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FRUITDALE LINE ROUNDS MOUNTAIN

WILL COMPLETE HALF MILE OF
THIS DITCH EVERY DAY

THE BIC GRAVITY CANALS

Pushing the Work With Great Vigor
So As to Be Ready for Irrigation This Season.

The work on the irrigation canal is progressing in a most satisfactory manner with the exception of a lack of teams. Heavy horses have been hard to procure except by purchasing them and the company has of late been obliged to do this in order to secure five additional animals to work on the graders. During the last few days Superintendent Carner has been able to find a few heavy teams which he has hired and will put to work as fast as they arrive. The trouble has been that nearly all the owners of horses who have offered them for ditch construction, had only light teams and these were useless on heavy work of this kind. This has been a great drawback and disappointment to the irrigation company from the very first and has obliged them to purchase nearly all the horses that have been used on the heavy construction.

This state of affairs reminds us to say that the raising of heavy draft horses in this section would be a highly profitable business in the near future, as even ordinary farm work cannot be done with the light animals now so numerous. With irrigation plenty of hay can be produced and with cheap forage heavy horses can be raised at a profit. Deep tillage will be a necessity from now on for it should be known to all men who farm that they must "plow deep to find the gold;" but to resume the construction work on the ditches.

There are two canals upon which work is being pushed with great energy and they are the Fruitdale or high line on the south side and the big gravity ditch on the north side. Two miles of the Fruitdale ditch has been completed and this brings this line from the dam to a point on the mountain side opposite the home of Mr. Adams. On these two miles the work has been difficult; in places horses had to be used tandem and when room was made for two horses abreast there was danger of accident, but fortunately the work was completed without anything serious happening.

President Gilkey thinks that the two miles of work already completed on the Fruitdale ditch represents half the construction on the whole line and Superintendent Carner confirms this opinion. It is thought when once the sharp angle around the mountain is turned, the balance of the way fully half-mile per day will be made and the whole distance will be finished before irrigation

will be needed. The people of Fruitdale are to be congratulated on their up-to-date energy in this whole ditch business. They have at all times stood ready to do their part to make irrigation not only a possibility, but a reality. There is now great activity on the big gravity canal and the grading machines have already reached the city limits, a distance of three miles, and in a very short time will be working in the city proper. Back of the graders, men and teams with plows and scrapers are finishing up the work. This line is nearly straight from the dam to Grants Pass. It is quite certain that this ditch will be ready to supply water for a large section below town by the time irrigation is needed. Taken altogether this great enterprise which has been undertaken by our home people will be pushed to a success this season.

Business Men Will View Ditches.
The Josephine County Irrigation and Power company held a meeting at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at which considerable business of importance was transacted. Plans were made to rush the work so as to let in the water on the first day of June if possible. It was stated at the meeting that it was desirable to have the business men of this city visit all the ditches under construction, and it was arranged to have conveyances, automobiles, ready at 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning next at the Josephine hotel for the accommodation of those who desire to make the trip to the high line ditch above Fruitdale, to the big gravity ditch and to the 200-foot level contour ditch. An effort will be made to accommodate all business men who care to examine the work on the ditches.

Free Trip to Portland.
The contest for Queen of the Grants Pass Float at the coming Portland Rose Festival, June 7 to 12, is on, and some young lady will get a \$50 trip free. Now is the time to get your friends interested in securing votes for you. The majority of the merchants of Grants Pass will give a vote with cash purchases of one dollar. Votes can also be bought from E. E. Blanchard, secretary of the Commercial Club, or from the committee, J. C. Riggs, L. R. Steelhammer and Geo. Cramer, at 5 cents each. The float will be a thing of beauty and a fine ad for Grants Pass and Josephine county. The Bijou and Electric theaters will give the count of votes each evening. Be sure to ask for votes with your cash purchases at the following stores: L. B. Hall, C. P. Bishop, R. L. Coe, J. Pardee, F. W. Russell, Geo. C. Sabin, Jos. Wharton, Hair-Riddle Hardware Co., National Drug store, Cramer Bros., T. B. Cornell, Ray Bartlett, Gibson & Vincent, Grants Pass Hardware Co., Mashburn & Co., Jewell Hardware Co., Kinney & Truax, M. Clemens, Peerless Clothing Co., Southern Oregon Supply Co., Geo. S. Calhoun Co.

