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AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

It has been said by one of the wise men of modern times that he who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, is a public benefactor. Likewise it can be claimed that the man who has invented a new method of clearing land of stumps without labor is ten times a public benefactor. This is what has been done by a farmer in the state of Wisconsin. He has discovered the following method of destroying stumps: With a two-inch auger, he bores a hole about two feet deep perpendicularly into the stump; then he pours into this hole one pint of equal parts of nitric and sulphuric acids. The hole is then plugged up with a plug which has been dipped in melted paraffine.

In 30 days time it is said that the stump so treated will be a charred pulp mass and can be spread over the land as a fertilizer. The estimated cost is four cents for the two ingredients used and add 15 minutes time for the hole in the stump.

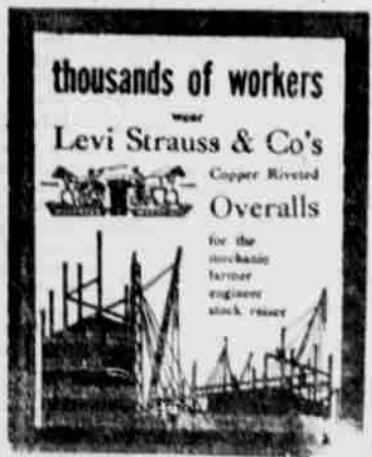
Just at this time there are hundreds of people in this county who would be greatly benefitted by some quick method of getting rid of stumps. Clearing land and getting ready for planting orchards and vineyards is an important industry just now around Grants Pass. If those interested will try this method of treating stumps and will report their success to the Courier, they will confer a favor on the paper and its readers.

TARES IN ALFALFA AND CLOVER

The attention of those desiring to purchase clover and alfalfa seed is called to the fact that seeds have numerous tares mixed with them before they are placed on the market. It is hard to detect the worse than useless seeds which are bought by seed men for the purposes of adulteration. There is only one thing that can be done by the buyer to protect himself against this mixed seed fraud. If you cannot tell the tares by sight, buy only of reliable men who will guarantee the seed true to name. Germany sends to this country, many, many hundreds of thousands of pounds of what they call bur clover seed which is sold in the American market at a tenth of the price of red clover seed, and this is bought by a certain class of seed men and mixed with American clover. Yellow trefoil is bought in large quantities by seed men and mixed with alfalfa. This trefoil is a pest, which if once in it is almost impossible to eradicate. We hear of some farmers who have had unfortunate experience with these seeds which have been adulterated.

Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Rogue River Fruit Grower, edited and published by Chas. Meserve at Medford, has reached our desk. The first issue is a 12-page sheet and contains articles on important topics relative to fruit growing in the Rogue River Valley. There is without doubt a field for such a journal and we wish Mr. Meserve success.

In a government of the people, by the people and for the people, the majority always get what they want. That's the way it was with Medford last Tuesday at the city election. They wanted a wet town and got it by a convincing majority.



Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lee are spending the week with the Willard Chase family on East A. street

RETURNS ARE RECEIVED FROM THE APPLE SHOW

Eight Premiums Received Notwithstanding Best Fruit Injured in Transit

Josephine County makes another big winning in the fruit business, this time at the Spokane Apple Show. It will be noticed that we took three first premiums on apples, a first premium on cider, one second, two fourths and one fifth on apples. This is certainly doing very well when it is taken into consideration that our best apples were injured on the road to Spokane and were not placed on exhibition. The following are the prizes:

First on plate Granite Beauty—Cash, by G. A. Hamilton, Fruitdale. First on Plate Tulpehookin—Cash by W. L. Robertson, Merlin.

First on Shannon Pippin—Cash by J. H. Robinson, Wilderville.

Fourth on Red Cheek—Medal and Diploma, by C. A. Hamilton, Fruitdale.

Fifth on Willow Twig, Diploma, by G. A. Hamilton, Fruitdale.

Fourth on Plate Collection—Medal and Diploma by Josephine county.

First on Apple cider—Medal and Diploma, by Grants Pass Cannery.

Second, Canned apples—Medal, by Grants Pass Cannery.

The only reason we did not get first prize on Tokay grapes, was the fact that grapes were not allowed in the exhibit.

It will be seen that it pays to make exhibits at these fruit shows and the little that it costs is not paying too dearly for the advertising secured. Our citizens generally should remember that it is easy for this county to win in these contests as our fruit has the size, color and flavor. This being the case we should never miss an opportunity to make a display. Our genial and able fruit inspector, H. C. Bateham, called on the Courier and asked us to urge our citizens generally to examine the collection of ribbons and medals on exhibition in the Barnes Jewelry store window. These were taken at the Spokane Apple Show.

SHERIFF RUSSELL WAS MALICIOUSLY MISQUOTED

Sheriff Russell makes strenuous objections to the reference to him in the columns of last week's Courier and in the light of subsequent investigation we have decided that he had a right to feel aggrieved. This is a case of placing too much faith in the statements of the Medford "Wet" Daily. We quoted from that sheet and touched very lightly on the subject, and it will be remembered the Courier pronounced the Tribune interview "Fake". Now we find that the statement of Mr. Russell and the statement accredited to him are at variance, as will be seen by the following affidavit which the sheriff signed.

