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CITY MAIL DELIVERY ORDERED JUNE 15

Grants Pass in Ranks of First Class Cities.

CARRIER EXAMINATIONS

Postmaster Donnell Says All Things
Are in Readiness Except Se-
lection of Carriers.

A special from Washington an-
nounces that on June 15 city mail
delivery will be inaugurated in
Grants Pass with two carriers and
one substitute carrier. This has
been a subject of much rejoicing in
this city and our good fortune will
give our friends on the outside
much satisfaction. Postmaster Don-
nell says that every detail of pre-
paration has been worked out and
nothing remains to be done except
to hold civil service examinations
for carriers and give those who win
the places an opportunity to become
familiar with the streets and num-
bers of the city.

In due time there will be blanks
sent to this office by the Postoffice
department to distribute among
those who may desire to take the
examinations. Applicants must be
over 18 and under 45.

When the blanks are received the
fact will be announced to the news-
papers, also the time the examina-
tion will be held.

The postmaster was notified of
the action of the department as
soon as the mail reached here after
the action at Washington was taken.
The announcement having been
given out to the Associated Press
the news was sent to newspapers by
telegraph and so reached here sev-
eral days before the official notice
came by mail.

Ashland is also fortunate, also
Hood River and McMinnville, but
Medford and Roseburg were left
out. In these matters influence cuts
no figure as each town must stand
on its own bottom. The fortunate
cities will, of course, regret that
their sister towns have been left out
in this new deal for honors. Selling
postage stamps may increase the
salary of the P. M., but it will not
count for city delivery.

In the instructions to postmasters
is found this item of interest which
should be read carefully by every
resident within the limits of city de-
livery:

"It is suggested that you urge
your patrons the desirability of pro-
viding private boxes or drops for
the receipt of mail. The use of such
receptacles is advantageous to the
public as well as the department,
facilitating speedy delivery."

Postmaster Donnell says that
every effort will be made by his of-
fice to inaugurate the delivery on
the date set by the postoffice de-
partment and there will be no difficulty
in doing so if the civil service ex-
aminations take place promptly.

Packard plays the piano. Will be
at Opera house on Friday, March
26. Everyone should go to hear
this renowned entertainer.

Just arrived—One carload of John
Deere Buggies, Road Wagons, Sur-
reys and Rubber Tire Runabouts.
Grants Pass Hardware Co. 3-12-11

Homeseekers Coming.
From present indications there
will be a rush of homeseekers into
this valley in the very near future.
The following news item under an
Ogden, Utah, date bears on this
point:

"Rio Grande passenger trains
from the east brought in 233 colon-
ist passengers for different points in
Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and
these went north over the Oregon
Short Line, while colonists arriving
over the Union Pacific this morn-
ing numbered 110, and were sent
to California over the Southern Pa-
cific. Local railroad officials have
instruction to prepare for a great
rush of homeseekers near the end
of the month."

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, AN IMPORTANT DAY

Fruit Growers, Stock Growers and
Farmers Should Take
Notice.

C. A. Malboeuf, the district freight
agent of the Southern Pacific, has
issued an invitation to the farmers
and fruit growers as well as the
stock men of the Rogue River val-
ley to meet the demonstration
train and the members of the experi-
ment station on Tuesday, March 23,
at Grants Pass and Merlin in this
county. The train it must be remem-
bered will reach this city at 11:20
a. m., and remain two hours. It
will then go on to Merlin arriving
there at 3 p. m., and remain there
until 4 o'clock. The occasion should
be taken advantage of by the largest
number of persons ever assembled
at one time in either Grants Pass or
Merlin. There will be opportunity
to add to your stock of information
an amount which may carry you
through or over difficulties sure to
be encountered in your calling in
the near future. Remember that
"knowledge is power."

