

MAKE THIS A Jewelry Xmas

There is nothing in the list of Xmas gifts which is a more lasting, everyday reminder of the giver than a piece of Jewelry. It is also desirable from an economical standpoint, as it does not have to be expensive to be good if purchased from Bert Barnes. Come and see for yourself. My stock was never better.

BERT BARNES
The Jeweler

Studebaker Vehicles

Are the very best that money can buy. The reason we handle them. **Harness** is the most important article there is for the horse owner. The largest and best stock ever shown in Southern Oregon will be found at our store. **Farm Implements** A complete line of farm implements always on hand. **Everything** that an up-to-date store should have, we have. **Come and See** our saddles, bridles, lariats, whips, spurs, halters, lap robes.

COME AND SEE US
Jewell Hardware Co.
GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

DEAD

The Former Prices at Fred Gumpert's

We have purchased this stock at a greatly reduced price and are now offering to the public

Genuine Bargains

Beginning

Saturday, December 12,
At 9 o'clock a. m.

And continuing until after the Holidays.

We will offer this stock of Shoes, Dress Goods Underwear, Laces, Embroideries and Notions at

Unheard of Prices

REMEMBER THE PLACE.

DAVIS & SMITH
AT THE OLD GUMPERT STAND

PROVOLT

John Lewman and daughter, Miss Ora, were visiting friends in Grants Pass this week.

C. C. Wynant of New Hope was visiting at Provoit Sunday, returning home Monday.

Savory Roasters only \$1.25 at Hair-Riddle's.

Mrs. J. T. Layton of Grants Pass spent Saturday and Sunday with her son Lester Layton of Provoit, returning home the first of the week.

Miss Bessie McCalm, the New Hope "school marm" was the guest of Miss Oro Willson Saturday and Sunday.

O. E. Rose and wife of Applegate were at Provoit one day during the week.

We are making a big reduction in price on many articles of silverware. Let us show you. Hair-Riddle Hardware Co.

F. Knox of Laurel Grove was at Provoit Monday after lumber for the new residence which is being erected at the Provoit Creamery, which, when finished will be a neat and cozy cottage.

Mr. Kent will move into his new home the first of the week.

E. N. Provoit, one of Provoit's most up-to-date and energetic farmers, is anticipating setting out 100 peach trees during the fall and spring. We are glad to see so much interest taken in the fruit industry in the Applegate Valley, which is admirably adapted for fruit and dairying.

Automatic Auction in the south window of the Hair-Riddle Hardware Co.

We are informed that L. W. Smith, formerly of Provoit, but now a resident of Grants Pass, will soon move back here and start a new store and blacksmith shop. We will be glad to welcome him again.

We are sorry to learn that J. W. McCallister and family are soon to leave Provoit and take up their residence at Murphy.

Leap year is almost gone and your correspondent still has to batch. Wonder where the girls have gone, perhaps they are getting ready for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle in 1908; there will be quite a number there from this section.

R. F. Lewman was at Grants Pass Saturday transacting business.

Harvey Sparlin and Harry Kincaid of Williams were at Provoit Friday.

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Doctors J. F. and James Burgin of Delta, Colo., arrived at Provoit Saturday on a visit and to see some of the beauties of Oregon and Josephine county. They will locate in Southern Oregon, and we hope in our home city of Grants Pass.

Fritz Rush of Thompson Creek was at Provoit Monday.

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Frank Topping, our road supervisor has been doing a great deal of much needed work in this section. Our roads were in bad condition but the best roads in the valley. We pre-a heavy coating of gravel gives us diet that if Mr. Topping is reappointed 1909 will see all of our roads in excellent condition.

Savory Roasters only \$1.25 at Hair-Riddle's.

Chas. Heberman of Grants Pass was at Provoit Tuesday after lumber for the mine of Chas. Burkhalter on Oscar creek. Active mining will commence as soon as there is sufficient water.

FRUITDALE

Our Sunday school is making preparations for a Christmas entertainment and tree.

G. A. Hamilton has finished spraying his orchard.

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Bro. McLean of the Bethany Presbyterian church preached to a very appreciative audience here last Sunday afternoon after Sunday school. He was entertained at the home of F. A. Clements.