Walter Dyke, formerly of this place but now of Hillsboro, arrived Friday and will visit his sisters here until Sunday. Mr. Dyke is studying law and goes to Portland three times each week to attend lectures at the law department of the University of Oregon.

THE STEEL BRIDGE FOOT OF 6TH ST.

THE COURIER HAS A TALK WITH
COMMISSIONER WERTZ

IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Thinks Bridge Will Be Ready to
Turn Over to the County
Somewhere Near July 1.

On Thursday of this week the Courier sent a representative to examine the work going on at the new steel bridge at the foot of Sixth street. M. A. Wertz, one of our county commissioners, who was appointed to represent the county court, was found on the ground giving careful attention to the construction work. Being asked how the contractors were getting along, Mr. Wertz said that he had been not a little worried over delays but during the past week or so substantial progress had been made. One of the center tubes, he said, was in place and the other would be by Saturday night.

The two tubes which will form the north side pier are going down rapidly and the commissioner thought they would be in place by Monday at the farthest, and it was his opinion that the south side tubes would be in position in a very short time. Altogether, the bridge work appears to have a much better look than at any time in the past. Mr. Wertz has given his time daily to the work as it proceeded and takes not a little pride in the fact that many difficulties have been successfully overcome by the contractors by the county court being content to give the necessary time to enable a good job to be turned out. The delays, he said, were not a little annoying to the members of the county court, but it is now plain to be seen that we will have a substantial steel bridge in the near future. And when pressed for a date he said that the work would be finished not far from July the first.

Speaking of the difficulties encountered by the company, such as the wreckage of the old bridge, which went out 19 years ago, the damage done by the flood of the past winter in carrying away tubes, and the forced delays in consequence of accidents, he felt that the company and the county are to be congratulated that construction now has reached a point which insures continuous progress.

Mr. Wertz talked interestingly of the sinking of the tubes. He explained that first they had to go down through six feet of water where they encountered a six-foot bed of gravel washed in since the construction of the old dam of the Grants Pass Water, Light and Power Co., and then six feet into a cement bed of the hardest material to be found in this section. This makes the lower end of the tubes 18 feet below the surface of the water. The bridge itself is 27 feet above the low water mark.

It may be more or less important to mention that Mr. Wertz is satisfied that the bridge company is acting in the very best faith and have been disposed from the first to do all in their power to carry out the contract it has with the county. He says that the county court is determined to secure for the taxpayers the very best work that is possible in bridge construction.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS HAVE SECOND PLACE

Winning Over Junction City Last
Friday by a Unanimous Vote
of the Judges.

On April 23 occurred the inter-district debate between the High schools of Junction City and Grants Pass. Grants Pass won a unanimous decision for the negative. The subject for debate was: "It-

solved, that the United State should maintain a system of bounties and subsidies for the protection of the American merchant marine." The teams were as follows:

Affirmative: Herbert Thom, Helen Laing, Arda Kirk.

Negative: Henry Norton, Josephine Randle, Errol Gilkey.

While our opponents gave a very creditable argument it was far surpassed by the work of the local team. Our three young people have worked long and patiently under the direction of their debating coach, Miss Barker, and they should be commended for what they have accomplished along this line. They gave a well defined, logical argument which showed a thorough knowledge of the question and of the points at issue. The victory can not be attributed to any certain individual for each carried out the particular phase of the argument to the best of his ability, while the "team work" is to be commended especially.

By this debate Grants Pass has won the championship of Western Oregon. Our team will debate the same question at Eugene May 21. If they win then, Grants Pass will have the state championship. We are now the second team in the state, a step higher than we have ever been before.