The goods we are selling so cheap
are not old, shop-worn articles, but
were shipped direct from the factory
last fall and this spring. No moth-
eaten goods in the lot, but all fresh
stock. People are coming and lay-
ing a stock for future use. You
will miss it if you do not do the
same. 3-19-11

A Rare Opportunity.
The Life of Christ will be shown
at the Electric theater Saturday af-
ternoon, Sunday afternoon and Sun-
day evening. Over 300 feet of hand
colored film showing the life of
Christ from His infancy. An admis-
sion of 25 cents is usually charged
for this production, but they are
going to put it on this time for 10
cents. This will probably be your
only opportunity to see this film on
this coast for the picture is going
east in a few days. 3-19-11

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

GRAND MASTER OF ODD FELLOWS

Visits Grants Pass--Ban- queted by Local Lodge.

REBEKAH LODGE ASSISTS

Royal Time Much Enjoyed By Over
A Hundred Members of
the Order.

The Grand Master of Odd Fellows,
Ed. Hostetler, reached Grants Pass
last Saturday afternoon and in the
evening paid an official visit to
Golden Rule Lodge No. 78, which
had been called together by Noble
Grand Best for that purpose. It
had been arranged to have a real
candidate for initiation by the reg-
ular lodge team. The work was
put on in a manner that was very
gratifying to this high official and
in his talk after the initiation was
over, he complimented the lodge
upon the creditable manner in which
the work was done.

The initiation being over the party
passed into the dining hall,
where the Rebekah lodge members
served a banquet to about a hun-
dred of the brothers and sisters of
the order. After the last course had
been served the Grand Master was
called upon by the Noble Grand for
an after dinner speech. He respon-
ded with a charming story of the
order itself; its growth and pros-
perity from its founding in 1819,
down to the present time. Taken
altogether it was a highly interest-
ing talk and it gave pleasure to all
who heard it.

Mrs. Mary A. Smith, the presi-
dent of the Rebekah Assembly of
the state of Oregon, was present and
was asked to respond for that order
which she did in a pleasing manner.
Mrs. Smith wears the honors of her
exalted office with becoming mod-
esty and in every way does credit to
the exalted position she holds.

By Flanagan the real founder of
Golden Rule lodge, was present and
Noble Grand Best called upon him
for a speech. The doctor said 25
years ago he got together five Odd
Fellows, including himself, and they
founded the lodge. He told the
story of its trials and success for the
years it has been in existence and
gave a considerable amount of his-
tory relating to the lodge. The visit
of the Grand Master to Grants Pass
will long be remembered by all the
members of the order who were
fortunate enough to meet him.

RESPECTFULLY INTERRED.

The Last Sad Rites of the Citizens
Telephone Co.

The remains of the Citizens Tele-
phone company's franchise in this
city were respectfully laid to rest
by the city council Thursday even-
ing with but few mourners present.
It was expected that when the min-
utes of the last meeting were read
that the fireworks would commence,
but they were approved without a
dissenting voice. The palsied,
stricken franchise did not at that
time revive sufficient enough to re-
cognize anyone present. However,
later in the session there was a peti-
tion sprung on the council that
looked as though the spectators
would get their money's worth. The
petition was from Arthur Conklin
and Marcus Robbins asking the
council to grant the Citizens Tele-
phone Co. the right to erect poles
on the streets and alleys, string
wires and use the poles of the other
electric transmission companies in
the city.

There was a dead silence for a
time, the death scene being one of
the most piteous ever beheld in
Grants Pass council chamber. There
being no action taken by the Mayor
not wishing the franchise to die on
his hands, said he would refer it
to the judicial committee. Coun-
cillman Tuffs then crawled out of the

report he was preparing on the pur-
chase of the roller and rock crusher
and objected, stating that the mat-
ter had previously been disposed of
and that it was out of order. His
remarks brought Councilman Cra-
mer to the front with a motion that
the petition be laid on the table
which motion was seconded by Tuffs,
and the vote of the council resulted
unanimously that the petition and
the Citizens Telephone Co., as far
as the council was concerned, be laid
to rest. So ended the telephone
fight in Grants Pass and it is now
possible for the council to get to-
gether and transact some affairs for
the city. At last the street commit-
tee can get together and do some
work.

