



GIVE EAR

Fruit Jars
and Fruit to put in them

GROCERIES

J. Pardee

The Front Street Grocer

Suggestion and Comment.

Editor Courier: I am glad you opened the subject matter contained in Mr. Lucke's letter to the public. Perhaps there is nothing interests us farmers so much as the relations existing between the town people and ourselves. As for a rest place for farmers' families when in town, what is the matter with the Commercial Club rooms? I do not speak with authority, but I understand the Commercial Club rooms are for the use of all who may have no other place to go, be it strangers from other towns, or farmers from the country. And, by the way, why wouldn't it pay the farmers to join the Commercial Club? It seems to me, Mr. Editor, that the people of Grants Pass are doing a great deal for the farmer. They are advertising his lands and his products so that there is a bigger demand for his fruits and other produce than he can fill. Yes, Mr. Lucke, the best way to treat the knocker is to kill him and put him out of his misery, for there is certainly something wrong with a man who expects somebody else to do everything for him. There is an old story about a man who was too lazy to open his mouth for the fruit too drop into it. I have an idea that man lived around here and a good many of his descendants are in the country yet. The trouble is not with the merchants, you cannot expect them to buy more stuff than they can sell. And you can't ask them to ship a carload unless you give them notice beforehand.

At this point in our argument someone will mention the Fruit Exchange—and that brings me to Mr. Scoville's letter. He says the trouble with the farmer is that he wants too much, that if his crate of berries sells for \$1.50 the farmer ought to get only \$1.00. And then he urges the farmer to join the Fruit Exchange—and pay a commission for having his stuff sold to the merchant. If Mr. Scoville can persuade the farmers to do this he certainly deserves a bigger salary, as he must be a "wiz."

No, Mr. Editor, I don't believe the most earnest advocates of co-operation can show a successful example of their theory operating to such an extent as to have all the farmers bring all their produce to one man to be graded and sold as he directs. If the merchant with whom I deal is willing to trade me his goods up to within ten per cent of the selling value of my perishable produce, I am satisfied. And when I want cash, I can either take a little less for my produce or use up some of my time in peddling it. These are conditions that exist in all small towns, with the added advantage that better prices are paid for garden produce here than in most places. The trouble is with the farmer. If he grows the right kind of stuff, and in quantities to ship, he can find buyers easily enough—and the express rate won't break him either. Let the farmers get in and boost by raising hay, or onions, or potatoes, or cabbage, which is shipped in here. Yours truly,

R. G. SCOTT.

Of Interest to Farmers and Mechanics.

Farmers and mechanics frequently meet with slight accidents and injuries which cause them much annoyance and loss of time. A cut or bruise may be cured in about one-third the time usually required by applying Chamberlain's Liniment as soon as the injury is received. This Liniment is also valuable for sprains, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains. There is no danger of blood poisoning resulting from an injury when Chamberlain's Liniment is applied before the parts become inflamed and swollen. For sale by M. Clemens.

**COMMERCIAL CLUB
MEN'S PILGRIMAGE**

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need the roads and what we need we must have. Good roads help bring the market nearer to the farmer's produce. You all know what that means to one who raises market produce or perishable fruits. Judge Jewell will sing the praises of good roads, I need not dwell upon this subject. I can come to my particular pet, the electric road. There is nothing that helps develop a country like the railroad. Many large cities owe their very existence to its presence. I have seen dying towns in New England made into prosperous communities by the introduction of this means of transportation. The railroad is a life giver, a life sustainer. It is as necessary to the life of a community as breath is to the body of a human being. Therefore any project for the development of a railroad in this country is worth staking your last cent on.

"We have the power; we need the money. I think there is enough capital in our own midst to carry a scheme through. This is a thought that you should let simmer in your brain during the coming months. It would be glorious if it might bear fruit—some good, substantial stock company, home developed, home controlled. We showed the weak-kneed knocker what we could do in irrigation. How about trying our hands at a new business? We need not cry for new worlds to conquer. Here is one at our very door.

"It means a great future for this beautiful valley when its pitiful stillness is disturbed by the humming of the electric railway. What a wealth of undeveloped resources lies hidden in our hills, our fields, our glorious river. We need but the railway to help us share our blessings with the world.

"If we but rise to our opportunities the time is not far distant when Grants Pass will be the metropolis of Southern Oregon and the surrounding country a veritable treasury of Midas, as it is certain to be a second garden of Eden. Into the city beautiful we will be speeding day after day; the autos of the prosperous farmers bringing his fruits to markets, his wife for her shopping or his family to church. Then the life on the farm will be freed from its monotonous drudgery. The good roads, the autos, the railways will have leveled all barriers and made the city and the country one.