On Saturday, December 19, at 2 P. M. the Fruitdale Grange will meet at the school house. This will be a meeting for the members only, as there is considerable business to attend to. The officers for the ensuing year are to be elected and new members initiated. Anyone wishing to join this Grange, who has not already sent his name in should do so in order that they may be voted on at this meeting.

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Mrs. Parham of Dimmie Grange will be with us and tell us about the Grange Mutual Insurance Company. This is a subject in which we are all interested, as no one feels safe with their buildings uninsured, and where the Frankers join a mutual insurance company the cost of insurance is very small. All are urged to be in on time so that the meeting can begin promptly at 2 o'clock.

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NEW HOPE

Wm. McCallister and H. S. Wynant were at the Pass Tuesday on business.

Silverware at a great reduction at Hair-Riddle's.

We are glad to note that the Courier office is equipped with a Linotype machine.

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Miss Maud Cochran is sojourning with her sister, Mrs. Steward, at present.

We notice that the Courier Golden Eagle Contest is getting quite lively. Quite a number of new subscribers have gone in from this section.

If you want to get useful Christmas presents take a look at the show window of the Hair-Riddle Hdwe. Co. Our farmers are busily engaged in plowing just at this time.

It is understood that Jim Steward has a cow for sale.

Silverware at a great reduction at Hair-Riddle's.

In our ad last week we should have stated that those cooks must not be over 27 years of age. A. V. Daniels and C. C. Wynant.

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SHORTY.

The Commercial Club Booklets are about all distributed. Secretary Andrews says the time is ripe for the matter of making preparations for issuing another edition of the Grants Pass booklet. It will be necessary to have at least 50,000 booklets for next spring's advertising campaign. It has been suggested that the entire county be solicited to assist in the make up of these booklets and that a "Booster" meeting be held in the various fruit, farming and mining centers of the county, and an opportunity be given the people to advertise the special resources of the various districts.

Silverware always makes desirable Xmas presents. Hair-Riddle Hdwe. Co. is making a big reduction in price on many patterns.

THE FIFTH SESSION.

The fact that not less than 4000 delegates are expected to attend the fifth session of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, to convene at Washington on December 9 and continuing throughout the two succeeding days, is a complete evidence of the deep interest taken in the vital question of waterway improvement. The expectation is not only based upon the membership of the Congress—a membership constantly growing—but upon the official notifications from governors of states, mayors of cities, presidents and secretaries of agricultural, industrial, commercial financial and trade organizations and on notification from local associations organized for the advancement of the cause of waterway improvement.

The Ohio Valley Improvement Association one of the strongest as it was one of the earliest associations advocating waterway improvement, will be represented by not less than 250 delegates with the associations for the improvement of other great waterways cordially uniting in the work of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress because of its broad and comprehensive platform—"A policy; not a Project."

It is now fully recognized that waterway improvement can only be accomplished by adherence to that platform of principles. A definite system of operations is required no less in public works than it is in private enterprises. There can be no success where the parts of what should be a harmonious whole are made the subject of appropriations by no means adequate, with the work dependant upon the willingness of congress to consider the subject, and with the subject frequently postponed for the reason that it is considered merely local in its intent and purpose. Appropriations have been dependent upon the influence of the particular representative and always with the fatal defect that the subject of waterway improvement is not, until the organization of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, presented in its proper light—as national and not local in importance, in its intent and in its purposes.

Fortunately the question of waterway improvement is now considered from the standpoint of its immeasurable and its national importance. With the question made a part of the fixed and settled policy of the government; with annual appropriations made in adequate amounts; with the merit of the stream and the favorable report of the board of engineers, U. S. A., determining the work and with the work continuous, waterway improvement will become an established fact—which it never would become under the old-time plan of sporadic appropriations, inadequate in amount and with the work of improvement dragging and delaying. It is unnecessary to dilate upon the advantages of waterway improvement. Producer, shipper and receiver, confronted with freight congestions and with admitted inability on the part of present means of transportation to handle the freight offered as it should be handled, know the inestimable advantages that would come to all classes and conditions of trade, commerce and agriculture from the improvement of waterways—and the great number of delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress is incontrovertible evidence of the knowledge. It will undoubtedly be the most important meeting of the series, with all sections of the country alike interesting and aiding in the work of the Congress through which alone waterways improvement can be brought about.

