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PERMANENT PROSPERITY.

Well, there isn't any other kind. Movement is not always progress; it may be in a circle. Boom and bustle will not make a city; there must be permanent resources to back all activity, else the rocket will come down a mere stick. From ocean to ocean the land is dotted with the graves of enterprises based on merely hypothetical resources.

Nor have our new possessions wholly escaped the plague of that class of promoters who deal in hypothetical futures. They have found fallow ground, and some fresh tombs are seen.

The Philippines are, as yet, too far away to command to any great extent the attention of the fakirs, but the time is not far distant when, having thoroughly worked Cuba and Porto Rico, they will turn their attention to the island beyond the setting sun.

No more shameless swindle has been perpetrated upon a too confiding public, none has more thoroughly disgraced the American name than that perpetrated by some of the promoters of the orange growing industry in Porto Rico. A "Citrus Fruit Company," having magnificent offices in New York, purchased thousands of acres of the cheapest land, some of it absolutely worthless, nearly all of it unfitted for orange growing, then by glowing circulars setting forth the enormous and speedy profits that would accrue, induced thousands to invest, many putting in all their savings, others borrowing to purchase what they believed would insure them from want in their old age. Clergymen, teachers and stenographers were their favorite prey, and the majority of these lost their all. Some got wise and went down to personally investigate, and when they found the swindle they began suit for recovery of money. In nearly every such case the company refunded and thus prevented premature exposure; but they turned around and resold the land to new victims at an advance. Land that cost from \$5 to \$15 an acre was sold at from \$200 to \$500 per acre. When the limit had been reached and exposure was imminent they induced the majority of the purchasers to form with them a joint stock company, and thus headed off further prosecution. Into this joint stock company the promoters put all their worthless holdings on a par with the best held by their victims. The next move was to throw the whole into the hands of a receiver, and the next to move on with the plunder.

The results of these methods are far reaching, destroying confidence in what we believe will eventually be one of the most important industries of Porto Rico. And the evil does not stop with this; it has discouraged investment of capital in other industries, and this at a time when the island only needs capital to push forward to high prosperity.

It is unfortunate that we have no laws that will adequately punish these vamps of the business world.

"TOO CONSERVATIVE."

We are frequently told that Grants Pass is too conservative to make rapid progress; and other towns, pushing ahead with less natural resources, are held up as examples of what can be done by persistent boasting.

We believe in boasting, but we also believe in having a solid foundation for our feet when we put our shoulder under to lift. And this is the spirit of Grants Pass. The progress is steady with no backward steps.

There is no town in the Rogue River valley that can come near this one in the abundance of natural resources, and we may safely say, so far as actual knowledge of facts is concerned, in the variety also. This portion of the valley is new as compared with the upper, or Bear Creek valley; but north, south, east and west there is a great scope of country rich in its wealth of timber, mineral and agriculture that is naturally and necessarily tributary to this city. Add to that our unlimited water power and we need only an outlet to add to our resources unlimited facilities for manufacturing.

Medford is forging ahead in good shape, banking largely on her fruit, already in evidence, and upon her coal mines, yet to be proven. It is claimed by the enthusiastic boosters that they have mines that will equal if not surpass those of Rock Springs, Wyoming. We hope this is true, for Grants Pass will benefit by the mines quite as much as Medford. The Rock Springs mines did not make much of a city at that point, but they did contribute materially to the growth of Laramie and Cheyenne. And we, in a like manner, hope to profit with our sister city if the veins come up to their hopes.

In the meantime the conservative spirit, tempered and cheered by the certainty of resources already in sight, will continue development on lines that will necessitate no retracing of steps, no apologies for false hopes held out.

Whatever failures there have been in times past in the fruit growing have been due in a large measure to the lack of intelligence in the location of the different varieties of fruit. All kinds adapted to this zone can be successfully grown here. There are sections where the tenderest never fail. These favored coves, with the immense area of hillside land, are the natural home of peaches and grapes; while the rich bottoms are the best in the world for apples and pears.

We rather like to be conservative; there is not so much time spent in repenting. When Missouri comes and says, "Show me;" we are ready to show him. When the man comes from the east and wishes to get rich in a year we pass him along to a less conservative point, knowing that we will have him back later chastened and in his right mind.

Like Mississippi, Josephine "may be a little slow, but she gets there all the same."

Presbytery of Southern Oregon.

The Presbytery of Southern Oregon met at Myrtle Creek Thursday morning. Rev. Robt. McLean, of Bethany Presbyterian church, of Grants Pass, was elected Moderator for the year. A change was made in the standing rules of the Presbytery whereby the moderator is now elected for a year instead of six months as formerly. The reason for this change is that the General Assembly executive commission sends to each Presbytery the amount that will be required during the fiscal year to carry on the work of the various boards of the church. The moderator is ex-officio chairman of the Presbyterial commission, whose duty it is to apportion that amount among the churches according to their ability.

Rev. J. K. Howard, of Glendale was elected permanent clerk; Rev. W. F. Shields, of Medford, temporary clerk; Rev. Geo. Roach, of Bandon, was elected commissioner of the general assembly; John B. Hair, of Woodville, lay commissioner.

