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## GRANTS PASS GETS PRIZES ON APPLES

Full Award Not Known but at Least a Dozen

## PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED

National Apple Show Appreciated Good Apples From the Rogue River Valley.

H. C. Bateman returned Wednesday morning from Portland and Spokane where he went to take the exhibits from Grants Pass to the Oregon Horticultural Society and the National Apple Show. The results of the trip are highly satisfactory to the fruit growers of this section, especially those obtained at Spokane.

At Portland the fruit was simply placed on exhibition, but at the National Apple Show it was placed in competition with the finest fruit from all sections of the United States. Mr. Bateman was fortunate in being able to secure a place for the exhibit close to the door and by the use of photographs which Photographer Lewis furnished, and some banners which Mr. Bateman had made a creditable, though small, exhibit was made. The award of the judges has not been received as yet, but as the fruit was viewed they promised six or eight prizes on the plate varieties, a diploma for the display sent by the Grants Pass Cannery, and a fourth prize on plate collection. When the awards of the judges are received it is quite likely that other prizes will be received by our fruit.

Aside from the prizes the exhibit sent will result in a great amount of good for this section. Mr. Bateman took along 200 of the booklets gotten out last year by the Commercial Club, and gave those out to persons who were interested in the exhibit and inquired about this part of the Rogue River Valley. He states that he would have been able to have distributed to advantage several thousand more booklets and other literature had it been provided. Many persons promised him they would come here and see this country for themselves, and at least three persons are already in town now as the result. Secretary Andrews of the Commercial Club, informs us that he has received many letters from persons who state they saw the exhibit and want to know more about the country; so from this source alone the exhibit will pay many times what it cost to send it.

After the National Apple Show was over Mr. Bateman was asked to donate the prize-winning fruit sent from here to be displayed in eastern cities. He gave them the fruit and was promised it would be exhibited in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Helena, Cleveland, New York and other places, and each plate to be marked with the name of the grower and address, with a large placard stating that it

was raised in the Rogue River Valley, near Grants Pass. This will be very profitable advertising for this section.

Some of the fruit sent from here was badly damaged in shipping, but the most of it was sold after the show was over, and the money will be turned over to the growers. There was only \$50 collected to pay the expense of sending the fruit and fare and other expenses of Mr. Bateman, and he was obliged to advance some money as his expenses were somewhat in excess of that amount. Inasmuch as the exhibit captured the prizes, and so far as we are advised, the only prizes taken by the state of Oregon, the additional money will undoubtedly, as it should be, made good to him. It was also expected that the railroad company would transport the exhibits without charge, but they refused to do so, and this cost a considerable sum that would otherwise have gone toward defraying expenses.

O'Neill, the Furniture man, is the man who wins the trade of economical buyers.

## MELVIN CULP KILLED BY TRAIN NO. 15.

Was Crossing Bridge Near Merlin— Could Not Get Away in Time To Avoid Engine.

Tuesday morning, as Train No. 15 neared the bridge over Jump-Off-Joe Creek near Merlin, the fireman called to Engineer Wagenblast that there was a man on the track. The whistle was blown and the brakes applied, but the train could not be stopped in time to keep from striking him, though it was greatly slowed down. The man, Melvin Culp, saw the train and turned around and went the other way to get off the bridge but seemed to be excited and did not make much headway. The bridge is only a few feet high and he could have easily gotten over the side without much injury. Both legs were cut off and his body mangled, and the unfortunate man was dead when the train was stopped to pick him up.

Melvin Culp was an old resident of Merlin and leaves a large family to mourn his untimely death. The accident was promptly reported and Coroner F. D. Stricker left at once for the scene and held an inquest. The jury decided that there was no one to blame for the accident.

## 10 Per Cent Discount

On a large, attractive line of furs. Just the thing she wants for Christmas. 45 cents to \$10—The Sugar Pine Store.

## Grand Holiday Excursion.

Bolton & Piel announce their annual holiday excursion to San Francisco, leaving Ashland Saturday, Dec. 26, at 11:35. Tickets for round trip \$16, good for 15 days. Sixty or more excursionists will make the fare \$15, so parties intending to make the trip should notify the management without delay. Address T. K. Bolton or Emil Piel, Ashland, Oregon. 12-11-31. Tickets may be purchased at Ashland.

## GOLDEN EAGLE CONTEST CLOSING TUESDAY NIGHT

Everyone Interested in the Result—New Subscribers Are Coming in Rapidly.

The Courier's Golden Eagle Contest closes next Tuesday night, December 22, at 10:30 o'clock, and the result of the contest is looked forward to with a great deal of interest by hundreds of people, and especially by the contestants who are each one anxious to secure first money, \$60. At the present time it is impossible for one to even guess who will produce the greatest number of points before the closing moment as there are three contestants who have each occupied the first place during the past three weeks: Miss Darnelle, Don Calvert and Miss Reynolds; the latter this week. No idea can be formed, however, from the result of the figures here given, even though the count was made today, for the reason that there are 50 or 75 "yellow certificates" each counting 500 points, which are now out, and it is probable that there will be at least 100 more of them given out before Tuesday night, as all of the contestants are working—working like beavers and their friends are working, too. We would not be surprised to see one of those now in the lower numbers suddenly take first place. From now on the count will be made each day and the results posted in the window of the Courier office. Tuesday morning will be the last count posted and then no contestant will know what another contestant is voting.

