. O. Booth, W. M. Blair and H. L. Andrews, are taking steps to make the occasion both pleasant and profitable to all who attend. Vocal and instrumental music has been arranged for, and they have stated that the ladies are specially invited to be present and participate in the deliberations of the body.

A November Bath.

Ralph Davis got mixed up with Rogue river last Saturday afternoon, while boat riding near the Golden

Drift dam. For a few minutes he was "all in" and when he came out he was pretty well saturated and his teeth were chattering like a box of monkeys. Frank Pock was with him, but Frank stayed in the boat, and after making several heroic efforts to save his friend, he finally succumbed to the irresistible and uncontrollable desire to laugh, and while he was engaged in this inhuman conduct, Ralph scrambled aboard, making a few "mild" remarks about the chilliness of the water. He also talked some while taking his bath, but Frank cannot be coaxed to tell what he said, but from a few hints given out, we believe that Ralph "shaped a prayer from scraps of oaths he used to swear." Be this as it may, his friends are glad that he escaped, with a cool, November bath, what might have proved a fatal accident. In the meantime, Frank is still laughing.

TOM RICHARDSON EXPRESSES HIS OPINION

Says Secretary Andrews Is Good Man for Position He Occupies.

The following letter, received by the Courier this week from Tom Richardson will be of interest to our readers. Note the last paragraph particularly, and then do your share towards providing the necessary money to keep up the good work of advertising Grants Pass:

"I was glad to read your editorial in the Courier of the 18th instant, relating to the necessity for Grants Pass and Josephine county supporting the Commercial Club, as well as the report of the meeting held on Tuesday evening at which Vice-President Anderson presided.

"Now with regard to your secretary, I am delighted to say that in more than 25 years experience in publicity work I have met very few men who get better results for the amount of money they expend than does Secretary Andrews of the Grants Pass Commercial Club.

"To give you some idea of the intensity with which people are taking hold of advertising in the Northwest, a meeting was held at White Salmon, Washington last Saturday, where the town and the valley, with a total population of not to exceed 600 people, subscribed \$2500 for advertising purposes in 30 minutes, or equal to \$4 for every man, woman and child in the community—and there are at least three buildings in Grants Pass which alone are worth more than all the buildings in White Salmon combined. Up at Goldendale, in the same country, a few days before, they raised \$3000 and they have since made it \$5000 their entire population is only 1352.

"Grants Pass has a splendid organization; you have done the work; people are talking about Grants Pass; and about it, but Secretary Andrews must have money with which to work. I want to thank you again for the cordial cooperation you are giving him.

Very sincerely yours,

T. M. RICHARDSON.

Manager Portland Commercial Club.
Secretary Oregon Development League.

FRUIT EXCHANGE MEETS TOMORROW

Will Discuss the Method of Spraying.

O'GARA WILL TALK PESTS

Thousand Times as Much Fruit Could Be Sold If It Were Available.

It has been remarked before in these columns that the packing room and warehouse of the Rogue River Fruit Exchange is a busy place—it is getting busier every day. Every inch of available space is taken up with packers who are placing the finest, richest most beautiful and best fruit on earth in boxes to fill the orders received daily from people who know that no apple satisfies them as do those raised in this part of the wonderful Rogue River Valley.

The steady stream of teams continues to drive up to the receiving door to unload the fruits from the orchards, and as fast as they can be taken in and made ready to send away they are passed out the back door into the cars and hurried away to New York, to Chicago, to London, to Liverpool, to Honolulu, and to other distant points where fine fruit is appreciated and where they are willing to pay for it.

Already something over 8000 boxes of apples have been shipped, besides the other fruits handled earlier in the season, and prices from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per box f. o. b. Grants Pass, received, and Manager Seville says the only trouble is to get the fruit for which he has orders. Remittances are being received promptly for the fruit shipped and if there were a thousand times as much fruit it could be sold just as readily.

Before another season larger quarters will have to be provided as the present place is too small to satisfactorily handle the packs. Nearly every fruit grower in the valley is shipping through the exchange now and when the orchards which will come into bearing next year send in their fruit there will be no place to put it unless additional warehouses are secured, hence this matter will have to be taken up at an early day and arrangements made for the next season.

A meeting of the stock holders of the exchange will be held in the Opera House on Saturday (tomorrow) at which the subject of spray and spraying will be discussed, and other matters will also come up. Prof. P. J. O'Gara, the pear blight specialist will also be in attendance at this meeting and orchardists will have an opportunity to ask him to answer troublesome questions for the benefit of their orchards. Prof. O'Gara arrived in the city Tuesday and has since spent the time in looking over the orchards of the valley to enable him to discuss conditions here intelligently. Every fruit grower or prospective fruit grower should make it a point to be on hand as many things may be learned which will be of future benefit.

SHRINERS VISIT ASHLAND MECCA

As mentioned last week, Ashland was the Mecca toward which all members of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, were headed on last Saturday. Illah Temple which was installed there on that day started off with a membership of 102. The ceremonial session and institution were followed by a banquet. Visiting delegations from Grants Pass, Medford, Roseburg, Eugene, Portland and other places were met at the depot in Ashland by the local Shriners who had provided a herd of burros to take the place of the customary camels, which do not thrive in Ashland, that being a dry town.

