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PULL TOGETHER PAVE 6TH STREET

Get Ready for the Many
Visitors Coming.

IT IS TIME TO GET BUSY

All Want Paving Done This Spring
Are Waiting for the Council
To Commence Work.

The subject which weighs heavily on the conscience of the average good citizen of Grants Pass is the matter of paving Sixth street and the repairs on other streets which should be made without delay. There is an old saying which is recognized as true the world over and that is "A man is known by the company he keeps." We can properly and truthfully add another maxim: "A city is known by its civic administration." Officials, as a rule, give attention to city matters in proportion and in accordance with the public demand and no more. The stream does not rise higher than its source.

The people of this city at the last municipal election chose officials pledged not only to business methods, but to twentieth century enterprise. The one thing intended was the upbuilding of Grants Pass and making of it the metropolis of the Rogue River valley. Unfortunately the rainy season has prevented street work from the time the new administration took charge of municipal matters up to the present so that little in the way of street improvement could be undertaken, but the winter of our discontent is fairly over and it is high time we get busy. There are ordinances to be drawn for street paving that should be ready for passage at an early day. If the property owners want this work to be commenced they should get together and take the necessary action without waiting for public sentiment to drive them to it. We have the opportunity this year to make this city one of the best towns in Oregon and we should be up and doing, but first let us have the one great thoroughfare of the town paved and the other streets put in thorough repair.

These municipal improvements will bring to us a large number of investors this year and, as a result, will add greatly to our taxable wealth. To make this a popular residence city and a business center, we must look closely after our municipal improvements. The rock crusher and the big roller should be promptly secured and the street work commenced. Whatever is done do not allow any more dirt and stones dumped in to fill holes. We have had too much of this in the past. Put the grader at work rounding up the surface and let the water run off, then put on the roller and keep these machines going on such places as give way. This is cheaper

than hauling material to make a bad job.

The Courier urges upon our able street committee prompt action in this matter, as the trains are already bringing to Grants Pass many home-seekers and investors; let us not drive them away by our seeming neglect of civic improvements. It is a truism worthy of remembrance not to wait opportunity but make it. Get ready for the visitors we expect and let them know that we are alive to the importance of good streets and other utilities and advantages which go to make up a town worthy of a place among the orchards of the Rogue River valley.

IMPORTANT WORK OF LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary met in regular session Monday. The first business in order was the report of the Civics Improvement committee. Mrs. Gunnell reported that 900 roses have been distributed this month throughout the city. The roses ordered came in good condition and being two-year-old roots, and specially hardy ones at that, they will be giving good returns all summer with right care. The effect of this on our city will be inestimable from more stand points than one. The committee's work of distribution was made possible only through the generous help of Geo. N. Parker, who gave much of his time to delivering them.

Friday of this week is planting day at the schools. Exercises were held in the different rooms after which the pupils adjourned to the grounds for the planting of roses and ivy. The sweet pea seeds ordered by the Auxiliary, were given the children to take home for planting. A committee of ladies for each school had been appointed by the president to be present at these exercises.

The president called the attention of the ladies to the fact that this is the season for starting chrysanthemum slips in preparation for the big exhibit planned next fall.

The Auxiliary has many plans yet to be carried out this spring, but they are the kind that need money. Its work already this season has proved the worth of this organization to our city and though our citizens are loyally grateful there has been no special opportunity, as yet, to show it. But that opportunity is close at hand. An entertainment is soon to be given by the young people assisted by Mrs. Gunnell, one-half the proceeds of which are to go to the Ladies' Auxiliary. It is to be a musical comedy, the entire cast home talent. By supporting it enthusiastically the citizens will be giving the Auxiliary their much needed help, and also encouraging the many gifted young people of Grants Pass.

The Auxiliary is adding to its strength by the addition of many new members. The following were voted in Monday: Mrs. C. H. Garber, Mrs. Florence Wells, Mrs. H. C. Lovette, Mrs. Chas. Perkins, Mrs. C. E. Coffman, Mrs. Albert Beach, Mrs. W. R. McCracken, J. R. Boldin, Mrs. A. A. Swinney, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. C. V. Hinkle, Mrs. Mollie Belding.

THE IRRIGATION ORDINANCE PASSED

Emergency Declared to
Exist--Prompt Action

AN ENTHUSIASTIC SESSION

This Ordinance Will be a Great Help
to the Irrigation Enterprise Now
Occupying Public Attention.

The city council met in special session on last Monday evening for the purpose of taking action on an ordinance granting the right-of-way for the irrigation ditches to pass through this city. The ordinance was read the first and second time and then on motion was put on its third reading, all the members voting in favor of its passing. Below will be found the full text of the ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.
An ordinance granting Josephine County Irrigation and Power Company, an Oregon corporation, its successors and assigns, the right and franchise for a period of 50 years to build, construct, maintain and operate ditches, canals and flumes, and to convey water by means of said ditches, canals and flumes over, through, across and beyond the streets and alleys of the City of Grants Pass, as now determined or laid out, within the present city limits and additions hereafter platted, and to furnish water to the inhabitants of said town for irrigation purposes and to charge therefor, and to declare an emergency.