Now that the time is so near up it is well for the contestants to make their reports every day and to vote their ballots in order to facilitate the count and not have thousands of ballots coming in at the last hour of the contest.

Remember, the time is short for subscription getting and Tuesday is the shortest day of the year, so don't wait until Tuesday to "cinch" the new subscriptions which have been promised. We especially want the newcomers and are giving 500 extra points for new subscribers who have resided in Josephine county less than six months. There are scores of families who will come under this list. Now get busy and don't let a

little hustle stand in the way of your earning that \$60.

One man came in this week with three subscriptions to be sent to friends in the East. We would suggest that the Courier for one year would make a very acceptable Christmas gift for a friend whom you wish to interest in this country, or for a former resident of the county. We will be glad to receive such subscriptions and the votes will count if in by the 22nd. In order that there may be no misunderstanding, we repeat rules 1 and 2:

1. The Golden Eagle Contest shall close Tuesday, December 22, at 10:30 o'clock p. m. and no coupons will be received after that hour, except those sent by mail, which must show evidence by postmark that they were mailed before that hour.

2. Contestants shall be young men and women under 20 years of age. The contestant receiving the highest number of points will receive \$60 in Golden Eagles. The one receiving the next highest number of points will receive \$20 in Golden Eagles. In case there shall be a tie for first or second place the amounts will be equally divided between the contestants tying. Awards will be made as soon as possible after the contest closes.

Mable Darnelle won the special prize of \$5 for bringing in the largest number of new subscribers, she having brought in 19 new ones. Maude Reynolds came in second with a list of 11 new names. She gets the fountain pen.

The count on Friday noon was as follows:

Maud Reynolds, R.E.D.	25,860
Don Calvert	23,990
Mabel Darnelle	21,685
Ruth Smith	11,900
Ella Turner, Kerby	2,655
Edna Cornell	1,900
Pearl Kearns	1,480
Ida Mowers	1,390
Ada Brockman, Merlin	775
Tracy Stith, Kerby	680

## GOOD FOR FIVE POINTS

For

Address

This Coupon is Void if Not Voted by December 22

Courier's Golden Eagle Contest

## BABER BROS. SELL THEIR DRAY BUSINESS

Amos Smith this week purchased the transfer business of the Baber Bros., and will take charge on January 1st. Mr. Smith has resided in this city for many years and most of the time has been in the saw mill business. The business purchased by him is one of the best in town, and there is every reason to believe that he will meet with great success.

The Baber Bros., A. B. and O. have held the reins over their teams for the past five years and by their strict attention to business and courteous treatment have built up a large patronage. They have not as yet decided what they will do in the future, but for a time at least will make a much needed rest.

Rogers' 1847 village pattern at Cramer Bros. 20 per cent off on all furs at Gardner & Co's. Commercial printing at the Courier.

## THE NUGGETS BEAT ROSEBURG TEAM

The Grants Pass Nuggets beat the Roseburg High School in two very interesting and hotly fought basket ball games, which were played in the skating rink on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week, by scores of 19 to 28 and 24 to 28 respectively. Both teams were in good condition and capable of delivering the goods that go to make a snappy game.

The game on Wednesday night started off as though Roseburg was going to get all the honors, but the Nuggets' Ashby wrapped up and the first half ended with the score 11 to 14 in favor of Roseburg, the second half started off with both teams on their toes and it was nip and tuck with first one and then the other in the lead, and when time was finally called, the score board showed 19 for Roseburg and 28 for the Nuggets.

The game Thursday night was somewhat livelier than that of Wed-

nesday as the scores were closer throughout the game, with the Nuggets in the lead the greater part of the game, and by their snappy playing managed to keep their lead until time was called, leaving the score 24 to 28 in their favor.

The attendance at both games was very small, but it is to be hoped that the people will turn out and help the boys along in the future as they are putting up a good game and deserve the hearty support of their home town.

The officials for the game were: Goodman of Portland, as referee and Bartlett of this city as umpire. The line-up was as follows:

Nuggets.	Roseburg.
Meeker, C.	Cordan.
Stephenson, F.	Marsters.
Baker, F.	Buchanan.
Martin, G.	Hewett.
Moore, G.	Tyson.

The game Thursday night made the fourth played between the two teams and glancing over the scores for all of them, a peculiar state of affairs is noticed, as in the four games the total score of each team amounts to 81.

## NO UNCERTAINTY ABOUT RAILROAD

Engineer Collins Goes East for Conference But Will Return Soon.

G. C. Collins left this week for Colorado to spend the holidays with friends and relatives. He will join Mrs. Collins at Denver, she having gone there some weeks ago. After the New Year Mr. Collins will go to New York City to confer with some of the men interested in the Illinois River Railroad project. He expects to return some time in January, though business may delay him until February.