Fence that is made of highly car-
bonized (spring) wire is apt to
break during cold weather. The
American Fence is neither too hard
nor too soft, but is just right, and is
the best and cheapest fence that
science and skill can make. It is sold
only by Hair-Riddle Hardware Co.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

All things have to have a begin-
ning. The Young Men's Christian
Association had a beginning and a
small one at that. When Sir George
Williams, then a dry goods clerk,
began in 1841 to work for the
spiritual welfare of his irreligious
and profligate associates, even his
large faith did not dream that his
work would be the beginning of
one of the mightiest movements for
a higher citizenship and a nobler
manhood that the world has ever
known.

The city of Grants Pass needs
something that will give to the
bright boys in our schools a higher
conception of life's purpose. Theo-
dore Roosevelt, whatever may be
his faults, has "sounded forth the
trumpet that shall never call re-
treat;" and the young men of
America have heard the call. We
believe in America, and we want her
to the front. We believe in the fu-
ture of our beautiful city, and we
want the young men and women of
this place to represent the finest
of American manhood and woman-
hood. We will welcome anything
that will help us to attain to this
high standard. The Young Men's
Christian Association is one of the
most powerful of these agencies;
and we most heartily welcome Gen-
eral Secretary Stone, Assistant-
Secretary Smith and other Y. M. C.
A. workers from Portland, who will
be with us next Sunday. They come
to awaken a deeper interest in the
work in which the Association is
engaged or work whose elevating
influence is today felt in home,
society and state in every civilized
nation on the earth.

We may not be ready for an asso-
ciation here just at present, but with
the rapid development of our city
and county we feel that the day is
not far distant when we will be
ready, and when the time is ripe for
it we may depend on the active co-
operation of the great world-wide
organization.

The pulpits of the city will be oc-
cupied next Sunday, March 21, by
the secretaries, and they will pre-
sent a full, rounded Gospel from
the viewpoint of their association.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock,
there will be a meeting for men only
in the Opera House. This meeting
will be addressed by General Sec-
retary Stone.

In the evening, at 8 o'clock, As-
sistant-Secretary Smith will give an
illustrated stereopticon lecture in
the Opera House, and by means of
a series of beautiful pictures will
present the different phases of our
Association work.

Secretary Smith has a reputation
as a platform speaker that will be
a sufficient guarantee for the inter-
est of the lecture.

Admission to all these meetings
is free. We want all Grants Pass
out to welcome and hear these pro-
phets of a higher manhood.

W. J. Gardner is selling one lot
of men's overalls, regular 85c
values, now 35c; also a lot of boys'
overalls that did sell for 35c, now
15c.

THE ORIOLE ORE GOES \$210 A TON

Deep Workings on Large Body of Ore.

HAVE A FORTY-FOOT LEDGE

Will Build a Saw Mill and Stamp
Mill and Put in a Cyanide
Plant Soon.

The Oriole mine at Galice turns
out to be a bonanza of the first
magnitude. There were 17½ tons
shipped to the Tacoma smelter of
ore which averaged \$210 per ton.
This ore was taken from a 40-foot
ledge, in which the high-grade mat-
ter was contained in a vein from six
inches to four feet wide. The bal-
ance of the ledge will run high
ing by the cyanide process.

This large ledge with its great
wealth in gold means much to J. C.
Mattison who has kept on with the
development work year after year,
knowing no such thing as discour-
agement.

Mr. Mattison has capitalized the
Oriole Gold Mining company and
will from now on do mining in a
large way. The richest ore will be
shipped to the Tacoma smelter and
the company will at once put in a
stamp mill and a cyanide plant of
sufficient capacity to take care of
the low grade ore as fast as it is
mined. The first work really to be
done by the new company will be
the construction of a good wagon
road from Galice to the mine, a dis-
tance of two miles in a northwester-
ly direction, and the building of a
saw mill to cut lumber for use at
the mine.

The Oriole shows a considerable
amount of work in tunnels and has
been prospected to an extent that
will justify the expenditure of a
large capital.