"To accomplish my dream for the future is your duty and mine. Let there be no false rivalries among us, but let there be a unity of purpose against which no obstacle can stand. We have a great country to develop. It is the land of opportunity. It is ours. We love it. We should make it, if we are true to ourselves, to our purpose, the "Paradise of the Pacific"—one of the few places on this earth where a man can breathe a breath of good fresh air every day in the year and be happy."

L. B. Hall spoke on what the Commercial Club is doing for Josephine county; spoke of the needs of the county and the need of organization, and co-operation. He also spoke of the Josephine county and Grants Pass booklet, what it was published for and that it must help Kerby too as well as other sections.

Judge Jewell was then called upon. He said:

"When I see mud holes and stumps in the streets I know the people are behind the times. The times are changing. The needs of a hundred years ago are not the needs of today. Mud holes were to be expected in the earlier days, but now there is no necessity for them. The roads must be improved and the roads must be made permanent."

He then spoke of the work that had been done by the county court. The Allen Creek bridge, he said, had cost the county \$1500 in the last 8 years, besides a law suit on account of a horse killed there. Total cost in 8 years has been \$2000 and a new bridge necessary. The county put in a concrete bridge and fill at a total cost of \$800, and this will last "till your great grand children are gray headed." He believes in making one piece of road permanent and then going to work on another piece of road, and not do a little patching all over the county and calling it road work. Every section must help itself and the county help all.

Forest Supervisor M. J. Anderson was called on to speak on the "Forest Department's attitude towards the people of this county." He thinks this county the best undeveloped county in the state and the Illinois valley the best section and with the greatest natural resources of any part of Oregon. Bet-

ter than the famous Hood River country, and when transportation facilities are provided will become a great producer. There are 50,000 acres of good fruit land subject to irrigation in the valley and every drop of water from the hills will be needed to irrigate it. He then brought in the need of conserving the timber in the high hills. He also spoke at some length most interestingly, when Jim Tufts came in with the Kerby goat and asked for a permit to graze it on the reserve. The dignified U. S. official was without further ceremony placed upon the goat and took a ride around the room. This broke up the gathering and the local managers cleared the floor of the seats and "On with the dance" was the order, and our dignified representatives of the Commercial Club sought out fair maidens as partners and danced until the eastern sky showed signs of coming day.

HOLLAND, July 22, 1909. (From our special Correspondent)—The first accident of the trip occurred soon after leaving Kerby this morning, then Jim Tufts' auto, with M. J. Anderson, Rev. Bartlett, C. E. Gentner and Dr. Dixon aboard broke a rear shaft and the gentlemen were unable to get to Waldo, but Jos. Wolke made a special trip and took them to Holland for the night meeting.

The trip to Waldo was made by noon, the pilgrims stopping at the Logan place, to inspect the mine and big elevator. After a fine dinner at the Waldo hotel, the crowd and a few residents of Waldo gathered on the shady hillside and after a concert by the band, W. J. Wimer, master of ceremonies, extended a cordial welcome and called upon O. S. Blanchard, who told of the get-together-trip and our desire to learn more of the Waldo section to the end that we may work more in harmony for all our interests. He said Grants Pass had one of the best commercial clubs on the coast, composed of nearly every business man in the city and we propose to boost for better roads and for a railroad. We want to get facts regarding resources from Grants Pass to Crescent City so we can get a prospectus to interest capital and within a few years we will have a railway. We have nothing to sell you this trip, nor to give away, and don't want to sell anything, but we do want to shake your hand and if you people can unite in a club or organization it will be mutually beneficial.

Geo. C. Sabin was called on and spoke as a newcomer from Dakota, where they depend on grain or stock. Here we have many resources, fruit, mines, stock, etc.

Judge Jewell spoke of this visit as a missionary tour and an innovation. He said that other clubs had gone on palace car trips to resorts for their enjoyment, but never a trip like ours, covering 100 miles in the dust. All sections of the county should be united. It takes time to divide and then unite and we have no time to divide. We have greatly improved Grants Pass and we are still improving it and we expect to improve the county. In the past much money has been wasted by not studying the needs of each section, but now we want to reduce the waste to the minimum.

At 3 o'clock the start was made to Holland, many of the party visiting Takilma smelter and the Waldo copper mine.

Holland was reached for supper, the last team arriving at about 7:30. Mrs. Smock had a fine supper ready and the good things disappeared rapidly before the 42 hungry men.

A little burro furnished a great deal of entertainment for the crowd sometimes. The animal's disposition had at one time been ruined and has since remained so, but he was handy with his hind legs. Bobzein at once made friends with him and stumped Geo. Calhoun to ride. George rode the donk, but he was in the dust part of the time. George won and the burro admitted that the clothier was boss.