"The statement accredited to me by the Medford Tribune of January 7, 1909, is false and misleading in that I never made the statement accredited to me by that paper. When I was approached on the occasion I said that I believed the law was as well enforced in Grants Pass as in any other dry territory in Oregon. I have not seen the drunkenness among the young men as stated in the purported interview. On the contrary, there is very little liquor sold in the city and the law is well observed, and in my judgment the moral conditions of Grants Pass are better than at any time in its history and equal to any other town in the state." Signed by W. J. Russell, and sworn to before J. E. Hair.

It is evident that the reporter was sent to Grants Pass with instructions to return with interviews, and it is evident that he had to manufacture lies.

We heard the other day of a chap who last spring moved to town so he could be handy to a booze shop. He rented his farm to a no account renter of much the same type as himself, who by the calendar plowed his corn for the first time June 20, when the weeds were fourteen and one-half inches high. It doesn't take a great amount of discernment to prophesy what the harvest will be either in case of the booze or the corn.

History records the fact that Roman farmers grew clover to enrich the soil, but supposed the benefits resulting were due to the fact that the long roots of the plant brought the fertility of the soil up from a lower stratum. Not until 1880 was the nitrogen depositing power of clover roots discovered, and this in the face of the fact that much time had been devoted in attempts to wrest this secret from nature's laboratory.

Monday, January 11, to Saturday, January 23d, the Once-a-Year SHOE SALE

The real big mark down sale, in the really up-to-date shoe store, comes once a year and invariably marks the commencement of another year of business. We have completed our inventory and find a good many pairs in broken sizes especially in ladies and childrens shoes which we are going to sell regardless of cost.

Our January sale, the most elaborate within the history of our store starts MONDAY, January 11th and will continue until SATURDAY, January 23rd, giving our patrons two weeks of the most remarkable values in foot wear at the lowest prices ever known in this vicinity.

No goods charged, exchanged or sent out on approval at the prices quoted.



Shoes for the girls and boys at 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Your choice of any boy's shoe in the house at \$2.00 a pair, this does not include boys high cuts. The above are rare values and you cannot afford to pass them by.

We have some great bargains in well known shoes for women. The prices are lower than any we have ever quoted, we have a big stock to select from and have your size.



For Men

For this sale we offer 60 pairs of Men's shoes, regular \$3 and \$3.50 values at..... **\$2.50**

All Men's slippers at one-fourth off regular price.

All our Ladies felt slippers regardless of former prices per pair. **\$1.15**

For Women

150 pairs ladies' patent kid and colt shoes all styles and sizes at... **\$2.25**

75 pairs of ladies gun-metal and kid shoes with extension soles at **\$2.25**

69 pairs of ladies kid and calf shoes per pair..... **\$1.90**

R. L. BARTLETT Howard Building Sixth Street

CIRCUIT COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

The Circuit Court of Oregon for Josephine county convened Monday with Judge H. K. Hanna on the bench.

Considerable time was taken up in detail work and not until Tuesday morning did the Court reach the jury cases, the first of which was Best-Faller Realty Co. vs. H. B. Alverson being tried and a verdict rendered in half a day. The plaintiffs were given a judgment of \$125. The balance of the time until the drawing of the jury for the Mack case was wasted because of the default of parties to be present and ready for trial.

The last of the jurors in the case of the State vs. William Mack, for the shooting of Miles Carr on December 4, was secured Friday morning and the taking of testimony began. Witness Foshay, the most important witness in the case, is sick at the Hotel Layton, and Friday afternoon the judge, jury and lawyers called on him to his room to take his testimony.

EFFECTIVE TOWN BEAUTIFUL.

Good That Can Be Done by an Advisory Committee.

Some large towns, realizing that all of their voters were not in a position to obtain information concerning the business of the towns, have adopted the expedient of an advisory committee. This committee is composed of some twenty to forty representative men, whose duty it is to make a thorough examination of the business of the town and report to the coming year and report to the entire voting body its findings and recommendations. In that way the voters have laid before them in print an explanation of the public business, a bold statement of the purposes for which money must be provided and recommendations concerning changes or improvements.

There is a hint for civic bodies in places where the town has not such a committee. No better work can be done than the work of investigation and publication. The great majority of voters in the United States are in the dark as to what is going on in public business and do not know how to vote except as they are told by the politicians. If they could have authoritative

information from time to time they would take interest and there would be an improvement in municipal business. Then the civic club can extend its operations to the beautifying of the place, to the improvement of its transportation facilities, to its sanitation, to the elimination of grade crossings, to the abatement of the smoke nuisance and a multitude of other good things for its town, all of which will profit the place in hard dollars. The club may even devote a part of its time and strength to the selection of good men for office and the attempt to elect them.

The cost of producing a 1,500 pound horse at three years old will one year with another run not far from \$100. If such a horse will sell at from \$150 to \$200, as many have done during the past three years, the question of profit in the business of raising them would seem to be clearly demonstrated. With the increasing number of first class sires which are being used the day of the scrub horse is past. This means that better prices can be counted on from this on for blocky grade horses, which are sound and well broken.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY.