Before leaving the city, in speaking of the railroad project, Mr. Collins said that the people of Grants Pass do not need to worry about the road, it is going through, and its building is now a certainty. We have our plans made, but of course such a big project requires time, though by early spring everything should be in readiness so we can go ahead with the actual construction. After the work is started it will go ahead at a rapid rate.

There are many things which have made it necessary to delay beginning the construction work, and among others is the bridge at the foot of Sixth street. While we hope this bridge will be such as can be used by us, it would not be wise to go ahead with the grading until we know for a certainty, for if we can not use this bridge it will be necessary to build a bridge of our own at some other point on the river, thus changing our entrance into the town; so you see all we can do is to await the construction of the new bridge across Rogue River. All that can be said at this time is that the road will be built.

## REAMES CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS

Reames Chapter, No. 28, Royal Arch Masons, of this city held an election on the 9th of this month and chose the following officers: F. D. Stricker, H. P.; J. H. Hathaway, K.; J. X. Nelson, S.; A. Letcher, C. of H.; J. U. Moore, P. S.; I. U. Williams, R. A. C.; Stanton Rowell, M. S.V.; Chris Eismann, M. 2V.; M. C. Ament, M. 1V.; J. E. Peterson, secretary; James Holman, T.; J. R. Gunning, S. The newly elected officers will be installed December 23.

O'Neill's Furniture is opened by the general public. 12-18-21

Furniture from O'Neill's is like Karpis of Chicago. It is the standard of quality. 12-18-21

## Free Homes.

There is going to be a land opening at Roseburg, Ore., January 29, 1909. For lists, blue prints, maps with vacant lands marked thereon and full information regarding filings, etc., send \$2 to

ROSEBURG ABSTRACT CO., 12-18-21 Roseburg, Ore.

Calling cards at the Courier.

## WOLF CREEK MAN TALKS OF COUNTRY

Says Soil and Climate all Right.

## USES GOATS TO CLEAR

New Settlers Going Into Wolf Creek Valley, and Everybody Planting Fruit Trees

H. A. Perkins, the well known Wolf Creek rancher, was in Grants Pass Monday and reports a most satisfactory rate of progress going on in his community. Quite a few people have purchased land which will be devoted to fruit raising, and several new families have taken lands from the Ideal Colony, which is being established by Rev. W. G. Smith. The lands belonging to this colony consist of 2700 acres, nearly all of which is excellent for fruit.

The ranch of Mr. Perkins consists of 142 acres, 40 acres of which is under cultivation, and more being cleared and gotten ready as fast as possible. Mr. Perkins has given the Angora goat question, a thorough trial as land clearers and is satisfied with the results. He keeps 48 goats and as fast as he slashes the timber turns the land over to them and they keep all the sprouts eaten off. It requires about two years to kill all the grubs and sprouts by keeping the goats at work and the third year the land is ready for the plow.

A great deal of land is being set out to fruit in the Wolf Creek country, both by the newcomers and the old settlers who heretofore have raised but little. What fruit has been grown has demonstrated that both the soil and climate are well adapted to fruit and in the future the area devoted to it will be rapidly increased.

Mr. Perkins has visited nearly all parts of the state and after thoroughly investigating conditions believes that this part of the Rogue River valley can raise finer fruit and more of it than any other portion of the state, and that all that is required to make it a large producer is people, and all that is necessary to get the people is to make known to the world what we have here. He believes that an exhibit building located near the depot, such as has been provided at Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Ashland and other towns, will do as much as anything else to advertise the country. Thousands of homeseekers are traveling over the Southern Pacific Railroad and a goodly share of them would locate in and around Grants Pass if there was something near the depot to show them what we can raise. With such a building, he thinks there would be less difficulty in getting our farmers and orchardists to send in displays.

## IT WAS HELLO BILL AND A GOOD TIME.

Roseburg Elks Take in the City and Put Up a Good Minstrel Show.

A party of Roseburg people belonging to that order constituting the "Best People on Earth", and in this instance being a part of Roseburg Lodge No. 324, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, arrived in town Thursday, giving a street parade at 3 o'clock and in the evening presenting their grand jubilee minstrel at the opera house. They gave a "good show" and all who heard them were pleased.

It is to be regretted that the opera house was not crowded as the Roseburg people were entitled to a better house than they received, and the slim attendance can only be accounted for by the fact that the show was not announced long enough in advance. Had it been sufficiently advertised there is little doubt but that our people would have turned out in goodly numbers.

THE CREAM IS LEFT

O'NEILLS

Christmas Specials Sacrifice Sale

25 per cent off

On all fancy decorated China, Cut Glass, Vases, Stines, etc. You must act quickly. This is your last chance. Our Furniture Department is running over with matchless values that must and will command attention.

We are the Bargain Pond for the Home Maker

the only Complete House-furnisher in Southern Oregon. With every purchase of \$5 for cash we will give a card which will entitle the holder to get one life-size 16x20 portrait, valued at \$3, for 98 cents. No charge for sittings.

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