The student body is enthusiastic in support of the "gallant three," but that is not enough, the townspeople as well should take an interest in their High School and the team, realizing that these are the best commercial advertisement the town can have.

When the visiting debaters arrived they were met at the train by a reception committee from the student body. Pal Kinney took them to the hotel at once with his automobile.

Later in the afternoon he took them for a long ride through the valley, the judges enjoyed a spin in Miss Wolke's car.

After the debate the students gave a reception at Hall's hall in honor of the two teams, who formed a receiving line at the door.

Saturday Miss Alma Wolke gave an automobile picnic to the members of the team and the coach, Miss Barker.

A New Sultan of Turkey.

A cablegram from Constantinople dated last Tuesday, says that by a joint vote of the National Association of the high court of the Mohammedan church and the military chiefs of the constitutional party, Abdul Hamid was that morning deposed as Sultan of the Turkish Empire. Succeeding this action, Mohammed Rehad Effendi, brother of Abdul Hamid, was proclaimed Sultan amid the wildest enthusiasm. While the ceremonies of Rehad's accession to the throne were in progress an enormous crowd gathered outside the royal palace shouting.

The new Sultan has been practically a prisoner for the last 25 years. He is 65 years old and, while not a man of experience in the affairs of government, he will be controlled by the army and the church. A later dispatch gives a report that Abdul Hamid is dead and while this dispatch is not confirmed it is generally credited in Constantinople.

It is to be hoped that Turkey will now take its place among the advanced nations of the world. It has long been a disgrace to civilization.

Monday was circus day in Grants Pass, the Norris & Rowe company showing here. They arrived Sunday morning and spent the day as well as Monday, and a more orderly crowd of circus people would be hard to find. So far as we have been able to learn there was no rowdiness so common to these occasions.

All kinds of sprinklers at Hair-Riddle Hardware Co.'s.

Mrs. L. D. Crane and two little children arrived here last week to make Grants Pass their home. Mrs. Crane has purchased property and will build near the residence of her sister, Mrs. Mort Luckett.

Editor Galtwhith, of the Observer, has been confined to his home for the past week on account of sickness.

Spring-tooth harrows that are made for only one horse at Hair-Riddle Hardware Co.'s.

THE GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

ADVISES BRICK COTTAGE FOR
COURT YARD.

SHERIFF'S WORK PLEASES

Has turned in 36 Indictments—Visited and Examined All the
County Institutions.

To the Hon. H. K. Hanna, Judge of
the circuit court:

We, the grand jury for the April term, 1909, of this court, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined all cases held to await the action of this court coming to us from the different magistrates of the county, and have thereupon found one true bill and five not true bills.

We have investigated all charges brought to our attention by individuals and by our prosecuting officers, and thereupon have found 36 indictments.

We have examined the county jail and we recommend that the same be thoroughly cleaned and made entirely sanitary and wholesome.

We have examined the offices of the various officials and we find all officers kind and obliging, and from the brief examination we were able to make conclude that the books and records are neatly and accurately kept.

We have examined the poor farm and the poor house connected therewith, and we find that the rooms upstairs should receive more careful attention from the management, that they may be rendered and kept entirely sanitary in their condition. Otherwise, we find all things in order and the funds economically handled and the management worthy of praise.

We recommend that an iron fence or a stone or concrete wall or a wall crowned by an iron fence be erected about the jail in order that visitors and loungers about the said jail may be kept beyond reach of the windows of the jail.

We recommend that an additional toilet room be provided for the use of the court house and the public, and that a ladies' toilet be provided.

We recommend that the old floor in the county clerk's office be replaced by a new one.

We wish to commend Sheriff Russell very particularly for the promptness with which he has secured the attendance of witnesses and with which he has apprehended and brought to the bar of this court all persons against whom indictments have been found. Mr. Russell has done this at his own expense, oftentimes requiring that he should ride or drive throughout the entire night following a session of this Grand Jury.