Window Glass at Hair-Riddle's.

FARM for rent—26 acres 2 miles west of town on river road. Call on or address M. C. Garber, R. F. D. No. 2. 1-15-4t

FOR SALE—Four milk cows, a snap, will sell or trade for chickens. Inquire or call on G. W. Johnson, opposite County Home. 1-15-2t

FOR SALE.

ONE 3-stamp Mairall quartz mill—quadruple disc, 1000 lb stamps latest improved feeder, two battery plates each 12x4 feet, one Willey concentrating table 5 1/2 x 16 feet, all necessary belting; one 4-foot Pelton water wheel, one overhead crawl with one 1 1/2 ton differential block. All practically new. Close to county road, 8 miles from railroad. Address F. Clements, Placer, Ore. 1-9-2t

MR. FARMER! If you want the latest improved and best plow made, get a "SOUTH BEND CHILLED" from Hair-Riddle Hdwe. Co. 1-8-2

SEE the new 1909 Bicycles at the Southern Oregon Wheel Works, near Bottling Works. 1-8-2t

FOR SALE—All kinds of household goods. Come in and look them over. Corner Second and A streets. 1-8-2t

"AMERICAN" Fence is the best and cheapest. Sold only by Hair-Riddle Hdwe. Co. 1-8-2t

FOR SALE—Fresh milk cow, \$35. Inquire of Best-Fuller Realty Co. 1-8-2t

"FAULTLESS" and "MONARCH" stump pullers for sale by Hair-Riddle Hdwe. Co. 1-8-2t

FOR SALE—90 choice lots in the Nelson addition to Grants Pass for the small sum of \$3500 if taken in the next few days. Address Mary Staples, 206 9th Ave., Lents, Ore. 12-25-2t

FOR SALE—Good top phaeton bug-57. Address P. O. Box 52, Grants Pass. 12-4-2t

"AMERICAN FENCE," just the thing you need for your orchard and field for only 50 cents per rod at Hair-Riddle Hdwe Co. 1-8-2t

40 ACRES 6 miles from town for sale; good 3-room house, log stable, well and 2 good springs, 12 irrigated, 5 acres fenced with poultry netting, 2 poultry houses; \$800. Address E. D. McLaughlin, Box 13, RFD 1, Grants Pass, Ore. 1-8-2t

DESIGNS, Cut flowers, potted plants, bulbs. Medford Greenhouse, phone 606. 11-6-2t

TIMBER claim for sale. The SE 1/4 of Sec. 18 Tp. 35 S, R 4 W, situated in Jackson county, 15 miles from Grants Pass. For information address Marie B. Hall, State Normal, Chico, Cal. 12-4-5t

FOR SALE—102 head of sheep, 40 head goats, all first-class. Will take \$4 per head all round. P. F. Swarne, Phone 506 Farmers Grants Pass, R F D No. 2. 12-11-2t

FOR SALE—Gasoline engine, Work harness, plow, cultivators, spring wagon, carpenter's tools, No. 55 Stanley plane, log chain, small heating stove, bed steads and springs, some chairs and other household articles.—W. C. Dodge, 81 N 10th St. 11-27-2t

FOR RENT.

FURNISHED cottage for rent, 5 rooms. Inquire box 325, or White House Grocery. 1-8-2t

OFFICE Rooms in the Courier building for rent. Apply to A. E. Voorhies.

FIVE ROOM cottage, 816 N 7th St., for rent. Inquire J. L. Scoville, 850 N 7th. 1-15-2t

FOR RENT—A new bungalow; 7 rooms; electric light, bath and toilet. Inquire 412 Clark and B streets. 12-18-2t

FOR RENT—Everitt Gallery on E St., east of Layton hotel. Suitable for gallery or dwelling. Inquire of R. K. Hackett at First National Bank. 11-27-2t

WANTED.

WANTED—Second-hand quartz mill five to 20 stamps—will pay cash give full particulars in first letter. Potlatch Mining Co., Suite 3, Raleigh Bldg., Portland, Oregon. 1-1-2t

MISCELLANEOUS.

PAGE FENCE—The largest single order of absolutely rabbit proof fence in this country. See J. D. Franklin. 12-14-2t

MONEY to loan on real estate. Mortgages bought and sold. Marcus Robbins, lawyer. 1-8-2t

F. A. PIERCE—Registered Angora Flock headed by one of the famous bucks of the "King Arthur" also other bucks of different strains of breeding. Does of the noted strains. Backs for sale, Merlin, Ore. 3-25-2t

THE Oregon Fire Relief (McMinville Mutual) Association and the Queen City" (Standard Co.) are banner companies—none better. Have reduced their rates—try them. H. B. Hendricks, Agt., 6th Street, office ground floor opposite P. O., Grants Pass, Oregon, Phone 1093. 12-4-2t

LADY Partner wanted between 30 and 40 years of age, who has some money and is matrimonially inclined. All letters answered. Address P. O. Box 85, Merlin, Ore. 1-9-2t

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering mission furniture made to order.