There were many visitors from this city, and several of them were en-

rolled among the membership of Illah Temple, among them, being Frank Mashburn, J. H. Nelson, R. L. Coe and A. C. Hough, by initiation, and by affiliation, L. L. Jewell, A. E. Voorhies, G. W. Donnell, T. B. Cornell, and George S. Calhoun. Mr. Calhoun was honored by being chosen Illustrious Second Ceremonial Master of the Divan of Illah Temple.

The occasion was an enjoyable one and from the standpoint of Masonry, a very gratifying one.

It is very gratifying to see the work going on in the orchards within the city limits, and from present indications these small patches of fruit which have heretofore been more or less covered with scale and infested with pests, will all be cleaned up and made healthy by spring. The owners of fruit trees in the city should be made to keep them as clean as are the orchardists of the country for unless they do the infection will be carried by the birds and winds.

JAMES P. DUNCAN GETS GOOD RESULTS

From Advertisement Published in Recent Issues of Courier.

Says It Pays.

The Courier received this week a letter from James P. Duncan of Leland, Ore., which is a sample of many expressions of satisfaction from our advertisers. Of course the proprietor of the Courier knows that his circulation is large and is growing every day, and also knows that it pays to advertise in the Courier, and he is glad to know that his patrons get results as they do. Mr. Duncan says: Leland, Nov. 16, 1908.

Editor Courier, Dear Sir: See enclosed from Mr. Bowman of Oklahoma in regard to this country; it speaks for itself. It shows what a circulation you have. Just from that item you put in your paper I have got four such letters from different parts of the country, asking about land.

Yours truly,

JAS. P. DUNCAN,
Leland, Ore.

J. P. Duncan,
Grants Pass, Ore.

Please pardon the liberty I take in writing to you for information. I am deeply interested in Southern Oregon as I am trying to sell here with the view of locating there. I see your name in the Rogue River Courier in regard to the apples and pears from your orchard, also 150 acres you have under cultivation. I am anxious to learn some facts from one that does not farm on paper. First I should like to ask what one can buy valley land for and what terms. Does it have to be cleared or is it free from brush and timber. Wish to know what wheat yields per acre, oats, also. What is hay worth? Is there grass in the valleys? I only have a small amount of money but not afraid of work but one likes to see a profit for their work and that is what we fail to have here. I have been reading the advertising matter. It so often misleads one. What does a team, wagon, harness cost? Is living higher—I have been told it was very high. I would like to know what farm help is worth and are there any far as renting and how and what terms. Excuse the many questions—I have one more—Can you tell me anything about Butte Valley? I don't think it is far from you. I should be so glad to hear about your 150 acre crop and yield if you would oblige me. I should feel thankful.

R. H. BOWMAN.

Mr. Duncan's correspondent asks a good many questions which are perhaps not easily answered. The Courier would be glad to publish general articles from readers in this vicinity, which would give such inquiries as Mr. Bowman, an idea of what this country is like and just what he and others can expect when they reach here. Many such articles have been published in the past and all have done much good, hence the advisability of having more of them.

The Blair-Kiddle Company were visited this week by John Albert, a demonstrator of the Tom Thumb horse power spray pump, the agency for which has been secured by the above company. One of the pumps was placed in a light wagon and trips made to several orchards to show the simplicity and efficiency of the Tom Thumb.

Mail Boxes at Craner Bros

GRANTS PASS WILL SEND EXHIBITS

Display at Council Bluffs, Portland, and Spokane

TOO LATE FOR SEATTLE

Some Exhibits In Town Windows, But Many More Needed to Convince Homeseekers.

It was announced a couple of weeks ago that the County Court had decided to make an appropriation to cover the expense of getting up an exhibit from this part of the Rogue River Valley to be sent to the meeting of the State Horticultural Society which is held in connection with the North West Fruit Growers Association at Portland the first week in December, and the Spokane Apple Show the second week in December, the National Horticultural Congress at Council Bluffs the third week and at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle which opens next June, but the county officials have since decided that they will not make an appropriation.

Some of our enterprising citizens, however have determined that this magnificent valley shall not be unrepresented at these expositions if it is possible for them to prevent it, and have therefore gotten to work and in a few days will be ready to ship the displays. The time set by the officials of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition for receiving shipments to be put in cold storage and held until the opening, ends tomorrow and the matter had been neglected too long for an exhibit to be gotten ready for that occasion, but the other meetings will be taken care of. For the meeting of the State Horticultural Society and North West Fruit Growers association Messrs George A. Hamilton and Will Seville will be the only exhibitors so far as known at the present time. For the Spokane National Apple Show, the second week in December, December 7 to 13, the exhibits of Hamilton and Seville will be taken from Portland after they are through with them and in addition the Grants Pass Cannery will send an exhibit of cannery products consisting of Apple butter, apple cider, canned apples, apple jelly, pickled apples, apple marmalade and vinegar. The plate exhibit sent at Spokane will be mainly from the Pamilton orchard.