A GOOD ROADS BULLETIN.

Farmers' bulletin No. 321, recently issued by the department of agriculture at Washington, takes up in a complete way the subject of the split log drag which has worked such a transformation in the roads in many sections of the country. Graphic descriptions of the drag are given, while careful instructions follow telling how the drag is built and should be used. The magnitude of the good roads movement and the important part which the new drag is playing will be realized when it is known that there are in the United States 2,000,000 miles of dirt roads, the cost of the adequate maintenance of which would run from \$20 to \$50 per mile were the high priced ditcher with its force of men and teams employed to do the road work. Results of so definite character have been obtained that the bulletin states that the cost of maintaining the same roads by use of the split log drag and plank ditch cleaner would be but from \$1.50 to \$5 per mile and the job be better done at that.

The bulletin in question may be secured by any one interested in road improvement by applying to the congressman of one's district or directly to the agricultural department at Washington.

Folgers Golden Gate Coffee

The aroma-tight can protects it against impurities and deterioration—never sold in bulk. Your grocer will grind it—better if ground at home—not too fine.

MAKING THINGS EASY FOR PUPILS.

The delinquency of colleges that they fall—or to the extent that they fall—to inculcate and fix the virtue of personal responsibility in students is in like manner the delinquency of the public schools. The school system in its present elaborate form is, "make everything as easy and as pleasant as possible for the children." This is in direct opposition to the old and well-established fact that there is no royal road to learning. The idea embodied in the declaration or command, however, runs through the entire public school course. The results are so far to seek. They are manifested in the faces of the harried, anxious, weary teachers who are charged with the task of carrying, dragging and pushing a heavy, unprofitable load up the hill of knowledge. Who wonder that the boys and girls who compose the load, after they are dropped upon the summit, and when it comes to the precepts that tell along the way from the lips of the struggling burden-bearers, represent an inert, helpless mass.

Those who have been pushed and pulled and dragged through the public schools by sheer force of persistence on the part of the teachers enter college without knowing how they got there. It is enough for them that they have scraped together credits enough to be allowed to register. They are ignorant of the first principles of study and the either become adepts in the art of cheating, or they soon "hunk out."

But perhaps the goal of their own and their parents' ambition is reached when the public school course is completed, and the teacher, over-wearied, drops them to take up another load. The idea of self dependence is wholly new to them; persistence is an unknown quality in their make-up. They "got along" through school and in a vague way they expect to "get along" in the business vocations of life. Having thus far been carried, they do not know how to walk. But the sharp spur of necessity is behind them and they plunge or stumble or blunder along.

The story is simple; its moral is plain. Require the children to get their lessons; do not expect teachers to pump knowledge into careless, happy-go-lucky pupils. Never mind about "making things easy" for them. Hard study, when it comes to the higher grades, will not hurt them; but quite the contrary, if they are puny, they should quit school until their physical strength is renewed.

A boy who is made responsible and held responsible will grow into a responsible man, while he who is carried along and coddled by the way will naturally look for someone upon whom to lean when man's estate is reached. Fate is likely to take many a hard fall out of him before he overcomes the habit of letting someone else look out for him and do his thinking for him as his teachers were expected and even required to do in his school days.—Oregonian.

A Sure Remedy.

A young man who experiences much trouble in managing a head of hair which manifested an unpleasant inclination to stand on end wrote to a weekly paper for a plan by which his troubles would be at least lessened. He was given the following recipe: "One part molasses, three parts beeswax, four parts India rubber, four parts glue, twelve raw eggs. Boil on a slow fire for two hours and five minutes, and while boiling stir in enough cod liver oil to make the mixture slab and good. Apply hot, and while gradually cooling pass a hair roller back and forth over the head." He didn't take it.—Philadelphia Ledger.