The City of Grants Pass ordains as follows:

Section 1. Josephine County Irrigation and Power Company, an Oregon corporation, its successors and assigns, is hereby and herein granted the right and franchise for a period of 50 years to build, construct, maintain and operate ditches, canals and flumes, and to convey water by means of said ditches, canals and flumes, over, through, across and beyond the streets and alleys of the City of Grants Pass, as now determined and laid out, or as may be hereafter determined or laid out, within the present city limits and additions hereafter platted, and to furnish water to the inhabitants of said town for irrigation purposes and to charge therefor.

Section 2. Said corporation, its successors and assigns, shall use reasonable care and diligence in the construction of its ditches, flumes and canals, to guard against injuries to persons and property, and shall leave a safe and suitable roadway, and repair all damage to the highway wherever the same may occur.

Section 3. Safe and suitable crossings at the intersections of streets shall be maintained, and the ditches and canals at these places, shall be bridged over with cement and otherwise properly protected. The said corporation shall use reasonable care in guarding canals, ditches and flumes against injuries to persons and property and shall erect and maintain along said ditches, canals and flumes, and the maintenance and operation thereof, said corporation shall in all things comply with such reasonable requirements, rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the said City of Grants Pass.

Section 4. It being necessary that the canals, ditches and flumes be excavated immediately and before the dry season, and it being of great importance to the health and convenience that the citizens of Grants Pass and vicinity shall have water for irrigation purposes, there is urgent necessity that the said ditches, canals and flumes be completed as soon as possible, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance is placed on its third reading and final passage and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Step ladders at Hair-Riddle's.

Beresford.

The unanimous verdict of "Who's Your Friend?" during its long run in New York was that it was the brightest, wittiest and most laughable comedy dealing with New England life that has been seen in many years. San Francisco and Los Angeles have said the same within the past few days, as every city of importance in California. With the original production surrounding Mr. Beresford, "Who's Your Friend?" will be the attraction at the Opera House, Grants Pass, March 17.

5-gallon oil cans wanted at Hair-Riddle's.

SURVEYING OF THE CANAL PROGRESSES

The survey on the gravity irrigating ditch has reached and passed the race track, seven miles from the point of starting at the dam. Chief Engineer F. E. Hobson said on Thursday night that the survey so far was through ground easy to work with the exception of about 700 feet at the dam, which was quite rocky and, consequently, expensive digging. This ditch will be eight feet wide on the bottom, 14 feet on the top and 3 1/2 feet deep. The survey through the city runs through alleys and streets, but does not cross a single residence lot. If the property owners along the line of this ditch in the country are liberal in regard to the right-of-way and subscribe the ditch will be ready to furnish promptly to the subscription fund, water to the farmers in time to prevent loss by drought.

Work on the 200-foot ditch is progressing most satisfactorily. The survey has been completed to a point a mile and a half beyond the city. The first mile on the proposed line the grade stakes have been set and the ground plowed and the grader is now at work. There are 10 teams and perhaps 30 men working at various points along the line of this ditch. Mr. Hobson says that the contour increases the distance from the dam to this city about 50 per cent, which is not as much as has been estimated by some persons. The rights-of-way for the ditch has been cleared and made ready for the grade stakes to a point on upper Sixth street south of the county home, a distance of five miles from the dam.

The 350-foot contour ditch on the south side of the river is occupying considerable attention from General Superintendent Carner, Engineer Wright and others. The survey has been made past Fruitdale and thence to the southwest, a distance of nearly eight miles. A construction force is engaged clearing the right-of-way and preparing for active construction on the first three miles of the ditch. It is the intention to push this work as fast as possible from now on. Fruitdale people are clearing land and getting ready for irrigation this season. This is a matter that will need the attention of the farmers along the line of all the ditches, if it is their intention to make use of the water this year. It is most satisfactory to report that men are coming in everyday and subscribing to the construction fund so as to help the great enterprise in its present time of need.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the irrigation company on Saturday to discuss ways and means of enlarging the force on the canals so as to push the construction as fast as possible.

"Beresford Is a Great Comedian Because You Laugh, Which Is the Answer to Comedy."

This quotation is from the Los Angeles Examiner of Monday, March 1. It is simply a repetition of New York's verdict during the long run of "Who's Your Friend?" when it was characterized as the brightest, wittiest comedy seen there in years. With the original production surrounding Mr. Harry Beresford, this comedy, which has kept San Francisco and Los Angeles laughing for three weeks, will come to Opera House, Grants Pass, March 17.

Grand millinery opening March 19 and 29. The newest thing out in feminine headgear is shown at Mrs. E. Rebkopf's.

DEMONSTRATION TRAIN TO VISIT US

Agricultural College Pro-
fessors to be Here.

AN IMPORTANT OCCASION

Fruit Growing, Dairying, Live Stock,
and General Farming Will Be
Subjects Treated.

One of the events of importance this month is the visit of the Agricultural College professors to the Rogue River valley. They will come with a demonstration train, stopping at each town. This is all important with the people of this section and we make the announcement with great pleasure.