We recommend that a six-room brick cottage for the use and occupancy of the sheriff and his family be erected on the court house grounds near the county jail. It is learned that for twelve hours of each day, the jail is left entirely without watch or guard and the erection of such a house would render unnecessary the employment of a night watch at the probable salary of fifty dollars per month, which otherwise would be necessary to do.

Having completed our labors we respectfully ask that we be discharged from further duty.

R. H. O'Neil, Foreman.
J. W. Leith, Secretary.
T. E. McKoin.
J. T. Chausse.
Josiah Rhoads.
J. A. Hubbard.
L. L. Jewell.

Six Convictions in Liquor Cases.

Liquor cases occupied a great portion of the time of the last term of the Circuit Court; eighteen cases were brought up and six convictions secured. Two other cases will be fought in the next term of court and several are continued for one reason or another.

The convictions were: Harry Messler, Galice, selling liquor within 300 feet of a school house. Plead guilty and fined \$100.

Enoch Irwin, Galice, selling liquor within 300 feet of a school house. Plead guilty and fined \$100.

Dan Johnson, selling liquor in prohibition territory. Plead guilty and fined \$200.

Felix Johnson, selling liquor in prohibition territory. Plead guilty and fined \$100.

Tom Gilmore, selling liquor in prohibition territory. Plead guilty and fined \$100.

James Swearingen, selling liquor in prohibition territory. Plead guilty and fined \$100.

George Mauer, indicted for selling liquor in prohibition territory, furnished \$250 bail and will fight the case. James Casey case continued until next term.

Other cases acted upon:
Mary Grace Cowan vs. Albert Bigelow, dismissed.

Kate Burns vs. James Burns, divorce, decree granted.

Gertrude Flamm vs. Wm. Flamm, divorce, decree granted.

Rose Ann Smith granted divorce.

Jas. Jerome vs. Julia Jerome, divorce, decree granted.

T. K. Anderson et al vs. Grant Phagley et al, confirmation of sale.

Harry Hawkins, for assault on Mr. Carlson at Merlin, fined \$150, now in jail in default of payment of fine. Another charge of carrying concealed weapons is still against him.

TRIMBLE READY FOR WOOD-WORKING JOBS

The Courier mentioned last week the wonderful invention which James Trimble has introduced into his blacksmith shop, known as the hydraulic tire setter. During the present week there has been many opportunities to put the machine to a severe test and this was done every day in the week, and it now can be said that it is a much better machine than was claimed for it in these columns last week. It certainly is a most wonderful invention. There are other cold tire setters it is true, but this one is as much ahead of all these as they are ahead of the old methods of setting tires.

The Trimble shop is certainly an up-to-date establishment in every respect; not only is it supplied with the latest machinery but has been made a modern department shop. There is a horse shoeing department with its separate forge, the general blacksmithing department and the wagon department. These are all run separately and if occasion calls for it to help a customer out, work can be done in all these departments at one time. The material in the line of wood work in the wagon-making department is the very best that can be purchased. There is fine grained hickory for spokes, and oak for felloes, so that repairs of the best quality can be turned out. The new extension of the shop in which the wagon work is carried on is complete in itself; besides the wood work department there is a separate forge for the iron work. This makes four forges in the establishment. In connection with this latter department it should be mentioned that Mr. Trimble carries at all times a complete stock of singletree iron and other materials to numerous to mention in a newspaper article.

For Road Roller Demonstration.

Geo. Evans, general manager for the Buffalo Steam Roller Co., with headquarters at Portland, is in the city and offers to send to Grants Pass one of their 10-ton steam rollers to demonstrate to the city council its efficiency over the gasoline roller that is now being tried on the city streets. Mr. Evans says that it will not cost the city one cent for the demonstration, and they will make the gasoline roller show up so poor that the council would not consider its purchase.

Mr. Evans does not ask the city to bind themselves to buy his roller, but to show them that the gasoline roller cannot do the work that steam rollers can do, or as cheaply.

We think the offer should be accepted and the test of both kinds of rollers made. Grants Pass wants only the best.

Fine tire sets at Cramer Bros.

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.