It is the intention of the company
to drive two tunnels this season;
one 800 feet below the apex of the
other 700 feet below. Compound
air drills will be used in this work
run by power generated on the prop-
erty. It will be a first-class mine
in every particular and it promises
to become a great producer in the
near future.

One of the encouraging facts con-
nected with this mine is that it has

already proven that the greater the
depth reached the richer the ore is.
The Oriole people will join the Al-
ameda company in urging the con-
struction of an electric road to the
nearest point on the Southern Paci-
fic.

This road is so badly needed and
the distance being only about 15
miles it certainly cannot be any
great length of time before it will
be an accomplished fact. The Al-
ameda Mines and Company has been
working to secure the electric road
for some months and when it is built
it will be a large factor in bringing
prosperity to the whole Galice min-
ing district.

The Arthur L. Edgerton sawmill
is now being moved from Merlin
and erected at Hugo, and will be
ready for the season's cut in about
30 days. Mr. Edgerton has bought
the 120-acre tract of fir and pine
timber from W. C. Henry also all
the timber in that vicinity, which
will keep the mill in operation for
two years or more.

GRANTS PASS PREPARING FOR NEXT FLOWER SHOW

The flower show of June 26, 1908,
was one of the beautiful memories
of that year and the ladies of the
Auxiliary who gave us that pleas-
ing exhibition will this year repeat
it with such additional beauties as
experience and preparation will
warrant. Every home in Grants
Pass should be proud to be repre-
sented on that occasion by the fin-
est roses it is possible to grow this
season.

Just what the ladies have deter-
mined upon for this year's rose
festival has not yet been made pub-
lic, but in a general way we all know
but in a general way we all know
that the exhibition will be worthy
of our city. Grants Pass has the
soil, the climate and the necessary
experience to grow flowers of a
superior quality and all that is re-
quired to do is to plant, protect and
cultivate this one queen of the
flower family. Portland will, by
the way, hold its rose festival June
the 9th this year and it goes with-
out saying that it will, as usual be
an occasion of deep interest to all
flower growers everywhere. Grants
Pass through the efforts of the
ladies of the Auxiliary will soon
gain a reputation for rose growing
second to none on the coast and it
is therefore important that we give
them every assistance they may call
for.

Have you seen the Iron Age Com-
bination Garden Seeder and Cultiva-
tor at the Grants Pass Hardware Co.

MICHIGAN LEARNS A TELEPHONE LESSON

Settled That One Company Can Give a Better
Service Than Two--Double Ser-
vice is Expensive.

The recent action of the Home
Telephone Company, of Detroit, in
placing an additional mortgage—the
second one—securing a million dol-
lars' worth of bonds upon the plant
of the company in the city of De-
troit, to provide for necessary exten-
sions and development, indicates
anew the immensity of investment
required by competitive telephone
systems and the consequent difficul-
ty of definitely promising income
from them.

The Home Telephone people came
into Detroit with a determination
to make a competitive telephone
business pay. Ample provided with
capital, they put in a plant that has
exceptional merit from a structural
and technical standpoint. The un-
derground system of the corpora-
tion is quite as perfect as any other
in use and is much more extensive
than any other in the city. The ex-
changes are fitted with modern and
useful appliances. A very great in-
vestment has been made, largely of
outside capital, because we believe

that no great amount of the com-
pany's bonds have been placed in
Detroit. Prominent local people
have taken places on the directory,
and whatever strength should have
been derived from that source has
been at the command of the enter-
prise.

Yet the net result of the whole
operation has been so far, to put it
mildly, that the competitive system
has not "caught on." There has
been the usual amount of recrimina-
tion back and forth between the new
company and its older competitor,
lawsuits have been entered and tried,
claims and counter-claims have been
made covering the whole state of the
case, but at the end of it all the
public, which must consume the ser-
vice of the competitive company,
does not seem to be even mildly in-
terested. There has been no enthu-
siasm awakened, and without en-
thusiasm in the use of a service the
service is not likely to be generally
patronized.

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Our 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.