At the National Horticultural Congress which convenes at Spokane the third week in December Grants Pass will also be represented by the exhibit of both Hamilton and the Grants Pass Cannery used at Spokane and in addition the cannery will send a display of Sampson's Spray.

There will be a few days to spare in Portland after the meeting of the State Horticultural Society before the exhibits need be sent on to Spokane and they will be left in Portland in a conspicuous place to be seen by the thousands of people there and visitors from all parts of the world.

While it will not be possible to place any of the fruit in cold storage for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle it is quite likely that by the time that great fair opens some one will come forward with an exhibit of some sort to be sent there.

The work of gathering these exhibits is purely voluntary on the part of those doing it. County Fruit Inspector Hatchman has been very active in the matter, as has also W. B. Sherman and others.

It is to be regretted that our orchardists and citizens generally do not take a more lively interest in making exhibits. It is of course a great deal of trouble and the expense is also an item, yet the latter can hardly be considered for in nearly every case the fruit sent remains the property of the sender and is nearly always sold for a higher price than can be realized at home or by shipping to market centers. This was thoroughly demonstrated at the late (we might also add, lamented) Medford fair when the six boxes of apples sent from the Hamilton orchard har-

ried off 10 prizes, the cash premiums for which amounted to something over \$33 and the apples were sold at \$1.50 per box, making the exhibit an exceedingly profitable business venture, so say nothing of the satisfaction any orchardist must feel when fruit from his trees is adorned with a blue ribbon.

Exhibits sent to a fair are the means of helping many persons to decide where they will locate, a large number of those who attend such gatherings do so for the purpose of seeing the products from those sections which send out literature to see for themselves whether the literature exaggerates, as it is generally considered that it does. When fine fruit is sent the skeptical home seeker is willing to believe; but if no fruit is sent he has a right to think that there must be something wrong somewhere. Hence it is highly important that Grants Pass and this part of the Rogue River Valley be represented by a display of her best fruit on all occasions such as the meeting of the State Horticultural Society, Spokane Apple Show, National Horticultural Congress and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Get the fruit there and it will do its part in capturing the prizes.

While on this subject it might be well to comment on the exhibits, and lack of exhibits, in this city. First, the Commercial Club rooms, which above all other places should maintain a well kept display of all the fruits which are raised in this valley has practically nothing to show the numerous visitors to that place. Scarcely an hour in any day of the week passes but that some stranger goes there and looks over the products of what the club's literature calls "The Italy of America," and what do they find? A few rotten pumpkins, some dried up corn and last years peaches and then shelf after shelf of ore specimens. Again, after seeing this beautiful(?) exhibit of the products of the "Italy of America," the homeseeker and investor has a right to conclude that there are a lot of mighty cheerful liars in this section and that it is best for him to move on to where they can show the goods.

Our stores and real estate offices do better. As a usual thing you will find a neat display of beautiful apples in the window of the Sabin Drug Store. Elmer Souk can generally be depended upon to keep some fresh fruit in his window. The Gillette-Riggs Realty Company take considerable pains to have their window tastefully decorated with fresh samples of the products of this valley in both the fruit and vegetable line. The Best-Fuller Realty Company have a show room fitted up for the purpose of showing to the best advantage, samples of all the fruits and vegetables and as far as the writer has observed has always kept up a good and attractive display. Joe Moss also generally keeps a small display in his windows and there are a few others especially grocery stores who do the same, but there should be more. During the past week W. B. Sherman has had a beautiful and attractive display of apples in the windows of the Corou Hardware store. The card says "exhibited by W. B. Sherman, the exhibitor," but it might not be a bad thing for Grants Pass if there were a few more exhibits of the same sort.

The climate and soil will grow the fruit and give them the right color, but the people must take the trouble to pick them and make exhibits where they can be seen.

HENEY WAS SHOT BUT IS RECOVERING

Francis J. Heney, assistant district attorney, who was engaged in prosecuting the Reuf case, was shot while in the court room at San Francisco, during a brief recess in the third trial for bribery. It was thought at first that Heney would die, but his splendid physique has pulled him through and he is now on the road to recovery. The assassin, Maurice Haas, ex-convict, who was shown by Heney in a former trial to be a bad character, committed suicide by shooting himself immediately after being placed in jail. It has not been determined as yet how he secured the gun as he had been searched before being locked up.

Every really prosperous town in the state has a Commercial Club which is well supported by its citizens.

Save Jobbers Profit

China, Dinner or Tea Sets

Five patterns to select from at Importers Price

We have made arrangements with Haviland & Abbott of New York, importers of HAVILAND CHINA, to handle their fine lines. Samples of five of their open stock patterns are now ready to be shown by us. A saving of 30 per cent is guaranteed. An invitation is extended to all to come and see these beautiful samples, they being open stock patterns, can be replenished at any time.

O'NEILL The Homefurnisher