The reports of the various permanent committees show that there has been a decided advance in all lines of work throughout the Presbytery. The business meeting of the Presbytery closed at 4 p. m. Wednesday. A popular meeting in the evening was addressed by the moderator on conditions and work in Porto Rico.

The members of the Presbytery expressed themselves pleased, not only with the great improvement in the appearance of the town since last they met there, but also with the cordial hospitality with which they were entertained by the people of Myrtle Creek.

Miss Marie Winetrou, of Applegate, spent several days in our city the latter part of last week and the first of this week, visiting her brother and friends.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all friends who rendered assistance to my wife during her illness and to those who showed kindness and expressed sympathy at her death.
G. B. BRISTOW.



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Gold Hill After Water.

At a meeting of the town council of Central Point last Monday it was decided to purchase the tract of land east of the school building, on which the work of sinking a shaft will commence at once. The shaft will be about eight feet in diameter, and after going through the beds of sand and gravel that underlie that section tunnels will be extended, and it is confidently expected that a heavy supply of water will be encountered, in fact sufficient to supply the whole town.

Gold Hill has stepped into the ranks of progressive towns, and Southern Oregon is taking note.

Steel Bridge for Woodville.

The citizens of Woodville, and people living in the valleys on the south side of the Rogue river at that point have been in a very happy frame of mind since Sunday, for at that time Commissioners Joshua Patterson and James Owens, of Jackson county, inspected the site for the steel bridge that is to be erected there. Directly across the river from Woodville and for miles along the bank are very desirable rich garden and fruit lands that would make small homes for a hundred families, now occupied by a few, who have to travel 20 miles to buy a few necessary supplies.

Big Revival in Vancouver.

Having converted over 1000, one-sixth of the population of Vancouver, Wash., Evangelist Dan Shannon will leave soon for Hood River, Ore., to hold meetings. He closed his meetings here yesterday, when he was presented with a thank offering of \$1200. This amount will probably be raised to \$1500 at a meeting of all the converted.

Excursionists from the East.

A special train from the east will bring about 250 or more excursionists from the east during the early part of July next. This train will come south from Portland, stopping at the principal points and examining into the resources of the different sections. Other towns are already preparing to give the excursioners a royal reception, and it behooves Grants Pass to fall in line, which it will doubtless do under the auspices of the Commercial Club.

It is through the efforts of six big eastern papers that the special train scheme has been originated, and, judging from an advance agent of the proposition, unusual enthusiasm has been manifested by those who are to be afforded an opportunity of seeing the Rogue River valley and learn something of the wonderful resources of this district.

County Treasurer's Call for Warrants

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants registered on or before April 15, 1909. Interest will cease from this date, April 23, 1909.
J. T. TAYLOR, County Treas.
4-23-09

Legal Blanks at the Courier.

Contest for Queen.

The selection of the queen of the Grants Pass float in the Portland Rose Festival, June 7 to 12, will be decided by popular vote. Any young lady resident of Josephine county may become a candidate. The contest begins Monday, April 26, and closes Monday, May 31. Many of our merchants will give votes with cash purchases of goods. Votes may also be bought at 5 cents each from E. E. Blanchard, secretary Commercial Club; J. G. Riggs; L. R. Steelhammer and Geo. P. Cramer. The honor of being queen carries with it a free excursion to the Rose Festival. Are you interested? You can get full information how to become a candidate from Mrs. Geo. H. Carner, Mrs. F. W. Vandyke or Mrs. W. C. Hale, who can all be reached by phone.

The ballot boxes will be at Demaray's, Clemens', Sabin's and the National drug stores.

Alfred Letcher, Jr., went to the head of Savage creek Sunday, where he will spend several weeks on his father's farm.

Rubber Hose and Cotton Hose at Cramer Bros.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE—If sold before May 10, one team horses, harness and wagon, price \$100.

One cow, fresh in May, five years old in June, half Jersey and Durham, weighs 1200 pounds and is right every way. Price \$60

One gasoline motor, 2 1/2 horsepower, rotary pump, belt and 3 1/2 foot 3-in pipe. Price \$100.

One cider press, hand or power. Price \$25.

One two-seated Surrey, open, shafts and pole complete. \$15.

One heavy one-horse wagon. \$25.

One canopy top Surrey, pole and shafts, \$25.

One fine tooth cultivator, \$4.