The neighbors soon began to gather and by the time the band had rendered a selection or two, 70 or 80 of the people of the neighborhood had gathered to hear the talks.

Fred T. Osborn, a new comer, was introduced and he spoke with eloquence of the advantages of this section as compared with other sections with which he was familiar. From the British Columbia line to Mexico, he finds no place as favorable as Josephine county and the best of the county he considered was Sucker Creek valley. Oregon is capable of supporting a population 100 times as big as it now has and in Josephine county there is room for thousands of new people, if they are progressive and worthy. Our county produces quantities of gold,

Mrs. E. Rehkopf

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REDUCTION SALE**

Everything in the line of spring and summer goods goes at prices that will surprise you

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Mrs. E. Rehkopf

208 South Sixth Street

but the amount is only a drop compared to the amount of its other resources.

This is the most ideal place found in many years of travel and Sucker creek holds out greater inducements for pleasure or profit than any other section. Out of the eighty or ninety millions of people in the United States there are hundreds of thousands who would be glad to come to Josephine county if they only knew about it and it is our duty to help spread the news of this favored section.

Judge Jewell responded and among other things said, we need you and you need us. Our interests are yours and your interests are ours, and we must work together. Time was when one community thought it must grow by tearing down some other community, but that day is now past. We must grow in proportion to the growth of other communities. Ten years from now there will be thousands of people here where there are hundreds now.

Then O. S. Blanchard was called upon and gave an enthusiastic speech which of necessity touched on the subjects he had spoken on at other points, but he had a new story and the talk was entertaining to all.

Rev. Fredk. Bartlett was called upon to speak on transportation and he reviewed the history or growth of countries worked by progress in transportation facilities. The city depends on the country for products and the country depends upon the city for its supplies, and transportation facilities are necessary and means of rapid transit are demanded. The Illinois and Sucker Creek valleys are capable of sustaining an immense population, for its fertile fields are well irrigated and there are yet many acres to be cleared and cultivated.

M. J. Anderson in his speech, in which he explained the attitude of the Forest Service to the agriculturalist, spoke of the need of a railroad and the possibility of securing one. He stated that there are 5 billion feet of timber tributary to Grants Pass and this means that to transport it will require two trains a day from now until the youngest child in the audience would be gray headed.

A railroad will pay as soon as Wilderville is reached and he stated that we will have the road. He also said that anyone who wants to secure a home within the forest reserve can do so on any agricultural land,

that it is not the policy of the government to withhold the tillable land from the public, but its desire is to conserve the water and timber.

The band then gave a concert after which the people went to their homes and the business men sought repose. Some of them being unable to secure beds slept in the hay mow and others made their cot on the porch of the hotel, requisition having been made on the store for blankets.

The start from Holland was made after one of the breakfasts which make the Smock hotel so famous, and the procession headed toward home with the intention of stopping at Selma. When the vanguard reached that point inquiry was made for the master of ceremonies, but no one seemed to know anything about the arrangements or whether there were any. The hotel stated that they had not made calculations for feeding the people and in the absence of any information, and after an hour's delay, pushed on over Hayes hill and dined at Love's station. The rest of the party followed on and Selma was left behind, until another rig stopped and inquired as to arrangements and found that some of the people of the country were gathering with baskets and it was found that a picnic dinner had been planned so the party of five stopped and a spread was laid in the R. C. Churchill dining room and a couple of hours were spent visiting with the Selma representatives who had come to meet the Grants Pass business men. Finally another carriage with representatives stopped and as best they could made amends for the crowd. The people of Selma may feel sure that the business men of Grants Pass would not have passed them by on a trip of this kind had they been correctly informed in regard to the true standing of matters.

The return of the pilgrims from the Illinois valley covered the entire day Thursday, the last rig reaching home at about 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Earl V. Ingles made the round trip on his bicycle and arrived home at 12:45 p. m.

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**FIVE THOUSAND
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Portland Day was celebrated at Seattle on Tuesday by five thousand people of the city of Portland. The

true Oregon spirit was present on that occasion and Portland dominated everything on that day. Every stranger on the grounds could not help finding out that it was to honor the big city of the state of Oregon. The whole grounds were strewn with roses by the Portland crowd. The formal services took place at the Oregon building at three in the afternoon. No set speeches were made but the boosters were much in evidence and much good feeling prevailed throughout the crowd.

The reception at the state building lasted for more than two hours. Tuesday, in consequence of Portland Day was one of the big days of the exposition and it is said that Seattle people were greatly surprised at the number present. The railroads were taxed to their full capacity.

**SOMETHING
PRETTY**

This store has just received a pretty line of Royal Bayreuth Ware of the latest designs and shapes, and the public is invited to call and look it over, as it is something out of the ordinary.

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