The train will start from Ashland on the 22nd, stopping at all stations on the way north, reaching Medford that evening, where it will remain over night. On Tuesday the 23rd it will again journey northward, working its way from station to station, and will reach Grants Pass at 1:20 p. m., where it will remain for two hours.

C. A. Malboeuf, the district freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon will be in personal charge of the demonstration train. It is to this enterprising railroad official that we are indebted for the benefit of having a modern agricultural college brought to all the towns in the Rogue River valley. Below we give the schedule of the train from Grants Pass to Merlin:

Arrive Grants Pass 11:20 a. m.
Demonstrate Grants Pass 11:20 a. m.
Leave Grants Pass 1:20 p. m.
Arrive Merlin 3:00 p. m.
Demonstrate Merlin 3:00 p. m.
Leave Merlin 4:00 p. m.

It is to be hoped that both farmers and fruit growers will make it a point to meet this demonstration train which will consist of several cars, especially and thoroughly equipped for practical demonstrations, and will carry a number of lecturers from the staff of the Oregon agricultural college and expert station, who will speak upon the subjects of special interest to the dairyman, horticulturist, growers of livestock and farmers generally.

The importance of this subject to our fruit, dairy, livestock and general farming interests would be hard to estimate. To know how to do a

thing is the real difference between success and failure. Remember this occasion will enable you to learn the latest methods in the callings of those we have enumerated and every one should be on hand to meet this train and secure really important and valuable information.

Y. M. C. A. RALLY.
Sunday, March 21, will be Y. M. C. A. day in Grants Pass. Secretaries H. W. Stone, I. B. Rhodes, F. E. A. Smith and others will be here and plan to conduct two special meetings. The object is to arouse an interest in Association work in this city. Particulars will be given next week.

WIRELESS STATION IS AMONG POSSIBILITIES

W. T. Perry, fiscal agent for Josephine county for the United Wireless Co., tells us that there is a possibility of securing a wireless telegraph station for Grants Pass if the necessary steps are taken soon. Salem and Roseburg are to have stations as soon as it is possible to install the equipment. The engineers are now at Salem and will soon be in Roseburg, where a site has been donated by the city.

Grants Pass can secure a station by making application to the company and guaranteeing a revenue of \$100 a month. The company then installs the system and out of the business pays the operator, office rent and other necessary expenses. The application for station and the guarantee are necessary from cities of less than 10,000 population. In all cities of more than 10,000 population the company intends installing systems without any guarantee.

Pittsburgh Perfect, the electrically welded fence, is sold only by Cramer Bros.

Real New York Production Coming.

So many inferior productions of New York successes have been foisted upon the public of smaller cities that when it is announced by a reputable manager that the bona fide article will be presented, our local theatergoers are only too eager to turn out and give it a cordial reception. In the comedy of "Who's Your Friend?" with Harry Beresford, theatergoers not only have the word of New York and Chicago, but the more recent reports of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Fresno, Sacramento and other cities of the state of California during the past thirty days. This complete production will come to the Opera House, Grants Pass, March 17.

Have you seen the Iron Age Combination Garden Seeder and Cultivator at the Grants Pass Hardware Co.

SPOKANE HAS NO USE FOR THE HOME TELEPHONE CO.

Slowest Kind of a Telephone Company--Gets Franchise Allowing Three Years to Complete Its System--Fails to Comply with Terms.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 5.—Corporation Counsel Hamblen yesterday filed with the city clerk a notice that the franchise of the Home Telephone company is subject to forfeiture for failure to comply with the terms upon which the franchise was granted.

Under the term of the franchise the company agreed to install a plant of its own and to have it in operation within three years from the date of the franchise. This the corporation counsel states the company has not done, with the result, Attorney Hamblen says, that the franchise is subject to forfeiture at the option of the city council. Before this forfeiture can be made binding it must be acted upon by the courts, and the filing of the formal notice yesterday by the corporation counsel is a preliminary step to that end. In due time the further legal action necessary will be instituted.

The Home Telephone company has erected a central building on a costly site, which it has purchased

for this purpose, and had done considerable conduit work, in all amounting to some \$300,000.

Here is where the "construction company" comes in. This concern has a lien of \$350,000 securely plastered over the building. This is an invariable accompaniment wherever the Home company secures a franchise.

When interviewed regarding the notice filed against the company by the corporation counsel, the local representatives of the Home company vouchsafed no explanation as to why the company had not installed a plant as required by the terms of the franchise.

As a matter of fact, the new company has discovered that the business world of Spokane is very much opposed to the annoyance, additional expense and trouble consequent upon a dual system, and that, perhaps, accounts for the failure to install a complete plant in accordance with the franchise.

Out new goods have commenced to arrive

THIS WEEK WE RECEIVED

NEW CARPETS
NEW ART SQUARES
NEW WALL PAPER
NEW GO CARTS

See these goods before purchasing

We will continue to sell our last year's stock of Wall Paper
at 25 per cent off for a short time.

O'NEILL *The Housefurnisher*
South Side of Railroad on G St.