H. B. Alverson, 707 Bridge street.
4-23-09

LOST—Between Grants Pass and Wilderville Tuesday, April 20, package containing the following articles: One 44 cal. Winchester carbine rifle; one 20 ga. Acme shotgun; one jointed fish pole. Liberal reward if returned to the Southern Oregon Supply Co.
4-23-09

FOR SALE—1 heavy work horse with harness, 1 one-horse wagon, one buggy and harness. J. Christie, R. F. D. No. 2, Grants Pass.
4-23-09

FRESH cows, 2 for sale. R. Thomas, R.F.D. No. 2, Grants Pass. 4-23-09

FOR SALE—Grade Jersey cow. Inquire of F. V. Moody at wood yard or residence. 4-23-09

MONEY to loan on improved irrigated lands by J. E. Peterson. 4-23-09

FOR SALE—All kinds of household furniture, including Wellington piano, price very reasonable. Inquire of F. Fetsch, 4th street.
4-23-09

MANDOLIN lessons given, only 50 cents an hour. Inquire 315 Rogue River avenue. Miss Frieda Schmidlin. 4-23-09

GOOD second-hand rubber tired buggy, one 3 1/2 Shuttler wagon, one 3 1/2 Studebaker, one second-hand one-horse wagon for sale cheap for cash. Inquire at G. P. Feed Store. 4-23-09

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Kodak and Columbia bicycle. Inquire of R. Looney, Opera House block. 4-9-09

AUCTION SALE of unclaimed goods and packages by Wells Fargo & Co. Express. Notice is hereby given that all unclaimed packages received at the several offices of this company prior to October 1, 1908, will be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder: at Grants Pass, Ore., on Wednesday, the 28th day of April, 1909 and continue until sold. Eugene Shelby, Superintendent; J. C. Randle, Auctioneer. 4-9-09

FOR SALE—8-room modern cottage, hard finished, with 9-foot basement, small barn and 8 lots well improved. Price \$1900. Inquire of W. P. Wright, Conklin Building. 4-9-09

YOU save the freight when you buy your Talking Machines at Rowell's Music store on the easy payment plan. 4-9-09

FOR SALE—Very promising young cow, nice and gentle. J. G. Dotson, N 9th street. 4-2-09

NEW goods at second-hand prices at "Headquarters," City Hall, South 6th street. 3-26-09

160 ACRES best wheat land in Manitoba, all clear, level, 80 under cultivation, the other 80 ready to plow, close to a big lake, near church, school, railroad and post office. Six town lots in city of Winnipeg for sale or trade for Oregon property. For further particulars write or call on Mike Lange, Selma, Ore. 4-2-09

FOR SALE—160 acres red land, 2 houses and lots, 20 residence lots. Inquire of W. A. Paddock at City Hall. 3-26-09

FOR SALE—216 egg Petaluma incubator and two brooders, used one season, \$20.00. J. C. Nell, Ashland, Oregon. Phone 99x. 3-26-09

FOR SALE—160 acres timber and agricultural land. Apply Elizabeth Costel, 116 E street, near Second; or address Box 43, City. 26-3-09

Mining blanks at the Courier.

Window Glass at Hair-Riddle's.

HEIFERS for sale, fresh, good dairy stock. Address Mrs. W. H. Closo, Wilderville. Phone 887. 4-16-09

FOR SALE—10-acre tracts adjoining Kerby, in the famous Illinois Valley. Address H. B. Reed, Kerby, Oregon. 4-16-09

FOR SALE—Good work horse. Apply R. G. Scott, near county home. 4-16-09

DESIGNS, Cut flowers, potted plants, bulbs. Medford Greenhouse, phone 606. 11-6-09

FOR RENT.

FURNISHED ROOMS—Well furnished with bath and lights, in good location. Apply at 628 N 4th street, Grants Pass. 4-2-09

FOR RENT—Three nice airy rooms furnished for light housekeeping. Good location. 801 Orchard Ave. 4-16-09

WANTED

FACTORY men wanted—10 tall-off and tie-up boys, \$1.75 to \$2; for saw mill two carriage-riders at \$2.25; 10 common laborers, \$1.75 to \$2; for logging camp 10 buckers, \$2.50 to \$2.75; two sets of fallers, \$2.50 and \$2.75; three donkey firemen, \$2; 10 rigging slingers, \$3; two 2-horse teamsters, \$2.25 to \$2.50; four swamper, \$2.25; 10 common laborers, \$2 per day. All work 10 hours, \$20 per month for board. Do not write but come. Northern California Lumber Co., Hill, Siskiyou County, Cal. 4-16-09

WANTED—Second-hand goods at "Headquarters," City Hall, south 6th street. 3-26-09

WANTED—A salesman and collector to represent us in Josephine County; liberal contract to right party. Address Singer Sewing Machine Co., Eugene, Ore. 4-16-09

EXCHANGE

ONE hundred and sixty acres improved in central Oklahoma to exchange for property in or near Grants Pass. Address S. E. Foutz, General Delivery. 4-9-09

A GOOD piano will be traded for work horses, inquire Rowell's Music Store. 3-5-09

STRAYED.

THERE came to my place, 2 1/2 miles from Merlin, a light red cow with star in face, split right ear, Has been on my range since a yearling, now three years old. Owner can have same by paying charges. Wm. Crow, Merlin. 4-9-09

MISCELLANEOUS.

ROOM and board \$4.00 per week. Room without board \$1.00, quiet, no children. Mrs. J. W. Osborn, 411 W. D street. 4-2-09

RANNIE, the plumber is ready at any minute to repair your plumbing. 609 H street. Telephone 555. 4-2-09

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering Mission furniture made to order.

MONEY to loan on real estate. Mortgages bought and sold. Marcus Robbins, lawyer. 1-8-09

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